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Alleged Anti-Gay Attack at Morehouse

By Kerry-Ann Hamilton
Campus Editor

Morehouse College sophomore Aaron Price, is charged with beating another student with a baseball bat after the male student allegedly looked at him in the shower earlier this month.

According to a report filed by the Morehouse College Police Department, the victim was beaten approximately six to seven times, in the face, head, shoulders, back and arms with the bat in Brazeal Hall dormitory.

The *Washington Blade* in a Nov. 15 article, "Bat beating at Morehouse Labeled Hate Crime," identified the victim as Gregory Love, a junior music major.

Kingsley Henry-Chow, a senior chemistry major, said he sees why Prince attacked the other student, but said it wrong as he used excessive force.

"He [Love] infringed on his [Prince] rights by looking at him in the shower," Henry-Chow said.

According to Henry-Chow's report, Prince was showering when Love [described as openly gay] looked in the shower at Prince. Love said he was looking for his roommate. Prince allegedly went to his room, where he got a baseball bat and attacked Love.

"I am not pleased that the guy got beat up," Henry-Chow said. "But I think the net result is good because the incident got highlighted so much it forced the administration to address the issue."

The case has become the center of much debate among

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Photo by Maya Gilliam

The Honorable Gabrielle McDonald, a member of the Board of Trustees since 1987, speaks with students at the Trustee meet and greet program on Friday.

Trustees Host Meet and Greet with Students

By Tiffany Mitchell
Contributing Writer

Students were given an opportunity to voice their concerns about a possible tuition increase, campus safety, including recent on-campus stabbings and robberies, and President Bush's nomination at the Trustee meet and greet session last Friday in Blackburn's Gallery Lounge.

The first meet and greet panel of the semester was attended by several students and representatives from the Howard University Student Association and College of Arts and Sciences Student Council.

The Board of Trustees decided to host student session concurrently with their scheduled second of four meetings for the academic year.

Graduate Trustee Marwan Porter said the event was essential to building relationship between students and trustees.

"There is no real difference in what we [student trustees] are working for, we're working together to improve the

University and ensure academic excellence."

Both Porter and Undergraduate Trustee Jaha Howard attended the HUSA Town Hall Meeting to hear the concerns of students, which they later communicated to the other members of the Board.

Frank Savage, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said the undergraduate and graduate trustees have done an excellent job as liaisons between the trustees and student body.

"They let us know everything [about student concerns] it doesn't matter the issue."

The Board plays an integral role in planning and University's development over the long term. They assist in shaping and execution of the President's Strategic Framework for Action.

The Bush nomination for a honorary degree or commencement speaker, which sparked much campus debate was discussed at the meet and greet session. Howard, undergraduate trustee spearheaded a survey campaign to measure stu-

dent reaction to the Bush nomination.

"I have an excellent idea of how students feel," Howard said. "Well over ninety percent of the 300 students surveyed were against it."

Porter said most graduate students are also against his nomination. The surveys were presented to board members.

Trustee Warner Lawson, Jr. Esq., who serves on both the Academic Excellence and Development Committee, was receptive to the student outrage.

"Students periodically get upset; it's a reflection of youth," Lawson said.

"Students at Howard have a tradition of creative protests in the past that were very effective."

According to Trustee Howard, students were notably concerned about the recent robberies and stabbings. But, said the extension of shuttle service times shows the University heightened awareness of the need for increased campus security.

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Students Question Eviction Policy

By Paris McCoy
Hilltop Staff Writer

On-campus residents are harshly criticizing the Office of Residence Life's rules and zero tolerance policy, which have led to numerous evictions.

On September 24, The Hilltop reported ten students were evicted because of violations such as illegal microwaves, unauthorized visitors, candles, or drug and alcoholic substances.

In previous years, some students did not take the threat of eviction seriously, many felt eviction was reserved for the students who seriously violated the rules and the rules were just to scare residents.

But taking risks and skipping around these rules is not new to on campus residents.

"I still burn my candles because they smell good," said one West Towers Resident. "I feel as though I pay enough rent and I am responsible enough to burn candles. They create these rules in hopes that someone will violate them because they are looking for people to evict."

The Residence Life policy states in part, "Howard University is a zero tolerance institution in regards to burning of candles and incense, harboring pets, use of possession of illegal drugs, and the possession and use of weapons."

In addition to the zero tolerance policy, Residence Life requires every resident to sign a housing agreement

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Jay-Z and Teddy P. Bring the Best of Oldies & New Goodies Friday

Teddy Cranks Out the Hits in Cramton

By Amber Mobley
Nation & World Editor

Close the door, turn off the lights and recognize that Teddy Pendergrass can still command an audience. Teddy P. blew the roof off a packed Cramton Auditorium Friday night, singing a multitude of his great hits. Roy

'Everybody Loves the Sunshine' Ayers opened for him.

Wheelchair-bound due to an auto accident some years ago, Teddy opened with a video of performance clips and news reports showing a brief history of his musical success and his personal struggle.

'Joy' was the first song that Pendergrass sang as he entered the stage wearing a gold jacket and black leather pants - his full beard, hairline and bright smile unchanged since the 70s.

His voice was as strong as ever. A male dancer accompanied his vocals with jazzy dance moves as Teddy shook his shoulders and arms. The stage glittered from the barrage of forbidden flash photography coming from the audience.



Photo by Amber Mobley

Teddy Pendergrass thrill audience at his concert held in Cramton Friday.

He used his next song, 'When Somebody Loves You Back', as a chance to talk to the ladies in the audience. "Are you there?" he asked the front section of the crowd.

A chorus of "Right here baby!" came from the women in the audience.

"I'm so glad you're there...to give me that 50/50 love. For those of you who know the song, you know what I'm talking

about," said Pendergrass. He kept the tempo high as he went into 'Do Me'.

But then...it was time...to slow it down.

Mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts; Teddy wanted to let every woman know that they were needed, appreciated, before

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Jay-Z Concert Rocks the Nation

By Jozen Cummings
Life and Style Editor

It's been said that Jay-Z is bad for hip-hop. His constant talk of bling-bling, and other material possessions, has sent the wrong message to every kid in every hood. And his popularity on pop radio stations has made him lose touch with "true" hip-hop.

But a live performance from Jigga Man couldn't be further from the truth.

Dubbed the Principal for the Day Tour, Jay-Z made his stop in the District last Friday night at Nation's, in a show that could only be explained as pure, raw unadulterated hip-hop. The stop was his third of a 10-city tour in support of his latest album "The Black Album 2: The Gift and the Curse," released last Tuesday, Nov. 12.

There were no fireworks, no backup dancers, no special effects, just Jay-Z, a microphone, and a slough of hits going back to 1998's "Hard Knock Life Vol. 2." His stage presence alone was enough to have a person spill their drink from the classic gyrating beats of "Hard Knock Life (Ghetto Anthem)," and his acap-

pella versions of new songs such as "A Dream" made the crowd focus on every syllable flowing from the mouth of the 31-year-old MC.

In typical Roc-A-Fella fashion (no pun intended), Jay summoned his entourage of Beanie Sigel, Freeway and Memphis Bleek for assistance. Both Sigel and Freeway rocked more than their microphones on their hit "Roc the Mic," as the crowd rhymed word for word over the infectious beat. Memphis Bleek had ladies swooning over his club banger "Do My..." as he asked them all; "Do my ladies run it/fat a**** and flat stomachs/throw a hand in the air/if it's the year of the woman."

The show reached a somber peak when Jay asked the crowd to pay respect to two of hip-hop's fallen heroes; Tupac Shakur and Notorious B.I.G. Traditionally, a person would ask for moment's of silence, but Jay knew both legends were all about partying, thus having the crowd sing a long to Pac's "Hail Mary" and Biggie's "Juicy." As Jay looked on in admiration, the crowd yelled the words to both hit songs as though they wanted the two slain rappers



Photo Courtesy of www.shepherd.edu

Rap artist Jay-Z kept the crowd hyped on Friday.

to hear them in Heaven.

Jay-Z closed the show with "I Just Wanna Love U (Give it 2 Me)," from 2000's "Dynasty Roc la Familia," leaving a packed house fulfilled, despite being on stage for only 45-minutes.

Despite all the material possessions Jay-Z owns, he knew his most important possession that night. The crowd. And trust, he owned them too.



CAMPUS

VOICES & VIEWS

*How do you feel
about Residence
Life's Eviction
policy?*



Dionne Drayton
Pre-Physical Therapy
Sophomore

"Well, I guess it depends on what they are being evicted for. If it is a valid reason then it is okay, but it seems [Residence Life] is evicting people for petty reasons."



Mark Robinson
Mathematics
Senior

"Well, coming from a dorm where a resident was evicted in the first week for having incense, I think that some of the rules that Residence Life has are just bogus."



Tainesa Davis
Radio/TV/Film
Senior

"I think that [Residence Life] got a little carried away with [evicting students]. Their reasons for evicting students are tedious."



Tevie Monk
Broadcast Journalism
Freshman

"I think that Residence Life should not be able to evict students for things such as candles. We are old enough to know how to use certain items properly."

Compiled by Melanie Nesbitt



Photos by Maya Gilliam

Residence Life has evicted more than 10 students from several residence halls since the start of the semester

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stating the rules and regulations of the respective residence hall.

The contract also states, "The University has the right to terminate housing agreements and take possession of said apartment occupied by the student for the violation by the student of any of the terms of this agreement."

Some students like senior Eunike Alexander disagree with the actions of Residence Life.

"I think that Residence Life should reconsider their priorities," Alexander said. "I think that they should not be so concerned about the little things such as microwaves and candles. There are bigger things they need to concern themselves with like the housing shortage and things of that nature."

Carlos Sanford also a senior says the high number of evictions this year is just a way to keep housing open.

"I truly think that the zero tolerance craze is just a scheme to keep housing

available," Sanford said. "Residence Life is out of control with these constant evictions. They need to realize that rules are going to get broken but there are other solutions to solving these problems besides eviction."

Despite student complaints that the eviction policies are harsh, The Office of Residence Life remains resolute about the zero tolerance policy.

Interim Dean of Residence Life Franklin Chambers was unavailable for comment.

Deans Endorse Teacher Evaluations

By Cotilya K. Brown
Hilltop Staff Writer

Some teacher evaluations require bubbling in circles or answering questioning in sentences, but many students have begun to question the importance of end of semester teacher evaluations.

The Dean of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, Lecca Pedro, said evaluation forms are also used for the promotion or evaluation of that faculty member.

"They are also helping the professor get a sense of how they have delivered the message to the students," Pedro said.

Jaren Jacobson, a freshman Biology major, maintains teacher evaluations should be available to students via the Internet.

"I think that the student evaluations should be readily available to students on Banner/Bison web," Jackson said. "This way it would serve the purpose of presenting the students with the opportunity of taking a class with a professor that they are most compatible with."

David Woods, the associate dean of the School of Communications said the teacher evaluations are necessary.

"The teacher evaluations gives the professor feedback in a number of different categories," Woods said. "It lets them know how well informed they are in the eyes of the students."

The evaluation forms are processed electronically and the ratings are given in summaries to both the professors and the chairs of the department.

However, students in the School of Dentistry complete their teacher evaluation forms

on-line. The director then forwards the findings of the evaluations to the department heads and the faculty.

Associate Dean in the School of Dentistry, Cecile E. Skinner, also agreed that teacher evaluations give the teachers important feedback from the students.

"When the teacher heeds to the suggestions teachers make a good rapport can be established," Skinner said. "A poor evaluation will make the professor want to improve. I think that the evaluations keep our professors on their toes."

Students feel like Kameshia Llewellyn, a junior political science student of Queens, NY understands the goal of the evaluations.

"I think the concept of the evaluations is good but it does not seem that they take into deliberation [consideration] what the students are saying," Llewellyn said.

Evaluation of professors at the collegiate level is not unique to Howard University. According to Northern Illinois University Handbook for Teachers, the teacher evaluation system was designed to give teachers feedback on the needs of the classroom, the opportunity to learn new teaching methods and skills, and receive counsel from department head if necessary on how to make changes in the classroom.

The ERIC Clearinghouse on Teaching and Teacher Education reported that the next generation of teacher evaluations should incorporate more teacher accountability and professional growth. Evaluations need to be reflective and participatory in an effort to become meaningful experiences for the teachers.

Black Engineers Society Makes Moves On Campus

By Kellie Carter
Hilltop Staff Writer

Classroom meetings are full, regional and national conferences are well attended by a group with one thing in common: Black scholars making impacts in the field of engineering.

National Society of Black engineers (NSBE) is an organization whose mission is to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers, to excel academically, professionally, and positively impact the community.

Recent statistics show that in the year 2001, minorities enrolled in engineering programs reached an all time high of 15,329.

However, diversity in the field is still very low in the workforce.

Women represent less than 10.4 percent of graduating engineers.

NSBE is working hard to increase those numbers and participation greatly.

Raiquel Cole, a junior and President of the Howard University chapter of NSBE, says membership has grown from 66 to now over 130 paid members.

Due to the great increase in membership, the executive board has had to open up ten more chair positions including a historian, membership chair, and public relations to better serve the student body.

"This year we're trying to focus on the mission and revive everything we do around it. This year is a rebuilding year," Cole said. "We're trying to make it fresh

and exciting and have more opportunities for members to get involved."

NSBE has instituted programs like the black engineers round table forum, a Leadership Development Initiative (LDI), career development workshops and freshmen mentoring programs.

Different company representatives attend each meeting, providing opportunities for community service projects.

This fall HUNBSE competed in the Academic Technical Bowl and won second place.

Eric Borden, a freshmen electrical engineer major and membership chair, earned November's member of the month.

Cole said his dedication was recognized because of his efforts to attend all the meetings. He also wrote an article that was published on Howard University's chapter website. Borden is excited about the organization.

"It gets me in touch with companies interested in young black students, develops relationships with HU alumni and creates projects that serve the community," Borden said.

The organization has a membership drive, which tallies points for the upcoming conference.

This new point system has helped to increase NSBE involvement drastically.

Points are given to every paid member that attends the meetings or participates in the NSBE sponsored activities.

The points work toward get-



Photo by Amanda Welsh

NSBE President, Raiquel Cole; Royce Francis, VP; and Carolette Goodlow. Secretary pose in their office based in the School of Engineering.

ting members a larger discount on the organization's annual trip to National Convention in Anaheim, CA, which brings together prominent officials, businesses, scholars and popular entertainment.

This year, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice and recording artist Talib Kweli will attend.

Khalia Spivey, a senior information systems analysis major, has been a member of NSBE for four years, but is not an engineering major.

Spivey is the conference planning chair for this year.

"NSBE is much more organized this year. There is more participation and more interactive

programs," Spivey said.

Civil engineer major and Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Royce Francis, says there is a lot to learn outside of the classroom.

"There are a lot of things that help to develop you as an engineer that don't happen in the classroom," Francis said. "Strong business connections are made."

NSBE allows students to meet and network with professionals from a cross-section of engineering fields.

The organization has 270 campus chapters set up and over 15,000 members worldwide.

Halima King, an administrative assistant in the school of engi-

neering, has been a mentor to the organization.

"They have it together and what they are doing is very commendable," says King.

On Tuesday November 26 NSBE will be holding a MADDEN 2003 Tournament.

Seven huge television sets will be set up in the Blackburn Center to compete for a grand prize of \$100.

There will be a \$5 entry fee.

For more information you can visit the website the NSBE website at www.geocities.com/nsbepreshu



Theatre Arts Students Hone Acting Skills

By Ruth L. Tisdale
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Ira Aldridge theatre as well as the Environmental Theatre Space will house the Howard University's Department of Theatre Arts production 'Our Infinite Variety.' The new production is a collection of performances directed by student pre-directing majors.

The Howard Players, a theatre organization, assisted in producing the new compilation of works.

Patrese McClain, a junior acting major and president of The Howard Players said they are responsible for the birth of the drama department.

"The goal of The Howard Players is to bring theater back to Howard and the community," McClain said.

Acting and pre-directing students believe that the Howard University theater program and the experienced faculty have helped them to hone their craft.

"Professor Vera Katz, a professor who used to teach at Howard taught me how to be organized and how to research my production," said Brandon White, a senior pre-directing major. "All of the teachers here have taught me so much about how to work with other people, whether that be the actors, technicians, or producers."

Timothy Haywood, a sophomore acting major, said that his classes helped him to prepare for his monologue in the play.

"In one of my classes we are learning about action and



Photo By Maya Gilliam

Fine Arts Student Keon White practice a script in class Monday.

reaction," said Haywood. "We also have been learning about creating relationships and having honest moments. These concepts definitely helped me to express my monologue even more."

Keon White, a junior musical theatre major, said a lot of the theoretical concepts he learned in Character Scene Study III he was able to put into practice for his performance.

Other students like Victoria Murray, a sophomore pre-directing major, appreciated the experience the production brought.

She directed five scenes in the play.

"I learned from the books

and the classes, but my real learning came from doing the production," Murray said. "I am learning and creating my own directing style every time that I direct."

The style of Ntozake Shange was also a learning experience for the directors.

"I learned a lot from directing in this play because Ntozake's style is not what we have been taught," White said.

"It was interesting learning about how to direct Shange's style and views. Also working with other directors to make a fluent show that the audience could understand was a great learning experience as well."

Students who performed and directed the play deemed it

a learning experience.

"The first performance was very acceptable especially since we only had one day to work with the lighting and sound," White said. "Even though my lighting cue was not working properly the whole show was a good success," Haywood said.

Professors in the Theatre Arts Department believe that these theatre students are very different from theatre students of the past.

"The students who are in the theatre department are very disciplined compared to other students who have been in the theatre department before," said Kim Bey.

"These students come from serious acting backgrounds whereas before students had no acting skills and just wanted to make it to Hollywood."

Bey maintains that the Hip-Hop culture has also helped students to become better actors.

"The hip hop culture found poetry and poetry deals with the good and bad, light and dark in man, and that is what theatre is all about," said Bey.

"Acting is an imitation of life," said McClain. "Theatre is about having a voice in what's going on," she said.

"Our Infinite Variety," a collection of performance art selections fused together to provide an array of theatrical experiences will continue through Nov. 23 in the Ira Aldridge Theater and the Environmental Theatre Space (ETS).

Students Not Home for the Holidays

Danielle Scruggs
Hilltop Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is a time to spend with family and friends.

While some will be leaving as early as next Tuesday, for others the day will be spent in their dorm room.

Caribbean student Kevin Aberdeen, a freshman mechanical engineering major, will be remaining on campus for the holiday.

"For me, home is not a feasible option," Aberdeen said. "You have to be lucky to have relatives in the area. We [students not going home] will be the ones keeping the R.A.'s up."

Although senior Naima Bryant is from Buffalo, New York, she will be going to her aunt's home in Virginia instead.

"I'm eager to go there for the food," Bryant said. "If you have not seen your relatives in a while, Thanksgiving is good."

Freshman Jean Shelley Murray, a computer science major, is also an International student and said she will be going to New York with her family for the upcoming Thanksgiving break.

"I don't really know the significance of the holiday so I'm going to use that time to study and shop," Murray said.

Sharod Molock, a senior music business major, is eager to go home, but her fate lies with the outcome of two football games. "I am in the marching band so if the football team wins the next two games, we'll be going to the playoffs [over

Thanksgiving]," Molock said. "I don't know if I will be able to go home, but I also want to go to the playoffs."

The holidays can be a sad time for people who have to spend them alone according to Nickole Scott-Conerly, director of training at the University Counseling Center.

"There are several reasons for holiday stress and depression. Often we have all these great expectations and when those expectations aren't met, we get let down," Scott-Conerly said. "Also, we have a fair number of kids whose homes are unhappy so going home isn't necessarily a good thing for them."

The Howard University Support Staff Organization will provide "a real Thanksgiving dinner" at Cramton Auditorium according to Linda Newman, president of HUSSO.

"The first year we had about 600 or 700 students who participated," Newman said.

HUSSO has been doing this for seven years.

"Faculty members sometimes take students home so we don't have as many people there. However, they still send donations so that we can purchase food."

Although for many Thanksgiving is a time to indulge in a home-cooked meal, it is also a time to catch up with loved ones whether it is a matter of traveling home by plane, train, or automobile or simply taking the shuttle to Cramton.

Patterns in Math Now an Option

By Danielle Scruggs
Hilltop staff writer

The very thought of coordinate planes, x-y equations, and trigonometric functions confuses some students, but for others Patterns in Math has become the solution to their Math woes.

The course was first introduced in 1998 as a way for students to fulfill one of the University's Mathematics requirements.

Patterns in Math can be used as a substitute to College Algebra II.

"It [Patterns in Math] was designed because many people were failing College Algebra II," said professor of Mathematics Seyoum Getu.

Getu has taught in the Math department for 27 years and has taught Patterns in Math since its conception.

"At first, there were only three students in the class," Getu said. "We had to tell the advisors that they needed to tell people about the course."

The class grew slowly and now four years later there are 40 students enrolled.

The Math Department is exploring the possibility of adding another section next semester.

According to Getu, the class covers subjects such as sets, logic, pattern recognition, probability, and statistics.

However, he makes no guarantees that this class is simpler than an Algebra or Calculus course.

"If the students do

what they are asked to do then

the concepts will be easy to see," Getu said. "If the students do not come to class regularly and do not do the work, it will be difficult."

Tina Osborne, a senior English major, feels Patterns in Math is not as hard as College Algebra II because of the strong emphasis on patterns as opposed to equations.

"It is definitely not the kind of class you can slack off in," Osborne said.

For a student like Stephanie Ambersley, a senior broadcast journalism major, Patterns in Math is not such a breeze.

"I think Patterns in Math

is just as hard as College Algebra II. Patterns in Math takes just as much reasoning ability as Algebra," she said.

Senior James Richard, a double major in anthropology and criminal justice, says he would recommend students take Patterns in Math.

"It is basic math and is stuff that you use on an every day basis, it is just a matter of realizing it," Richard said.

Patterns in Math is a terminal course, meaning there are no other math courses to take afterwards.

The only prerequisite is that the student must have already taken College Algebra I.



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Sophomores, Stacey Gates, a public relations major and Marques Julius, a physical therapy major are study partners for Patterns in Math.

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Businesses Unworried About New Target

By Patrice Miles
Contributing Writer

It is becoming easier and easier for Howard students to get to "big boxes", such as Wal-Mart, Costco, and Target.

These popular store chains are well known in the suburbs for their shopper convenience. Where else can you buy clothes for the family, an area rug for the dining room, the latest CDs and DVDs, and popcorn for a late night snack?

It is not always the fastest trip for Howard students to drive or catch the metro train and bus in order to get to these nicely priced stores, however many take the trip in order to save money and get the most out of their shopping experience.

There are currently 1,107 Target store locations in the United States and 19 in the D.C. metropolitan area, but that number will increase with the new addition of a Target Store opening in nearby Maryland.

The store will be located in Columbia Heights and will be metro accessible.

As a result, Howard University students will be able to reach the store quicker and more conveniently than if they were to drive or take public transportation. Local businesses do not seem to feel threatened by the upcoming Target, which could potentially steal their Howard University customers right out from under them.

"It won't take away from the area businesses any I don't think," said CVS manager John Kafando, "You would have to have a car to get to Columbia Heights."

Kafando manages the CVS on the corner of 7th Street and Florida Avenue.

Several area businesses stated that they feel if a student does not have a car then they are less likely to travel to a store located in such a far off place, therefore ending up shopping at the stores located closer to Howard.

Some Howard University students feel differently, however.

Junior Roger Cartledge, a

Radio TV Film major from PG County, believes that the new Target will benefit Howard students at the harm of local businesses.

"I think that it will be great for students that Target will be right down the street and metro accessible, especially for the ones without cars," said Cartledge. "The bad thing is that it will drive the smaller businesses out."

In general, however, students at Howard are thrilled that a Target will be so easy to reach in the near future, simply because the store has low prices for high quality merchandise.

"I think that a Target close to this area is a wonderful idea," said Danielle Palmer, a sophomore psychology major from Southfield Michigan.

"Target is a store which sells various items all in one. You are able to buy CDs, bed linen, clothes and snacks all at one time and for very reasonable prices. I think Howard students will be thrilled when Target arrives in Maryland."

When asked how a metro accessible Target would effect him, Keith Laing, a sophomore print journalism major from Stone Mountain Georgia, said, "It gives students a cheaper alternative than the mall and it will be much more convenient."



Logo courtesy of target.com
Target will open its first D.C. store in 2005. The \$145 million project will bring competition to local businesses.

So, as Howard students anxiously await the invasion of the Target big box, they will continue to shop for their toiletries at CVS, and jeans at Up Against the Wall.

However, there is no doubt that as soon as the Target arrives in Columbia Heights, these stores will have to develop new gimmicks and drop their prices in order to keep a single customer.

Area Stores Mixed on Offering Student Discounts

By Ashley Kelly
Contributing writer

Georgia Avenue is decorated with many stores whose merchandise appeals to Howard students, but whose prices do not.

While all of these stores target Howard students, the businesses differ on whether they should offer students lower prices than normal.

"We're 95 percent of their profit and we don't even get a break," said Nerissa Perkins, a Chemical Engineering major. "You spend more at the stores around here than if you went to the mall."

Heads at Fashion Island Beauty Supply say that they see no need to offer student discounts since they feel their prices are fair enough.

On the other hand, The Sports Zone, which is located on Georgia Avenue between Willies and China Wonder, offers customer discounts, even if they don't offer breaks specifically for students.

Store manager Rickey Griffin said that the customer receives a loyalty card, which is free with their first purchase.

The customer automatically receives a 10 percent discount off his or her first purchase.

Griffin said the card functions similar to a grocery store card, which uses a point system.

The more points a customer gets (which is determined by the price of the purchase) the greater the discount becomes.

Conversely, Up Against the Wall store manager Leah Lomax, says that they haven't offered student discounts simply because it had not occurred to them.

"Giving student discounts has never come up as a topic," she said.

Although apparel is important to the Howard student, it is not as important as food.

But food vendors are split just as evenly when it comes to offering students a price break.

"I think there should at least be a discount on food," said Charles Siransy, a MBA student. "A lot of students do not live on campus and if there was a discount, it would be an incentive for these students to buy food."



Photo By Maryann James

Whether students like freshman Ashford Thomas get a discount depends on where they shop on the Georgia Avenue strip.

The food selection on Georgia Avenue ranges from internationally recognized places such as McDonald's, to more local places like Jasmine's Pizza and Grill.

Jasmine's Pizza and Grill does not charge Howard students tax on their meals.

"We offer smiles and no taxes," said Mohammed Sudan, a cashier at Jasmine's. "If our regular [student] customers are broke, they can bring the money the next time."

But Jasmine's is not the only restaurant that offers discounts to Howard students.

McDonald's, whose walls are decorated with many pictures that illustrate the history of Howard, has set aside Monday as "College Night."

From 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Monday, students can purchase hamburgers for 39 cents and cheeseburgers for an additional 10 cents.

Although there are places that give students discounts, this is still not enough for most students to be satisfied.

"I think that they should give us discounts because we are more than half of their business," said Cynterea Avery, a Junior History major. "If there were more discounts students would frequent their stores more often."

Other students hold a different view. Political Science major Aaron Nelson believes that the reason some businesses do not offer discounts lays squarely on students' shoulders.

"From a business perspective, currently the students are still spending their money on Georgia Avenue," said Nelson. "Therefore the owners have no reason to give them lower rates or discounts."

Howard is not the only university whose surrounding businesses do not offer students discounts.

Despite the fact that Georgetown attracts a plethora of students from many universities, most of its stores still do not offer students discounts.

The Art Store offers a ten percent discount to any college student during the first week of each semester.

As far as the commercial stores such as The United Colors of Benetton, MAC and Steve Madden, discounts are not available specifically for students.

Although the selection of stores is more extensive in Georgetown compared to the stores on Georgia Avenue, they both seem to be ignoring the needs of the numerous students who support their businesses.

However, some students like freshman Music Business/Jazz Studies major Brent Robinson, said that the local businesses cannot curve their discounts solely towards students because they are not around permanently.

"The reason they don't offer us discounts is because we're temporarily here," said Robinson. "There is no point in developing relationships with Howard customers when in a

Seizing the Opportunity

By Lawrence A. Garrett
Columnist

Flash back to 1993.

I am watching Zach Morris with his popular yet uncommon cell phone in the popular sitcom "Saved by the Bell."

Seeing Zach's cell phone, I recognize the growing need for communication accessibility, so I invest \$100 into the cell phone industry.

Because I acted on the front end of an untapped need in the marketplace, I become what most would call an overnight success.

The maintenance men at Microsoft did a similar thing by exchanging stock options for paychecks.

That decision turned them into millionaires.

Both examples prove that timing will beat talent any day.

But more importantly, it shows that opportunities are not seized unless action is made. Unfortunately, too many African Americans have failed to realize that.

There are two rules I have adopted about opportunities.

The first rule is that opportunities don't go away; they just pass you by.

The second rule actually came from a professor who said that procrastination is the grave where opportunities are buried.

Both deal with seizing the moment.

There are plenty of opportunities I feel need to be taken more advantage of and more seriously.

For example, hip-hop is a billion dollar-making genre of music within a trillion dollar music industry.

There are a bunch of millionaires in the industry, yet only a relatively few amount of African Americans are millionaires in this industry.

Don't let the bling-bling fool you.

Forbes and other magazines have listings of the richest people and a lot of the people who claim to "have it all plus the Bentley" are somehow never in any of the listings.

And while many African Americans fail to benefit from hip-hop's jump to the mainstream, record companies are reaping tremendous benefits.

For example, Universal Music, a publicly-traded company that has a distribution sector of record marketing and a conglomerate of major record labels under its belt.

Universal has accumulated exponentially sized profits due to the increasing popularity of hip-hop music.

To remedy this problem, my suggestion would be to look for pioneers in this industry on the business level and follow their procedures.

Robert Johnson, former CEO of BET, might bring mixed feelings within the black community, but he is the only individual to make a billion dollars while taking his company public.

You and I could (or better stated "should") have gotten a piece of the action.

If you know what the next trend is, why not put your dollar there?

You're spending it on the music anyway.

Some are already catch-

Student Earns Money By Making Students' Hair Healthy

By Maryann James
Business Editor

When 19-year-old Sherry Brown was younger, she loved to play with her dolls. According to her mother, young Sherry would often be found lining up her dolls and cutting and styling each doll's hair to her content.

"I've always like doing hair," she said.

Ten years later, Brown has a wider range of supplies to draw from than her comb and pair of scissors. Now, hair dryers, curlers, hair vitalizers and hair gels have joined her arsenal of hair equipment. And the sophomore physical therapy major's clients are much different from the small plastic dolls she started with - they're Howard students.

Styling hair in her dorm room, Brown now makes money from a lifelong hobby. But she still retains that same love for the craft that she had as a child.

There are many students on campus who offer to do others' hair, but there is one thing about Brown that sets her apart



Photo by Maryann James

Sophomore Sherry Brown wields her blow dryer with deliberation and care for her customers. She has been a licensed cosmetologist for over a year.

from them: she is a licensed cosmetologist.

Brown started pursuing her cosmetology license while still in high school. Starting in the 10th grade, Brown split her days between her high school in Silver Spring and Thomas Edison Technical School, a vocational school that offers classes to high school students. When she graduated from high school, she left with two pieces of paper instead of one - her high school diploma and her

license.

Last year, armed with the expertise gained from her training, Brown decided to start doing hair of some of her classmates. Mainly through word of mouth, she built up a solid customer base doing relaxers and sets, trims, press and curls and other treatments.

She does mainly women's hair at Howard, but she has experience with men and women, as well as various hair types.

Student at a Glance

Name: Sherry Brown

Age: 19

Education:

Thomas Edison Technical School, 1998-2001

Experience:

Stylist, Hair Cuttery; 2000

Stylist, Monet; 2001

Services:

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"Doing hair is my talent," she said. "I really like to do hair. It's interesting to see how people's hair turns out, to see how it falls in their face."

And while she is confident in the quality of her hair styling abilities, Brown charges reasonable prices for her services. She says she does this because as a college student herself, she understands that many students don't have enough money to spend at the salon.

For example, she charges roughly \$20 for a relaxer and style.

"They get the same quality here that they get at a salon with a cheaper price," she said.

The money provides her with a nice bit of pocket money (she holds no other jobs), but Brown says it is not the most rewarding part of her job.

Her favorite part of styling is cutting hair. But more than anything else, Brown takes pride in making her clients' hair healthier.

"I like helping someone get healthier hair," she said. "I like teaching them about what they should or shouldn't do with their hair."

And instances where she had improved the health of her customers' hair are the experiences she remembers most.

For instance, Brown had one particular customer who had been to a salon the previous week. However, when she started to do the girl's hair, she found it uneven and with horribly split ends. After regularly

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students of the Atlanta University Center, the cluster of private, historically black colleges that includes Morehouse, Spelman, Morris Brown and Clark-Atlanta.

Some gay students maintain the beating was a hate crime.

A gay student at the all-male college said he wanted to remain anonymous for safety reasons.

"As far as I am concerned, it [the beating of the gay student] should not have happened," the fourth year student said. "That act was premeditated, if he [Prince] had hit him in the shower that would have been better than going to his [Prince's] room and getting a bat to beat the guy [Love]up."

The student also reported that a male over 6 ft. could easily look over into the adjoining shower.

Our efforts to contact Safe Space, a recently chartered gay student group, were unsuccessful.

Robert Wortham, a junior management major and heterosexual, said the incident was very unfortunate.

"I don't think he [Prince] should have beaten the guy [Love], it was out of line," Wortham said.

Wortham estimates that approximately 40 percent of Morehouse students are gay and describes the campus as homophobic.

"All the gay people stay to themselves," Wortham said.

Atlanta-Journal Constitution reported in a Nov. 12 article, "College Beating Stirs Up Concerns; Morehouse sophomore Charged in Bat Attack," said Prince was arrested and charged with aggravated assault. He was later released from Fulton County Jail after a \$10,000 bond was posted. Morehouse officials told the AJC, Prince was expelled.

Chris Bolden-Newsome, vice president of Bisexual Lesbian and Gay Organization of Students at Howard opened the discussion of the

Morehouse College incident at organization's meeting on Friday.

"The Morehouse beating was very shocking to our members," Bolden-Newsome said. "I was very happy that the Morehouse administration acted so quickly in taking disciplinary action. The onus is on Howard University's administration to act similarly to prevent the attack like the one committed by the band, whose perpetrators are still walking around freely."

Some BLAGOSAH members said they were beginning to feel a sense of calm since the Showtime Marching Band attacked openly gay sophomore Darryl Payton in September.

However, members like Desiree Brandon said the Morehouse incident reinforced the degree of homophobia among African Americans and a seeming trend of violence against gays at Historically Black Colleges which she describes as ridiculous.

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The first Board meeting addressed housing issues, the meeting over the weekend discussed the probability of tuition increases.

"Tuition has been stabilized for years," Lawson said, "It's not a matter of whether, but when and how often."

Lawson also said that due to the University's effort to upgrade to technology, expenses are inflating at a much higher rate so periodic tuition increase is virtually unavoidable.

"We can buy new computers and three years later we'll have to upgrade for faculty and students," Lawson said. "But everything is so much more expensive now."

Lawson said although the Federal Government has been generous in allocating funds for the University, they are not the main monetary source. Lawson advises students to develop creative campaigns to

get alumni to give back.

Trustee Candace Jacko has served as president of the Howard University Alumni Association, which creates strategies to get alumni to give more.

"Federal appropriation money from Congress is getting smaller and before they give more they look at how much the alumni is giving," Jacko said.

To date alumni have not been giving that much back to the University, so the Development Committee began the Capital Campaign. The goal of the Capital Campaign is to raise \$250 million.

Trustee Renee Higginbotham-Brooks, Esq., who sits on the Development Committee calls this stage of the campaign the "quiet phase." She reports \$71 million has been raised since the campaign was announced on Charter Day.

The Development and

Academic Excellence Committees are reviewing plans for renovation projects including Howard University Undergraduate Library.

Howard said the event was a success.

"It was a great opportunity for any student to interact with the trustees on a personal level," Howard said.

After the meet and greet session some students in the Division of Fine Arts had dinner with the trustees at the Park-Hyatt Washington Hotel.

"It was good that trustees were able to experience the wealth of talent and artistic abilities of students in the Fine Arts that are often overlooked. "Pre-law and business students were especially happy to interact professionals in their field."

Student Trustees will host a student forum on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7:30p.m. in West Towers Community Room.

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he sang 'My Latest, Greatest, Inspiration'. He took it a step further when audience ears caught the blending of notes and melodies from the song 'Miss You' from Teddy's days with

Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes.

Teddy told the men in the audience that if they knew any better, now would be the time to look their women in the eyes and

hold them close.

Almost spontaneously, arms went around shoulders and couples were hugged tight. Then it was time for the greatest of his greatest hits: 'Close the Door' and 'Turn Off the Lights'.

Teddy worked the audience so hard, that a pair of red panties was thrown onto the stage by an admiring fan.

"The magic must still be there", Pendegrass said.

It was a night for lovers.

Teddy had no qualms about the fact that he is in a wheelchair and took a moment to let everyone get a little closer to him.

"Truly Blessed", Pendegrass said, "is a song that expresses how I truly feel about something so-o-o personal." "It could have been worse", he sang.

Although Teddy was speaking of his blessings from God, members of the audience were the ones truly blessed this night.

It was a night of inspiration.

Four background singers, three dancers and five musicians - playing the saxophone, various percussion instruments, guitar and piano - took over for a medley of 70s hits out of Philadelphia.

The singers performed 'Expressway to Your Heart', 'Tighten Up' and 'Don't Leave Me This Way' while the dancers, in a variety of outfits, did the robot, the Rerun and formed a Soul Train line.

It was a night to shake your

booty.

It's been said before, but it's got to be said again: Today's music can't hold a match to the soul, the love, the groove and the meaning that was expressed in songs from back in the day - especially songs by Teddy P.

After Teddy let his back-up have the show, he came back to the stage and sang 'Wake Up Everybody', 'Bad Luck', 'The Love I Lost', 'You Got What I Want' and 'Get Up', 'Get Down, Get

Funky, Get Loose'.

As if the medley of moans, screams and "Uuhh's" from the audience didn't say it loud enough, when it comes to real soul music, Teddy Pendegrass-baby-making-booty-shaking-hand-clapping-sing-a-long-because-you-know-you-know-you-know-the-words music, Teddy summed it all up when he said, dont let the wheelchair fool ya. That man can still put on a show.

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ing on to hidden advertisements for alcohol in rap.

"Pass the Courvoisier," with my check in my investment portfolio please!

Another example is in clothing and cars.

When it comes to these things, we set the bar.

I'm not talking about getting the Bentley and wearing the Gucci.

I'm talking about what African Americans have created and people bought.

FUBU, Rockawear, Sean John and others have not only crept into mainstream but are also doing very well.

Just a few years ago, FUBU received a contract from the NBA to make jerseys for each team in the league.

Karl Kani was the first African American to have custom-made and tailored suits distributed nationwide in stores like Nordstrom and Macy's.

And as of late, due to black males' fascination with Cadillac, Snoop Dogg collaborated with Cadillac on a vehicle called the Snoop De Ville.

Trust me - in a few years, thanks to Snoop and Cadillac's success, they're going to become partners like Mike J and Nike, triggering a domino effect of artist and vehicles.

Those are just a few things we have had the ability to be on the front end of but missed the opportunity.

Professional sports are another opportunity that we need to explore on a more serious level.

If the athletes are paid big money, just guess how much are the owners are making?

Why think of being Jerry West when you could be Jerry Bus, the Lakers owner?

Or how about Mark Cuban, the Mavericks owner in Dallas, the owner of the Bulls who also owns a national baseball team, or the twins from Sacramento who seem to own everything

from Sacramento itself to hotels in Las Vegas?

Every culture, race and religion that has flourished economically has been able to recognize a few key available resources and capitalized on them (such as Germans and cars, Persians and rugs, etc).

Though I personally do not believe in race separation or separation of culture in a moral sense, I do believe it is necessary and crucial that we establish an industry in which we are the number one competitors.

Only then will we have the power to level the playing field of social, economic and political equality.

The Japanese did it with technology, and Jews did with jewelry.

Let us reflect and take advantage of the opportunities presented to us.

We can then build the infrastructure that will eventually destroy economic disparity amongst all minorities.

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coming to Brown though, as with many of her other customers, the girl eventually sported faster-growing, healthier hair. Part of this is because Brown involves her clients in every step of the hair improvement process.

"I try to explain to them what's going on," she said. "I talk to them about what I'm doing to their hair and what they need to do to improve it."

Her concern for her customers' hair seems to be paying off, too. She just started taking appointments for this year two weeks ago, so she has mainly been taking business from old regulars. Even still, Brown has had close to 10 customers in this week alone.

However, she doesn't see herself doing hair for the rest

of her life. After seeing her aunt struggle with recovery after a stroke, Brown was inspired to go into physical therapy. Now, her hair styling business helps her towards her goal of getting her doctorate in physical therapy.

Cosmetology will merely be her backup plan, she says.

"If ever something bad happens, I can fall back on it [the license]," she said. "But this is just one of my hobbies, one of my side interests."



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Tornado Watch

A string of tornadoes has destroyed hundreds of homes across the US from the Canadian border to the Deep South. More than 30 casualties have been estimated in several eastern states but emergency workers have warned that the death toll is almost certain to rise.

There are dozens of people missing in Ohio, Tennessee and Alabama, and hundreds are injured and tens of thousands of homes are without power.

Boys Serve for Killing Father

Two brothers from Pensacola, Florida will serve sentences in state prison after pleading guilty to killing their father with a baseball bat, a judge announced Thursday.

Derek King, 14, will spend eight years in state prison, and his 13-year-old brother Alex will spend seven years in state prison.

The sentences announced by Circuit Court Judge Frank Bell came after they agreed to plead guilty to arson and third-degree murder in the slaying of their father, Terry King.

NASA Challenges Moon Hoax Claims

Ever since the televised airing of the first moon launch, critics have spread rumors that the launch was staged in a secret military base, a hoax so that the U.S. would be able to claim that they landed before the Soviets. NASA, tired of the countless accusations, have hired James Oberg, a leading aerospace writer, to produce a book that it hopes will settle the issue. Instead of focusing on

hardcore conspiracy theorists, who might never be convinced of the truth, the book is geared towards the general public and especially teachers, giving them the science to answer questions in class.

Fake Date for 'Alien' Crayfish

The North American Signal Crayfish, alien to British waters, is being lured into traps using sex chemicals. The pheromones lining the underwater baskets are those produced by the female species to attract a mate.

The American species is larger and more aggressive than the native British crayfish and is thus regarded as a threat to it. They were introduced into the UK for restaurant food in the 1970's but some escaped and have been thriving ever since.

Unfortunately, they carry a fungal disease, known as crayfish plague, which can spread rapidly among the more vulnerable native species. Work is being carried out to start using the male pheromones to start attracting the female species.

National Security May Rely on Blimps

Pentagon officials believe that airships could play a crucial role in protecting the United States from attack. The country's largest defense contractors have been asked to design giant unmanned craft—two to three times as big as Goodyear's gasbag. The blimps would ring the continent and be used to spot incoming enemy missiles and planes.

It could take seven or eight years before they are deployed. But Pentagon and industry officials say technological advances make them optimistic that the giant blimps can be added to the U.S. arsenal.

Defense contractors have until February to submit their designs, and the goal is to deploy an operational system by 2010.

Who's Ready For Smallpox?

By Shari Davis
Contributing Writer

As Americans adjust to the new reality of biological warfare in their midst, public health officials and the United States government are preparing themselves for the worst. The federal government has truckloads of medicine and vaccines ready to deploy should bio-terrorism strike, but only one state is fully prepared to receive and distribute those treatments.

Federal officials say that while states have made considerable progress in preparing for bio-terrorism, much work remains. Even Florida, the one state deemed ready to receive the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile, still must conduct drills to make sure its plans will work.

Catharine Jones, a sophomore legal communication major, said, "How could we be the most advanced country in the world and not be prepared for the worst. I don't feel safe with what Bush is doing."

Friday was the deadline for states to report progress in preparing for bio-terrorism. Most regions are not prepared to dedicate 500 beds in an

emergency, much less the 1,500 beds that they are supposed to have in place by next year. Even fewer communities have rooms set up in hospitals that could be used to isolate infectious victims of bio-terrorism attacks.

Many Howard students are concerned about the lack of resources America has. Sophomore political science major, Kamille Whittaker said, "We should have seen this coming. How could we not be prepared for something like this when the government knew other countries were cultivating smallpox?"

Meanwhile, states have until December 1 to produce detailed plans for vaccinating their entire populations within days of a smallpox attack. So far, plans have been filed by only 20 of the 62 states, large cities and territories that are receiving federal bio-terrorism money.

Many states admit they are far from ready. Early this year, the federal government began distributing \$1.1 billion to help cities and states improve communication systems, upgrade labs, hire disaster coordinators and otherwise build up neglected public health systems.

Smallpox, which spreads by

Sperm Quality Differs Among Geographic Areas in the U.S.

By Ria Marie Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

A recent study carried out by researchers at the University of Missouri has provided new evidence which links sperm quality to different geographical areas in the U.S.

The study bases its new-found evidence on comparisons made between sperm concentration and movement, sperm form and structure and semen volume taken from study centers in Missouri, New York, Minneapolis and Los Angeles.

The four centers used "standardized methods and strict quality control," which took into account factors such as the length of abstinence, semen analysis time, age, race, smoking, infertility and sexually transmitted diseases.

The resulting data showed that sperm concentration and sperm movement taken of men in the study center in Columbia, Missouri was much lower than that of the centers in New York, Minneapolis and Los Angeles. However no marked differences

in semen volume or in the form and structure of sperm taken from the four centers occurred.

The researchers stated that, "Confounding factors and differences in study methods are unlikely to account for the lower semen quality seen in this mid-Missouri population," but suggest rather that men in rural regions may have reduced sperm concentration and sperm movement perhaps because of the widespread use of agricultural chemicals in those areas, as compared to men in urban and less agricultural environments. In Missouri and Colombia, 57% of the land is engaged in agriculture, while in the other three cities, only 19% of the land is farmed.

The study evaluated the semen specimens of 512 men, 91% of whom had supplied two specimens and were the partners of pregnant women seeking prenatal care in clinics in the above four cities during 1999-2001. The study therefore showed that even though these men had a lower sperm quality, the quality was not poor enough to prevent

their partner's fertility, but it may play a role in delaying pregnancy.

Shanna Swan, lead researcher of community medicine at the University says that, "A concentration of under 40 million sperm per milliliter is considered reason for concern by some experts, and a substantial number of the Missouri men had concentrations below 40."

It was also discovered that sperm movement in men in Missouri averaged 113 million sperm per sample, a low count, as compared to 201 million, 196 million and 162 million in men in Minneapolis, New York City and Los Angeles respectively. Swan was a bit surprised by the results which she thought would have shown a lower sperm quality for men in urban areas because of air pollution. But she also says that attributing poorer sperm quality of rural men to agricultural chemicals is a "natural guess," because of "animal studies which show that pesticides affect fertility."

Other fertility experts are not stunned by the results of the

new study. Cappy Rothman, a male fertility expert and medical director of a sperm bank in California stated that, "There has been a lot of evidence that pesticides are harmful to men."

Susan Benoff, President of the Society for Male Reproduction and Urology agreed: "The idea that there are differences in geographic areas (in semen quality) makes sense. The question is why?"

A man being treated for infertility in Colombia, Missouri, highlighted that the new study calls for a further look into consequences of this exposure to farming chemicals for the rest of the male body, for women or even for a foetus. Swan and her team intend to carry out a further study on sperm quality in Iowa City, Iowa, where exposure to agricultural chemicals is even greater than Colombia, Missouri. She hopes to study sperm samples from men in the Iowa City area, by replicating the four-center study to explain the cause of lower sperm quality in men in rural areas.

Bush Resolution Accepted

By Shani O. Hilton
Contributing Writer

In a letter sent to the UN on November 13, Iraq accepted the terms on the latest UN resolution, and is allowing weapons inspectors into the country.

However, despite Iraq's acquiescence, United States and United Kingdom officials remain skeptical. The reception of the weapons inspectors when they arrive in Baghdad is the question.

"The issue is not the acceptance," President Bush said. "I urge the Iraqis to cooperate with [weapons inspectors] and to perform. I think that is the real test we are all waiting for."

Security Council Resolution 1441 was rejected by Iraqi Parliament, but accepted by Saddam Hussein. The resolution requires, among other things, "currently accurate, full and complete" information on programs to develop weapons of mass destruction and how the Iraqi government plans to implement them.

The Iraqi government sent the nine-page letter to UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, denouncing the US and United Kingdom. At one point, British Prime Minister Tony Blair was called Bush's "lackey."

respiration and kills roughly one in three of those who are infected, has taken hundreds of millions of lives during the recorded history dated back to Pharaonic Egypt.

What makes smallpox so frightening is that, unlike anthrax, it is highly contagious, transmitted on droplets expelled by a cough or sneeze. There is no treatment for it once contracted, and it is fatal in about 30 percent of all cases.

Based on a news report by the Washington Post, the Bush administration's intelligence review has concluded that four nations including Iraq, Russia, France and North Korea possess samples of the smallpox virus.

Records and manuals have been captured this year in Afghanistan stating that Osama

According to Peter Chang, junior Computer Science major, "Disagreement between Hussein and his Parliament might be a ploy to buy time, and also, the Iraqis should understand that Bush can very well invade them, whether it is the wrong decision or not and I think they should try to avoid that."

Although Bush says that he hopes weapons removal from Iraq will be peaceful, he recently approved the Pentagon battle plan for a possible war on Iraq.

According to Bush administration and British officials, the initial attack will be an air campaign. B-1 and B-2 bombers would then bomb palaces, air-defenses, political structures and military bases.

Second would be ground strikes from the north, west, and south, against military bases, chemical and biological weapons facilities, airstrips and ports. Priorities include targeting the Iraqi Republican Guard and Special Republican troops, as well as seizing airfields to the north and south of Baghdad.

By attacking from the outside in, the Pentagon intends to cut off support in the capital of Baghdad, hopefully causing an internal collapse.

The U.S. also hopes to min-



imize civilian casualties, as well as prevent damage to water supplies and electricity, in an effort to avoid increased anti-U.S. sentiment.

The US has already begun to put its plans into action. In northern Iraq, CIA agents are working to organize the Kurds, a semi-nomadic group of people who have not been subjugated by Middle Eastern nations. In addition, propaganda includes pamphlets dropped over the country, in efforts to persuade the Iraqis not to resist and encouraging Iraqi soldiers to defect.

Officials say that the Pentagon plan calls for 200,000 to 250,000 troops if the US attacks Iraq.

The New York Times reports that Hussein is preparing a militia of thousands of volunteers to slow the onslaught of U.S. troops. However, Gareth McCartney, a senior Biology major is optimistic, stating that, "I believe Hussein knows that any kind of aggression from him will be greatly retaliated by the U.S., and any other members of the UN who were unsure of his intention. He is not likely to start a war he knows he will most likely lose."

The Pentagon has already begun moving troops into Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to prepare for a swift attack.

UN weapons inspectors headed to Baghdad yesterday.

millions of Americans to be inoculated eventually against the deadly virus.

Last summer, the nation's top bio-terrorism experts recommended a three-step smallpox immunization plan. Under the proposal, presented to President Bush by Secretary Tommy G. Thompson, about 500,000 health care workers would be inoculated immediately and serve as the initial test subjects for any possible outbreak.

Later, as many as 10 million police, fire and emergency responders would be offered the vaccine. Eventually, all 280 million Americans would have the option of being vaccinated, though that would likely not occur until a new batch of vaccine is licensed sometime in 2004.

"How could we be the most advanced country in the world and not be prepared for the worst."



Cocoa for Ivory Coast Neighbors

By Ria Marie Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Cocoa prices continue to soar in the Ivory Coast as the civil war on the once peaceful West African State worsens. The current rebel crisis, which threatens to cut off the country's cocoa supply along with an increasing global demand for the commodity, has led to an escalation in bean prices from \$1,444 a ton in June to \$2,269 in early October, the highest price for the commodity in 16 years.

Cocoa farmers in other regions, such as nearby Ghana and Cameroon, are already cashing in on profits from the high prices, as traders look to these neighboring regions for supplies. Jean Ossogo, an official at the National Coffee and Cocoa Board in Cameroon stated that farmers establishing new cocoa plantations to exploit the current boom would have to wait at least five years for a return on their investment when the plants will produce. The risk, he argues, is a fall in the price of cocoa, which will cause these farmers to lose money.

"We don't wish that the Ivory Coast remains in war (so that we can) win more money, we don't want that - but if there is stability, there will be more cocoa, and that's the problem," Ossogo said.

But Macmillan Takere, one of Cameroon's cocoa farmers,

said that he and his fellow farmers are confident that the price of cocoa will be high for the next two or three years. He said that the farmers dislike the current situation in the Ivory Coast, but doubt that any resolution to the crisis is close at hand. Takere also stated that, "It would be a while before the farmers in the Ivory Coast rebuilt their farms, making the possibility of long-term profits on cocoa even more feasible."

The Ivory Coast, the largest cocoa producer supplying 40 percent of world output, was taken by rebels on Sept. 19. The rebels who claim that they are fighting against the dictatorship of the government, led by President Gbagbo, are calling for new elections in which all political parties can participate.

The military uprising, which initially affected the northern half of the country around Bouake, advanced into cocoa-growing regions such as the central town of Daloa. Traders affected by transport problems state it is becoming difficult for them, but it is catastrophic for farmers who are harvesting cocoa without being able to sell it.

Communications and electricity have also been cut as authorities try to shut down the city to obstruct rebels.

Schools are closed and banks, which have run out of money, have ceased all activities. Civil servants have not received any salaries for the



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The Republic of the Ivory Coast is bordered to the north by Mali and Burkina Faso, to the east by Ghana, to the south the Gulf of Guinea of the Atlantic Ocean and to the west by Liberia and Guinea.

month of September, at a time when basic foodstuff costs ten times more.

"This civil crisis keeps repeating itself," Kunmi Otitoju, a sophomore computer science major from Nigeria, said. "People still have not learnt from others' mistakes. African leaders need to come together to bring an end to this peacefully, to prevent this innocent loss of life which keeps people living in fear."

The Ivory Coast's cocoa and coffee industries are important to the economic development of West Africa, and the disruption there can negatively affect the entire region. While governments and other foreign officials work towards mediation,

farmers in the north can only hope for an early resolution to the crisis before the harvesting season.

One Ivory Coast cocoa farmer stated, "We are peasants. Our only means of finance is cocoa and coffee. So if these people arrive, my wish is that they let us work normally, so that we can carry on working peacefully with our laborers, our families and our children."

But in Douala, a cocoa buyer in Cameroon said, "Those who used to buy about five pigs will buy ten this year and then they will have enough to invest in their health and the education of their children and so on, so it's a very nice season for them."

Beauty Queens Protest Death by Stoning

A number of beauty queens taking part in the Miss World pageant hosted in Nigeria have dropped out of the contest. Their move was made in protest of the bitter controversy over a woman sentenced to death by stoning under Islamic law.

Amina Lawal received the harsh sentence from an Islamic Sharia court in the northern state of Kano after being convicted of adultery.

She lost her appeal against a conviction for adultery in August and is now taking her case to a higher court.

Miss World will be chosen on 7 December, after the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Harry Potter and the Chinese Pirates

Chinese rip-off artists have pirated thousands of J.K. Rowling's four volumes about the bespectacled boy wizard, and have gone so far as to add three more books to the series about Harry, using Rowling's name. Yes, books five, six and seven are out, but only in Chinese.

The Bashu Publishing House, in the southwestern city of Chengdu, agreed to pay a \$2,500 fine and publish an apology in China's Legal Times for printing and distributing the fake Harry Potter novel.

The phony books began appearing last spring in at least 10 cities around China. Most of the books were printed by fly-by-night printing houses, although they claimed otherwise.

The bogus books are "Harry Potter and the Leopard-Walk-Up-to-Dragon," "Harry Potter and the Golden Turtle," and "Harry Potter and the Crystal Vase."

Maradona Worship

In the 1986 World Cup, Diego Maradona famously punched the ball into the net as Argentina beat England in the quarter-finals.

In awe of Maradona, a group of fans have founded the "first Maradonian Church" - also known as the Hand of God church - to worship their idol.

The church was established in the Argentine town of Rosario by Hernán Amez, Hector Campomar and Alejandro Verón. The three disciples told the Diario Ole news-



paper that they have been following the tradition since 1999. "We believe he is football's god. So, for us, this is 42AD," they said, 'AD' standing for After Diego. The 100-strong congregation celebrates Christmas every year on Maradona's birthday - 30 October.

The followers call themselves Diegorian Brothers and their bible is Maradona's autobiography I Am Diego.

On his birthday this year, they celebrated by reading their own version of the Ten Commandments. One of them states: "You will be only a fan of Maradona - not any football club in particular."

World War Against Child Porn

Police forces around the globe will soon be using software developed in Britain as part of the worldwide fight against child pornography. It is part of an initiative from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to tackle pornography in Eastern Europe and South East Asia, where much of the indecent imagery of children comes from.

SurfControl, based in Cheshire, originally developed its filtering software to aid UK police in the investigation of online child abuse. The software allows police to trace and target people who seek, possess or distribute pornographic images of children on the net.

Fugitives Hide in Aussie PM's Yard

Two suspected burglars have been arrested in Australia after they initially evaded capture by police, only to hunker down in ill-advised hiding places.

Police say the two men fled the scene of a break-in in Sydney and gave them the slip by entering the grounds of the governor-general's official residence.

The fugitives immediately triggered alarms, sparking into action federal police, a police dog squad, and protection officers stationed at the mansion, known as Admiralty House.

But one of the suspects still managed to get away into the mansion next door - the official Sydney residence of Australia's Prime Minister, John Howard.

Harmony Through Sports

By Sean Jackman
Hilltop Staff Writer

Education, long touted as the best solution to the problem of racism, has passed on from the family to traditional places of education, such as schools, and now to organizations.

Soccer organizations, doing their part to educate those who pass through their halls, have decided to take it up another notch. Just recently, Alan Green revisited one of the English's most successful black players, John Barnes.

"I remember as far back as 1981 playing at places like Millwall and West Ham when you'd get the usual monkey noises and bananas being thrown onto the pitch," recounts Barnes. "It was almost an accepted part of society so not very much was made of it. I don't think footballers get the abuse they once did, but I don't think anything's changed in terms of the racism that exists

in this country generally."

Barnes was right. European qualifying games, currently being played, have been marred by racist actions taken by the fans; most notably, the racist taunts endured by Ashley Cole and Emile Heskey of England in their game against Slovakia, in Bratislava.

Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) has promised a rigorous investigation into this event, and the results could produce a heavy penalty on the Slovakian side.

UEFA has recently revised its policy on racist actions, increasing the punishment for such activities. Other than fines, sanctions and suspensions, they may also order that a match be replayed behind closed doors (televised but with no spectators allowed), close down stadiums or ban clubs from participating in competitions.

Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA),

the world governing body for soccer, has stated in its Code of Conduct that you should "Reject... Racism, Violence and other Dangers to our Sport."

An international call went out to all bodies - whether sporting, political, cultural or social - to help educate the people and thus rid society of racism.

In response, the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network - one of the organizations on UEFA's charity portfolio - has organized an action week against racism, which saw many of the game's stars participate in a series of events throughout Europe.

Many European clubs dedicated their matches to the campaign to kick out racism while fans also took it upon themselves to show their support.

The British Broadcasting Corporation recently launched an investigation into matches played across Europe. The results reveal that while racism



Photo courtesy: www.farenet.org

Football fans demonstrate against racism.

still raged in Italy, Poland and Yugoslavia (where police ignored such incidents), many other club grounds, formerly noted for racist events, were relatively free of bigotry according to BBC reporters.

As the campaign presses on, maybe Barnes' words will see life, "...it's society that has to change."

Fiji For Sure

By Robert Boone
Contributing Writer

For those of you who didn't know, yes, Fiji, the famed group of islands made legendary by the Jim Carrey movie, The Truman Show, actually exists.

Officially known as The Sovereign Democratic Republic of the Fiji Islands, the string of islands form an independent nation in the South Pacific Ocean.

Of the 330 islands with a total land area a little over 18,000 square kilometers, only about 100 are inhabited.

The capital, Suva, is located on the southeast coast of the largest island, Viti Levu, known as "Big Fiji". Suva, like the majority of the land mass, enjoys a tropical South Sea

maritime climate without great extremes in temperature.

Almost half of The Fiji Islands' total land area remains in forest, while dry grasslands are found in western areas of the large islands. Coconut palms are common, and almost all tropical fruits and vegetables can be grown.

The population of Fiji is mainly Indians, who have outnumbered indigenous Fijians ever since World War II. Most of the Indians are descendants of indentured laborers working in the sugar industry during the late 1870s through the 1880s. Significant minorities of Europeans, Chinese, and Pacific Islanders also reside on the Islands.

Fiji's mixed racial background contributes to an



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The Sovereign Democratic Republic of the Fiji Islands.

immensely rich cultural heritage. Many features of traditional Fijian life are evident in the elaborate investiture, marriage, and other ceremonies.

These provide opportunities to practice the traditional Fijian crafts, such as the manufacture of masi, or tapa cloth, made from the bark of the

paper mulberry; mat weaving; wood carving; and canoe making. Many women in Fiji wear the sari - cloth draped so that one end forms a skirt and the other a head or shoulder covering, together with traditional jewelry in gold and silver. Time-honored marriage ceremonies are still practiced, as

are customs such as fire walking - the process of walking across red hot rocks for the purpose of initiation, purification, healing, and other rituals - part of religious ceremonies.

The Fiji Islands is also a multi-religious state, and enjoys a myriad of Christian churches, Mosques, Sikh, and Hindu temples. More than half of the population is Christian (52.9%), the rest is made up of Hindus (38.1%), Muslims (7.8%), Sikhs (0.7%) and Others (0.5%).

English is the official language, while the widely used Fijian language has many dialects. The most commonly used dialect is Bauan Fijian. Indians too have their own dialect, generally referred to as Fiji Hindi (Hindustani). Most people speak at least two languages, usually English and the language of their own racial community.

So, if you are upset over the recent elections, you might consider a vacation or better yet, temporary residency where you can sip coconut water in a South Pacific paradise such as the Fiji Islands. (For more information on Fiji, visit the website www.fiji-online.com.fj)

Fijian Fragments

Ni sa yadra (ni sah yan-dra): Good Morning
Bula! (mbula): Hello
Ni sa moce (ni sa mothey): Goodbye
Yalo vinaka (yalo vee-naka): Please
Tulou (too-low): Excuse me
Io (ee-oh): Yes
Vinaka (vee-naka): Thank You
Sega (senga): No

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2. Florida A&M (5-2, 7-4)
3. Hampton (5-2, 7-4)
4. Howard (4-3, 6-4)
5. Morgan St. (4-3, 6-5)
6. S. Carolina St. (3-4, 6-5)
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8. Norfolk St. (2-6, 4-6)
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Men's Basketball

(Thursday)
Aces All Stars 66
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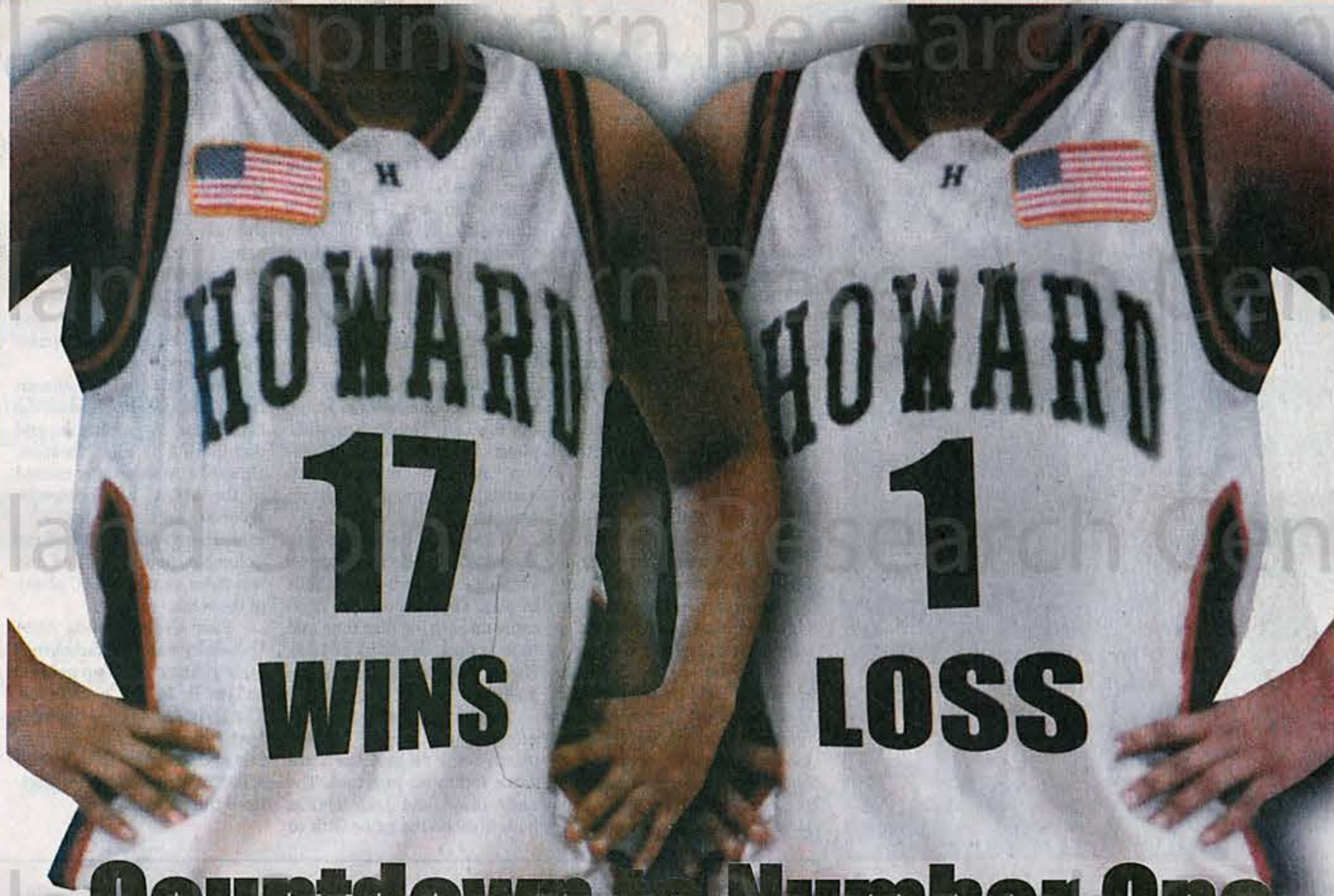
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Howard 0
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Countdown to Number One 2002-2003 MEAC Women's Basketball Preview

By Terez A. Paylor
Contributing Writer

As the women's basketball season looms large upon us, the excitement for a Howard MEAC championship repeat is building. The Lady Pirates of Hampton and South Carolina State are the main threats to the Lady Bison, with a pack of potential-filled teams behind them. Many questions will soon be answered, and with these answers come another great year of women's basketball.

Teams in predicted order of finish:

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

The reigning MEAC regular season champions are back and they are going to be good. Sure, the loss of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Year Andrea Gardner and her 15 points and 10 rebounds a game to the WNBA hurts, but there is still enough talent left in the cupboard to successfully repeat. The Lady Bison will be strong again, led by two seniors, 6-2 forward Courtney Kirk and 5-8 guard Asia Petty. Kirk, who led the MEAC in blocked shots last year and averaged 12.5 points and 5.5 rebounds, is on the All-MEAC preseason first team. Petty averaged 12.1 points and 4.4 rebounds a game last year and is on the All-MEAC preseason second team.

Replacing Gardner won't be easy, but 6-2 junior forward Shauna Ruglass (4.8 ppg, 3.4 rpg) will be counted on to do just that, and early indications show that she is capable. If the Lady Bison can get some quality minutes out of some of their young frontcourt players, it will make a positive impact. But the strength of this team is easily the guards, as Petty, Simone Agee (9.6 ppg, 4.3 rpg), Daisha Hicks (4.3 ppg, 1.6 rpg) and Ebony Rector form a deep and talented backcourt.

Bottom Line: The Lady Bison are poised to repeat, and as long as no unexpected situations pop up, they should do just that.

2. Hampton (17-14 overall, 12-6 MEAC)

Hampton's title hopes begin and end with one woman—LaShondra Dixon. The 5-5 Dixon (17.6 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 3.2 apg) is the MEAC's Preseason Player of the Year, and with good reason. She led the MEAC in scoring for virtually the entire year, and was runner-up in last season's Player of the Year award race. In short, she can flat-out ball.

However, while she is the offensive catalyst for this team, she has a whole lot of talent around her. Joining her on the preseason All-MEAC first team is 6-1 forward Nicole Braithwaite, whose numbers (9.1 ppg, 6.8 rpg) and contagious enthusiasm are expected to escalate after a great freshman season. With the talent of those two, it's easy to forget

about 6-1 Halisi Johnson, whose 10.5 ppg and 6.2 rpg make her a viable candidate to collect postseason honors.

PRESEASON PREDICTIONS

Player of the Year:
LaShondra Dixon, Hampton

1st team All-MEAC:
F Courtney Kirk, Howard
F LaKesha Wills, Coppin State
C Lauren Forsthooff, Bethune-Cookman
G LaShondra Dixon, Hampton
G Nicole Rhem, South Carolina State

Players to watch:
C Nicole Braithwaite, Hampton
F LaTonya Reed, Bethune-Cookman
F Shauna Ruglass, Howard
F Kelly Reid, North Carolina A&T
G Terrelle Waller, Delaware State

Guard Necka Lancaster is a returning starter, and 6-2 center Marcie Blanding will have an expanded role.

Bottom Line: Dixon is an absolute stud, and this team is loaded. The Lady Pirates will have a good shot at the MEAC title.

3. South Carolina State (17-11 overall, 13-4 MEAC)

The Lady Bulldogs of South Carolina State are one of the main threats to knock Howard off the top of the MEAC this year, and they know it. All-MEAC first-teamer Nicole Rhem (12.5 ppg, 5.7 rpg) had an outstanding sophomore season and is poised to lead this team to a MEAC title. Rhem was the Preseason Player of the Year runner-up, so there is no doubting her ability. She will surely cause match-up headaches, as she can effectively play shooting guard or small forward. At 5-10, Adeanah Pierce led the team in rebounds as a guard last year with 7.1 per game and will be counted on for more of the same and to contribute more offensively. Guard Latasha Cook, who was so important to the Lady Bulldogs in the MEAC tournament last season, will be back and will likely continue her spirited play this season.

Bottom Line: This is a good team that garnered five out of 13 first-place votes in the preseason coaches' poll. But the road to the MEAC championship leads through Howard and Hampton country, and the Lady Bulldogs may not have enough to beat either team.

4. Norfolk State (22-8 overall, 13-5 MEAC)

Normally, the loss of the MEAC tournament MVP and its top three scorers would give a team reason to doubt themselves. However, despite the departure of Suwana Taylor and two other key seniors, the Spartans are looking to make a run at the MEAC title. In order for that to happen, the reserves from last year are going to

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So Close...

By Elena Bergeron
Sports Editor

Still reeling from the loss of offensive catalyst, quarterback Allen Suber—"man", a trio of Clark Kents led Bethune-Cookman to a 46-27 victory in Daytona that effectively ended the Bison's hope for postseason play.

"We've been able to fight back from adversity. That's what makes us so special," Wildcat Head Coach Alvin Wyatt said. "We did a great job of making them forget about Allen and think about what they were supposed to do more than anything else."

The Wildcats (10-1 overall, 6-1 MEAC) alternated offensive

schemes behind situational quarterbacks Scot Austin and Lawrence McCloud and got a boost by touchdowns on both sides of the ball from corner/punt returner/wide receiver Rashean Mathis, but it was a botched punt attempt and a third quarter onslaught that took momentum, and a share of the MEAC title, out of the Bison's (6-4, 4-3) hands.

Tied 13-13 with two minutes left in the first half and the Bison punting from their own two-yard line, center Tralan Andrews launched the snap over punter Vaughn Waters' head and out of the end zone for a Wildcats safety. Three plays later, the Wildcats stacked three receivers to the

right, leaving Mathis open in the end zone for an acrobatic 32-yard reception from quarterback Scot Austin.

"There was no added pressure [without Suber] because at Hampton we weren't sure about one quarterback. In this game we stuck with McCloud and [Austin] just kinda helped out so he had a more confident role," Mathis said.

The Bison returned from halftime down 25-13 but got a quick boost as Vincent Neclos delivered a bellinging hit to punt returner Ricky Williams on the Wildcat 26-yard line. The Bison held Bethune-Cookman to three and out when Neclos came up big again, blocking Davis Player's

punt. Junior defensive back Anthony Shackelford recovered the loose ball in the end zone for his second touchdown of the season. The Bison then converted for two points on a faked extra point attempt where holder Shaun Miller lofted a pass to linebacker Tracy White to make the score 25-21.

The two-point conversion was White's first of the season and punctuated a stellar game in which the senior finished with 10 solo tackles and three assists, patrolling nearly every inch of the field.

The Wildcats answered back on their next possession, however, organizing a nine-play, 56-yard



Photo by Mark Coleman

WR Jonathan Brewer's extra effort on the goal line gave the Bison a short-lived 13-13 tie in Saturday's game.

drive that saw McCloud dishing out pitches to running back Brad Lee (six carries, 85 yards) and Austin engineering short passes to wide receiver Eric Lash (four receptions, 100 yards). McLeod capped the drive with a 10-yard

scramble that began a 21-point scoring run for BCC.

"When we defended against the run, they would put [Austin] in to pass; when we covered the receivers, they sent [McCloud] in

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SPORTS



TRACY WHITE
Position: Linebacker
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 230 lb.
Hometown: St. Stephens, SC
Classification: Senior

White beasted in Saturday's loss, recording 10 solos and three assists, including two tackles for loss. He also caught a two-point conversion and played on all special teams.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Volleyball Falls in Second Round

By Ethan Zagore
Contributing Writer

The Howard University women's volleyball team ended their season Friday with a second round loss to Maryland-Eastern Shore in the MEAC tournament. The Lady Bison came into the tournament ranked sixth (6-4 conference record) and received a first round bye. Unfortunately, the Lady Bison's second round opponent was the talented, third-ranked UMES.

The Lady Bison went to Baltimore relatively healthy and looked to use the neutral court (tournament at Morgan State University) to start out fast against the Lady Hawks. However, that proved to be a very difficult task.

The game began with Howard and Eastern Shore exchanging points and neither team gaining too much momentum. However, the Lady Hawks began to utilize their offensive firepower and slowly pulled away from the

Lady Bison.

The Lady Hawks took the first game 30-23. Eastern Shore, led by the MEAC's Rookie and Player of the Year, Croatian sensation Jana Milin (finished with 10 kills, 7 digs in match) and Leticia Wallace (11 kills in match), finished the first game with 15 team kills to Howard's nine.

Howard would look to rebound in the second game, but the Lady Hawks had other plans. As she had done all season, Brittany Williams (19 assists) continued to set up teammates for kills.

However, Eastern Shore showed their defensive side by keeping many well-placed balls in play. Dari Ganoza (10 digs) came up with big digs time and time again and helped the Lady Hawks take the second game 30-18.

Eastern Shore only got offensively sharper as the match went on and the third game indicated just that. The Lady Bison and Lady Hawks both finished the game with 10

kills apiece, but Eastern Shore's depth was too much for Howard.

The Lady Hawks finished the match with a 30-21 third game victory. Brittany Williams led Howard with 19 assists. Crystal Amedee, NaShay Edwards and Mercedes Posey each finished the match with six kills.

The talented freshman from Croatia, Milin, shocked the conference by coming in and dominating all season. Howard's Amedee was named to the MEAC All-Conference second team. Amedee is a sophomore outside hitter from Columbia, South Carolina and was twice named MEAC player of the week.

First seeded Florida A&M University entered the tournament riding a 51-game unbeaten streak in the conference. The Lady Rattlerettes defeated host and second seed Morgan State University to take the MEAC championship for their third title in four years.



Photo by Mark Coleman
Sophomore All-MEAC second team selection Crystal Amedee

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have to step up their game. Norfolk State boasts one of the MEAC's top players in preseason All-MEAC second team forward Lawanda Newman (9.7 ppg, 6.9 rpg). The 6-0 senior will be counted on heavily to provide some offense and leadership to this inexperienced squad. Also, starting guard Dekisha Thompson (4.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg) will have to improve her numbers to help this team reach the promised land.

Guard Musheerah Ali and forward Renata Phillips will be very important to this team's season. These two seniors are expected to step in and start after receiving playing time as key reserves last year. Both, especially Ali, are expected to be impact players.

Bottom Line: If this team can bond together and gel despite all the departures, they will figure into the race for the MEAC championship.

5. Bethune-Cookman (14-13 overall, 9-9 MEAC)

No doubt about it, Bethune-

Cookman boasts one of the MEAC's best low post players in 6-0 junior center Lauren Forsthoft. Forsthoft (12.7 ppg, 10.5 rpg) is a budding star who was named to the preseason All-MEAC first team. Alongside Forsthoft is 6-1 forward LaTonya Reed, who averaged 8.8 points and 6.3 rebounds a game. The Lady Wildcats

are going to rely heavily on the inside presence of these two to carry them to victories this season, because the loss of guard Katrina Thaxton to graduation will definitely hurt. 5-5 junior Edna Lastrapes and 5-9 sophomore Sarah Johnson will have to play well in her absence.

Bottom Line: Forsthoft is currently injured, but if she can return and dominate, there aren't many teams in the MEAC who can stop the combo of her and Reed.

6. Coppin State (14-14 overall, 12-6 MEAC)

Whatever hopes Coppin State has of contending rests with its star player, 5-11 senior forward LaKesha Wills. Wills (12.5 ppg, 6.3 rpg), a preseason All-MEAC

second team performer, is going to get the majority of touches in the Lady Eagle offense. Sophomore point guard Denita Plain led the team in assists last year, and will be expected to be better with a year under her belt. Also providing support will be junior forward Antoinette Reese (4.0 ppg, 1.9 rpg).

Bottom line: Coppin State will have to effectively replace some very key players and have a little luck to make a big difference in the conference race.

7. Delaware State (9-19 overall, 6-12 MEAC)

Sophomore guard Terrelle Waller (12.2 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 2.8 apg) is a good player who may be looking at preseason honors next year. She will have to score a little more with the loss of second leading net ratter Terrana Pyfrom (10.5 ppg), but Waller is up to it. She will receive some help inside with Kimisha Dabney (5.5 ppg, 5.6 rpg) manning the post. 6-1 forward Tameka Nugent (4.8 ppg, 5.0 rpg) led the team in blocked shots last year with 16, and will have to be an inside force.

Bottom Line: If Waller matures into a great player, the Lady Hornets have a chance to be a good team. But it will all be for naught if she doesn't get some help from her teammates.

8. Maryland-Eastern Shore (12-17 overall, 8-10 MEAC)

As a returning senior, 6-0 forward and All-MEAC second team selection Nefertaria Franklin (8.4 ppg, 4.6 rpg) will be asked to lead on and off the court. As a true freshman, 5-8 guard Octavia Thompson showed she could score by averaging 8.5 points a game last season. It will definitely be needed this year, as the Lady Hawks lost leading scorer Destiny Avent. 6-2 senior Zereena Stephens (5.9 ppg, 5.2 rpg) will be counted on to anchor the low post.

Bottom Line: With some consistency, the Lady Hawks could make a little noise in the conference.

9. Florida A&M (11-18 overall, 6-12 MEAC)

With the loss of leading rebounder Phaedra Mashburn (13.2 ppg, 7.5 rpg), the MEAC's fourth leading scorer, the Rattlerettes have to find someone that can shoulder the load. They will probably look no farther than 6-3 center Kim Watson. Watson averaged 10 points and 5.1 rebounds a game last year, and her height gives her an advantage against the smaller centers in the conference. 5-7 sophomore guard Candace Crawford (8.4 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 3.2 apg) is a great all-around player who will only get better.

Bottom Line: The Rattlers need a few starters to emerge out of a crowded group, and if that happens, they could upset some good teams this season.

10. North Carolina A&T (4-24 overall, 1-16 MEAC)

As a young team, the Lady Aggies will struggle this year. However, the team's youth and developing talent gives A&T room to grow in future seasons. Junior point guard Camille Akins (14.4 ppg) will lead the Aggies' youth movement. She was the leader of the team as a sophomore, and her role will expand

this season. Tawanda Jackson averaged 6.5 points a game as a sophomore and will have to shoulder more of a burden. Sophomore Kelly Reid (7.4 ppg, 5.5 rpg) was a pleasant surprise last year and could blossom into a great player with some seasoning.

Bottom Line: The team will be better this year but will be a surprise sleeper next year.

11. Morgan State (1-27 overall, 1-17 MEAC)

The worst team in the MEAC last year is back, and maybe worse than last year. Things will definitely be tough this season, as the Bears lost their leading scorer (Sherie Cornish) and rebounder (Calibra Alston) to graduation. However, there are some positive signs in the backcourt. Junior guard Erinn Coleman is a preseason All-MEAC selection, and sophomore Courtney Cox (2.15 apg) returns as well.

Bottom Line: This team is going to have a difficult time winning in the very competitive MEAC this year.

Bison Look to Start Season Strong

By Thomas Savage Jr.
Contributing Writer

The Men's Basketball team played an impressive game Thursday, defeating the 3 Aces All-Star team, 95-66 in Burr Gymnasium.

The Bison got off to a quick 18-12 lead behind the inside scoring of junior Qadir Habeeb. The 6-10, 270 lb. center proved to be too much for the 3 Aces team as he scored ten points in the first six minutes.

What was most impressive of the 51-point first-half performance from the Bison was the 15-0 run after a 3 Aces time-out in the middle of the first half.

"We realized that we could not lose to this team," said junior guard Hekima Jackson. "We began to understand that if we executed and went through the plays that we've practiced, we would be able to win very easily."

Jackson was not the only person to understand that, as senior Ron Williamson led the team, shooting 4 of 5 in the first-half from behind the arc. The Bison out-shot the 3 Aces 63 to 50 percent in the first half.

"We have been doing a lot of

shooting drills as a team, and I think this year the overall team shooting should be a lot better than last year," said Mario Grove, the team's senior power forward. "We have a lot of pure shooters on our team that can hit from about anywhere on the court."

Grove cited Williamson as one of the pure shooters the team relies on.

"We look at all of Ron's shots like lay-ups," Grove added. Williamson, last year's three-point leader (92-219, 42 FG percentage), ended the game with 22 points and five assists.

The first half did not just display the Bison offense, but the impressive Bison defense as well. Led by freshman Louis Ford, the Bison were able to step up every time to shut down any momentum the 3 Aces team got going.

Ford accounted for three of the Bison's nine steals and a dunk-saving block as his quickness and awareness proved to be too much for the 3 Aces team throughout the game.

"Louis seems to be on the right track in terms of learning what he needs to know in order to play on the collegiate level,"



Photos by Carroll Smith
Scrappy defense by freshman guard Louis Ford (left) and bruising inside play by transfer center Qadeer Habeeb helped lead the Bison in Thursday's win.

said Jonathan Stokes, a veteran guard who is currently sidelined with a heart condition. "Louis seems like he will be able to help the team a lot in a variety of ways."

The second half was more of the same as the Bison continued to execute on offense and amaze on defense. Charge after charge was taken, as the Bison seemed to be under complete control both under the post and behind the ark.

Last year's scoring leader, Kyle Williams (18.7 ppg), emerged in the second half ending the game with 17 points and four assists. Williams was



among five Bison who scored in double figures.

Seye Aluko, Williamson, Habeeb and Ford all scored at least ten as the Bison's point total fell only five short of the century mark.

Thursday's offensive flurry gives the team a combined total of 180 points in just two games, 15 points better than last year's 74.9 a game.

The Bison open up their regular season this Thursday in Loretta, Penn. when they take on St. Francis of PA.

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to run," senior wide receiver Kevin Simmonds said. "We just couldn't hold them on defense."

The next 25 minutes were all Bethune-Cookman, with McCloud running the option and Austin taking the aerial route to punctuate drives of 56, 62 and 76 yards with rushing touchdowns. McLeod finished with 73 rushing yards and three touchdowns while Austin completed seven of 10 for 163 yards.

Despite the Wildcats' second half domination, the Bison made an early go of things, taking the game's first lead on Clark's 18-yard pass to running back Jay Colbert for his first receiving touchdown of the season. Colbert finished with 25 carries for 124 yards, his third straight 100-yard game.

On the ensuing drive, McLeod called his own number on four of the next five plays, including a 9-yard scramble that tied the game 6-6.

Mathis continued his heroics in the Wildcats' secondary, taking over television Superman Dean Cain's Division I-AA record for interceptions in a season (12) when he returned a Donald Clark interception 55 yards for a touchdown less than a minute into the second quarter.

The seesawing continued on

the Bison's next possession, when Clark connected with wide receiver Jonathan Brewer on a 45-yard pass. Waters' PAT made the score 13-13 before the late second half lapse went into effect.

"I thought we played well until the last three minutes of the half," head coach Ray Petty said. "We held on defense a couple of times but they just kept on going."

Clark left the game in the fourth quarter with an MCL injury, the second Bison lost in the game after defensive end Anthony Hart went out with the same injury in the second quarter.

The senior quarterback finished a lackluster start just 6 of 20 for 114 yards with two interceptions. Sophomore quarterback Marcos Moreno saw action for the third time this season finding the end zone on a meaningless 20-yard scramble in the fourth quarter that yielded the final score.

Though the loss ends the Bison's title run, the team has already locked up its first winning season since 1998 and running back Jay Colbert needs only 66 yards to surpass the 1,000-yard rushing mark as the team takes on Delaware State (1-6, 3-8) for the final game of the season Saturday.

Homecoming 2003

The Homecoming Policy Board is seeking applicants for the following positions:

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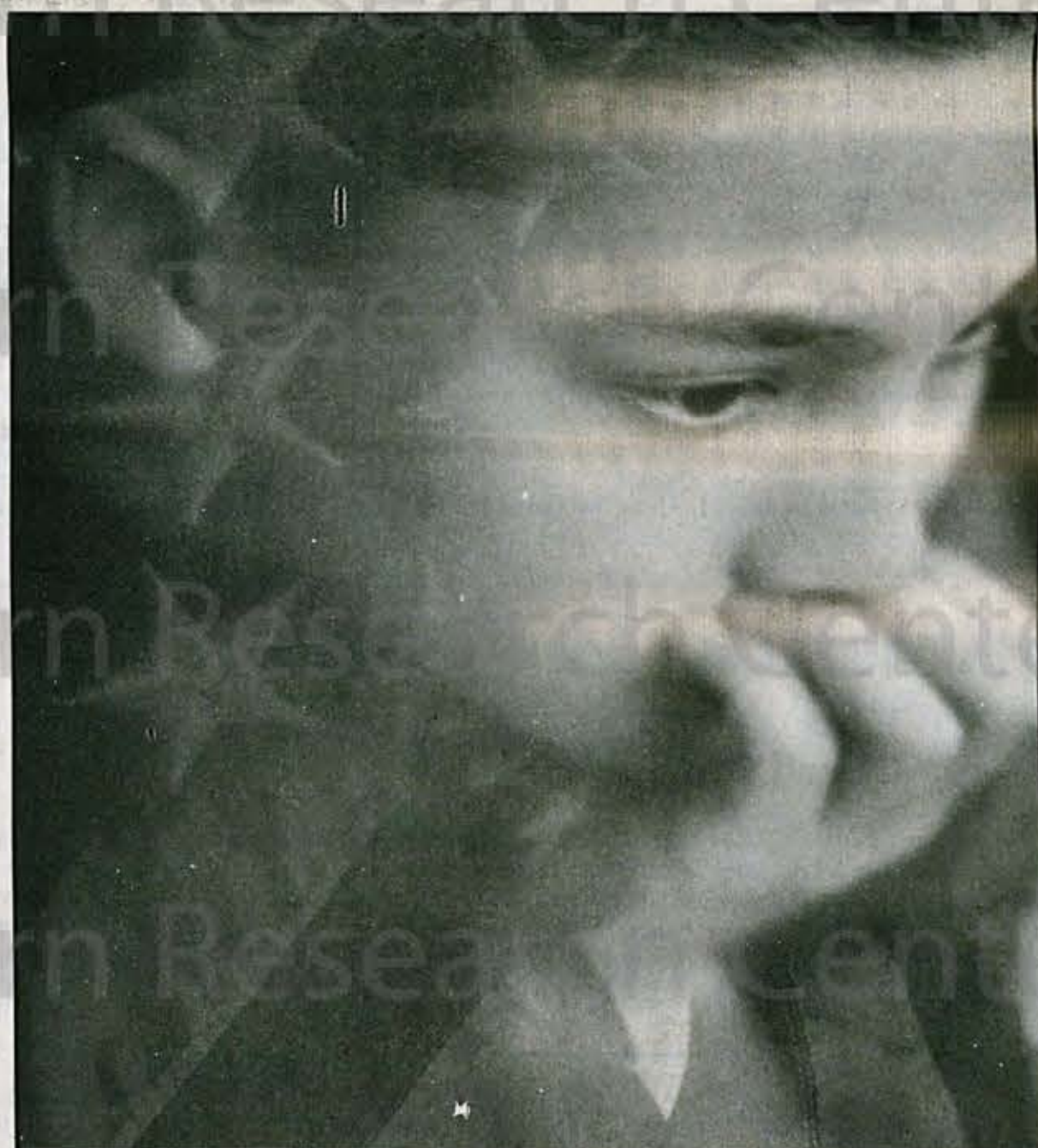
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Hate Crimes are Not Tight

The brutal November third beating of Morehouse student Gregory Love has sparked much anger along with rallying cries from the gay community.

The junior music major was beat with a bat in a Morehouse dormitory bathroom for looking at another male student in the shower. Love says he thought it was his roommate and he was going to say, "what's up?"

be included in this category in light of the hate crime that occurred on our campus earlier this year. Was the campus outraged that this student was beat for being gay? Not nearly enough.

Statistics have shown that minorities tend to be more homophobic than whites. As the leaders of tomorrow, we have a responsibility to destroy this stereotype and to

Our View: Violence is never acceptable and people need to learn to be more tolerant of other's differences.

It is sad to know that the only people who are angry enough to protest about these types of incidents are gay activists. Violence for any reason should be upsetting to everyone. Ask yourself: "Would it bother me to find out that someone was hospitalized with a fractured skull after being beaten with a bat by a peer?" Now ask yourself if you would be more or less bothered upon finding out that the student was beat for doing something that

shirt, it is not okay. It is senseless and backwards. The fact that this type of occurrence is not unusual is a sad reality that carries distressful implications regarding our progress as a people.

Since the incident, many people have voiced the concern that HBCU's have an underlying quality of homophobia and that hate crimes are thus not taken as seriously as they should be. Howard can easily

not only learn to be tolerant of differences, but to also encourage others to do so. Maybe then innocent people will not be brutalized for being different.

No matter how you personally feel about homosexuality, violence is never okay. Perhaps it should be the goal of this University, along with Morehouse and other HBCU's, to promote tolerance of homosexuals on our campuses.

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Starving Students Hoping For Discounts

Imagine you are just leaving your class at noon and you have another class that begins promptly at 12:30. Your stomach is talking to you, but you know you don't have time for the lines in the Café or the Punchout (and who can afford those Punchout prices anyway). Rushing back to your dorm to eat something is out of the question.

The only choice is for you to grab something from one of the Georgia Avenue spots. Now this is where the dilemma thickens. The prices for a meal at McDonald's, Jasmine's, Negril, Subway, or China Wonder are not within your budget.

This situation is not unusual for Howard students. For this reason, students

should receive discounts from the businesses on Georgia Avenue that we so often frequent.

We respect them for at least making an attempt,

Our View: Georgia Avenue businesses should give discounts to Howard students, or risk losing our business.

nalía on its walls, it is only right that the students should be given discounts.

As busy college students, we usually feel we have no choice but to grab a bite to eat at one of the convenient places on Georgia. It is awful that we provide the bulk of the profit that they receive, yet we receive no perks to show customer appreciation, and we barely get acceptable service.

Maybe it is time for us to take a stand on something so important. Why do we keep giving our business to these places that aren't trying to give us a break? We should consider taking our business elsewhere until these eateries decide to do something for the customers that keep them in business.

America: The Modern Day Rome

Take a moment to recall the history of the once great and indomitable city of Rome. Recall that Rome loomed far above all the other countries of the world both in military capability and political power. It was untouchable.

But, as history would have it, all great things must one day come to an end. The fall of the Roman Empire left a

city once the nucleus of a worldwide empire, now not even a fraction of the unconquerable nation that it used to be.

The fate of Rome could very well be the fate of the United States.

Recently, an American aircraft was shot after flying over a "no-fly" zone in Iraq. America, being the stubborn

force that we are, flew despite the zoning to proceed with its inspections. After all, we couldn't allow another country to have the nuclear power that we have.

The U.S. was outraged

than just the United States. Do we feel we can do whatever we please, including ignoring zoning, treaties, and the like? That is absolutely wrong and it sends out the message that the United States is nothing more than a bully.

The question is, how long will this domination last? How long before other nations stand up and say that they are not the inferior?

The United States seems to have some sort of obsession with having the

last word, as is clearly evident in the flying of planes in an Iraqi "no-fly" zone.

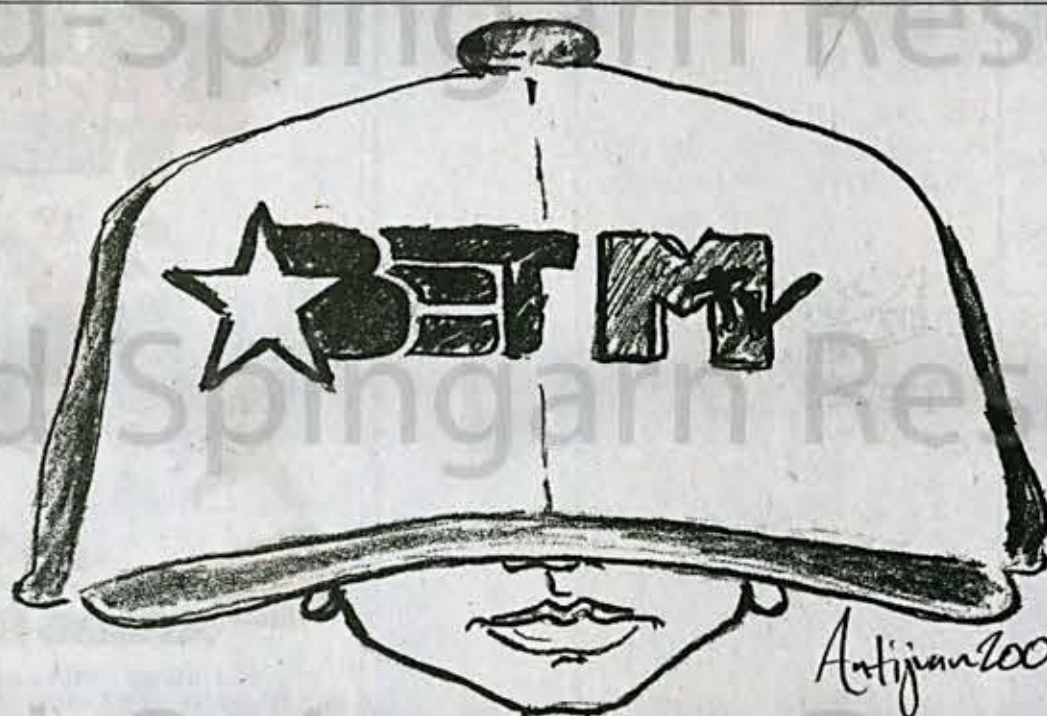
Remember Rome. It had the last word in all world affairs too - that is, until the Empire was destroyed and all that was left was a tiny, powerless dot on a map that was far bigger than the Empire ever realized.

and pushed even further toward the promise of the unnecessary war on Iraq. Correct us if we're wrong, but wasn't it downright dumb to fly in a "no-fly" zone in the first place?

It is no secret that America is the major world leader. However, there is a such thing as abuse of power. The world is so much bigger

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Bush's Ramadan Speech and Through the Eyes of a Concious Muslim

Omar Turner

What was Bush really saying?

I send greetings to Muslims in the United States and around the world as you observe the holy month of Ramadan.

[I extend warm greetings to all Muslims who support my Crusade against Islam and Muslims - to all the others, I extend my deepest enmity.]

Islam is a peace-loving faith that is practiced by more than one billion people, including millions of American Muslims.

[The Islam we have created has very little to do with the revealed revelation of Allah (swt). Our brand of Islam reduces it to a religion, a non-entity, devoid of political life, subservient to Western interests. In a nutshell, the Islam we know is 'Capitalist-Islam'.]

These proud citizens contribute to the diversity that makes our country strong, and the United States is grateful for the friendship and support of many Muslim Nations that are vital partners in the global coalition to fight against terrorism.

[We work to subvert Islam and kill Muslims daily. We pray for their health as long as they can work for our industries. We wish to extend our thanks to the submissive rulers of the Muslim Nations

that have opened up their lands, airspace and waters so that we can continue to increase our hegemony throughout the Muslim world and prevent any semblance of Islamic political resurgence. In particular we salute Islam Karimov of Uzbekistan who has killed and tortured many Muslims who seek to establish an Islamic State, Hamid Karzai who has rendered his services to us and remains a loyal servant, and the Arab rulers who have kindly stood by while Sharon butchered the Muslims of Palestine. We look forward to their forthcoming support for our impending attack on Iraq.]

The Qur'an teaches that Ramadan is a time for fasting, prayer, worship, and contemplation. Muslims observe this month by renewing their dedication to caring for those in need, doing good deeds, and strengthening family and community ties. These actions reflect many of the values that Muslims share with people of other faiths across our Nation and around the world, including courage, compassion, and service.

[We do not want Muslims to understand that Ramadan in history was a month of victory for Islam and Muslims. We do not want them to know that the Conquest of Makkah, the Battle of Badr and the liberation of Al-Quds (Jerusalem) by Salahuddin occurred in the month of Ramadan. We would much rather that Muslims remain solely occu-

pied with fasting, prayer, worship and contemplation. Our aim is to keep Muslims under the shackles of Colonialism.]

America remains committed to freedom, justice, and opportunity for all people. During this season of reverence and examination, we continue to work together for a future of peace, tolerance, and understanding.

[The USA remains committed to oppression, tyranny and colonialism. During Ramadan we will continue to kill Muslims in Afghanistan (we also did this last Ramadan, if you remember) and we will make hasty preparations for our impending war on the people of Iraq. We will work together with those who accept Capitalism and its colonialist worldview. Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists.]

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for a blessed time. May you be well during Ramadan and throughout the coming year.

[Laura also extends best wishes to all Muslims who support the Crusade against Islam and Muslims - to all the others, she extends her deepest enmity. The USA will ensure that during Ramadan and throughout the coming year we will work to cement further our hegemony over your lands, resources and minds.]

A Message to the "Untitled" Men Out There

A response to Kayla Wigler

Johnnie McGee

In response to Kayla Wigler's article in last Friday's Hilltop "Don't give him the title," it was a poor assault that lacked reasonable grounds. For guys who don't have a "title," keep on doing those sweet things for 'her,' and 'her,' and 'her.'

At least for me, if I don't have a title that means that I'm 'entitled' to have no obligations. As an educated black man living in today's society with the emergence of the independent woman, it's not logical to do the whole

breakfast in bed, roses, and a surprise here and there all the time.

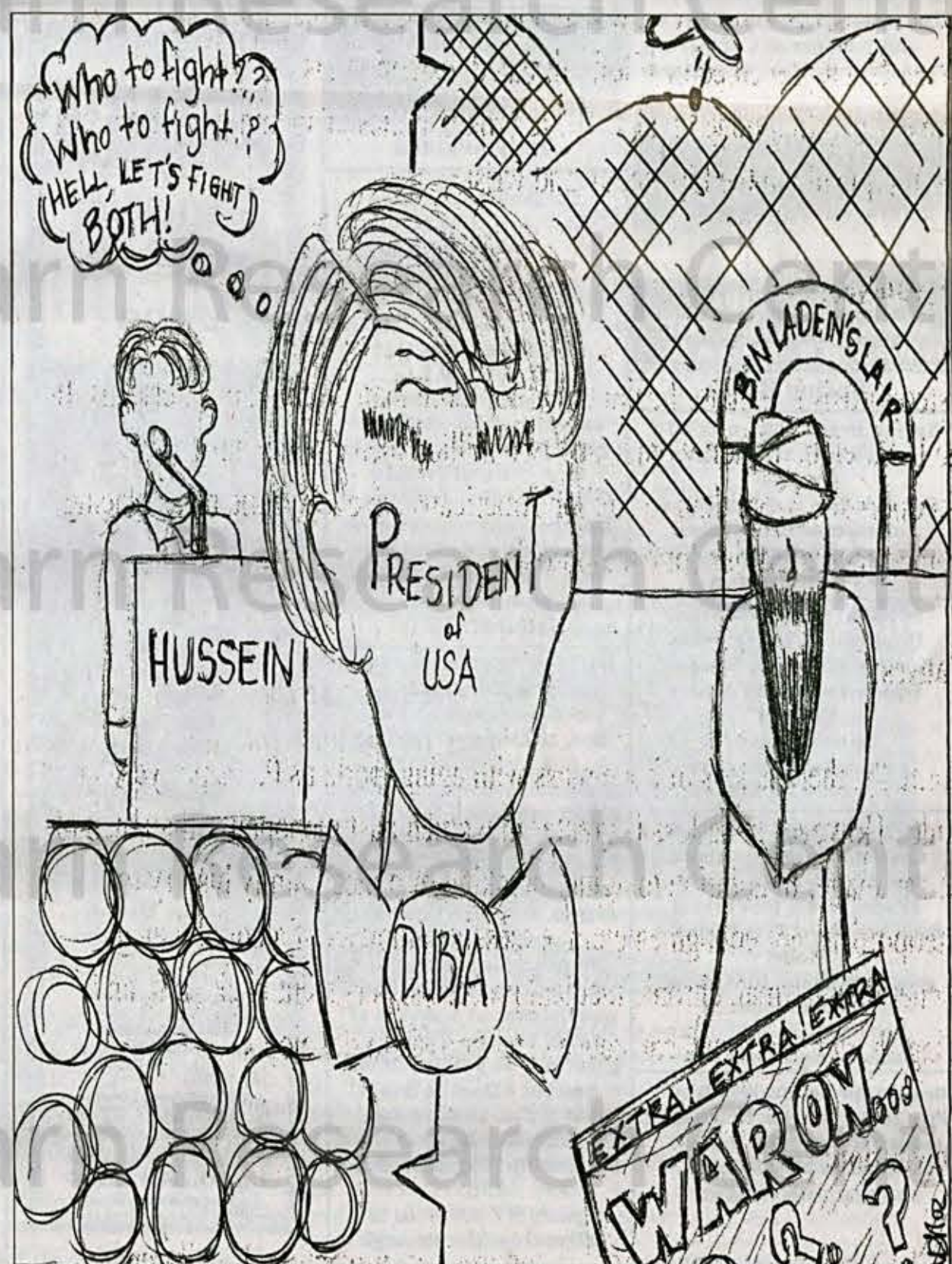
I am not saying don't do it but if we did then these acts are no longer considered special and will be unappreciated. They quickly go from acts of endearment to "Oh Dear, he is really pressed." Besides, sweet gestures are not to be expected but expectedly unexpected.

A solid relationship is based on the premise of give and take. But sometimes a man has to be a man and have some backbone; just because we ask you to do something does not make us demanding. It's more of a test to see if we really are what you call us: "Your Man." Because if we are not, time is being wasted on you when I could be

spending it elsewhere with someone who is willing to step off the high horse and walk with a real man.

To me it seems that Miss Wigler had one bad experience and wrote her anger and frustrations down in her diary. Her ill-conceived perspective is a poor attempt to project bitterness against all males and tries to influence the remainder of women on Howard's campus who still have faith in the dating process.

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