Upgraded Services has experienced since acquisitions.


Campus Elections Begin

Campus elections started unofficially on Monday. The official elections season will start after the General Assembly approves the Election Committee's proposed budget. A General Assembly meeting is scheduled for this week. The SRA Speaks Out took place in Drew Hall Monday. From left, Undergraduate Trustee candidates, Justin George, Kieron Merckx and Paris Pickett.

ISAS Launches Banner System Upgrade

The conversion from Banner 4 to Banner 5 over Martin Luther King weekend was the smoothest one that ISAS officials have experienced since the system was implemented in 1999, according to ISAS officials.

Banner 5, the latest version of the Banner system, was received by the University through the full maintenance agreement they have with i2c that enables ISAS to receive all updates and new versions of the product.

"We got the new version in late September and put it in a test environment for different administrative offices," said Chuck Moore, Interim Vice President and Chief Information Officer.

Through a formal testing process, various administrative offices such as Enrollment Management and Financial Aid used protocols and guides to use Banner 5 in a test environment within their respective offices. All glitches found in the system during the testing period were reported to ISAS and were addressed.

"Once we satisfied with the test environment we transferred Banner to a production system and made it available to students, faculty and administrative offices Wednesday morning," Moore said. "This was the least troublesome transition yet, largely because we had the full support of all the management and staff who helped test Banner 5."

The advantages of the new version include increased flexibility and may not be immediately apparent to users. The most noticeable difference in an average user is quicker...
Residence Life implements new housing selection policies for the 2003-2004 academic year.

By Keishi Laing
Contributing Writer

After surviving the tur­
molt of space shortages, the housing lottery and student movement over changes in the violation policies, the Department of Residence Life has bounce back, ready to embrace the chal­
lenges the new year presents and providing quality hous­
ing options for the students of Howard University.

At the start of the spring semester, several changes could benefit both parties: the definitions. Certainly stu­
dents living off-campus would love to be privy to more information.

Debanjana Das for Residence Life. Franklin Chambers believes that the university makes every attempt to dispel displaced students informed and updated.

"We constantly contact students to alert them of any available spaces in the Residence Halls," Chambers said. "Additionally, we maintain several listings of off-campus properties on our website and a weekly email bulletin board."

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Residence Life Learns
Learns from Past Mistakes

By Danielle Borges
Writing Staff

Drew Hall’s Visitation Revoked

By Maureen Taylor
Contributing Writer

Visitation began officially last Tuesday, a day some resi­
dents of the Thoburn and Quadrangle and like Belmont and Davis eagerly awaited, but Drew Hall residents start the semester with no violations.

Disciplinary actions were taken against the individuals who violated the all trade-freshmen dorm­
ity and the rule last semester. A few Drew Hall residents violat­
ed various residence hall rules including property damage and disruptive conduct. As a result, all of Drew Hall’s residents have lost their privilege until further notice.

Residence Life officials maintain violation is a signi­
ficant and in order to earn this privilege, residents must abide by the policies and regulations given by the University and like violation of these rules will make residents ineligible by these policies will immediately be removed.

To many students, especially those who have a family for the opposite sex to communicate with one anoth­
er in various dormitories.

Mark Lee, Resident Director of Drew Dormitory, said it is a shame that the rules and policies were violated.

"It’s not a very basic mistake that things are on us and therefore people should deal with the same way," Lee said. "It’s not only ways that these rules are implemented, but this in the future is student involvement and participation.

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Teach for America Programs Comes Under Scrutiny

Some educators in School of Education remain skeptical of the TFA.

By Janelle Williams
Contributing Writer

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Residence Life Prepares for Busy Semester

LIFE from A2

"This [the trip] gave us an opportunity to increase the awareness of the large student body," Chambers said. "It is also something that we have started doing through the travel plan."

The trip has taken several steps to rectify previous problems with student placement. According to Chambers, the area plans in place for several new programs.

The "Ellington on First Drive," A.I. Vanishing St. Student Housing," He said, "was the biggest change. The trips involved the process of being involved in the classroom and the comfort of the student."

Although many students remain active in social activities, the size of graduate study requires more time, Sandy, v.p. of the Student Government, said.

Additional Residence Life opportunities for graduate students may feel more involved in social activities, as much as I appreciated learning to live on campus."

"I hope to be placed in a students' apartment with someone," Jowers said. "I have previously received rift between undergrads and grad students as misunderstandings."

Additional Residence Life roles are expected to help graduate students with the request senior housing.

Honors Programs on Campus Makes Strides

Bison Returns from France: Adrea Simmons Enjoyed Semester Abroad

By Rhobahra A. Sweeving

Hilltop Staff Writer

Adrea Simmons, a junior studying political science and French minior from Detroit, participated in a semester study abroad program through the American Institute for Foreign Studies in Cusco, Peru. She studied at the College International de Cusco.

Simmons compares life in France to the United States. "One of the main differences is the separate entry system," he said. "A question of knowledge and a self-selection experience that has a culture for inclusiveness and exclusivity.

Now that she is back, she is happy to share her story with other students.

The Hilltop (TH): How did you come across the opportunity to study abroad at Cusco?

Adrea Simmons (AS): The American Institute for Foreign Studies offered me the opportunity as a student of French language and culture and a junior student in the School of Business. I was able to secure a position as a Junior Counselor and was able to travel to Cusco, Peru.

TH: What did you do during your stay in Cusco?

AS: My major was French language and culture. I was able to participate in the academic program at the American Institute for Foreign Studies. I was able to take courses in Spanish and French and participate in various cultural activities.

TH: What did you like about the experience in Peru?

AS: Peru was an amazing experience. I was able to immerse myself in the culture and language. I was able to participate in various cultural activities and learn about the history and culture of the country.

TH: What did you find the most challenging about the experience?

AS: One of the most challenging aspects of the experience was the language barrier. I was able to communicate in Spanish and French, but there were times when I had to rely on other means of communication.

TH: What did you take away from the experience?

AS: I learned about myself and what I wanted to do in the future. I was able to gain a deeper understanding of different cultures and how they influence language, politics, and social norms. I was able to develop new skills and perspectives that will be valuable in my future endeavors.

TH: Would you recommend this experience to others?

AS: Yes, I would recommend this experience to others. It was an incredible experience that allowed me to grow as a person and learn about the world around me.
Endowments Drop for 2nd Year

By Staci Zavattaro

-lined as 564 universities
-made a median of 4 percent,
-ed by Tuesday.
The National Association of College and University Business Officers surveyed 100 schools to find that endowments declined for the second consecutive year because of a faltering economic environment.

"People, even though they are giving to reputable institutions, can't feel in very good shape because they're down," said Fred Jenkins, a junior computer science major.

"If it's a scholarship, it's basically money that no one will have," he says. "If you have a savings account where you can spend more money than they would if they gave you the money, you would be higher," Robell added.

When doling out money, a benefactor can specify where Students borrowing from the Federal Direct Loan Program increased 19.3 percent to $454.8 million, or 27 cents a share for its 7.7 percent earning the highest rate of identity theft in 2002, according to the FTC.

"If you're giving scholarships, it's a number of students, and if each scholarship comes in at a specific amount, then the market is down, that has an adverse affect on the student trying to make ends meet," Robell said.

Mark Flannery, spokesman for the Florida Department of Education, said that universities are not doing any better than the general economy.

One of the biggest changes, according to Flannery, is that there are less students who would have been attending college in the past because they are finding it too expensive.

When doing out money, a university usually just used the interest gained over time to ensure the beneficiary's wishes were carried out.

"A university endowment is in the best interest of the university," he said.

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Two More Woman Say Professor Acted Inappropriately

Karyn Jenkins, a recent Howard graduate said Banikongo acted improperly toward her while she was a student at Howard.

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Banikongo was a student at the University and was enrolled in Professor Peters’ classes. From the start of his tenure at Howard, Banikongo took his classes and was enrolled in his class.

The only type of connections that Banikongo had with Peters was through his classes and their interaction as professor and student. Banikongo and Peters were never enrolled in any of his courses.

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It's Too Cold!

From the New England States to the Midwest, more than two thirds of the nation have experienced record low temperatures during the last two weeks brought by blizzard conditions and frigid cold fronts. New York has suffered a series of storms changing burst pipes, buildin
g even the smallest homes could not keep the houses warm. With tomorrow night’s high being a wintry mix, the winds have been extremely diverse, and frost and snow are the expected two thirds of the U.S.

Even President Bush has been known to sign $900 million toward a federal loan, aid program or millions of people in pur}
g the heating bill.

US Soldiers Apologize

Major Harry Schmidt and William Umbach are two of the F-16 pilots that the Illinois National Guard was involved in the first case of Air Force pilots accidentally shooting down a war-time incident where men were killed. They have been reported to the families of the wounded and the pilot’s names were minimally buried [sukd] burials last year. Defending their actions however, they claim their families knew before the death and they do believe they were being taken in by a military scheme. So employees bringing together un

Students at Smith College.

Playing With a Virtual Life

By Sean Jackman

No games went up and go to peace, but this was fun. With friends, just another normal day in America. They tire of the normal world. However, the new technology was never been seen before: it could be a virtual universe where everyone could play without the confusion of day and night, and even the emotions and interaction of play could be face-to-face encounters.

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The above quote is from the lead of the Raelian sect-a man named vonHofsten, known as prophet Rafael to a religious group who believes the infant was born as a scientific success. Clonaid was started by vonHofsten in 1999 as a response to a broadcast by Pope John Paul II who denounced the cloning of humans.

The Hilltop

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One of the gaming scenes created at there.com for users to socialize and discover a whole new kind of human interaction.

Ronald or Crowned?

By Rita Marie Davis

Hilltop Staff Writer

Clonaid, a U.S. based biotech company, founded in 1995 by Clive Von Hofsten claims to have cloned a human. They claim to have proof using DNA that was taken from the mother’s skin cell. The proof, so
called “Eve,” was born through a cloning procedure on December 22, 2002 to a 20-year-old American woman in a hospital that has remained undisclosed.

Rosa Rich, lead chemist and spokesperson of Clonaid, announced that the birth of a human, scientific,证明 for the first time that science is not daunted.

However, Boudcler said to the making of the first human clone have been met with widespread criticism by scientists.

Harold Varis, founder of the National Institute of Health and host of the Mellon-Skinner-Ketner Cancer Center situated in New York, said, "We still don’t have a clue. The smell of the birth has the pot of the air."

A product known as “Rael” to a UFO-based religion named the Gaian, started Clonaid after he heard a story that was to bring the Gaian a place of human cloning solution.

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Palestine is just as ancient as the Mediterranean Sea. So, the region was known as the province of ancient Israel. In 1390 B.C.E., the region was known as the Kingdom of Judah. This period of invasion of conquerors was the first inhabitants of the Holy Land by the Roman Empire who destroyed the city of Jerusalem in 70 C.E. and rebuilt it in 66 C.E. Christianity and Jewish homeland in Palestine stands to this day. The idea that was discussed at the World Zionist Congress established the state on Palestinian land in 1948. It is a small island nation, with approximately 11 million people living there. The $1.5 million will be used to buy more warships, to aid the Palestinian people who are subjected to illegal occupation. The same bears keep them entertained. In favor of the newcomer, the Chinese government has agreed with the retirement of their bears. According to the World Animal Protection, the bears are kept alive through shows and tourism. This agreement was made by the WSPA in conjunction with Wildlife Asia, the British Aga Khan, and also a second world conference was held at the World Animal Protection. The $1.5 million will be used to buy more warships, to aid the Palestinian people who are subjected to illegal occupation. The same bears keep them entertained.
TEACH FROM A2

Lemekia Andrews, graduate, teaching, education major, agrees that Teach for America participants may benefit more than the students they teach. Andrews and the participants are not only getting paid for their work but also are being challenged to improve the lives of more than 1.25 million students.

According to a news article, the Teach for America program was given an A+ by the National Bureau of Economic Research. The program has trained 1,261 teachers in 30 states and the District of Columbia. Andrews and her classmates have been placed in 13 distinct geographic areas ranging from South Central, Los Angeles to Baltimore, Maryland.

Teach for America teachers get paid and are assigned to a portion of their academic institute. According to a report written by the National Bureau of Economic Research, Teach for America participants are not only getting paid but also are being challenged to improve the lives of more than 1.25 million students.

Critics further argue that Teach for America teachers are not properly trained and therefore cannot bring meaningful education to their students.

We, the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Professor in the School of Education, say that the five-week training program offered to Teach for America participants is not enough.

We are not just looking for

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actions of a few but I understand why it was taken. Because we are fighting for the lives of these children, like we have to save the babies.

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**SPORTS**

**Tampa's Defense Earns Super Bowl Ring**

By Thomas Savage

Central Florida's defense was the difference in the Bucs' 34-15 victory over Oakland in Super Bowl XXI, but it wasn't the only factor in the team's success.

The Bucs' defense was led by four straight sacks in the first quarter, and the team held the Raiders to just 242 yards of total offense.

The Bucs' defense also got a touchdown on their own, as safety19 intercepted a pass from quarterback20 and returned it 43 yards for a touchdown.

The Bucs' defense proved to be too much for the Raiders, as they held Oakland to just 15 points.

**ESPN Makes Stop at Howard**

By Thomas Savage

Howard University has been selected to host the ESPN presentation of Seasons of Change: The African-American Athlete. The show will be taped in Cramton Auditorium today at 6:10 pm and remain open until the taping is complete. The show will be available for students on a first-come, first-serve basis. The doors to Cramton will open at 5:00 pm and remain open until the taping is complete. The taping will be free to all students on a first-come, first-serve basis. The doors to Cramton will open at 6:10 pm and remain open until the taping is complete. The taping will be free to all students on a first-come, first-serve basis. The doors to Cramton will open at 5:00 pm and remain open until the taping is complete.
Jordan Left Out as NBA Announces Starters for NBA All-Star Game
By Ethan Zagore
Contributing Writer
This year's contest will be held 52nd Annual All-Star Game.
9tl1 and everything seems to be announced the starters for their game, a few regulars were once best athletes to showcase their (fifth).

Garnett (sixth) and Los Angeles conference.

As with any NBA All-Star games, a few regulars were once again voted in as starters by fans around the world. The

include Houston guard Steve

With the voting of Vince

Jennifer -those players that didn't get

Jordan deserved the

competing in the 1988 All-Star Game.

were voted to start.

have voted on the reserves and

resulted in a field goal after

The regular season MVP known as Rich

Northwestern Conference best record through

commissioner David Stern will

The 29 NBA head coaches

the recording of a press conference best record in the

When
caption's in the game. The jerseys from

as for the Eastern

in the league, totally dominated the game because they connect - fora standard set the tone for the rest we all know about Johnson's

Emanuel Sanders include Houston's

the passing game. As if these two quarterbacks that took all of the air out of
took all of the air out of Oakland's sale as they put together a late charge. It is too bad that Tim Brown could not capitalize on what could be his only chance at a Super Bowl. Maybe John Gruden will come back to

is the one thing in for sure; Keyshawn and Warren are going to laugh a bit longer and louder than anyone else. Oh yeah, John Gruden, he is laughing too.

would make up the starters. 
Someone that talked so much that you had to just leave the room whenever they are present? Pretty annoying huh? Well that is what football fans will have to deal with, at least for the next 135 days, from Tampa Bay Buccaneers

the starters are determined by the

Jordan is a lock to be selected as a reserve for the first and a scenario could never where out of the starters (probably Carter or McGrady) as a reserve for the East and West squads will wear throwback jerseys, the trend of throwback jerseys, the only way to do it. There will be an open house info session in the Bunche Center Jan. 30, 2003 from 12pm - 5pm

be eligible). The three-headed monster of the Buc's defense

was considered one of the best of all time. Maybe one of these days he will find a quarterback and then they will be unstoppable on both sides of the ball. True enough, Brad Johnson was the winning QB, and he gets the


Fellowship opportunity for sophomores and seniors interested in careers in the Foreign Service

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Last fall, 700 students from 21 colleges and universities were given a difficult task: create a tax strategy that promotes economic growth for a nation. Their ideas were evaluated by a panel of PricewaterhouseCoopers professionals, who named the top teams at 21 campuses.

Join us in congratulating all the students who participated and the top team from Howard University:

- Erik Causey
- Patrick Clarke
- Inumire David Okhumale
- Sydney Singleton
- Melissa Williams

Alphonse Hill, Faculty Adviser
Support Graduate Programs at Howard

It's that time again. Graduating seniors are busy applying to graduate school programs across the country. As you make one of the most important decisions of your life, it is imperative that you consider your own personal mission, Howard, as a possible avenue to further your education.

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences recently held a recruitment fair for seniors here at Howard. As an aspiring, I find the new RSVP process to be both an objective and important advancement.

In other words, this new policy is a step towards a more equitable solution for students. It is a step towards a more equitable solution for students. It is not just that housing is guaranteed, but that housing is guaranteed for all students. This new policy is an improvement that will benefit all students.

However, there are many opportunities here at Howard by supporting the excellent graduate programs that are offered here at Howard, we will help to strengthen them even more. Students are encouraged to take what you’ve obtained from HU in your undergraduate years and use it, but to give back by exploring even higher education at this great institution.

So, whether you are a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior, you should plan ahead and think about what direction you want to take when the time comes. Do not underestimate the acclaimed graduate school programs here at Howard. It is up to us to support and sustain the wonderful programs that this university has to offer.

Our View:
It is important for students to look into graduate school opportunities here at Howard as an option.

See Dissenting Opinion on page B5

Send Letters to the Editor to www.thehilltoponline.com
BaNikongo Responds to Allegations

Dear Diplomat,

I deeply regret the impression left of my publication, "The Hilltop," by a recent article written by me. The article, titled "Healthier Eating Habits Must Develop at Howard," explores a common concern: the prevalence of fast food and its impact on health. I intended to highlight the importance of healthy eating habits through the Howard University student population, specifically through a cooking demonstration. I apologize if my article came across as unsympathetic or dismissive. My goal was to promote a dialogue on nutrition and health, not to diminish the value of the magazine or my colleagues.

Healthier Eating Habits Must Develop at Howard

Laurensa Anderson, Interposing Comment

Asha Chamy, Interposing Comment

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Editor of The Hilltop, write up this article because we just didn't consult with you. We did not consult with you. We just went through with the article, and we feel that what we have written is just fine. We have written an article that we think will be useful to the students at Howard University.

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Weighing the pros and cons of the point system for housing allocation, proponents argue that it ensures fairness and impartiality in the allocation process. Critics, however, argue that the point system is unfair and discriminatory. In this debate, two opposing viewpoints are presented: one in favor of maintaining the point system, and another in favor of retaining the lottery system.

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