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Recent vice president appointee resigns amidst accusations

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Hilltop Staff Writer

Accusations of improper financial practices, a reestablishment of rumors concerning the sale of WHMM-TV and complaints of block at the administrative level stirring in the corridors of Howard University this week, following the surprise resignation of Vice President for Administration Jack Hall.

A copy of an 11 page letter sent by Hall and addressed to President Franklyn G. Jenifer was anonymously delivered to The HILLTOP this week. In the letter, Hall has "tried to function" since his appointment are outlined.

"I decided to come to Howard University in the belief that the university had a vision of future social change," according to the letter. "But after my arrival, I had

become aware that the environment and conditions under which one is expected to work are generally counter to my basic values and professional ethics."

Hall, who was appointed by President Jenifer just last year to be in charge of the University's buildings and grounds, could not be reached for further comment.

But values and ethics aside, the most serious and potentially damaging of the written accusations, according to President Jenifer, is the implication that the University presents Congress with one set of budget figures when it actually has another set.

"That is a very serious and misleading accusation," said Jenifer in an exclusive HILLTOP interview. Jenifer said organizations often walk away from the bargaining table with amounts lower than requested.

James Fletcher, vice president for Fiscal Affairs, who was per-

sonally attacked in an entire section of the letter, was equally disturbed by the accusations but points to factual and recorded evidence as the test.

"The work of the University and certainly anything I do as chief financial officer is a matter of public record," Fletcher said. "In fact last year our internal auditing when compared to the results of our outside auditors showed a difference of \$200,000 in a \$5 million budget," he noted. "The University has the best system of checks and balances that I know. We can unequivocally withstand any audit, in any area and at any time," declared Fletcher, who is the University's chief financial officer.

And Carolyn Smith, a partner with the international accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand, agrees as well. Her firm has audited the University's fiscal transactions annually since 1989.

"Over the past four years that we have audited Howard, we found the University's fiscal system to be quite sound," Smith said. "At times

when we found areas of concern, we've made recommendations that the University has accepted and has taken steps to correct."

Smith went on to try to shed some light on how such an allegation could have been made.

"Howard University is a dynamic institution with a dynamic budget that evolves over time," Smith explained. "Fluctuations do occur, but the University is definitely not operating under two separate budgets."

Also in the letter, allegations are made that the rumors concerning the sale of WHMM-TV, the University's public television station, are true.

"The fact that a member of Fiscal Affairs contacted the General Counsel's office this summer for guidance about how the University should go about getting rid of its FCC license certainly contributed to the rumor," according to the letter. "Such an action is further testament that plans were afoot to cripple the station with the result likely being its demise."

But Joyce Ladner, vice president for Academic Affairs, says WHMM is not in trouble because of concerted efforts to realign the station under the School of Communications.

"All the board would like to see is our enterprises becoming an integral part of the academic mission for our students, faculty and staff," Ladner said.

"As a result we are working on a plan to fully integrate the TV station with the School of Communications. The station has its problems, but there are a lot of people strongly committed to making WHMM the best it can be while offering the best opportunities for the academic community."

However what was most appalling and disheartening to Vice President for Student Affairs Steve Favors, were the complaints that cabinet meetings are unproductive and that there is an impossible working environment at Howard.

"Many of the things [Hall reportedly] complains of are just part of the job. I feel nothing beats a good



Vice President for Administration Jack Hall

effort," said Favors. "We all inherited various problems and obstacles including budget constraints that have been hard to tackle. But we keep going and make do with what we have."

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Brutal exclusion often inspires determination, whereas the downgrading of achievement could easily lead to exasperation and cynicism."
--Albert Murray

More than \$16,000 worth of vital equipment stolen from The HILLTOP

By Derrick M. Dennis
Hilltop Staff Writer

The HILLTOP was robbed of an estimated \$16,000 worth of equipment last weekend. The stolen items, which included computers, a fax machine, a laser printer, a telephone and a photo scanner, were taken out of the campus paper's office on the ground level of the Howard Plaza Towers West.

The break-in was discovered Sunday at approximately noon when Tempo Section Editor Valarie Williams arrived for work. Williams entered the dark and unlocked office, sat at her desk and turned to where her computer should have been.

Williams said that when she realized the computer was missing, robbery was not the first thought that crossed her mind. Instead, she said, she hoped the computer had been taken to be serviced.

But when she called Managing Editor Larry W. Brown and informed him of the missing computers, Brown was as shocked as Williams. It was not much longer before the entire staff discovered that their newsroom had been burglarized.

Staff members said the stolen items have added to the already difficult task of producing a quality publication this week.

"It's very tight this week," Brown said. "The lack of computers and other equipment has backed everything up and is causing everyone to suffer."

Brown, who was the last person to leave the

office Saturday evening, said he locked the doors and is almost certain the burglary was committed by someone who knew what to take and when to take it.

"Whoever took the equipment knew what they were doing and took the expensive and more necessary equipment," a frustrated Brown said. "Specific things like film, which is kept com-

"We're taking the necessary security measures and we have some leads," Middleton said. "We are confident the investigation will produce some results and the culprit."

pletely out of plain view, were also taken."

But what is potentially more damaging to The HILLTOP is the cost and means of replacing such valuable items, according to editor in chief Otesa Middleton.

"Operating this year has already been difficult because of a budget deficit from last year," Middleton said. "We simply do not have it within our means to replace all of the items that were stolen."

But according to Williams, the staff has it within its means to survive.

"Overall, it's been a big inconvenience, but the culprit is going to have to try a lot harder to put us out of business because in spite of everything, we are publishing a paper this week," Williams said.

Campus police and Metropolitan police surveyed the scene, collected reports from those involved and dusted for fingerprints, but clues and information are still being investigated.

"We're taking the necessary security measures and we have some leads," Middleton said. "We are confident the investigation will produce some results and the culprit."

But malfunctioning security cameras, an ignored alarm signal and a lack of witnesses created a cloud for investigators. The HILLTOP staff and building officials from the start.

"Whoever the culprit was knew what they were doing," said Marvin Whetstone, assistant property manager for the Howard Plaza Towers.

"It is really an unfortunate situation to have a burglary of this significance happen right under our noses, defying a security system, surveillance cameras, a locked entrance and front desk personnel. It's really difficult to solve a mystery like this," Whetstone said.

But according to Middleton, the administration is very sensitive to the situation and has already offered their support.

"President [Franklyn G.] Jenifer is being very positive about the whole situation," Middleton said. "We [The HILLTOP staff] are confident that the administration is behind us 100 percent as far as helping to replace the equipment and finding the perpetrator."

Unfortunately, as Middleton points out, The HILLTOP has no time to waste. "We cannot afford to get caught up in red tape and bureaucracy," Middleton said.

Bison take win streak to Baltimore

By Monica M. Lewis
Hilltop Staff Writer

As dreams of an undefeated season go through their minds, the Bison football squad has proven to be a nightmare for opposing teams. Last weekend was no different, as the Bison handled MEAC foe South Carolina State 30-14, extending their win streak to 11 games dating back to last season.

Tomorrow, Howard takes their 9-0 record to Baltimore where they will face the 2-7 Bears of Morgan State University. Towards the end of the 1991 season, the Bears defeated the Bison 37-28 at Hughes Stadium. Howard has won the last eight out of nine, including last year's 68-21 decision in Greene Stadium.

"Morgan is a team that plays much better at home," said wide receiver Gary "Flea" Harrell. "Two years ago they beat us pretty bad in Baltimore, so we'll definitely have to go in there prepared," continued Harrell, who caught six passes for 80 yards in last Saturday's win.

With the victory, the Bison move up to the number nine spot on the Division I-AA Top 25 poll and, for the third consecutive week, hold the top spot in the Sheridan Black College Poll. With each win, hopes of a conference title and a

possible postseason play-off berth become more realistic.

"If we are to make it to the play-offs, we're going to have to play better this

to go into the fourth quarter with a comfortable 34-0 advantage.

It was not until the closing minutes of the game that the Bulldogs scored



Team members look on as the Bison beat South Carolina State.

week, next week and into the postseason," said fifth-year head coach Steve Wilson.

Against South Carolina State, the Bison drew first blood, scoring off of a two yard touchdown run by Andre Owens early in the first quarter. With 3:49 left in the first half, Jay "Sky" Walker found Harrell in the end zone from 11 yards out, boosting Howard to a 14-0 lead. A Jason Decuir field goal, and two touchdowns from Owens and fullback Rupert Grant enabled the Bison

their two touchdowns, one, a 41 yard pass from quarterback Marvin Marshall to an open receiver, the other off a fumble return.

Grant, who led the team in rushing with 109 yards off of 18 attempts, leads the team in total touchdowns with 12 for the season.

"I came in from the off-season wanting to play my role," said Grant. "I want to do anything to help the team."

The Bison defense, which ranks third behind FAMU and South Carolina State

in the MEAC, held the Bulldogs to 262 total yards, far from Howard's 440. Bison linebacker Sheku Aliu, who had nine tackles and two quarterback sacks, was named MEAC Defensive Player of the Week. Aliu, along with other defenders like Neal Downing, Marc Christie, Jose White, Lajeremy Adamson and Dondre Owens, to name a few, will have to hold back a Morgan State team whose offense is rated third behind Howard and North Carolina A&T, averaging 407.89 per game. Morgan's quarterback, Orlando Persell, is rated second in the conference behind Walker, throwing for 209.78 yards a game.

"If we [the defense] play the way we did against South Carolina, we should have no problem with Morgan," said Aliu.

Should Howard win tomorrow's game, they will have the opportunity to cap off a perfect regular season in Dover, Delaware next weekend, where they will face the Delaware State Hornets. The Hornets, coming off an 25-19 upset of North Carolina A&T, are one game behind the Bison in MEAC standings at 4-1.

"We got to take it one game at a time," said wide receiver James Cunningham. "However, we need to win both games to guarantee a MEAC title."

CAMPUS

Howard receives ancestral remains of former slave

By Nicole R. Alexander
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The Howard University community gathered for a day of historical and academic celebration in honor of the University's reception of the ancestral remains of enslaved Africans, the earliest and largest African archaeological collection in the United States.

These ancestral remains were uncovered in archaeological excavation from an African burial ground in New York in 1991 and 1992. According to the Liaison Office of the African Burial Ground in Five points Archaeological Project, the Burial Ground provides noteworthy evidence that enslaved Africans did exist in colonial New York.

A symposium on Nov. 5, titled "The Ties That Bind," detailed the findings at the burial ground and explained their historical and present significance. The day concluded with a ceremonial tribute at 6 p.m. in Cramton Auditorium followed by a reception with African foods in the Armour J. Blackburn Center Ballroom.

"A week ago, Howard University celebrated its homecoming. Today we gather to celebrate another kind of homecoming — a spiritual one,



photo by Lesleyoy Alleyne

an academic one," President Franklyn G. Jenifer said at the ceremonial tribute.

The study of the ancestral remains will be conducted at the University under the direction of Associate Professor of Anthropology Michael Blakey.

When the excavation began, African Americans in New York were angry about the way the dig was handled and the absence of members of the descendant community, namely African Americans, working on the project. The remains were the subject of a political dispute involving whether or not the study would be directed by anthropologists at the University or at Lehman College in New York.

The project is considered to be beneficial to both the University and the African-American community in New York because African Americans are working on the project.

Blakey hopes the project will serve as a catalyst for establishing an actual department of Anthropology.

"The Ancestral Burial Ground project will avail students of an extraordinary opportunity to do anthropological research. And I hope that it will convince the

faculty and administration for need of an anthropology department and graduate program," Blakey said.

Blakey spoke of the importance of having a means in which African Americans can research their history.

"Currently, there is no school of anthropology at any of the big colleges and universities. So we are at a great disadvantage when it comes to researching our history," Blakey said.

The type of information and his associates hope to uncover through their research includes the way the slaves' health was affected by their physical labor, what kind of work they did and their diet. The remains will also be helpful in research because the hair may contain DNA. There is a chance that some computer enhanced pictures can be created from the remains buried at the site.

According to Blakey, the project will bring a great deal of recognition to the University, said programs like the symposium which members of the community attended, will provide opportunities for improved relations between the University and the community.

Alumni plan restoration of historic Howard Hall



By Mandinema R. Kumbula
Hilltop Staff Writer

With the help of the Department of Alumni Affairs, Howard Hall will once again become the center of campus life.

Howard Hall, located behind the Administration Building, was built between 1867 and 1869 and was originally the private residence of General Oliver Otis Howard. Howard founded the University and served as its third president. At the time, Howard was considered to be revolutionary because of his views regarding ex-slaves. He believed ex-slaves could be educated and could serve as head of the Freedman's Bureau. The Bureau was established during the Reconstruction period to meet the needs of newly freed slaves.

On May 30, 1974, Howard Hall was declared a national historic landmark. According to Le Droit Park

Preservation Society President Theresa F. Brown, "It is the only remaining original building on the campus."

Brown said the building will be restored to its original state both internally and externally, including its original color. At one time the 16-room mansion was used as the music school and housed faculty-senate offices. The furnishings of the building have been removed until the restoration is complete.

According to Denise Mitchell from the Department of Alumni Affairs, the furniture was built in 1865 and originally belonged to a family in Atlanta.

"This is the last physical link to the University's birth. We owe it to ourselves to fix what's ours," Mitchell said.

The restoration, which is expected to take four years, will cost between \$1.1 million and \$2 million. Dr. Omega Silvers, who serves on the

Howard University Board of Trustees, is in charge of the project which falls under the jurisdiction of the class of 1958.

The Department of Alumni Affairs is soliciting grants and accepting donations. They hope alumni will give money back to the school for the project.

"We have to learn to give something back. It's very important," Brown said.

Once Howard Hall has been restored, it will serve as a Visitor's Center and the headquarters for Alumni Affairs. Visitor's Center is designed for returning alumni, visiting scholars, parents, dignitaries and friends of the University.

During the Howard Hall Restoration Sign unveiling on Oct. 30, it was revealed that the hall will include a formal reception area, conference room, lounge and alumni offices.

HUSA Schedule

November

- 19 - Rally — Blackburn Center Forum
- 28-Dec. 4 - Kwanzaa Festival — Blackburn Center

December

- 4 - Awake Lecture Series — Women in the Struggle — Blackburn Center
- 7 - Jazz & Poetry Session — Punchout
- 8-9 - African Market Place — Blackburn Ballroom

HUSA to select students to aid in planning for Wonder Plaza

By Derricke M. Dennis
Hilltop Staff Writer

To some students at Howard University, a voice in University practices, policies and plans is nearly an impossible feat, even for student government officials.

But the Howard University Student Association is changing this gloomy state of affairs with its request for and selection of student representatives on the planning committee for the newly acquired Wonder Plaza retail complex.

Purchased in August from local developer Douglass Jemal for an estimated \$18.3 million, Wonder Plaza has become a source of contention throughout the University as administrative plans and student needs clash.

Included in the complex are several retail establishments on the street level of the main building, two additional floors above and two adjacent structures offering a total of over 65,000 square feet of vacant space.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony for the complex in September, Howard University President Franklyn G. Jenifer described tentative plans to include a new and expanded University bookstore, a new computer operations center, an international affairs center and new offices for The HILLTOP.

In addition, HUSA President Terri Wade submitted a proposal, during the ceremony, to Dr. Jenifer outlining what services and facilities her student constituents could benefit from in the new acquisition.

HUSA feels that student input into the planning and development stages for this prime, but vacant space is essential for the proper and most beneficial use of the facility.

"In the proposal I submitted to Dr. Jenifer that outlined what HUSA would like to see implemented

into the building, we also asked that there be student representatives on the planning committee for Wonder Plaza," explained Wade at last week's HUSA policy board meeting. "And since then, I've asked for a student council for each school to nominate representatives."

Wade and many of the other student leaders present at the policy board meeting believe the representatives cannot serve in name only just because they were nominated.

"I had planned to just submit all of the names of the nominees to the administration but I do feel they should be some selection process," Wade said. "But what's most important is that they agree with the points and plans outlined in our proposal because they will be the ones defending it in the committee meetings."

And for School of Communications Studies Council President Roslyn Satchel, confidence and preparedness are the qualities these representatives need in order to successfully defend HUSA's proposed plans.

"We need to challenge these students on the issue before they start attending these committee meetings to see if they will stand their ground," Satchel said. "If they are intimidated by our questions and challenges, they will really be in trouble when they get into a meeting with administrators and engineers."

But an arbitrary limit of three student representatives by administrators this week, according to Wade, is an unfortunate and unfair constraint.

"Three student representatives isn't even close to what we asked for in our initial proposal," Wade said. "The varied interests of students in each school cannot possibly be served by such a small number."

Students get "professional" advertising direction

By Andrea C. Coston
Hilltop Staff Writer

Eleven of Howard University's advertising students packed their bags and headed for New York City this weekend determined to find direction for their careers at the 37th Annual Advertising Career Conference held there.

The conference, sponsored by Advertising Women of New York and the Fashion Institute of Technology, consisted of workshops and lectures given by top professionals in the advertising industry.

The three-day conference, which attracted students from as far away as South Dakota, kicked off on Friday night with a party. Participants were given the opportunity to meet with industry professionals in an informal setting.

Saturday started off with Judy Lotas, a partner in Lotas Minard Patton McIver, speaking about her agency. This agency created the advertisements for Revlon. "Advertising is a people business," she advised students to remember.

That was soon followed by speakers from Lintas: New York, the agency that created the new Maybelline ads without Lynda

Carter. Conference participants viewed television commercials that the agencies produced.

"It was impressive to actually see the creators of commercials," senior Aimee Camilien said.

Students were then allowed to choose three of the 23 workshops offered. These workshops tried to encompass all aspects of the advertising industry. Several people

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expressed disappointment that they couldn't attend more.

Sunday wrapped up the conference with a lecture titled, "How to Market the Product You Know Best: You." Resume and portfolio clinics were also offered to help participants prepare for their futures in advertising.

Some students found the conference quite beneficial. "It was very helpful and informative. It helped me decide where I wanted to go," senior Nicole Brown said.

But not all students were as pleased. Senior Ericka Wilcher felt

that the conference was not what she was hoping for. She said she expected a little more hands-on activity as opposed to being told the information. "You could look at and read the information given. More interaction between professionals and students would have been helpful," she said. Wilcher also thought the conference was more helpful to younger students.

Sophomore Kimberly Coop had mixed feelings about the weekend. "Overall it was a good conference. I don't think I could have gotten the same information from Howard, but I wish the workshops were more hands-on and packed with stuff," Coop said.

The Advertising Women of New York created this event 37 years ago and started working with the Fashion Institute of Technology in the late 1970s. The location of the conference impacted on students also. According to Camilien, "It was a learning experience that made me want to live in New York."

The students who attended the conference all seemed to get something out of it. Several returned with more of a direction and a purpose for their careers.

photos by Lesleyoy Alleyne

Correction Box

Due to an error in the article "Student leaders voice opinion over debate of faculty tenure" that ran in the Nov. 5, 1993 issue, the name of the Undergraduate Trustee was misspelled. The correct spelling of the Undergraduate Trustee's name is Leavy Matthews III.

CAMPUS PLUS

SPEAK OUT

Is Veterans Day another holiday for you or do you take time to remember America's Veterans?

"I actually pay respect to the Veterans because I have family members who are Vets. I spend time with the family members learning and finding out stories from the past."



Keith Brown
Finance
Sophomore

"I do pay respect, especially to the Vietnam Veterans. Last year I went to the Vietnam Memorial and it was emotional. We should respect them because they are out there fighting even if it is not right. We have to give respect to those who have fought in the past, present and the future."



Theresa Plaskett
Biology
Junior

"To me it is more of a holiday because to me it does not touch home. I don't have any Veterans in my family, so I can not relate."



Gary Welcome
Physics
Junior

"Inside I pay respect. I don't do certain things for them, but they have fought for our country and deserve respect."



Leslie Payne
Biology
Freshman

"I don't pay respect because I don't think the armed forces are structured to benefit black people. Most black men I know are in the service because they have children and that is the only way to support them."



Amaud Johnson
English
Junior

"I pay respect to Veterans. My dad is a Vietnam Veteran, and we usually go down and look at the memorial and the people who have died."



Tiffany Smith
Elementary Education
Junior

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Veteran's Day: Different day to different people

By LaWanda Stone
Hilltop Staff Writer

Patriots hung flags outside their homes, swamped the new woman's Vietnam War Memorial, studied the names on the wall and watched the Veterans Day Parade on television yesterday to recognize members of the armed forces who have sacrificed their lives for the nation.

Veterans Day was set aside to honor those who served in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm. Major Calvin Fields, advisor to army cadets on military matters at Howard University, said, "Veterans Day is a day to show respect to the soldiers of today and those who served yesterday. It is also a day to let the military know that it is appreciated for what it has done," Fields said.

Even though Howard University did not host formal events for the holiday, the ROTC participated in a Veterans Day Ball at Bolling Air Force Base. Maj. Gen. Lester Lyles, a 1968 graduate of Howard University, spoke at the ceremony.

According to Lt. Col. Daryl Umstead, professor of

aerospace studies, a toast was made at the ball to commemorate armed servers who died, are missing or are prisoners of war. A table with upside-down glasses was set aside to commemorate the soldiers who could not be present.

Captain Michael Richards, assistant professor of aerospace studies, went to Arlington Cemetery on Thursday to visit deceased relatives.

"The key is that a lot of people do private things to honor their loved ones on Veterans Day," Richards said.

Captain Richards was the first to volunteer to go to the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm.

"I had to do what I could," he said. Richards served as an intelligence and maintenance officer.

Lennie Jones is a former United States Naval officer, but he does not share the same emotional connection to Veterans Day that some of his colleagues feel.

"I do not know anyone who was killed in a war. Since I haven't had a personal loss, I don't get caught up in the emotion of the holiday," Jones said.

While shopping malls were crowded with people who took advantage of the day's sales, many chose to relax at home.

Howard Women's Club seeks to unite alumnae, students

By Melissa E. James
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University Women's Club of Washington, D.C., is looking for alumnae to join its ranks.

The purpose of the Women's Club, according to its Constitution and By-Laws, is to "promote and encourage contacts, exchange ideas and fellowship among all Howardites, particularly Howard graduates and undergraduate women..."

The Women's Club was founded in 1925 by Lucy Diggs Slowe, former Dean of Women, as a community service club bringing University undergraduate women together.

According to Juanita Watts, President of the Women's Club and 1970 University graduate, there are currently 40 active members in the club.

Many members of the club feel there are benefits to joining.

"The club is so inspirational. It's a group of great women going places and I wanted to go with them," 1953 Howard graduate Inez Dougherty explained.

Electra Williams, a 15-year member, agrees.

"I believe in the principals of the club, which are to further the growth of Howard University and to promote both community service and intellectual growth," Corresponding Secretary Williams said.

"Through the club, I have enhanced my ability to understand and get along with other people. When we see a need in the community, we try to fill it," Williams said.

Williams, a 1955 graduate, is the coordinator of the Women's Club annual November luncheon. The club considers its luncheon its most important event.

"We come together every November for a luncheon and give a scholarship to a needy undergraduate female," Watts said.

"She must have attended Howard for at least one year and meet the academic criteria set by the scholarship committee."

This year, Sophomore Sociology major Kerrie Brown won a \$500 scholarship from the Women's Club.

According to Williams, 200 tickets were sold for this year's luncheon at the Howard University Hotel last Sunday.

Members of the Women's Club must be Howard alumnae or must have attended the University for at least one year.

"There are approximately 100 members of the club; however, not all of the members are active. We would like to have more members in the club," the club coordinator said.

Regular membership is \$15 a year. Life membership is \$150, and the club meets in the Blackburn Center the second Sunday of every month, Williams added.

Law school renovations bring students up to date

By Aliya Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Students at the Howard University School of Law will soon enjoy the benefits of the \$8 million renovations taking place on the law school campus.

The money for the renovations was appropriated during Former University President James E. Cheek's years in office to update some of the buildings on the law school campus. In addition, computers will be provided for law students in the admissions process and in a computer center.

Assistant Dean of Admissions for the Howard University School of Law Tedd Miller said that approximately 85 percent of the renovations are completed and the remaining work will be completed by the summer.

"The students will receive first-class services and a first-class law degree," Miller said.

Miller said he was excited about the additional assistance students will receive from recently hired administrators. Previously, one

person was responsible for financial aid and student services. Now, one person will be responsible for each of the services and will be equipped with a staff.

According to Miller, if the students file their financial aid statements by the due date and they are to receive financial aid, their checks will be waiting for them when they return to school for the next semester. With 447 students in the three classes at the law school, the school will be able to boast great individual assistance.

An updated computer will be set up to connect all files, records, financial aid and admissions entries. This will allow accessibility to all computers on the law school campus, as well as the main campus. Miller said he believes this will eliminate errors and give faculty and students more free time.

Third year student and president of the student bar association Yewande Dada is anxious to see the completion of the project.

"All we know is that our

campus has been torn up for two years. But when all is done, it will be a beautiful campus, more so than it is now," Dada said.

The improved computer center is also something many students are looking forward to.

"The new center will be great because then we will not have to jockey over the computers that we do have," Dada said.

Students have access to 15 Macintosh computers and two IBM computers. The new center will provide more than 50 computers. Miller said this will create the best ratio of student accessibility in the region. A full-time employee will be available to help students with questions or problems relating to the computers.

The Howard University School of Law will celebrate on Jan. 6 its 125th anniversary. Activities are scheduled to commemorate the alumni of the law school who have practiced and have been successful throughout the world. Former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, an alumnus, will be paid a special tribute.

The Graduate Newsletter

- GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY**
 - Workshops
 - For information, go to 2nd Student Services at the School of Arts and Sciences. The deadline is Nov. 20.
 - Roberts Harris Fellowship - Affairs and Policy has awards available. The deadline is Nov. 1993.
 - Will be participating in the University Kwanzaa celebration from Nov. 28-Dec. 5.
 - Society of Black Engineers - in conjunction with GSA are having a math and science from Thursday at the School of Engineering, Rm 2006, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY**
 - Will be having its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 18 at 4:50 p.m. in the Blackburn Center Forum.
- HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**
 - The President of Howard University, Dr. Franklyn Jenifer, will address the law school community on Thursday, Nov. 18, 1993 at 12 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. All members of the law school community are welcome.
 - Attend the Legal Career Expo for 1Ls! The Expo will be held on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. in Classroom #1 HH. Interested students should pre-register in OCS.
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HU CRIME REPORT

- A robbery suspect was found and pointed out by his victim in the University cafeteria. The suspect was taken in for questioning and later arrested by Metropolitan Police.
- A professor in Douglass Hall reported that someone broke into her room and ransacked it. There are no signs of forced entry.
- Two students were robbed by three suspects on 6th Street at 3 a.m. One suspect was carrying a .38-caliber rifle. One suspect told the students to lay on the ground while the other two suspects took their money. The robbery is being investigated by the Metropolitan Police.
- A professor in the Architecture and Planning Building reported that the locks on her desk drawers were cut off. A few items of unknown worth were stolen.
- A car was broken into at Drew Hall Dormitory and two stand-up speakers were taken at 11:30 p.m. The suspect broke in through the driver's side door lock.
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THE HILLTOP



Bison deserve praise for a job well done

Right now, the Bison football team is the hottest team in Washington, D.C. Washington is a city that is familiar with having a winning tradition in sports, or at least in football. The Bullets play less than desirable basketball, the Washington Capitals are playing pretty good hockey, and although each of these two teams just started their seasons, they aren't the talk of town. The talk of Washington is usually about football. But at the moment, the city is in a state of "culture shock" because the Redskins have won just two games this season so far.

However, Howard University is standing tall among the glum fans who follow the Redskins and perhaps the University of Maryland's Terrapins. The Howard Bison football team is the best ticket in town in terms of watching an organized sports team. And if you didn't have a chance to go to any of the Bison home games, you missed out. No team has come into the Bison's backyard and beat them. The Bison's last two games are away against Morgan State and Delaware State.

From their success on the football field, they have gotten a bit of

media attention, especially Jay Walker and Gary "The Flea" Harrell. Senior quarterback Jay Walker was featured on the front page of the Style section in The Washington Post, while his roommate wide receiver Harrell was profiled on Channel 7 news last week. They were even on Donnie Simpson's WPGC morning radio show, along with safety Neal Downing. And for the past month the team has been covered on the front page of The Hilltop.

This is well-deserved, well-earned hype for the Bison football team and Howard University. If there was ever a bandwagon to be jumped on, fans outside of Howard University can come aboard for the ride. School spirit at this institution should be at a high just as the football team is.

If the Bison are making just a ripple in the Washington media, just imagine what should be going on around campus. This is Howard University and students during the week go back and forth to classes with a lot on their minds other than football. However, since students at the Mecca are shelling out money to be here, school pride and spirit is needed, and the team needs sup-

port.

The 9-0 Bison are ranked top 10 among I-AA colleges and are in first place in the Eastern Athletic Conference finishing 11-0 by season's end is a possibility for the Bison, a quest that they can turn into a reality.

Usually when football rolls around in Washington, the only talk about the Redskins is the Terrapins. The Bison get the age, but never the type they're getting now. Unfortunately, a by-product of the increased media coverage of the Bison, the other teams are not doing as well.

So Howard University, the historically black college whose ball team is doing extremely well is being recognized. There's no need to wonder would the Bison receiving so much hype if the skins were also undefeated doesn't matter, and it should be. Everything and everyone will be their day in the sun at some point. And right now, the sun is shining brightly on the Bison football

Letter to the Editor

The article that appeared in last week's The HILLTOP (Greek letter organizations must stop arguing, unite, 10-22-93) is a graphic example of the intellectual flight that many greek letter organization members as well as commentators and critics have taken.

When looking at "greek life," there are many views; prospective members might perceive belonging to a social nirvana, the average student might consider membership an undergraduate past-time, conscious people could construe "greek life" as divisive and retrograde, while organization members have a variety of personal perceptions. Nevertheless, the issues and images of greek-lettered life on the black college campus in particular, Howard University, are becoming more and more problematic.

I feel that at a time of social crisis and spiritual decline in the African-American community, strained relationships between formally educated and non-formally educated people as well as among greek letter organization members and other such groups, there exist gaping ravines that need closure.

The history of fraternal organizations in the African-American community is something all African Americans should view with pride. However, there are blots on greek letter life. Issues of complexion and sexual prowess

linger in the atmosphere of perspective conversation and remain logical slicing swords used to detract membership. One need not look far back to the beginning of this decade to read articles on the deaths or injuries of persons "trying to pledge hard" into a mortal organization. I believe that it is mutual stupidity on both sides — for a group to degrade another human and for a person to allow themselves to be degraded for colors, men, women, status, identity or whatever. I believe that a person should already embody those traits and live life to enhance an already viable element of his or her personality. The petty issues of whose colors look better, whose national membership is more popular and which group came first are moot topics in light of rising crime, poverty, xenophobia, infant mortality, health issues and economic isolation felt by the larger African-American community.

However, the divisiveness between African-American groups has a long and painful history similar to the "crab barrel theory." It is my utter belief that no organization is perfect because it is composed of fallible people. On the other hand, the tension that exists between greek letter organizations has more to do with foul personalities and myopic reason than the founding precepts of a particular organization. These are

the traits that plague the progress of the collective African-American community. It is those traits that must be nipped in the bud, the humanization of all people regardless of complexion, height, type, hair length, eye color, religious affiliation, GPA, regional home, financial status, height, any other "difference."

In essence, I feel that African Americans should look to greek-lettered organizations and let that problems evident are a microcosm of a larger picture with longer history than the founding date of whatever organization. Ultimately, it does not make a difference what group came first, shallow and childish personalities are absorbed into such great organizations. What it means is the demise of all credible African-American greek letter organizations during which the larger African-American community is siphoned off into a whirlpool of physical jails and mental prisons while college educated people are being consumed by petty irrelevant points.

So what to say for the African Negro? In the words of St. Lee — WAKE UP!

Ida Jones is a Howard University alumna.

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Television does NOT overly influence children

Who has the greatest influence on children today? Is it the parents, the teachers or Beavis and Butthead? You know Beavis and Butthead — those two obnoxious, mischievous, animated characters on MTV. The two fictitious "role models" on their show do everything from sniffing paint thinner to setting fires.

Also on their show, the two characters goof off in class, foul up jobs to earn money and watch and critique videos. Perhaps what is most distinctive about Beavis and Butthead is their laughs. "Uh huh huh."

So why are they an influence on children? Actually they're not. It has been reported that a child has set a fire to a home and it resulted in losing his two-year-old sister. The reason he did it was reportedly because he saw Beavis and Butthead do it. The devastated parents of the child have told him not to watch the show, but as children are disobedient at times, he watched it anyway.

MTV and the producers of Beavis and Butthead have been getting much criticism on the content of the show. Maybe MTV should

cancel the show completely. Not. What MTV has done, however, is schedule Beavis and Butthead at a later time at night. Uh huh huh, cool.

Right now, Beavis and Butthead are the most popular characters on television. They are on the covers of magazines and are highly mentioned in the media, whether it is based on controversy or popularity. But what is more important is that THEY ARE NOT REAL!

Blaming a television show for how a child acts or how anyone acts is not a realistic conclusion to be made. If it is, then what great strides has Barney the purple dinosaur made to restore peace in neighborhoods?

"The Program" is a motion picture about a college football team's activities off the field. It focuses on the pressures of a head coach getting fired if he doesn't have a successful season. It shows how players receive extra money that isn't included in their scholarships — under the table. It also shows a player using steroids in order to improve his athletic performance on the field.

There was one scene in the movie

where a few of the players laid down on the middle of the road as cars were going by. Well, there was one lad of 17 years who saw the movie and actually tried this stunt and got killed in the process. The movie was attacked and blamed for the tragedy of the young fellow. In his 17 years of life, no one had told him that cars are dangerous if and when one gets hit.

So now the entertainment world is the center of attack and being labeled a bad influence on children. Usually the idea of entertainment is to get away from one's personal problems, whether big or small, and to watch fictitious characters deal with theirs. It wasn't meant to be used to find solutions to real-life problems or even imitated. The adage "life is stranger than fiction" comes to mind because there aren't many things stranger or more dangerous than letting a person or characters that aren't real run your life.

Government should set policy on human cloning

Recently, scientists at the American Fertility Society in Montreal attracted the attention of the world with news of a successful experiment in human embryo cloning. The team of George Washington University scientists took 17 human embryos and multiplied them into 48. The success of the experiment, although remarkable, raised serious bioethical questions. The most important being: How far should we develop this technology?

Many ethicists worry that this experiment may lead to human embryo factories and the ability to mass-produce a "master-race" of genetically engineered human beings. The truth is, however, that such a Hitler-inspired nightmare is well beyond the technological reach of modern scientists and will remain so for a number of years.

In fact, the process the GWU team used in its cloning experiment has been used for more than a decade by agricultural researchers to clone embryos from cattle, pigs and other animals. More complex endeavors involving cutting and splicing DNA strands have also been successfully mastered by scientists. Nevertheless, this project was the first such cloning experiment to use human embryos, and therefore it is generating calls for restrictions to be placed on experimentation in this field.

More than 25 countries have set policy restrictions on this type of experimental technology, but scientists in the U.S. remain unregulated as there is no federal funding of these projects that could be cut off to force compliance with regulations.

What the U.S. should do is assign

another congressional commission to get policy in this arena (a previous commission that set artificial fertilization policy was disbanded in 1990). Before any other steps are taken to develop this technology, the U.S. should develop a clearly stated position on the subject. The policy should address both the scientific and medical need for continuing cloning work and the dangers it can present.

This issue is about more than science. It involves ethics and whether we know it or not, may cause a fundamental shift in the American concept of morality.

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PERSPECTIVES

Support the fight for D.C. statehood

Shalon A. Story

Supporting statehood for the residents of the District of Columbia stands at the core of the principles of justice and fairness. Without statehood, the District lacks not only full and equal Congressional representation, but all legislation and budgets dully passed by local legislators are subject to congressional and presidential scrutiny and veto. The New Columbia Admission Act (H.R. 51 and S. 898) provides for Congressional representation for more than 600,000 District citizens and creates the same measure of economic, judicial and legislative autonomy for the District's residents that is enjoyed by residents of every other state in the country.

The House and the Senate statehood bills seek to admit the District of Columbia as the 51st

state in the Union. The legislation will create the state of New Columbia from much of what is now the District of Columbia. The bills do not eliminate the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., but merely reduce its size to the federal enclave — those areas which Congress views essential to the proper, unimpeded functioning of the federal government, such as the White House, Congress, Supreme Court, etc.

This would not be the first time that the size of the nation's capital has been reduced. In 1846 Virginia requested and received back land it originally ceded to the federal government for the District of Columbia because of outcries by Alexandria residents over their continued political disenfranchisement and fears that Congress would outlaw slavery in the District. The Supreme Court declined to overturn this Act of Congress. The New Columbia

Act preserves the constitutional-mandated federal seat of government, but merely once again reduces its size — not for purposes of slavery, but to ensure equal representation under the law to District residents.

Congress has historically used three basic criteria in determining whether a state is ready for admission to the Union. The District passes all three tests. D.C. residents have, through a democratic process, expressed their desire to be a state, have accepted the representative form of government practiced in the United States and have sufficient population and resources to support a state.

District residents fulfill the obligations of citizenship. The District has lacked representation in the military. Its residents have served in all wars since the War for Independence. During the Vietnam War, D.C. had more

casualties than 10 states (more per capita than 47). D.C. sent more soldiers to the Persian Gulf than 19 states, yet had no vote on the floor of the House or Senate when Congress approved military involvement. The District is the only entity subject to United States jurisdiction that is taxed but has no full and equal voting representation in Congress. Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa, all U.S. territories, pay no federal income taxes. D.C. residents, on the other hand, are not only taxed, but pay more per capita than 48 of the 50 states. Out of 115 countries in the world with elected national legislatures, the United States and South Africa alone deny representation to all who live in the capital cities.

Presently, legislators from other states legislate for the District of Columbia. Nearly as many people live in Washington as in

six states. We pay more federal taxes than eight states. Yet, we have no federal voting representation, and thus, no vote on the matters of public policy which shape our lives. Since we have no U.S. Senator, we have no input into the selection of federal judges, as we are denied access to the democratic forum of debate.

We not only lack autonomy on the federal level, but we are also denied the fundamental right to self-determination in all matters of local legislative and budgetary authority. One clear manifestation of this is our inability to tax 65 percent of the income earned in the District, as we are uniquely prohibited from negotiating reciprocal taxing relationships with surrounding areas. Each and every one of our local laws and budgets are subject to congressional scrutiny and the threat of presidential veto.

Statehood is the only option

for the residents of the District of Columbia, who seek no more than people in any other state — the right to self-determination; full and equal voting representation in Congress; and local legislative, budgetary and judicial autonomy.

The New Columbia Admission Act will come to the floor of the House of Representatives this year. Your help is needed to urge your representatives to vote "yes." The time has come to actively support the District of Columbia's struggle for self-determination. The time has come to end the colonization of the residents of the capital of our nation. The time for D.C. statehood is now.

Shalon A. Story is a graduating political science major and former president of the Howard NAACP.

The real Africa: Not what many people have in mind

By Robinson Cook

Check this out Howard University. I came to the serious realization during the month of August, that the United States, whether borrowed or not, has developed a culture that it may call its own. My conclusion does not come from taking a whole lot of black diaspora and African history courses where these kinds of head-end debates rage on daily. Nope! Nor does it come from reading a million scholarly books about the African continent.

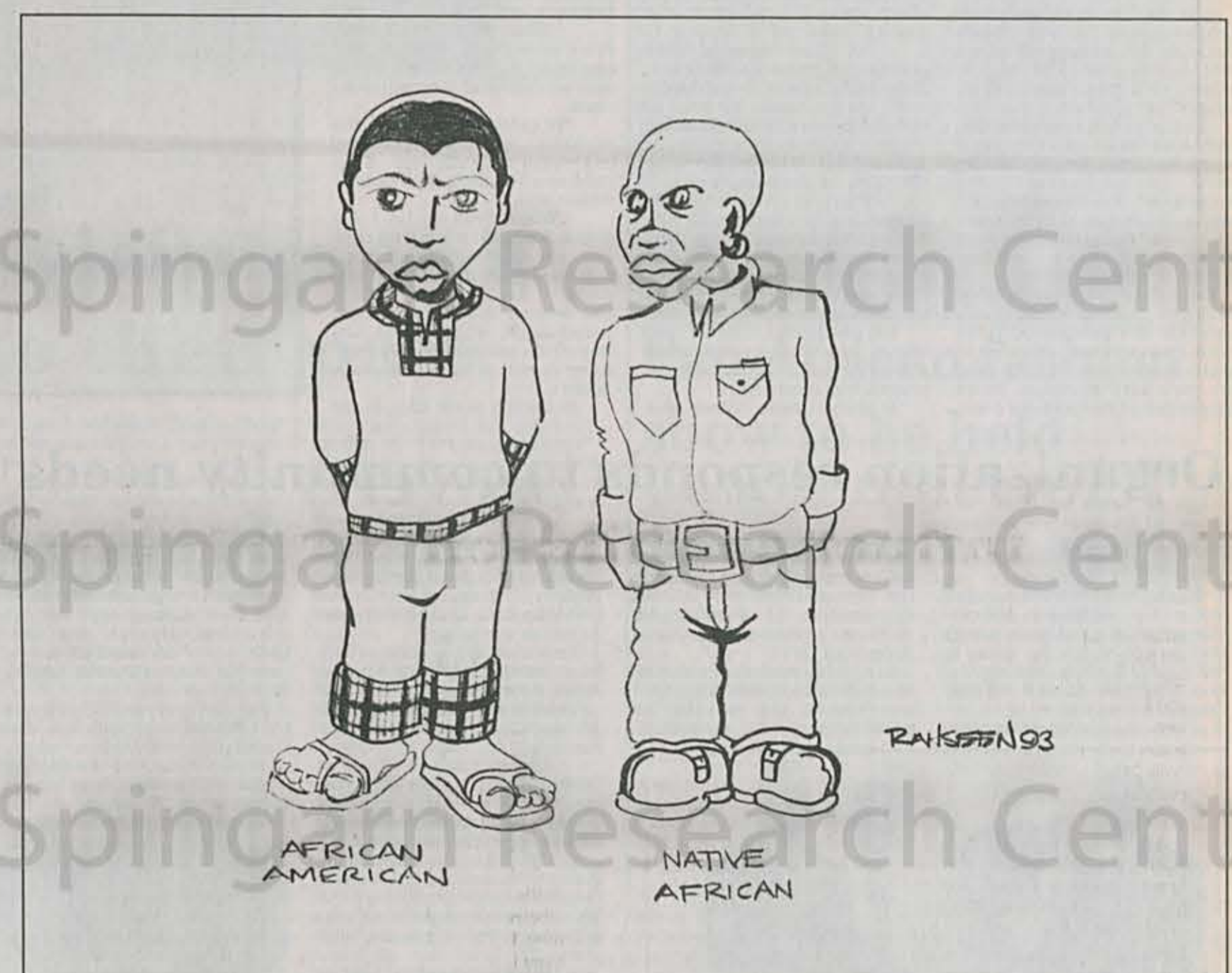
Instead, I had the fortunate opportunity to check out the Motherland through the quixotic and broken lens of black double consciousness; and let me tell you, it was one hell of an eye opener. No, actually it was a straight kick in the old derriere more than anything else. But the boot was well-deserved and taken in stride.

My stay was mainly concentrated in and around the metro area of Zimbabwe's capital city, Harare, and complimented by a three day stint on the island of Madagascar. Now that I am back in the United States, I can safely say that my views about both the U.S. and Africa have taken a turn away from my previous ignorance.

colored, but as I walked around the city of Harare, rarely, if at all, did I see Dashiki's or Kente cloth, which are often talked about and worn by the more earthly individuals who are claiming they are in touch with their African roots. Rather, to my surprise, the young people of Zimbabwe dress in baggy blue jeans and the brand name clothing of their country.

This is not to say that they never dress in their garments of old, but that for the most part, their styles are much more up to date, contradicting our perceptions of them as being more antiquated and traditional.

One of the more difficult things about adjusting to Zimbabwe was its slower pace of life. I always felt, coming from the U.S., as though I had something more to do and wanted to keep myself busy and moving. People from Zimbabwe, on the other hand, were a little more informal and not as pressed about time like most of us are. Don't be fooled by my description into thinking that they are a torpid and listless people. If you were to look out over Samora Machel Avenue at midday, you would definitely see that Harare is alive and bustling with thousands of people, but it is their attitude and approach to life that is much more laid back than our own.



Furthermore, most young black folks have to have a high opinion of themselves when it comes to working in jobs that aren't high in prestige and fail to give instant material notoriety. Now I understand why the Jamaican, the Haitian and the African can come over here and work three jobs in the short run and become successful in the long run, while we remain far behind

their rate of progression. Foreigners are able to see and take advantage of our dynamic market and constant flow of dollars, which is usually not the case in their home land. Whereas the young, black American culture has somehow lost the ambition, steam and discipline of our grandmothers and fathers, not to mention that of our African contemporaries.

Now don't get mad at me all you new-aged, guru, dreadlock black hippies. I'm not saying that we cannot trace our roots and the beginning of our culture to Africa, but I do suspect that we fantasize a bit more about Africa and the Africans as opposed to appreciating what we have here, despite the adversities. Instead of seeing a people and culture, we all too often see an archaic image of

where we used to be — forgetting where exactly we are. Tell me, Howard University, if I stand alone in my thoughts, for I am definitely not an expert who gained a Ph.D. on African geography in three weeks. And please, keep the academic rhetoric to yourself. I've had enough of it.

Robinson Cook is a senior majoring in political science.

Society must take a closer look at sexual harassment

Tyrone Cummings

Recently a graduate student at the University of Maryland was accused of sexually harassing two of his female peers. His defense was to display a picture of his wife on his desk in a bikini.

Though some may say this is an extreme case, it does speak to the ambiguous definition of sexual harassment. Oh I know the in vogue definition: "any unwanted unsolicited advances of a sexual nature." But several questions can be raised from that definition alone. The first one that comes to mind is how is one supposed to know whether his or her advances are wanted until he or she makes them? And what on earth meets the legal definition of what is and is not solicited?

If someone walks up to the opposite sex, or same sex, and declares, "I wanna roll in the funk with you all night," would that be sexual harassment? What if one approaches another and says, "I

would very much like to get to know you in a more than friendly way." Is this sexual harassment? How about this one: A person simply asks for the home phone number of a co-worker? What if in all these scenarios the women or men approached were not offended in any way by the remarks. Would any of them classify as sexual harassment?

The fact that very few of us can be honest with ourselves and comfortably answer any of the questions I raised above proves that we are not at ease with this issue. The infamous Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill hearing of two years ago did little to clarify the issue to people. It did, however, raise the issue to the height of public consciousness. Unfortunately that consciousness has been manipulated and exploited by feminists to create a political climate that focuses more on publicly punishing a man for harassing a woman than it does on whether that particular man is

guilty. With that being said, I will focus on the issue of men harassing women. I know full well how a lot of men (myself included sometimes) think about women and sexuality. Furthermore, I realize that there is a power aspect to this issue and that men have always held the power. Consequently men have been in the position to exercise that power to satisfy their own animal instincts. In fact men have so many skeletons in their closets about this issue that they have allowed the feminists to put them on the defensive and in turn helped to foster the witch hunt environment that we live in today.

I know of ample examples of this right here on this campus. There are those who don't even bother to ask a man if he is guilty or innocent of the allegations. They simply jump right to the sentencing process and either tell you to stop it or slander and black list your name. In one instance

they did both. Another point of the issue is the wide margin of subjectivity that the accuser has in laying such a claim. In other words all too many times the basis of a harassment charge is on the current or recent feelings the accuser has for the accused rather than some abominable act that has taken place. For example, how many women would accuse Denzel or Keith Washington of sexually harassing them if either made a move on them? Be honest sister. But if Joe Beercan, who is neither handsome nor in any position to help the lady along in reaching her objectives, says light my fire baby, he's finished. So is it the act or who commits the act that offends women most?

I can certainly appreciate the public balancing act women must walk concerning sexuality. The history and current reality is that if a woman isn't careful about discussing her sexuality, and specifically who she wants to get busy

with, she will be labeled a whore. We men do not have to concern ourselves with that. But there are those of us who would be equally as disturbed to be labeled a dog, pervert or dirty old man without the basic fairness of having our accusers confront us, especially those who we might have had a great deal of respect for.

To at least arrive at some clarity on this issue if not a resolution, two things must first take place: First, men need to change their attitudes and behavior toward women or at least accept the consequences for maintaining the same behavior. If you roll the dice, be prepared to pay the price. The warning signs have hardly been subtle. Secondly, women need to decide whether this issue is one of power or principle. If it is one of power, then it is difficult to argue against the woman who has used her feminine wiles to advance her career or reach whatever objective she may have, and then bite the hands that both fed

her and patted her along the way. Men who demand that standard for advancement out of women have created this monster and now must deal with its scorn. But if it is an issue of principle, no woman will ever be able to lament to me how dreadful men are after she has sold her body and soul knowingly to reach her objectives. One lady friend of mine summed it up best when she said that the greatest power lies in not compromising one's principles.

If the current definitions of sexual harassment were enforced, very few of us, men or women, would be innocent. That is why it is my hope that we as a society can candidly come to grips with this issue. Otherwise we had all better watch what kind of pictures we display.

Tyrone Cummings is a junior majoring in Political Science.

LOCAL

Female activists condemn cultural practice of female circumcision



Alice Waler and the National Organization For Women presented a panel discussion of female genital mutilation at Cramton Auditorium.

By Shonda Huery
Hilltop Staff Writer

In an African village where family life is very similar to black American life, mothers and fathers have various jobs, children go to school, while grandparents still try to instill moral values.

Similar to American debutante balls, Africans also practice a ritual which signifies a female's turning point of adolescence into womanhood. However, there is one major difference. The African ritual, according to those who have been through it, is not as glamorous nor as enjoyable.

This African ceremony, designed to signify an African girl's transition into womanhood, is an event that supposedly rids her of uncleanness in an effort to keep her pure until marriage. In an integral part of the traditional event,

moment represents the ultimate call of womanhood—the removal of female genital parts.

At the close of the ceremony, the female is stitched together, leaving only a small hole for urination and menstruation.

In *Possessing the Secret of Joy*, award-winning author Alice Walker asks whether such a ritual is an acceptable part of African culture or a legacy of unjustified torture.

In "Warrior Marks," a documentary film inspired by Walker's book, some survivors explain, through heart-stopping testimonies, a ceremony they call pure torture.

The film, which premiered on Nov. 5 at Howard University's Cramton Auditorium takes a gentle approach to a somewhat harsh subject. It will be featured in other cities around the nation throughout the month.

Men and women from such organizations as National Organization for Women and Forward International filled every seat in Crampton to spread the message of this unique form of torture going on not only in the African culture, but in Asian culture as well.

Alice Walker, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author also captivated the audience with her calm yet confident approach to her cause.

"In order to understand this injustice we must see and understand the sufferings of the children who undergo this torture," Walker said.

"When I was twelve I was circumcised and I felt as if the earth was opening up under me," explained a young woman who spoke during the film. The woman added this painful circumcision, which leaves life-long effects on those it is performed upon, is still practiced in many cultures.

According to the film, in the

United States, 10,000 girls are at risk of the now-termed mutilation.

Female activists question why the ritual is still practiced because women say it is so painful and causes a major health risk.

Anthony Olorunnisola, a native of Nigeria, has three sisters who were all circumcised. The Principles of Speech instructor believes this practice is a part of deep African culture.

"When dealing with any aspect of the deep culture of African people, it is unlikely that the traditional practices will or can be

changed," Olorunnisola said.

Olorunnisola went on to say that this is a totally different culture, and organizations such as the National Organization for Women need to understand that those in the African culture can not be Americanized.

"What some Americans may consider as torture, in the African culture it may not be," Olorunnisola said.

Olorunnisola does agree that some circumcision practices do cause a health hazard particularly when unsterilized objects are used.

"It is very unrealistic for women

in most African cultures to make major decisions especially those that deal with traditions that have been performed for years," Olorunnisola said.

"I suggest that these organizations that would like to see things changed start to confront those individuals who have the power to change things in the African cultures, and those persons would be men," he said.

Upcoming Events in the D.C. Area

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For more information call (202) 398-2499.

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Organization responds to community needs

By Ayoka Campbell
Hilltop Staff Writer

Nestled in the heart of the urban community, dedicated African-American sisters and brothers work their minds to develop plans to influence U.S. policy decisions that may benefit the national African-American community.

For a year, United Response to

Black American's Needs (URBAN) has been located in the Southeast D.C. community trying to analyze the inconsistencies in the distribution of funding for community services for African Americans.

In a freshly painted red two-story house that stands amid dilapidated row houses, the organization provides technical assistance,

research and program development to community organizations. The organization explores the diseases, poverty, drug abuse and homelessness in the African-American community.

They are deeply concerned with the spread of AIDS in the African-American community which last year increased 20 percent and decreased five percent in the white community.

Alonzo Fair, President of URBAN, Inc. is upset about the high rate of HIV/AIDS infection among African Americans which is why he began the institution.

"We must encourage policy makers to immediately redirect funds to where it is most needed. We want them to dispatch millions of dollars to the community," Fair said.

URBAN is now involved in helping the Abundant Life Clinic run by Dr. Alim Muhammad. Fair said they submitted a proposal for the Abundant Life Clinic for funding; however, Fair said the bid was canceled.

"The problem is one white AIDS clinic is getting all of the funding. There needs to be a shift from the white gay community to the black community. If we don't start addressing the problem, we are going to lose a lot of people," Fair said.



Top Administrator of the United Response to Black American's Needs (URBAN) institution.

African Heritage Dancers host anniversary concert

By Staci Hill
Hilltop Staff Writer

If you are in the mood to explore your African roots and tap your feet to the beat of African drums, this weekend at Gallaudet University will be the place to do all of that and more.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m., the African Heritage Dancers and Drummers will celebrate their 34th anniversary.

In association with the Black Christ, Black Church Project, the AHDD will put on an exciting dance concert and audience fashion show. The theme of the night will be "Celebrating Cultural Esteem."

Alan Kriegsmann of The Washington Post said the show is worth watching. "The African Heritage Dancers and Drummers could easily be seen managing a Broadway Show," he said.

For three decades, Melvin Deale, director of AHDD, has brought hope, pride and stability to generations of families through the teachings of African dance, history and culture. Deale has a goal to raise the self-esteem in youth and adults as well as to try to stop violence and juvenile delinquent behavior.

The BCBCP teamed up with the AHDD to bring about the

realization that African Americans are proud and spiritual people. The BCBCP is a project dedicated to enlightening and teaching African Americans about the historical movement of Christianity and to admit to the true identity of Jesus.

"We have to take the leadership role in providing the truth to our people," said Mazie Gree Holland, national chairperson of the BCBCP.

"I'm excited about the gala celebration with AHDD this Saturday."

The event takes place in the Elstad Auditorium of Gallaudet University located at 800 Florida Ave., N.E. General admission is \$15. For students and seniors, admission will be \$7.50.

On Sunday there will be an "Open House, Mural Dedication" at

5 p.m. for the opening of the African Heritage Center Boutique at the African Heritage Center located at 4018 Minnesota Ave., N.E. The admission is free and participants are encouraged to bring gifts and food. For more information about the events on Saturday and Sunday call 399-5252 or 398-2499.



The African Heritage Dancers and Drummers (AHDD) perform an African initiation dance.

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LOCAL II

Maya Angelou "phenomanalizes" Metropolitan Baptist Church

By Nicole R. Alexander
Hilltop Staff Writer

Song, poetry, education and inspiration filled the hearts of those who sat in the pews of Metropolitan Baptist Church as Dr. Maya Angelou delivered an electrifying speech at their Women's Day celebration.

Although it was a service dedicated to the women's ministry, Angelou devoted much of her speech to the need for positive adult influence on the lives of African-American youth.

"We have to correct and love our children. If we'll instill in them self-discipline and pride while they are young, they will carry it with them for the rest of their lives," Angelou said.

The crowd was again dazzled as Angelou used excerpts from some of her poems to chronicle the struggles and accomplishments of African-American women.

"African-American women are something special, marvelous. I don't deny the greatness of African-American men. We couldn't have made it without you. It is just that I take so much pride in being an African-American woman," Angelou said.

Angelou spoke highly of the African-American woman who influenced her life. She said Mrs. Annie Johnson Henderson, her grandmother, gave her all the love she needed to help her overcome some of the trials she experienced in her young life.

"My mamma (as she calls her grandmother) gave me so much

love. And that will be the only way we can help these children," Angelou said as she gestured towards the children in the congregation.

She recalled an incident, in which she was in a mall and noticed a group of young African-American women who looked as though they were looking for trouble. Angelou said she pulled the girls aside and spoke to them about being young ladies and making something out of their lives instead of getting into trouble. She told the congregation that years later, one of the young women came to meet her. The young woman thanked her for changing her life and told her that she became a nurse.

Angelou told the audience that this was just a mere example of how young African-American's lives could be changed for the better if the adults would only get involved with encouraging and disciplining, not only their own children but other people's children. She noted that African-Americans have lost their sense of extended family and said that this presumed "loss" is having a detrimental affect on African-American communities nationwide.

Angelou also took time out to encourage the children within the congregation. She told them that they could accomplish much with some effort.

"With you, God and some love, you can turn this world around," Angelou said to the children.

Angelou's speech precipitated a standing ovation from the audience, which included such notables as



Dr. Betty Shabazz, the wife of slain civil rights leader Malcolm X.

"Sankofa" takes viewers on a painful voyage to their past

By Joy Morrow
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University Day at the movies was a chance for Howard students and the Washington, D.C. community to witness the creative life of Howard professor Haile Gerima in the movie "Sankofa." The movie focuses on several issues relating to African-American life that have affected them in the past and continue to haunt them today.

"Sankofa," written, directed, edited and produced by the Ethiopian-born Gerima, is a powerful depiction of the life of an African-American woman who is to deny her African heritage as a result is mystically whisked through time and deposited on

a slave plantation where she is taught a painful lesson in what being an African American is really about.

"Sankofa" is being shown exclusively at the Cineplex Odeon Jennifer located at 5252 Wisconsin Avenue N.W. until the end of November.

Like the history of all people, the film begins and ends in Africa. While visiting the coast of Ghana, an African-American model named Mona makes the irrevocable mistake of disrespecting sacred African grounds. "Sankofa," the self-appointed "Keeper of the Spirits," warns Mona that much blood has been shed on the very ground that she is so very carelessly trampling on, but she ignores the ominous shouts of the crazy old

man and continues to flounce about as she completes a sexy photo shoot.

What Mona thought to be an insignificant beach was actually the site of a castle, a large fort where Africans were kept before being sold into slavery. Later, while exploring the castle, Mona enters an underground area. What she sees next is something neither she nor the audience will ever forget.

At that moment she finds herself standing before a group of Africans fearfully waiting to be removed from their native land and loved ones. They are packed by the thousands into the putrid bowels of slave ships to be sold into slavery.

In an instant, several white men, soon to be her masters, burst through the door, strip her and

brand her despite her desperate screams of, "I am not an African!" Magically she is transported through time to a sugar plantation in the South where she becomes a slave named Shola.

What follows is an all too real depiction of slave life. Images of never ending rape, physical and mental abuse and death weigh heavy on the hearts of "Sankofa's" viewers.

"Sankofa" is like an animated history book, but like history it is not always pretty. Although some scenes in "Sankofa" are confusing, it has a powerful impact on its viewers. Pamalus I. Blue who saw the film said about one particular scene, "It had a devastating effect on me."

Dr. Toni Humber of the School of Communications visited the Cape Coast of Africa 21 years ago. "To see it so vividly displayed and so powerfully displayed in the movie set this up to be very moving to me," she said. Humber has seen Sankofa three times and plans to see it again. "It's the best thing out right now," she said.

The literal translation of "Sankofa" means returning to your past, recovering what has been lost and moving forward. As much as "Sankofa" is about the destruction of African-American people it is also about their survival.

Shirikiaana Aina, co-producer of the film, hopes that those who see "Sankofa" keep this in mind even after they have left the theater. She said that if blacks take a look at the atrocities of slavery and realize that through it all we still survived, blacks will be able to survive anything that may confront us today. "Nothing facing us can be any more formidable than what we've been through," she said.



Nana (Oyafunmike Ogunlano) asks Mother Nunu (Alexandra Duah) for advice in the movie Sankofa.

Newspaper at UMCP yanked off stands; black students blamed

By Ayoka Campbell
Hilltop Staff Writer

African-American students at the University of Maryland at College Park have spoken out against the campus' main newspaper that they say is "racist" in nature.

Ten thousand copies of the University of Maryland's campus newspaper, The Diamondback, were stolen last week. The thieves left a note on campus newsstands that read: "Due to Its Racist Nature, The Diamondback Will Not Be Available Today—Read A Book!"

Members of The Diamondback staff said they are assuming that minority students stole the paper, but campus police have not validated their accusations.

Errol Arthur, Managing Editor of The Black Explosion, an African-American campus newspaper, said every minority had a motive for stealing the paper. "All minorities had definite gripes about the paper. We all agree that the paper does not have the interest of black people in mind," he said.

Arthur said this may begin a recruitment for more African-American editors at The Diamondback. He said The Black Explosion was established after black students grew upset over The Diamondback's lack of coverage of the black community.

"We don't feel their intentions are to be racist, but they do not do an equitable job on reporting or covering minorities. If The Diamondback did it's job, we

would not need other minority newspapers," he said.

Angered over the theft, Akweli Parker, a copy editor for The Diamondback said the paper was already seeking to accommodate black student's demands.

"They got their point across, but they could have done it another way. We were already making an effort to recruit more African Americans to the paper. The theft did nothing," he said.

The UMCP chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists called a forum to discuss the of hiring more blacks on the paper.

Parker said they currently have two black editors and reporters on staff, and they are working to hire more in higher positions. But, he said, blacks will not always be the spotlight of the paper.

"It is impossible to cover everyone. We have to cater to the entire campus, but there is definite room for improvement," he admitted.

Several of the black students interviewed were particularly dissatisfied with the newspaper's coverage of alleged hazing within the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The students complained that The Diamondback painted the intelligent black men they knew as "thugs" and "gang members" and never interviewed the members about their alleged activities.

"They blasted a very positive group within the black community," Arthur said.

Pan African fashion show to be held

By Genea Luck
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Friends of Brenu Akyinim present the Pan African Gala Fashion Show. It will be held on Sunday, November 14th at the All Souls Unitarian Church located at 16th and Harvard Streets NW from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. The tickets for this special fashion show can be purchased before October 21st for \$15 and \$18 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Zawadi Gifts at 1524 U Street.

This may seem like any other average fashion show that is held at a church in DC, but this fashion show will fascinate people more than simple ohs and ahs for the models wearing african wear.

This fashion show was one of the projects the incredible Nana Efuah Brenu worked delightfully on before making her transition on October 8, 1993 at the age of 56.

Nana Efuah Brenu was made a Nana in the illage of Brenu Akyinim in Ghana, Africa. She was born Zoe Page in New York and had lived in the District for over 30 years.

Nana was a Pan Africanist.

"We can't be small in our thinking, we must all be one people and we must support each other. Her Motto: Be an army of one," recalls Shirley Dickey, one of the Friends of Brenu Akyinim.

Nana's dedication to her African family lead her to form the group of six people calling themselves the Friends of Brenu Akyinim. Financed with her own monies and various fundraisers much like this fashion show, Nana initiated developments in the Ghanaian village. Some of the projects included protecting against soil erosion by planting trees, animal farming, and vegetable planting. She also was interested in investing in African tourism with her Beach Project. She later became concerned of the European influence that may hamper on African culture.

The Fashion Show's proceeds will benefit the Day Nursery for the small children of Brenu Akyinim. Fashion Show designer Roger Baende from Zaire will be the featured designer.

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INTERNATIONAL



Professor Segun Gbadegesin says Howard University can contribute more to the community.

Ethics forum stresses giving back to community

Darlene Smith
Hilltop Staff Writer

Segun Gbadegesin, chairman of the Department of Philosophy at Howard University, addressed Howard University students, faculty and administrators at a packed auditorium in the Armour J. Blackburn Center, Gbadegesin, who is also coordinator of the Howard Ethics Forum, said the purpose of the forum is to expose students to the ethical values and social responsibilities of the educated.

According to Gbadegesin, one of the major problems with those who have "paper qualifications" is that they do not want to return what they have acquired to the community. "People must learn to live by the philosophy 'I am because we are,'" Gbadegesin said. Dr. Joyce A. Ladner, vice president of academic affairs and assistant coordinator of the forum, decided to support Gbadegesin's project because she felt that Howard was not doing its part to give back to the community.

"I want people at Howard to get out of individualism and to develop a better sense of community here. We don't want people to think that we are just squatters," Ladner said. The forum, which will continue through November and conclude in April, will address values, ethical foundations of higher education, education and self-reliance, the individual and the community and violence within the community. In addition, there will be a national conference in the spring, which may act as a tele-conference

for other historically black colleges. "We are looking into setting up a tele-conference to other historically black colleges which would allow students and professors from other schools to phone in their questions during the lecture. We are also trying to work something out with WHMM," said Ladner. When asked what message the forum wanted to convey to students, faculty and administrators, Gbadegesin said, "Our education must be for the service of the community; that must be the mission for all of us."

The Haitian crisis...

Analysis —
Naturally Speaking



Darlene Windall

An agreement signed on Governors Island, N.Y., last July that was to return exiled Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to that shattered nation is in tatters. Aristide came and went with Aristide being no closer to returning than he was when the army kicked him out two years ago. When the Haitian Army Chief Lt. General Cedras, who signed the agreement with Aristide, refused to return, and apparently there was no one to tell him he couldn't return, the United Nations special envoy, Dante Caputo, insists that the agreement still remains the framework within which to return to civilian rule in Haiti. But already, a group of about

20 minor political parties, emboldened by the military's ability to stave off attempts by the United Nations and the United States to return Aristide, is calling for the installation of a new government that would include neither Aristide nor Cedras. The Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti, one of the parties, is widely believed to be responsible for much of the violence in Haiti over the past several weeks. FRAPH's tactics range from armed patrols of the capital's streets to arbitrary stops and searches and beatings of the civilian population. People disappear overnight and their bodies are found a few days later. The United States is at a loss to know how to deal with the present crisis in Haiti. All hopes were pinned on the Governor's Island agreement, but it is beginning to be doubtful that President Aristide will return anytime soon, if ever. Aristide still has the support of the Clinton administration, no doubt fueled by the likelihood that hundreds of refugees from Haiti could begin arriving in this country seeking asylum. But while the president is saying one thing, his Central Intelligence Agency, at the invitation of Senator Jesse Helms, has been circulating a report among senior Republicans that alleges among other things that Aristide is

given to severe mood swings, is a manic depressive who is emotionally unstable and has been treated for mental illness. To date, there has been no clinical evidence presented by the CIA or the hospital where Aristide was supposed to have been treated to support these allegations. Some members of Congress would like to wash their hands of the entire Haitian affair, and Senator Bob Dole threatened last month to seek to limit President Clinton's power to attempt a military solution. This wrangling is not helping the Haitians, nor is it good U.S. foreign policy. The president is tiptoeing cautiously around the prospect of military intervention, even though the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Madeline Albright, has not ruled out that possibility. What is needed here is quick and decisive action. There was an agreement, but it was broken by one of the parties. General Cedras has to be made to understand that he cannot hold Haiti's poor and suffering to ransom. Nor can he thumb his nose at the international community and carry on business as usual. It is naive to think that President Aristide, General Cedras and the head of Haiti's police, Lt. Col. Michel Francois, will be able to coexist were Aristide to return. Since Aristide was deposed, some

5,000 Haitians have been killed by the military and hundreds more tortured or ill-treated. Haiti's Justice Minister Guy Malary was brutally murdered in the street, the Prime Minister Robert Malval is in constant fear for his life and most members of parliament have not taken their seats at meetings lately, too afraid to show their faces on the streets of Port-au-Prince. Cedras and Francois deserve to be tried and sentenced for the crimes they have committed against the Haitian people. Granting them an amnesty and immunity from prosecution is tantamount to a slap on the wrist for some minor infraction. In the interest of peace and reconciliation they should be locked up for a very long time. The majority of the Haitian electorate voted for Aristide and to date, they have not said they do not want him. Peace and democracy can return to Haiti, and those of us who believe this should do everything in our power to ensure that it becomes a reality. It does not require a great leap of the imagination to understand that Haiti's broken dream can very easily become the nightmare of the United States and its Caribbean neighbors. The writer is a graduating senior in the School of Communications

African "Sistas" come together for empowerment

By Darlene Smith
Hilltop Staff Writer

While aromas of barbecue and incense filled the air, African and African-American women and men dressed in kente cloths and head dresses embraced, chatted and circulated throughout the crowded room in the Covenant Baptist Church Saturday at the Second Annual African Sista's Conference. The all-day conference, in which organizers emphasized that all black women are to be called African, consisted of a series of panels and workshops that attempted to tackle the complex issues faced by African women in society. Among the panels and workshops presented were "The Dynamics of Being African, Women, and Professional;" "The African Woman and Her Total Health;" "The Role of the African Woman in the Liberation Struggle;" "A.I.D.S. - Its impact and the African Woman;" and "Building Stronger African Female and Male Relations." Other workshops included "Afrikan Martial Arts and Nutrition," "Reflexology," spirituality and yoga.

The main purpose of the African Development Organization-sponsored conference, according to organization officials, was to educate African and African-American women on the importance of their roles in the African community. "I want to thank the ADO for organizing a sistas conference because it gives us a chance to speak about things that concern (the African) community," said Barbara O, the Mistress of Ceremonies, who doesn't use a last name. Throughout the day, panelists discussed the past, present and future roles of African women. Panelist Zainabu Jones praised the historical role of African and African-American women. "The African woman is the mother of the world. She gave the world every form of nurturing," Jones said. Other panelists included Kaha Sataf, a Somalia-born Howard University student who criticized the United States for intervening in Somalia's recent crisis, and South African-born Lorraine Ndlovu, who urged African and African-American women to help liberate her homeland. Although each panelist maintained her own perspective about the state of the African community and how women can help, each agreed that African and African-American women must take a stand and be heard. "Like Winnie Mandela and Chris Wilson, (another South African human rights activist), African women are a catalyst in the society and we must not be afraid to take part in our liberation," Ndlovu said.

International Meetings being held today

The African Students Association and the Caribbean Students Association will conduct their regular meetings today at 5 p.m. The ASA's meeting will be held in the School of Business. CSA will meet in the forum of the Armour J. Blackburn Center. The main items on CSA's agenda are a post-mortem of the homecoming dance and an upcoming "Christmas in the Caribbean" concert. Refreshments will be served at the end of the two meetings.

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JUGGLING

books & babies



Natalie Y. Tellis and Valarie Williams
Top Staff Writers

More and more these days, Howard University students are being burdened with heavy textbooks, 10 page papers and 100-page chapters. Some female students tackle this, as well as tears, 24-hour feedings and diaper rashes. A growing number of students are successfully juggling books and babies. It is almost commonplace for students to be in a classroom where there is at least one mother who has brought her child along. Student mothers express that it is cheaper to carry their children with them during their school day because day care is so expensive. However, they admit that it is hard to give both their classes and their children quality attention.

Josephine Djoukeng, who has three other children in addition to her 11-month-old and considers herself a pro at being a mom, said the juggling act is not easy. "It's very, very hard," said Djoukeng.

Djoukeng started bringing her 11-month-old to class when she noticed other mothers doing so, and saw that her teachers did not seem to mind.

"She distracts me when she comes around. I have to watch her. She is a nice baby in the classroom unless she gets hungry," Djoukeng explained.

Djoukeng said that because she sometimes has to keep her 11-month-old from running too far from her in the classroom, she misses some things that the teacher says and writes on the board and then quickly erases.

Even though her child presents some distraction for her during classroom instruction, Djoukeng admitted that she would rather have her child with her than leave her with someone. Djoukeng receives help from her husband because he travels frequently with her job, but her 12-year-old girl pitches in and lends a hand in the evenings, so Djoukeng can complete her homework.

Djoukeng said that it is hard to bring her child from building to building, and is concerned for the child's safety because sometimes the classroom floors are dirty and unsafe, but she takes it all in stride.

"It's a job, but I'd rather have her

with me than to leave her," she added.

Emwanta Isibor, like Josephine Djoukeng, is married. During the day, she brings her 8-month-old daughter to classes, and to her job in the Blackburn Center, where she gets most of her schoolwork done through a work study program. She admitted that caring for a baby while attending school can be a difficult task.

"I find it harder to study, and in class it is distracting, because you feel you are bothering other people," the 21-year old said.

Isibor said that by the time she gets home from her work/school day, she is exhausted, and does not feel like cooking. So, her husband helps her out. She also explained that it is hard managing a child, school and a husband but admitted that it is not as hard as she thought it would be.

Isibor said that some of the stereotypes about having a child so young are ridiculous. According to her, success as a student mother is possible with necessary support systems and proper time management skills.

Chandra Barkwell, an English major and a graduating senior, has an 18-month-old daughter and agrees that it is hard, but is lucky to have external help. She gets a break when her little girl goes to visit with her grandmother or her father. Also, her girlfriends help out by watching her child when they have free class periods. When she cannot get anyone to watch her during her class time, then she keeps her little girl in class with her.

"It's really hard. Now that she's older, she talks a lot. When she gets rowdy, I try to bribe her, but only when I absolutely have to," said Barkwell.

When she brings her daughter to class, Barkwell, like Djoukeng, said she sometimes misses instruction, but admitted that sometimes she will get lucky and her daughter will fall asleep during some classes.

In terms of professor approval, Barkwell said that when the semester begins, she asks each of her professors if they will mind having a baby in class.

"Some professors are okay with it, and others just don't want her there. So, then I have to rearrange my schedule," she said.

If some professors disapprove of her bringing her daughter to class,

Barkwell explained that she must run around at the beginning of the semester to reserve some courses for another semester if she is unable to get someone to watch her little girl.

"School is important, but my daughter is my first priority," Barkwell said.

Barkwell said that having a child has helped her with her time management skills. Her grades have improved as well.

"I had my best semester when I was pregnant," she added.

Barkwell remembered taking three exams the day she went into labor. By the time she got to the hospital, her contractions were already four minutes apart. That was her best semester yet. She got a 3.30 G.P.A..

Barkwell also said that her dedication to school has increased tremendously.

"I'm more dedicated now. I want to go to law school. I don't want my child to need for anything. I'm really motivated," said Barkwell.

When she needs time to study, or time to herself, she pops in a Barney tape and knows that thirty minutes are hers.

Shahrazad Ahmed, an English major from New York, attributed her ability to care for her 10-month-old son to a strong family background.

"I have the best parents in the entire world. My parents gave me the necessary things to be a productive individual, there's no reason why I can't give the same to a child of mine," Ahmed said.

Ahmed's parents were supportive of her pregnancy from the very beginning.

"My parents said we will definitely support you; we're definitely against abortion. But, whatever decision you make, we will support you," said the education minor.

Ahmed is conscious about the

way that she is raising Ramses, who was named after the Egyptian Pharaoh Ramses II of the 19th dynasty.

"His life is precious — he's not just a baby. He's a black male child. The last thing I want to do is raise a black man who abandons his kids, who's a killer, a rapist... or a drug dealer."

However, she regrets that she is raising Ramses by herself.

"My son's father doesn't acknowledge his son. He makes a conscious effort to not participate in his son's upbringing right now. This makes me feel terrible. I can't even convey how painful it is to have to deal with this kind of rejection; it's a very painful situation," Ahmed said.

"Children should definitely grow up with two parents. One of the best things to happen to any child is to have two loving parents who love him or her and want him or her. That is extremely important," Ahmed said.

"The ideal situation is for a child to grow up in a home where both parents are committed to the child's upbringing and development." Ahmed said she places her son's needs before her own.

"I must always be conscious that I have a child. His needs come before my pleasure," she added.

Like the other mothers, Ahmed related that motherhood is a challenging 24-hour-a-day job.

"My son is like my American Express card, I never leave home without him," she said. "Motherhood has

been very challenging because when a woman has a child and is doing other things, she has to be conscientious enough doing a good job raising her children and do well in everything else. I have to do well in school and not neglect my son... one has to know how to juggle the two, so neither suffers."

"Parenthood is not something you can ever be truly ready for, it's not like an exam where you can study the questions...it's nothing you can ever be 100 percent ready for."

— Shahrazad Ahmed



Photos By Sharonda Evans Sparks

Nevertheless, the 21-year-old admitted that motherhood is her calling.

"I am definitely cut out for this. Everything about my situation is right. I absolutely love this. This is who I am. Motherhood is me," she concluded.

The past few months have been a time of adjustment, excitement and bewilderment for new mothers Jaquenette Terry and Alva Daphine.

Terry, 19, was so proud of her new arrival that she ran a HILLTOPIC in the November 4th issue of The HILLTOP that read: "Welcome to the world. Jaquenette Terry is very proud to announce the birth of her son Jayson Edward Marche Terry born on Oct. 19, 1993, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces. All my love is for you."

The sophomore marketing major made the choice to have her son, despite much opposition.

"When I found out I was pregnant, I didn't go anywhere or talk to anyone. I was into myself. When you have opposition, you have to look inside of yourself. You have to do what do you want to do, not what others want. I was willing to do anything. The thought of giving

him up was worse than keeping him," she added.

Terry admitted that she did consider having an abortion, but quickly dismissed the thought after a few moments.

"Abortion might be for some people, other people can justify it, but it's not for me. I could've taken the easy way out. I didn't have to tell my mother. She didn't have to ever know," said Terry.

But she did. And the California native added that she does not consider herself a mother. Terry said she feels more like an instrument to help Jayson get by.

"I look at my child like he's not my child, but like he's God's child. He's not my child, because when I made the decision to have him, I had a lot of opposition. Despite the opposition, my attitude was if it was meant not to happen, the Lord would take care of it and I really believe in the Lord wholeheartedly," Terry said.

"I see having Jayson as a blessing that has really grounded me and made me more focused. I'm less selfish and a much more positive person. I am able to smile more," Terry continued.

PEOPLE

Strachan spreads success to several arenas

Associate Director of Student Activities has more than Howard in mind

By LaWanda Stone

"When are we going to be free from ourselves?" questioned Daanen Strachan, associate director for Student Activities. "Some people hold themselves in bondage and don't give themselves the chance to expand and explore."

Bondage is one state this 27-year-old Howard University alumnus refuses to succumb to.

Having started a business while a 21-year-old senior at Howard University, Strachan is no stranger to responsibility and persistence. Beginning with \$50, he made a net profit of \$18,000 in six months through his Computer Fax Company.

"When I had my business, I proposed that Howard have a fax network across campus to speed up the inter-office mail process," he said. The proposal was denied by the administration in 1987. "As you can now see, faxing is a necessity among offices across campus. I was a visionary who was ahead of my time. People weren't ready," he said.

Strachan aspired to attend Howard's medical school after earning a chemistry degree from the University in 1988. But after being denied entrance on three separate occasions, he decided to continue to develop his business venture instead.

Meanwhile, he received a license in real estate and sold properties for Shanon and Luchs, a real estate company.

When the Doug Williams Foundation was created in the District of Columbia, Strachan became its first volunteer. A friendship between he and the former Redskins football player developed soon after. "We became good friends. I met all types of people through him," Strachan added. Among those he became acquainted with were such politicians as Walter Fauntroy and John Wilson.

"Doug always told me I should become a politician. The doors of opportunity were opening up for

business and politics, but not for medicine. God gives you pathways," Strachan commented.

Williams helped Strachan obtain a job from another Howard graduate at the Montgomery Cable Television station. He operated his computer fax company during the day and worked for the station as a telemarketer at night.

Strachan was honored as the top sales representative at the cable television station for the two years he was employed there. Despite such an accomplishment, the memories of institutionalized racism still ring in his head.

"White males in management positions hired black females because they thought they could have more control over them," he affirmed.

Recalling his personal experience with racism, the Miami native said, "They saw how well I was performing my job and the amount of money I received for it and tried to intimidate me into resigning."

According to Strachan, the management of the station monitored his calls more than those of other employees, attempted to have him sign a document stating that he had arrived late on occasions that he said he had not, and even accused him of lying to a customer.

"The Caucasian men told me that they had a tape of a conversation in which I had misinformed a customer. When I told them I wanted to listen to the tape, they said they couldn't find it. But they still insisted that I lied," Strachan said. Based on their accusations, the men told the manager of telemarketing, a black female, to suspend Strachan from his position. Two months later, she quit.

Soon after, Strachan filed a human rights complaint against the administration. "When I filed the claim, my former manager told me the men were after me because I was a strong black man, intelligent, and was making a lot of money," he said.



Strachan was selected for a position as telemarketing supervisor in the credit card division of Chevy Chase Bank. "While I worked at Chevy Chase, something told me to come back home," he said, speaking of Howard.

Strachan found out about a job opening in The Office of Student Activities at his alma mater. He has been working for the University since December of 1990. His responsibilities include managing office paperwork and advising many organizations including the Homecoming Steering Committee, the Undergraduate Student Assembly and the Bison cheerleaders. Strachan is also involved in the General Election Committee and Mr. and Miss Howard activities.

Even though having a top, influential position at Howard University would seem to many like a dream come true for a man still in his 20s, Daanen Strachan yearned for more.

Taking the advice of his many professional friends, Strachan became involved in D.C. politics. He campaigned for a position as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner of Ward 7 in the summer of 1992.

By informing the current commissioner that he was not performing up to par, Strachan said he convinced his opponent to forfeit running for a second term. Strachan was elected and sworn in as ANC commissioner on Jan. 5, 1993.

About the day he was sworn in, he recalled, "My mentor, the late John Wilson, gave me a high five on the stage and said 'I told you that you could do it.' He supported me the whole way."

As commissioner, he acts as a liaison between the council member and the residents who live in Ward 7 neighborhoods. Strachan works with youth, striving to keep recreation centers open and dealing with crime, robberies and drugs. He managed a police stakeout in his ward, in

which a drug house was closed. Strachan also oversees trash pick-up and makes sure houses are built in accordance with environmental laws.

Currently, Strachan has political relations with D.C. council members Kevin Chavous and Marion Barry. Mayor Sharon Pratt-Kelly and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton. "Actually, I am in touch with members of the city council regarding issues concerning constituents," he added.

When asked to comment about feelings on the political system, Strachan said a lot of politicians feel they are public servants. "My mother told me that if I was going to politics I would have to promise one thing. That was to always remember the common man," he said.

With this in mind, Strachan gives students career advice. Recently, he talked to a ninth grade class at Shaw Junior High School. "I spoke with them about the importance of staying in school and the drop-out rate in D.C.," he said.

After conducting a survey with a class, he gained insight on the young attitudes toward school.

"Twenty percent of the class (students) felt they were not going to graduate from high school. Eighty percent did not like school, though it was boring or did not feel the need for an education," he said. He continues to show the students that more options are available to those who stay in school and refuse to give up on themselves.

Currently, Strachan is working on his masters degree in general administration with a concentration in state and local government at the University of Maryland.

With God in his heart and his philosophy on life in mind, which respects everyone who respects his respect the 27-year-old plans to move up the political ladder and perhaps become the vice-president of a university in the near future.

Vital Statistics

Name: Daanen Strachan
Age: 27
Hometown: Miami, FL
Profession: Associate Director of Student Activities
Words of Wisdom: "Have faith that you can do the best you can."

When the pressure subsided, the top people involved were fired, including the general manager and the vice-president for marketing for the station. At the conclusion of this drama,

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Beavis and Butt-head laugh their way to success

Christopher Palmer Staff Writer

Huh-huh, huh-huh. Uh-huh, huh-

Unless you've been in a cave for the last six months, chances are you can link this now to its owners.

They are the latest teen-age phenomenon. They are the only two on television dumber than Kelly Rowland. They are the world's most despised music video critics.

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show host David Letterman and "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels.

Beavis and Butt-head's wave of popularity has inevitably sparked a major merchandising campaign including the promotion of such items as T-shirts, boxer shorts, key chains, posters, baseball caps, buttons, calendars, mugs and Halloween masks.

The dumb-named duo is looking to make the transition from the small screen to the printed pages with the debut of their new book titled, appropriately enough, "This Book Sucks."

The book highlights their home town, which is located somewhere in the Midwest; permanent school records; favorite heavy-metal song lyrics; a photo album and much more.

Judge is taken aback by his cartoon metalheads' sky rocketing popularity. "I'm surprised. I thought that if it was done right it would do well, but not like this," he said in an interview with The Washington Post.

Beavis and Butt-head have received an equal amount of criticism and acclaim from various groups of viewers. In the pool of controversy, Beavis and Butt-head are making huge waves.

On their 30-minute show they harass neighbors, vandalize property, steal, are excessively cruel to helpless animals, drive their teachers crazy and still find time to

acutely critique music videos. However, what alarms people most about them is their appetite for destruction and their dire need to burn things.

Beavis: "Fire! Fire! Fire!" Butt-head: "Fire is cool. Huh-huh. Explosions kick butt." Beavis: "Let's burn something."

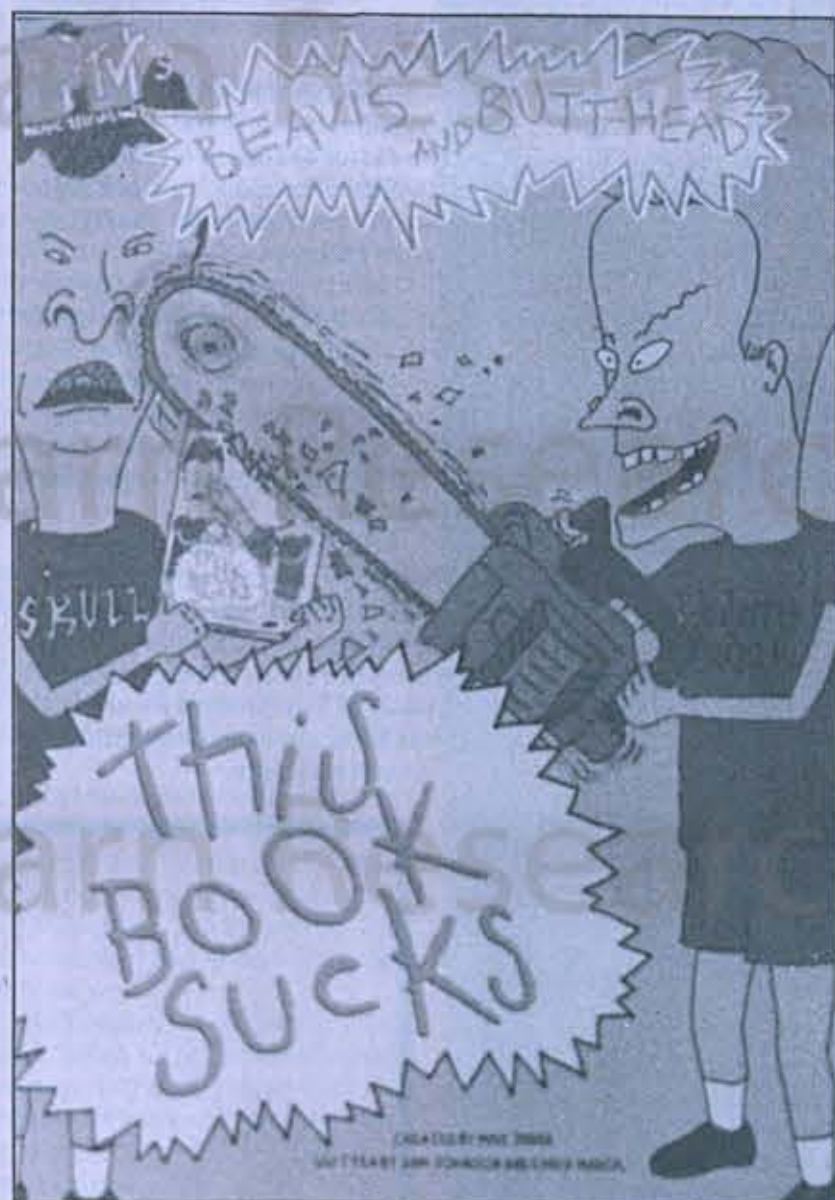
These two pubescent pyros' penchant for flames has received national attention on more than one occasion. Most notably in early October an Ohio woman blamed "Beavis and Butt-head" for a fire set in her mobile home by her 5-year-old son who watches the show; the boy's 2-year-old sister died in the blaze.

The controversy that swells around the two empty-headed adolescents has netted them segments on "Now with Connie Chung" and "Inside Edition," who reported that there is a hotline in California for dissatisfied viewers wishing to register complaints about the moral havoc Beavis and Butt-head are wreaking on America's impressionable youth.

MTV, which previously aired the program at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m., drew many criticisms for the 7 p.m. time slot and has since moved that episode to 10:30 p.m. While MTV officials were slow to make the change, Judge said he felt that it was necessary because "it's too early and little kids might be watching."

Because of the Ohio tragedy, MTV will eliminate all future references to fire. It will also tone down the acts of cruelty to animals, as well as people, carried out by the mindless duo.

The network broadcasts a disclaimer before the



show telling viewers that if they do what Beavis and Butt-head do they risk being arrested, expelled, badly injured or even deported.

Beavis and Butt-head have been accused of chopping away at the moral fiber from which all goodness stems. But for some reason America loves them.

Beavis: "We're pretty cool, Beavis. Huh-huh."

Beavis: "Yeah, we don't suck. Heh-heh."

Butt-head: "I don't like stuff that sucks."

Quite by accident, Beavis and Butt-head have become America's most humorous television critics. They have formulated their own "thumbs up, thumbs down" system of rating what they watch. Thumbs up is substituted by "this is cool" and thumbs down equals "this sucks."

As they sit on a tattered red couch watching rock videos, Beavis and

Butt-head are at their obnoxious best. After viewing an early eighties rock band, the B-boys let them have it.

Beavis: "Yeah, look at this guy's hair. I'm not only the hair club president, but I'm also a client. Heh-heh, heh-heh."

Butt-head: "I'm tired of watching wimpy videos. Let's find something that rocks, dude."

They channel-surf momentarily until they find a cool video by Metallica.

Beavis and Butt-head together: "Yesss! This rules!"

Beavis: "They kick butt! They could kick our butts!"

Butt-head (smacks Beavis on the head): "Shut up bum wipe!"

Since their series was released in March 1993, their popularity has spread like wild fire.

Beavis: "Fire! Fire! Fire!" Butt-head: "Shut up, you waste of bum wipe."

Judge and MTV are realistic about the whirlwind surrounding their creation. They realize it is a fad and will eventually fade away. But until it does, they stand to make millions. Beavis and Butt-head are like Bart Simpson to the tenth power times two. Twice the mischief. Twice the trouble. Twice the laughs.

Any last words guys? Butt-head: "You dork."

Beavis: "Wiener."

Red Fox brings his vitality to Kilimanjaro

Deldra D. Parrish Staff Writer

People-moving vitality coupled with a strong black consciousness separates reggae artist Red Fox from other dancehall artists.

"I'm not really [patterning myself after] other artists; I'm just being myself," Jamaican-born Red Fox explained. "I watch other artists, like Boba Ranks, Buju Banton, Supercat and Mad Cobra are all strong individuals. I like them all. Some of these artists are on the laid-back tip, but my style is a hype-up kind of reggae with a whole lot of energy."

Red Fox and D.J. Mark took the stage at Kilimanjaro nightclub. Fox heated up the lukewarm crowd with his mix of hardcore Jamaican vibes with Brooklyn flavor. His performance of "Dem A Murderer," the first single on his 14-track album titled "As A Matter Of Fox," was a lively display of musical skill punctuated by pelvic thrusts.

Next he sang "Born Again Blackman," a single stressing black pride and self-love. In the mix of rappers and other reggae artists at the club, this dynamic showman received the most audience response.

In his early childhood, Red Fox wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and become a mechanic. But by the age of 11, he had fallen in love with reggae music. Inspired by Yellowman, the King of Dancehall, he did his first stage show at age 13. A few years later he came to New York and recorded his first song, "Come Boogie Down," on FM Force, an independent record label. He is presently on a promotional tour along

the East coast. The 23-year old entertainer acquired his name because of a big red Afro that he used to sport.

"I was just walking and this guy said 'Red Fox' and I looked back. I liked the name and it stuck," he said.

Red Fox is a strong advocate of safe sex. He advises young couples "if he ain't got a condom cut the program out." He encourages youth to think positively and pursue positive images.

"We always try to portray ourselves as gangsters, [but] you don't have to be a gangster to get ahead."

Fox is pleased by the enthusiastic response that reggae has received in the U.S.

"Reggae is music you can learn a lot from. When reggae was developed, it was a music to teach and educate. Reggae is a peace-loving music that everybody can enjoy."

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Number of student mothers is increasing on college campuses

Juggling, from B1

and made me more focused. I'm less selfish and a much more positive person. I am able to smile more," Terry continued.

Terry is convinced that she knew she was going to get pregnant before it actually happened. She had dreams about it and was not using any type of birth control.

"I subconsciously may have wanted to get pregnant. I knew that pregnancy was always a possibility, but I did not prevent it," she said.

Like Ahmed, Terry receives no help from Jayson's biological father, but she is not going to let this hinder her from continuing her education. Terry maintains a high G.P.A. and serves on the School of Business' Leadership Council. She concluded that she will graduate on schedule and

with honors.

Alva Dauphine is following in her mother's footsteps. This 19-year-old from Denver, Colo. is experiencing motherhood while still in her teens.

"My mom had me when she was 17, so she beat me by two years," Dauphine said jokingly, adding that she and her mother share a close relationship. "I don't want to be 30 and just start having kids. I want to grow up with my son. I'm happy I had him young. We will finish growing up together."

Dauphine has mastered the art of balancing the duties of motherhood, while maintaining a healthy social life.

"I do everything like I did before. I used to party with friends. I still do. However, I don't take part in parties as much as I used to. I keep to myself more, I study, go to class and take care of son," said Dauphine.

She gets help from a very supportive group of friends.

"Whenever I need help, somebody's there for me," she explained.

Dauphine is considering transferring to Texas, so she can be closer to Johnny's father. The two have been dating since high school and plan on marrying after college.

"Motherhood is not easy, but it isn't difficult either-I thought it would be harder. ...I'm not trying to make motherhood sound perfect. My experience has just been wonderful. God has just blessed me," Dauphine concluded.

Unlike the other mothers, Michelle Byers, a sophomore majoring in English, has a full time sitter. She tries not to bring her son, Julian, to class because some of her professors are not too keen about having children in the classroom.

Juggling books and babies, according to these women, is no easy task but with the right kind of child care, caring and understanding professors, good support systems, and a little time management on their part, these student mothers are dispelling the myth that one can be too young to care for a child.

They may also be dispelling the idea that a woman must sacrifice an education if she wants to be a mother.

Emwanta Isibor, along with some of the other mothers, has formed a mothers network dedicated to helping one another out. If there are any mothers who want to join in to help or be helped, contact the Tempo Editor at The HILLTOP at 806-4736. Leave a message, including your name and your phone number, and it will be passed along to the network of mothers.

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SPORTS

Lady Spikers defeat FAMU to win MEAC championship

Octavia Shaw
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, the Lady Spikers captured the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship by defeating the Lady Rats of Florida A&M University at Greensboro, N.C. The Lady Spikers, who won three of five games, 18-16, 15-12, 13-15, 11-10 and 15-10 for the title, had won the tournament as the number two seed, with an overall record of 16-9. The team also won the MEAC play with a 15-1 record.

The team avenged their only conference loss of the season, a 15-11-15, 15-13, 15-13 and 15-10 to FAMU midway through the season in the MEAC's Round Robin Classic.

"The team from FAMU is full of great competitors," said Brenda Harris, a Spiker. "They really gave us their all. There was a lot of going on back and forth over the net, but we had to show them what Howard is all about," continued Harris.

MEAC Outstanding Coach of the Year Linda Spencer captured fourth championship in seven years as head coach of the Lady Spikers. The Lady Spikers have won MEAC titles in 1983-1987, 1989 and 1991. Spencer has worked hard throughout the season to reach this point. After losing five girls last year, [upon graduation], the team has per-



Ericka Rockwood

formed great," said Spencer. "This was a double elimination tournament, so we had to get our serves over and compete," she concluded.

Top-setter Harris and middle-blocker Raquan Washington, first juniors, earned all-MEAC, both team honors, while freshman Ericka Rockwood was named to the second team. For her play, Harris

was chosen conference Most Valuable Player, as well as for the all-tournament team, along with freshman middle-blocker Carla Ellis.

Harris, who is also a team captain, led the team in assists with 612 and was the only player to play in all 84 regular season matches. She was also tied with Bethune-

Cookman's Raquel McZeal as the MEAC's top vote-getter.

"The championship game was very intense, but we played with our hearts and we fought a good fight," said Washington, who led the team in services, aces, digs and blocks with 61, 259 and 45, respectively. "We had four freshmen who were able to have the opportunity to see and feel what it was like to be champions...and it is a very good feeling," said Washington.

Ellis, who led the team in block assists with 168, was the team's most dominant player around the net all season long. She said she is glad that the team is a MEAC champion and hopes the championship fever will continue over the years.

Rockwood, who is Ellis' cousin and one of the team's top recruits, said, "I don't really feel like a freshman when I play because we all play as one. I didn't realize that it would feel like that until it actually hit me."

As Coach Spencer and the team take adjust to their new championship, they await to hear from the National Collegiate Athletic Association on Nov. 28, in hopes of an invitation to play in the NCAA Post-Season Volleyball Tournament for a national title.

"We had our ups and downs, but I thank everyone for playing hard and getting a good record going," said Harris. "I'm also looking forward to next season."

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Bison men and women cross country teams end seasons third in MEAC

Baine Myada
Staff Writer

The Bison Cross Country teams ended their season this weekend in Greensboro, N.C. at the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships, with the men and women placing third overall.

The men finished with 109 points behind first place Coppin

State University, which finished with 32 points, and second place University of Maryland Eastern Shore, which finished with 98 points.

Those competing for the Bison were William Gruen, Yasmeen Chesnut, Joseph Lee, Eric Campbell, Joel Bounds, Damien Rowe and Phillips McKenzie.

Campbell, who was the first Howard runner to score, came in with a time of 33:41. He was fol-

lowed by Bounds, who had a time of 33:44. Other runners who scored for the Bison were Chesnut, Lee and Gruen.

The Coppin State women received 17 points to capture the women's division title, followed by Florida A&M, who had 88 points. The Bison women collected 105 points.

The women were represented by Adayna Upchurch, Kenya Palmer, Nicole Pryor, Conja

Gilmore, Karantha Randall and Mariesol Figueroa.

Kenya Palmer, who was the first of four Howard women to score, returned to the finish line with a time of 21:52. She was followed closely by Figueroa, who had a time of 21:54. Pryor, Upchurch and Randall also scored for the Bison.

Head Coach William P. Moultrie said that his team had a very competitive finish, considering

the fact that both teams were comprised of mostly freshmen.

"Both teams were very positive and coachable, which enabled them to follow directions better," said Moultrie.

Many members of the cross country teams, along with other runners, are preparing for another season of indoor track, which begins on Dec. 11.

"It's the master plan with fall training, we take cross country

out of fall training in preparation for indoor track," Moultrie said.

In the upcoming indoor season, Moultrie expects his runners to give an "honest effort".

"I think that with this group of hurdlers, sprinters and high jumpers joining the distance runners, the season should be very exciting," Moultrie said.

Tae Kwon Do team members bring bronze medals home

Sha Riggins
Staff Writer

While most Howard students are spending homecoming days in camp watching the Bison at Morehouse College, members of the Howard University Tae Kwon Do team were participating in the 18th annual National Collegiate Tae Kwon Do Championships held at Nicholls

State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Two of the four Bison participants walked away with bronze medals.

Seniors Sherman Spinks and James Green, junior Harold Houston and sophomore Andre Victorian represented Howard in the tournament.

According to a media guide issued by the National Collegiate Tae Kwon Do Association, the championships were established

to "foster a better understanding of the purpose and philosophy of Tae Kwon Do in colleges and universities across the country".

During the 17th annual championships held last November at the University of California at Berkeley, Sherman Spinks won a gold medal in the middle weight division.

"After last year's success, I expected to place extremely high this year," said Spinks, who

received a bronze medal in the middle weight division this year.

Victorian was the other Bison to win a bronze.

"I am happy that I placed, but I would rather have won the gold," he said.

Although they had been preparing for the championships since September, the team expected to be more successful.

"I really expected Harold [Green] to win and everyone else

on the team to place," said Spinks.

Head Coach Dr. Dong Ja Yang believes that the team did extremely well.

"When half of our representatives wins medals, the trip was a success," Yang said.

Howard's competitors flew to Louisiana two days prior to the event so that they could weigh-in Friday. That Saturday morning, after checking in and witnessing the opening ceremonies, the com-

petition began at 10:30 a.m. The final matches were played at 7 p.m. An awards ceremony immediately followed.

"[The team] had a really hard time getting to the championships, financially, but the medal winners are eligible to compete in the team trials next spring for going to the World University Games in Spain next spring," Spinks said.

Beard optimistic about the more cohesive and competitive Bison squad

Monica M. Lewis
Staff Writer

After a dream-like 1991-1992 season that saw them capture a MEAC championship and reach the NCAA Division I tournament, the Howard University Men's basketball team went through a 1992-93 season that was full of injuries and inconsistent play. The team ended their season with a 12-16 record.

However, with a new season less than two weeks away, Head Coach Alfred Beard said that his current squad is much more cohesive and competitive.

"I feel pretty good about the team," said Beard, entering his fourth year at the helm of the Bison club. "We continue to practice hard and take it over into a new situation, we should have our share of ball games. In many, I don't know, but I feel pretty competitive," Beard continued.

Beard's 1993 team has 11 returning players from last year's roster. Two seven-foot transfer players, Livingstone and rook-

ie Thurman Johnson join the team with four walk-ons.

"All of my returning players should step up and be better this year than they were last season," said Beard. He said that he is looking for improvement in his veterans because "they will have to carry their share of the load."

Among those returning are juniors Tommy Brown, a guard who was named 1991-92 MEAC Rookie of the Year; forward Art Crowder, who averaged 8.6 points a game last season; guard Corey Beard, who averaged 8.4 points a game; and sophomore Phil Chenier, a forward/guard who had a successful rookie campaign, earning a spot on the MEAC all-Rookie team.

"As a freshman, he played well. Barring any sophomore jinx, Phil is really going to help us," said Beard.

This year's team will be without guards Milan Brown and Robert Riddick, and center Charles Solomon, all of whom graduated last May. Brown led the team in points per game with 12.1, while Solomon led the team

in total rebounds with 197.

"Those guys did a great job for me, and we'll miss their leadership," said Beard. "I think that in the long run, this year's seniors and juniors will step up and get the job done. They are going to have to for us to be successful," he said.

The team's lone seniors, forward/center Otis Young and guard/forward Donnell Diggs, did not see much playing time last season, but according to Beard, that does not pose a problem.

"They will play this year. I'll need their leadership, both on and off the floor," said Beard. "I'm an equal-opportunity employer. If my players do what they are supposed to, they will get an opportunity to play."

Chenier said that he believes this year's squad to be "more together and more determined", something that Beard agreed with.

"They are more together right now. They like each other better, which is something that they didn't do last year. I do believe that had something to do with our downfall last season," Beard

said.

According to Beard, the team will need to work on four areas: free-throw shooting, turn-overs, shooting and rebounding. If those four areas are improved, the team should, in Beard's words, "be much better than we were at any time last year."

"I think the one thing I'm thinking about is that we stay injury-free and that we continue to improve throughout the months of November and December," said Beard. The team will

host the Naval District of Washington next Wednesday in an exhibition match, before they head out to Indianapolis for the Roundball Classic over Thanksgiving break, where they will open their regular season against Kentucky State. The Bison will go through a series of games in December before opening MEAC play on January 8, when they host North Carolina A&T.

"Coppin State [reigning MEAC Champions] will be the team to beat, because they are bringing everyone

back, but every team in the conference will be good," said Beard.

Beard said that his goals for the year include his teams winning as many games as possible.

"We have the ability to win 20 games, we just have to work hard," said Beard. "I'm really excited about this team. We have more talent than we did when we went to the tournament. I've got people who can run, jump and dunk. They should be exciting to watch," he concluded.

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AFTERTHOUGHTS

LOVE THROUGH THE CHAIN

A Fairy Tale

By Vladimir Leveque

AMIR WAS BUT A YOUNG BOY OF SEVEN, YET HE KNEW HE FELT SOMETHING FOR THE CHIEF'S DAUGHTER. TASHI WAS A BEAUTIFUL GIRL WHO COULD PLAY WITH THE BOYS AND STILL ACT LIKE THE PRINCESS. WHAT MORE COULD A BOY OF SEVEN WANT IN A YOUNG GIRL?

AND SHE WOULD LOOK AT HIM AND SMILE. SHE LIKED HIM AND HE LIKED HER.

THE YEARS WENT BY AND AMIR AND TASHI GOT CLOSER. THEIR MUD CAKE MAKE-BELIEVE DINNERS EVENTUALLY BECAME MOON-LIGHT DINNERS ON THE NILE.

AND SHE WOULD LOOK AT HIM AND SMILE. SHE LOVED HIM AND HE LOVED HER.

ONE NIGHT A DREAM DISTURBED TASHI TERRIBLY, SHE CRIED FOR HER PRINCE AND HE CAME. SHE TOLD HIM OF THE PALE FACE AND ITS EVIL. SHE TOLD HIM OF FIRE AND BLOOD. SHE TOLD HIM THAT ONE DAY THEY WOULD BE SEPARATED AND THEIR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER WOULD DIE.

UNDER THE WARM RAYS OF THE NORTH STAR, AMIR PROMISED TASHI THAT NOTHING WOULD KEEP HIM FROM HER AND THAT HIS LOVE FOR HER WOULD BE ETERNAL. LIKewise, SHE MADE THAT PROMISE TO HIM.

SHE LOOKED AT HIM AND SMILED. SHE LOVED HIM AND HE LOVED HER.

MANY WEEKS LATER, THE VILLAGE WAS INVADDED. PALE FACES WITH EXPLOSIVE STICKS RAMPAGED THROUGH THE LAND. THEY BURNED DOWN HOMES AND KILLED VILLAGERS.

AMIR LED THE CHARGE WITH HIS BRAVE WARRIORS, BUT IT WAS TO NO AVAIL. THEY WERE TAKEN AND BOUND IN CHAINS. THE PALE FACES SLAUGHTERED THE ELDERS AND THE SICKLY. THEY SEPARATED THE MEN AND THE WOMEN AND BOUND THEM IN CHAINS.

WHEN THEY TRIED TO SEPARATE AMIR AND TASHI, THE TWO FOUGHT AND STRUGGLED. BUT FINALLY THEIR GRIP WAS SHATTERED AND THEY WERE VIOLENTLY PULLED APART.

AND THOUGH THEY WERE TORN AWAY FROM EACH OTHER'S ARMS, SHE LOOKED AT HIM AND HE, HER. SHE LOVED HIM AND HE LOVED HER.

THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WOULD BE HORRIBLE FOR THE TWO YOUNG LOVERS. THEY HAD TO ENDURE THE TERRIBLE CONDITIONS THE BOAT. THEY HAD TO BREATHE THE SICKNESS AND ILL ODORS. AND DURING ALL THIS THEY WONDERED ABOUT EACH OTHER. WAS ALIVE? IS SHE HURT? AND THEY BOTH WOULD CRY.

THIS NEW LAND FULL OF PALE FACES WAS VERY STRANGE, THOUGHT AMIR. I DO NOT LIKE THE WAY THE PALE FACES LOOK AT ME, THOUGHT TASHI. I CANNOT REMAIN IN CHAINS, MUMBLED AMIR. I WILL NOT BE CHAINED, TASHI SAID.

THE LAND WAS DRY AND HOT. THEY FORCED HIM TO WORK. THEY TRIED TO MAKE HIM LIKE THEM. HE RESISTED. HE WAS WHIPPED HE BLED.

SHE CARRIED THE BUCKETS. SHE PLOWED THE LAND. THEY TRIED TO TAKE HER. SHE RESISTED. THEY TOOK HER ANYWAY. AND WHEN THE NIGHT CAME AND THE BLOOD BEGAN TO CRUST TO HIS BATTERED AND BURNT BACK, HE LAID ON THE FLOOR AND LOOKED UP TO THE SKY. THE NORTH STAR SHONE AS BRIGHTLY HERE AS IT DID AT HIS HOME. HE WEPT A SINGLE TEAR AND AS IT HIT THE GROUND AND SPLASHED ON HIS TOE, HE WHISPERED I LOVE YOU TO TASHI.

SHE SNUCK AWAY FROM THE MASTER'S HOUSE AND STOOD UNDER THE GRAND TREE. SHE HAD TO WALK CAREFULLY NOT TO REOPEN THE LACERATIONS ON THEIR FEET AND LEGS. SHE WALKED TO THE CENTER OF THE FIELD AND LOOKED UP TO THE NORTH STAR. HOW BRIGHT IT SHINED, SHE THOUGHT. THE COLD WEATHER JABBED AT HER OPEN WOUNDS AND A SINGLE TEAR FELL FROM HER EYE. AS IT HIT THE GROUND AND SPLASHED ON HER TOE, SHE WHISPERED I LOVE YOU TO AMIR.

THE DAYS BECAME WEEKS AND THE WEEKS BECAME MONTHS. AND NEVER ONCE DID THE TWO YOUNG LOVERS STOP THINKING OF EACH OTHER. EVERY NIGHT THEY WOULD LOOK TOWARD THE STAR IN THE NORTH AND ANNOUNCE THEIR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER. HUNDREDS OF MILES APART THEIR LOVE NEVER FADED.

TASHI WAS BORN A PRINCESS AND A PROUD WOMAN. SHE WOULD NOT CONTINUE TO CARE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE PALE FACE AND TO BE TREATED NO BETTER THAN THE ANIMALS ON THE LAND.

IN HIS LAND HE WAS A NOBLE WARRIOR AND A BRAVE LEADER. HE WAS BORN FREE AND WITHOUT CHAINS. HE WOULD NOT TOLERATE THIS MUCH LONGER.

AND WHEN THE PALE FACE DARED WHIP HIM AGAIN, AMIR GRABBED THE WHIP AND PULLED THE PALE FACE OFF HIS HORSE. HE SLAMMED HIM WITH ONE MIGHTY BLOW. AND IN HIS NATIVE TONGUE HE LED THE SLAVES IN A REVOLT. THEY BURNED ALL THE FIELDS AND KILLED ALL THE PALE FACES THAT THEY SAW.

AND WHEN ALL WAS LAID TO WASTE AND THERE WAS NO MORE, AMIR LED THE CHARGE TO THE NORTH STAR. IN THAT WOULD THEY FIND FREEDOM.

TASHI NESTLED IN DIRT THAT WAS HER BED. SHE COULD NOT EVEN HOLD HER HANDS TOGETHER TO PRAY; THEY HAD BEEN BRUISED SO BADLY. THEN IN THE SILHOUETTE OF THE MOONLIGHT SHE SAW THE MASTER'S PALE FACE. HE WAS COMING TO TAKE HER PURITY, WHICH BELONGED TO AMIR. AGAIN, NO, NOT AGAIN. SHE CLOSED HER EYES AND WAITED FOR HIM TO GET CLOSER. HE CAME, KNELT BESIDE HER AND IN A VIOLENT QUICK MOTION SHE KICKED HIM IN THE GROIN. HE KNELT DOWN AND SHE DELIVERED ANOTHER BLOW TO HIS HEAD. THE OTHER SLAVES, SEEING HER COURAGE, JOINED HER. WITHIN NO TIME, A REVOLT WAS ON, AND FROM EVERY AVAILABLE LIMB, PALE FACES HUNG, AND THROUGH THE FIRE AND BLOOD, TASHI STOOD TALL AND LED THE RACE TO THE NORTH STAR.

THE NEWS OF THE REVOLTS TRAVELED FAST AND PALE FACES FROM ALL AROUND BECAME ANGRY. THE FUGITIVES MUST BE FOUND AND SLAIN, THE PALE FACES SHOUTED. WITHIN DAYS, THE PALE FACES MOUNTED LARGE HORDES OF MEN AND HORSES TO HUNT DOWN THE SLAVES.

AMIR RAN TOWARD THE NORTH STAR PRAYING THAT SOMEHOW, SOME WAY HE WOULD SEE HIS BELOVED. OR DIE TRYING. TASHI, WITH HER BLOOD SOAKED FEET, RAN AS QUICKLY AS HER BODY AND SPIRIT WOULD CARRY HER. THE NORTH STAR WAS WHAT SECURED THEIR LOVE AND WHAT WOULD BE TO SUSTAIN IT. SHE RAN.

THEY RAN THROUGH THE BITTER COLD, FROST BITE NUMBING THEIR BODIES. MANY DIED. SOME DIDN'T. THE ONES THAT FELL WERE CARRIED ALONG. THE ONES THAT DIED WERE PRAYED FOR. BUT THEY CONTINUED TO RUN. THE PALE FACES WERE ONLY A FEW DAYS BEHIND THEM AND THE NORTH STAR WAS STILL A FEW WEEKS IN FRONT OF THEM. AMIR NEVER DOUBTED. HE WOULD REACH THE STAR AND THERE, HE WOULD FIND TASHI.

THEY DRAGGED THE CHAINS THROUGH THE DIRT AND SNOW. MANY FELL AND SOME CONTINUED. THE PALE FACES WERE COMING AND TASHI KNEW THIS. NOTHING WOULD STOP HER FROM HER DESTINATION THOUGH. SHE WOULD FIND AMIR.

THE BULLETS DANCED BY HIS EARS. MANY OF HIS FRIENDS FELL. DEATH WAS EVERYWHERE. HE WAS RUNNING AS FAST AS HE COULD AND FINALLY HE WAS THE LAST ONE.

ALL HER SISTERS AND BROTHERS HAD FALLEN. SHE WAS THE LONE ONE. THE PALE FACES WERE ONLY A FEW HUNDRED FEET BEHIND HER. THE OPEN FIELD WHERE THE RAYS OF THE NORTH STAR TOUCHED GROUND WAS JUST A FEW FEET AWAY.

SHE RAN TO IT. THEIR VOICES AT ONE POINT HAD BEEN MUMBLES AND ECHOES, BUT NOW THEY WERE CLEAR AND MENACING. THEY WERE ONLY A FEW FEET BEHIND HIM. HE WAS WEARY. THE FIELD WHERE THE NORTH STAR TOUCHED WAS JUST A FEW FEET AWAY.

HE RAN TO IT. AMIR RAN TO THE FIELD. WITH ALL THE MIGHT HE HAD LEFT, HE RAN. BUT HIS SPIRIT SNAPPED. HE WAS DRAINED. THERE WAS NO



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