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Happy Valentine's Day

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THIS WEEK

A TOUCH OF SPRING

SPRING BLACKS ARTS FESTIVAL

UPDATE: UGSA announces plans for its annual extravaganza which will bring activities back to the "Yard," including the step show and...THE SPRING PICNIC. **CAMPUS, A2**

LET ME RUN MY FINGERS...

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

VALENTINE'S SHOUT OUTS: Check out this week's expanded Hilltopics for love-filled V-day messages, in addition to the plethora of announcements, services and ads. **HILLTOPICS, B9-B10**

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I felt somehow for many years that George Washington and Alexander Hamilton just left me out by mistake. But through the process of admendment, interpretation and court decision, I have finally been included in 'We, the people.'"

—Barbara Jordan

THE HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

Politics

FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The HILLTOP is proud to present Politics as the theme for this week's salute to Black History Month. Our prominent presence in all facets of government has paved paths for a bright future. This week, several pages of The HILLTOP highlight political involvement in various arenas.

Blacks and black issues have played a significant role in American politics from the Jim Crow Days in the beginning of the century, to the cross burnings in the South during the 1960s. The civil rights era brought to this country such powerful voices as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X. Then, during the struggle of civil rights, we had leaders attempting to bring Blacks together. Now, there are those individuals who try the same task, bringing Blacks together in the midst of Black-on-Black crime.

Today, we are reminded of the voices of the past, especially in light of the conviction of a man last week for the murder of civil rights activist Medgar Evers. As we celebrate a month of glorifying the past, The HILLTOP attempts to also feature those individuals—from people in the District government to Howard students in government on campus—who are making names for themselves today.

Candidates announce platforms, call for unity in first speakout

By Traci N. James
Hilltop Staff Writer

Fliers litter "the Yard" and hallways, as candidates proclaim their thoughts on the state of the University. Yes, election time is here, and Howard students must decide who they want to represent them in the 1994-1995 academic school year. But amid the different ideas and slates, a common theme threading through all of the platforms is the need for more unity among the student body.

The first speakout Wednesday night started an election process that will culminate with students casting their votes Feb. 23 for the candidates of their choice.

Voting has been scheduled to take place only in Burr Gymnasium this year and Graduate Trustee candidate Talib Karim, a second-year law student, stridently disagreed with that decision at the speakout.

"This reminds me of a concept I learned in law school called voter dilution. They are playing with the student's voice and the student's voice must be heard," he said.

He also encouraged students to attend Thursday's General Assembly meeting to protest the lack of more polling places for the election.

The slate of Chidiadi Akoma and Shaconda Walker, who are running for president and vice-president of the Howard University Student Association, urged students to support "A Coalescence: Unity in all Perspectives." Their opponents, Reginald X and Nneka McDougald, are campaigning with the theme "A Call for Unity: A Rejuvenation of an Idea." Both platforms hope to increase student body's participation in student government by increasing their awareness of critical issues.

"The next step after student unity is the rejuvenation of student activism. We need complete service to our community," Reginald X said.



Candidates for HUSA President and Vice-President; and Undergraduate and Graduate Trustee line the stage and state their campaign platforms at the first election speakout.

After the vendor protest, many students have argued for a greater say in the decisions made by the administration.

HUSA presidential candidate, Chidiadi Akoma agrees. "I want to give something to the students. I want to give them their rights and their voices, which have been hindered," Akoma said.

When asked their views on renaming the University in honor of a black leader, the candidates agreed that there were more important issues facing students, like the long financial aid and registration processes and crime.

"Howard's name is a symbol and we are the substance. Right now we need to work on the substance," McDougald said.

When questioned about crime on campus, McDougald answered by bringing up the subject of date rape. Although the University security reported only one incident rape on campus this year, McDougald argued it is a growing problem.

"We cannot have unity among anyone, if our men and women don't have any unity," McDougald said.

Walker agrees with the call for more security. "We need to work with security more often to help them to make us safer," she said.

Three candidates hope to assume the role of Undergraduate Trustee for next year. Omar Karim, brother of Talib Karim, believes as Undergraduate Trustee he will be the gatekeeper for voicing the student body's concerns to the Board of Trustees.

"I am not running for Undergraduate Trustee, we are running. We are not running as a campaign, but as a movement," Omar Karim said.

Even if he is not elected, Karim contends that the movement will continue to give all student's a voice in decision-making.

Oronde Miller, Undergraduate Trustee candidate running on the platform "A Common Vision, One Voice," does not find the diversity of the student body to be a hindrance to unity, but in fact finds it to be a strength.

"Everyone and every organization has a different role to play in student government that is why it is important to unite," Miller said.

Under the platform "Genesis, Innovations, Not Fads," Undergraduate Trustee candidate John Barnes promises make the most of his tenure if elected.

"Positions are not important unless you do something with them," Barnes said.

Also seeking the position of Graduate Trustee are two law school students, M. Kasim Reed and K. Bethel Harris.

The only moment of tension during the speakout came when Reed corrected Talib Karim figures on how much funding the University receives from Congress.

Karim estimated the figure to be around 75% of the University's budget, but Reed quickly rebutted with a much lower figure.

Karim quickly said that Reed served as Undergraduate Trustee when Congress implemented the international student surcharge. According to Karim, Reed should have pushed the Board of Trustees to fight the action.

"How is that the voice of Congress can be heard over our voice," Karim asked the audience.

Former Undergraduate Trustee Reed promised to work to end the international student surcharge in what felt were more "constructive" ways.

Unlike in past years, this year's candidates refrained from making disparaging remarks about the opposition and mainly dealt with the issues.

"It showed initiative among the candidates to be willing to start off the elections on the right foot," General Manager for WHBC Ebonnie Clark said.

"The Elections Committee will not allow mudslinging. We want to retain the integrity of the election process. And as black people, we have no room to bring each other down with mud," said Memone Paden, the Chair of the General Assembly's Elections Committee.



HUSA Vice-Presidential candidate Nneka McDougald makes "A Call for Unity."

Bison vie for Valentine's Day victory

By Monica M. Lewis
Hilltop Staff Writer

They say there's no place like home. Unfortunately, the Howard University Men's Basketball team were unsuccessful in reaping the benefits of playing on their home court as they dropped a tough one to the Coppin State Eagles last Saturday night, 79-62.

According to head coach Alfred "Butch" Beard, every game from here on is important.

"We're going to have to go back to square one and try to iron some things out," Beard said. "Right now, we're not approaching games in the right frame of mind."

The men, who at press time were 8-10 overall, 5-4 in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, hosted the Wildcats of Bethune Cookman College. This Monday, they hope for a "sweet" Valentine's victory as they take on the Rattlers of Florida A&M University at Burr Gymnasium. The Bison defeated both teams during a road trip late last month.

With Saturday's victory, the defending MEAC champion Eagles extended their domination of the conference, winning their 28th consecutive MEAC game.

The Eagles jumped out to an 8-4 lead early in the game, but a Donnell Diggs three-point shot brought the Bison within one point. On Coppin's next possession, a turnover led

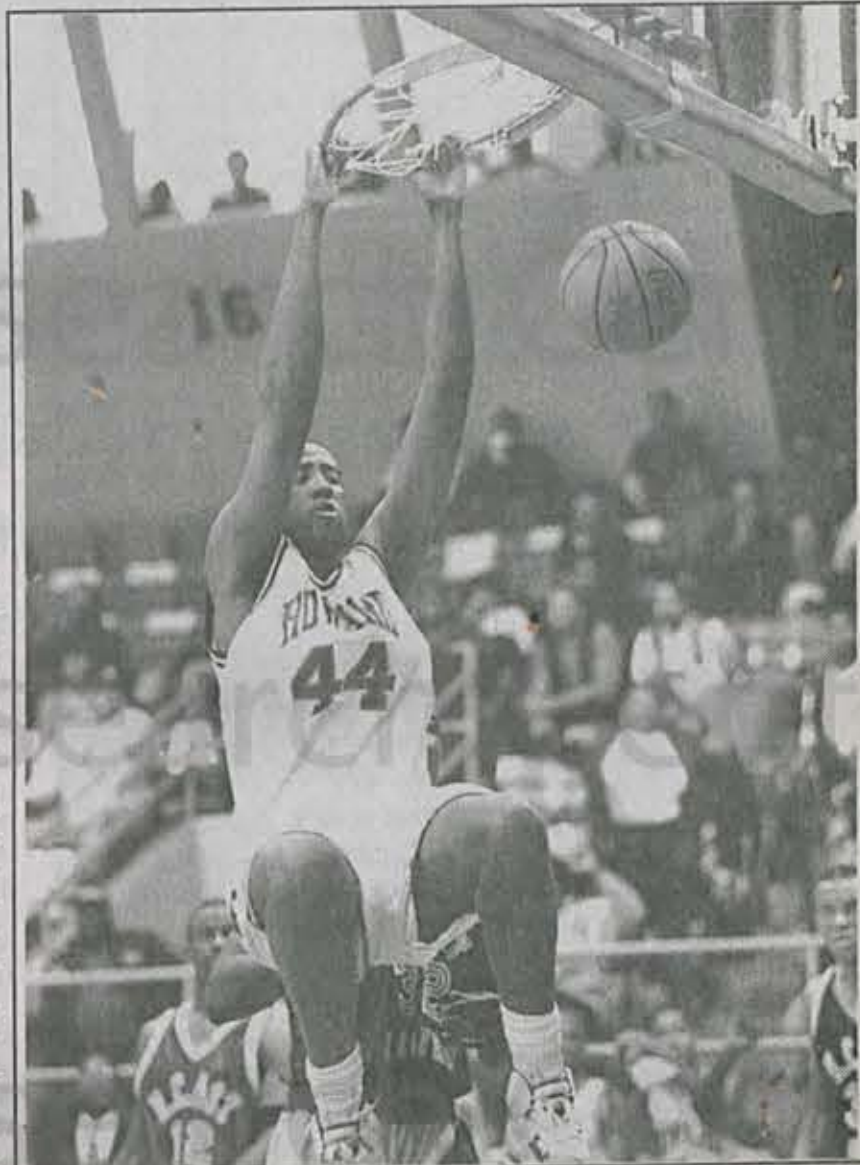
to a basket by junior guard Tommy Brown, giving Howard a 9-8 lead.

Junior center Grady Livingston, a seven-foot transfer, led all Bison with 17 points on the night, including a powerful slam that brought the Burr Gymnasium crowd of 3,231 to their feet. Livingston, who leads all Division I players in rebounds with 4.6 per game, collected 13 boards and five shot blocks. All were a career-best for Livingston.

Defensively, the Bison played well, holding the Eagles to just 34 percent shooting, but simple mistakes proved to be costly for Howard.

In the opening minutes of the second half, Coppin State jumped out to a 10-point advantage and never looked back. Another three-point jumper by Diggs brought the Bison within three at 49-46. Diggs, who was three of five from three-point land, had 13 points on the night. Junior forward Sean Turley, who was second in scoring with 14 points, also connected on a three-point attempt, closing the gap to four at 53-49, but the Eagles answered back with a long-range shooter of their own. Eagle guard Keith Carmichael, who had a game-high 26 points, was six of six from the three-point line.

The loss was the second in as many tries for the Bison against Coppin State. Earlier in the week, the men were defeated 72-60 in a game played in Baltimore.



Junior Center Grady Livingston slam dunks in the game against North Carolina A & T.

CAMPUS

Spring Black Arts Festival comes back to campus

Undergraduate Student Assembly makes effort to bring activity costs down and students' interest up



By Derrick M. Dennis
Hilltop Staff Writer

In response to student complaints about high ticket prices and off-campus Howard University social

events, the Undergraduate Student Assembly is making changes it hopes will make this year's Spring Black Arts Festival more accessible and more affordable.

UGSA Coordinator Kanika Magee welcomed the changes presented at

Tuesday's general body meeting, calling them a positive step toward increasing student participation in the annual festival.

"It has always been a goal of UGSA and for me as well to make our events more affordable and

accessible to Howard students," Magee said. "And I'm really glad I'm going to see it happen before I graduate."

Scheduled for April 3-10, the week-long festival will feature 13 events including a call to chapel, a gospel concert, talent show, fashion show, step show and a spring picnic on the yard - all under the theme "Awareness: The Power of Soul."

But the most significant change of all, according to UGSA Grievance Director Sherrie Townsend, is the fact that all events will be held on campus. This is a feature from previous festivals and Homecomings have lacked.

"We really wanted to bring the campus back to life this spring and regenerate the popularity of campus events," Townsend said. "Hopefully, our efforts will pay off and students will actively participate in the events this year."

Senior accounting major Janette Jones said off-campus events have prevented her from participating in the festival ever since her freshman year.

"Off campus events just makes it harder for me to attend," Jones said.

"If events are on campus, I would most likely go because there is always a way for me to get to the campus and participate."

And to UGSA Financial Advisor Omar Karim, increased student participation will be how he plans to measure the success of the festival - not making a profit.

"We estimate spending \$35,000 out of our programming budget and we only expect to make \$25,000 in ticket sales," Karim said. "But we are prepared to take the \$10,000 loss in order to keep ticket prices down and bring student participation up."

According to Karim, ticket prices will range from \$2 to \$8 with student tickets for the talent show selling for \$2 and the step show tickets selling for \$8.

Senior Accounting Major Donte Norris agrees that the lower ticket costs, as well as the relocation of festivities to the University are changes for the better.

"I think having the events back on campus will definitely make the festival better. As long as security is tight and there is limited access to the yard everything should be alright," Norris said.

UGSA officials admit that more activities hosted on the campus security is a major concern.

"We plan to have only two entrances to the campus during events on the yard," UGSA Representative Tracy Neely said. "We plan to have security stationed at other strategic locations so that only the designated entrances will be used."

But Magee said she isn't going to get her hopes up until University administrators officially give her the green light.

"The paperwork has been sent through and we have met with all the concerned parties but things are still tentative as far as I'm concerned," Magee said. "There really nothing to make believe the festival won't occur. I'm not doubting I'm just cautious."

Magee commended the efforts of festival coordinators to keep costs down and students' interests up.

"This is the way campus events are supposed to be," Magee said. "Unfortunately past festivals and Homecoming events in particular have suffered from high priced campus events."

Black Expo links business students to the future

By Melissa E. James
Hilltop Staff Writer

Black Entertainment Television's Angela Stribling, Maryland's Democratic Representative Kweisi Mfume and Essence magazine's Edward Lewis are just a few of the African-American notables who will attend the 9th Annual National Salute to Blacks in Business Conference.

The two day conference, to be held at the Washington, D.C., Convention Center on Feb. 16 and 17, is sponsored by the Howard University Business Development Center and the School of Business.

The theme of this year's conference is "Global Communication: Connecting With The Future."

"The theme was chosen because we

thought that it's important that blacks get a share of the pie globally. The conference will offer a wealth of information, contacts and business developments," said Johnetta Boseman, the conference's coordinator and the Business Center's marketing specialist.

The conference, which is free to Howard students, will consist of a "Business Expo" on the 16th and seminars, a networking session and an awards dinner on the 17th.

Currently, 64 companies have committed to attend the Business Expo.

"We've been working on this conference since last year. This year is the first year that we have gone national and we're real excited about that. Some of the companies that will be there are Kodak, MCI, AT&T, the D.C. Lottery and a lot more," Boseman said.

Several people will be honored at the

dinner including Rep. Kweisi Mfume, head of the Congressional Black Caucus; Dennis Hightower of The Walt Disney Company; and Howard Alumnus Pedro Alfonso of Dynamic Concepts. Edward Lewis, publisher and chief executive officer of Essence Communications Inc. will be the Keynote Speaker. Angela Stribling of BET will be the Mistress of Ceremony.

"I think [the conference] is an excellent vehicle for aspiring entrepreneurs to gain more information about going into business. Howard students should attend because they will be able to gain insight into what the business world entails. I think it's important that students continuously go out and gain information," said assistant conference coordinator Tiffany Hamilton.

The conference has attracted the attention of President Clinton. According to



Levi Lipscomb

Boseman, she has received "all of the signals from the White House that the president will attend."

Levi Lipscomb, the acting director of the Business Development Center, is giving the conference his full support. He encourages Howard students to attend the two-day event as well as to visit the center.

"I'm very excited about [the conference]. It allows the world to see what black business is all about. Economic empowerment and self-sufficiency come through entrepreneurship. If you come to the conference that's fine. But I would like students to come to SBDC to check out and look at the option of going into business for themselves. [Today], businesses are the only ones hiring," acting director said.

Office of Residence Life begins search for next year's RA's

By Stephanie Trevino
Hilltop Staff Writer

They are famous for giving their residents the finger, the "Shhh" finger that is. And threatening the loss of visitation is one of their most powerful weapons. But they are more than dormitory police, they are the people residents often seek for advice. Others just make sure that leaky ceiling in your room gets patched up. Good ones are hard to come by, and now the Office of Residence Life is looking for a new batch.

Applications for resident assistant positions for 1994-1995 are available at all resident halls, the Office of Residence Life and the office of special programs.

Rev. James Coleman, assistant to the dean for special programs, said potential RAs, whose applications are due Feb. 18, are expected to meet a certain standard of integrity to be considered for the position.

"We are looking for a person who can show enthusiasm with working for other people, maturity, and show good solid character," he said.

Coleman outlined the selection process as a review of the potential candidate's resumé and an interview with the candidate.

Coleman emphasized the resumé's appearance and the strength of the candidate's referrals.

Sophomore Alva Carter, a resident assistant at Bethune Hall, stressed the importance of professionalism in the

application process.

"Definitely have your resume as if you're doing a corporate resume," she said.

Coleman said the review panel, which consists of dorm counselors and himself, will be interviewing more than 200 applicants during the March 7 interviews. The addition of the new Bethune complex will create more positions.

The job pays \$82.92 a month and includes free housing for the RA. Carter warns that free housing should not be the motivation for becoming an RA.

"I want to help other people like my RA helped us," freshmen Tamika Smith said. "She was a role model to me."

Resident assistants are expected to extend their time to influence their residents.

"He really goes out for you," freshmen Aaron Johnson said of his RA. "He's really nice, he proofreads my papers and lets me use his computer."

Carter said the time taken to be an RA should stop those only interested in the money from applying. "It's definitely time consuming," Carter said. "You have to be very open-minded. I would not advise someone to be an RA for free housing and money; there are scholarships for that."

Johnson said his RA's greatest quality is in the environment he creates for those alone at college.

"It feels like home around here," he said.

HUSA program gives District high school students taste of the "Mecca"

By Derrick M. Dennis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Seventeen-year-old Michael Tann leaves for school everyday looking over his shoulder. A student at Ballou Senior High School in Southeast D.C., Tann wages a daily battle to survive the streets.

"You just have to know how to survive," said Tann, who was one of 56 Ballou students who participated in an exchange program last weekend that paired Howard University students with Ballou students for the weekend.

"I had three friends killed in '93 and one killed so far this year — all over a squabble at a party," Tann said. "I'm still mad that my friends got killed for nothing. But I just need to stay away from trouble at parties and I know I'll be alright."

Titled "Hands of Ujima," the program was designed to meet the needs of youth at risk through the Kwanzaa principle of collective work and responsibility — Ujima.

"Southeast is stereotyped as being one of the worst crime areas of the city," according to Ballou Exchange Coordinator Jalin Lyde. "[The Howard University Student Association] wanted to get these students away from that environment and expose them to positive students living and learning in a positive environment."

And after a weekend of cafeteria food, dormitory living and a collegiate basketball

game between Howard and Coppin State, the Ballou students said they definitely got a taste of college life.

"I wanted to get that college experience — and I did. I've been thinking about college a lot. I want to go away to college and really

"People are constantly telling them that there is no hope for them to go on and make something of their lives. I wanted [the students] to know that there is hope for them to . . . be somebody."

--Darrylynn Johnson

experience being on my own," said Evangela Spratt, who plans to attend the University of Maryland Eastern Shore next year.

But for Spratt and many other Ballou students, being on their own is a scary circumstance in Southeast.

"Nothing has ever happened to me. People always stereotype the negative things that happen," Spratt said. "There are some positive things and some positive people that come out of Southeast. We have programs and parades

and other activities besides violence."

HUSA President Terri Wade agrees that projects such as "Hands of Ujima" offer positive alternatives that students need.

"This is our way of showing these students alternatives to the negative and violent environment they may have grown accustomed to in Southeast," Wade said. "We just want to get them out of Southeast and expose them and keep them focused on going to college."

Howard University freshman Darrylynn Johnson was one of several weekend hosts who exposed the students to college life.

"People are constantly telling them that there is no hope for them to go on and make something of their lives," Johnson said. "I wanted [the students] to know that there is hope for them to . . . be somebody."

Junior Ballou student Vernon Jones said he realized last weekend that Howard is the place for him.

"I want to . . . be on the Bison football team," Jones said. "I'm just going to have to watch my back and not 'beef' with anyone and I'll make it here."

But 16-year-old Kahlilah Young said it's all in the mind.

"Running away from the violence is not the answer. It really depends on the person," Young said. "If you have the mind-set to go to college and stay out of trouble, then you will."

Board of Trustees passes university-wide course retake policy to relief of students

By B. Mike Young
Hilltop Staff Writer

Stuck with grades that lowered cumulative grade point averages and marred transcripts, students have been frustrated by grading policies which forbade them from repeating courses to replace grades. But as of fall 1994, the implementation of a new course retake policy will end their frustrations.

On Jan. 21, 1994, the Howard University Board of Trustees met to vote on a Universitywide course retake policy. According to Undergraduate Trustee Leavy Mathews, formulating the new policy has been a lengthy and

frustrating process.

"This issue has been circulating for the last few years. We really do not know who specifically originated it, but I do know that it has been an issue with the last two Trustees at least," Mathews said.

According to Mathews, many students, faculty and administrators were pushing for the policy change all along.

"Many students have consistently expressed their concerns. The faculty and administrators have also lent their support. A course retake policy committee was formed, the policy was approved by the Office of Academic Affairs, and the board voted on it," Leavy said.

The new course retake policy will allow all undergraduate students, regardless of their school or college, to repeat a course once. The highest of the two grades will be calculated in the grade point average. The lower grade will remain on the transcript, however it will not be calculated.

A student must have received a D or an F in the class to take advantage of this policy. And students are gladly welcoming the new policy.

"After three years of administrative upheaval, the Universitywide course retake policy represents the positive outcome of commitment, communication and cooperation,"

junior Danya Smith said.

Smith said she was also impressed with the degree of commitment demonstrated as the University became divided over the issue.

"Despite the gradual decline in student mobilization in this issue on the part of the general public and student government officials, I am very proud of the select few who were willing to see this issue through to a timely and reasonable end," Smith said.

"Generally, as a student Trustee, you do not see the fruits of your labor during your term. Students must be willing to work with the Trustees, and the Trustees must work together," Leavy said.

CAMPUS PLUS



THE HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

Politics

FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Alumni Political Figures

Howard W. Brooke U.S. Senator	Former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare/Health and Human Services; previously Ambassador to Luxembourg	Former Supreme Court Justice
David N. Dikins Mayor of New York City	John E. Jacob President, National Urban League	Walter W. Washington First Mayor of the District of Columbia
Christopher F. Edley Director, United Negro College Fund	Charlene Drew Jarvis Member, DC City Council	L. Douglas Wilder Former Governor of Virginia
Michael Espy Secretary of the Department of Agriculture	Sharon Pratt Kelly Mayor of Washington DC	Andrew Young Former Mayor of Atlanta and United Nations Ambassador
Patricia Harris	Thurgood Marshall	Given by Department of Alumni Affairs

New Bermuda parliament member tributes success to Howard

Andrea Nicholson
Staff Writer



Dr. Ewart Brown and Family

...the realms of the Howard
University Student Association to
the seat of the Bermuda
parliament, Dr. Ewart Brown is a
man to be reckoned with. This
distinguished graduate will be the
first to tell you he owes his
success to his alma mater.

Brown was recently elected
Minister for Youth, Sports
Recreation on the Progressive
Party for the Bermuda
parliament.

Brown's political career at
Howard began in 1966 when he
was elected vice president of
HUSA.

Howard was the single most
important influence in my political
life, Brown said in a phone
interview with THE HILLTOP.

In 1968, a year after he was
elected HUSA president, Brown
was in a protest against the
administration. Brown and other
students stormed the
administration building.

Johnson
administration building with
plans for new academic courses
and a new president, among other
curriculum changes. The students
were successful in getting the
administration to accept the
proposals and President
Cheek succeeded James N.
Johnson.

"We got quite a bit
accomplished," Brown said. "I
think the impact is still felt. It
was something that needed to be
done. I don't regret it."

Throughout his lifetime, Brown
has been recognized for getting
things done. After graduating from
Howard University School of
Medicine, Brown started his own
practice in California. He
studied medicine at Drew University
and Science for 15
years. In addition, he spearheaded

a group of black professionals in the
purchase of a 200-bed hospital.

However, Brown's ties to Howard
have always remained tried and
true. He sat on the Board of
Trustees for three years discussing
issues such as President Franklin
G. Jenifer's Howard 2000 plan and
the restructuring of the Howard
University Hospital.

"Howard has made a
considerable amount of progress
under President Jenifer," Brown
said.

Although Howard has made
changes, Brown said he realizes
there is room for improvement. He
said he would like to see Howard
use the athletic department to raise
revenue.

"I'd like to see Howard make a
serious first class commitment to its
athletic department or close it
down," Brown said. "Howard could
compensate for its lack of financial
strength by having a strong athletic
department. I look forward to the
day when I can sit down at a
Howard game and buy popcorn."

Brown said he feels students
should ask the alumni instead of the

administration to solve Howard's
financial catastrophes. "[It's] no
question that the blame is on me
and other [alumni]," he said. "I
always felt a commitment to give."

Brown continues to give back
to Howard. He founded the
Malcolm X Award for students in
the School of Medicine and he sent
Howard one of his most prized
possessions, his first-born son
Kevin Brown, who is now enrolled
in the medical school.

"You can always tell a Howard
graduate, but you can't tell a
Howard graduate anything," he
chuckled, as he remembered one of
President Jenifer's favorite sayings.

While in Bermuda, Brown and
another Howard graduate have
started The Bermuda Times, a
newspaper that addresses issues
such as Bermuda gaining its
independence from Great Britain.

After a 20-minute talk with
Brown, you can tell he is a fighter
for change. He is a proud member
of Howard University's long list of
alumni and his race.

Howard students intern on Capitol Hill

Traci N. James
Staff Writer

Attending college in the
nation's capital has given
many Howard University
students a distinct
advantage in the political
arena. But a coveted
internship on Capitol Hill
with a mentorship with an
influential political player
equipped some students
with even more political
savvy, as they attempt to
launch their own careers as
public servants.

Print journalism major
Vinson became a
part of history by interning
on the Hill with the first
only black United
States Senator, Carol
M. Mosley-Braun from
Illinois.

"As soon as she was
elected into office, I made a
promise that I would intern
with her in the spring of
'92. I can honestly say it
was my most rewarding
experience of college,"
Vinson said.

Terry Bruner, another
senior for Sen. Braun,
has his experience on the
Hill because he witnessed
firsthand Sen. Braun in
action.

"[Sen. Braun] was
taking time out of her
schedule to talk to the
students," Bruner, a second
year political science major,
said.

"She really has a lot of
concern and feels the
burden of having to look

out for the concerns of
African Americans," he
added.

Some students, like Kia
Graham, have successfully
turned an internship into a
permanent position.

"I worked for Kweisi
Mfume as a Lyndon B.
Johnson intern during the
summer of 1990 and in
November they offered me a
part-time permanent
position," Graham said.

The wealth of experience
gathered by the students has
not only helped them to
achieve their personal
goals, but has benefited
their communities. As an
intern for South Bronx
Representative Jose
Serrano, on the sub-
committee for elementary,
secondary and vocational
education, Dennis Benzan
helped his neighborhood in
Boston.

"I benefited in two
respects. I familiarized
myself with the operations
of a congressional office
and I also found out about
educational grants that
could help schools in my
neighborhood at home,"
said political science major
Benzan who had
opportunity to testify in
front of the sub-committee.

Despite the popularity of
Congressional internships,
there are other means to
develop a strong political
base. The Leadership and
Development Program,
founded by the Chairman
of the Political Science
Department, Dr. Ronald

Walters, pairs students with
mentors in leadership
positions to train them to
become agents of social
change.

According to the
Director of LEAD, Donn
Davis, Walters organized
the program to expose
students to the types of
analysis and decision-
making leaders have to
make.

"There's a growing
chasm between older
leaders and younger people
in terms of our unity and
conveying the sense of
struggle, commitment, and
devotion is not being
passed from one generation
to the next," Davis said.

Following in the
footsteps of the NAACP, the
Congressional Black
Caucus and other black
organizations, the LEAD
program hopes to pass the
torch to the next generation
in order to continue the
struggle for equality.

"We need to raise up a
younger group of people to
go out and proceed with the
business of liberating black
people," Davis said.

LEAD member Ken
Robinson, a senior
majoring in Broadcast
journalism, believes
organizations like LEAD
are valuable assets to
Howard University
students.

"African people are
definitely in need of
leadership and I want to be
a part of that leadership,"
Robinson said.

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Where do you see
African Americans in
the 21st century?

Do you think men and
women view Valentine's
Day equally?



"I hope we will be free.
Politically and
economically. I hope
we will have our own
entrepreneurships. I
hope we are still
around and healthy
with all the factors of
AIDS and wars waged
against us. A lot more
aware and conscious of
the issues, whether it is
here in the U.S. or in
the Black Diaspora. I
hope we will be in
more powerful
positions taking our
people forward."

Alonzo Richardson
Film
Senior



"I feel that both
men and women
have shady views
on that. The
presence of love
is not present. It
is usually based
on material items
one can give. It is
like an extension
of Christmas. The
true meaning
deals with the
heart behind the
gift, not the gift
itself."

Cosmos George
Pharmacy
Junior



"I believe in the 21st
century, blacks will be
in a better position to
reclaim with as a
nation. I see a
conscious awakening
of black people
throughout the world.
We will form a
righteous nation,
organize and doing for
self without outside
influence. We will all
unite as one."

David Five X
Telecommunications
Management



"I don't think they
view it equally. I
think the females
are more into
traditional gift
giving such as
roses and candy.
To most guys, I
don't think it is as
significant as it is
to girls."

Ruben Barkley
Communications
Senior



"In trouble. I think it is
going to get worse. For
example, many of us
have mediocre jobs
and with the North
American Free Trade
Agreement most of the
jobs will go across the
border and that will
leave us struggling.
You have to wonder
who is making the
decisions about our
lives and our children's
lives. We are very
much in trouble."

Celene Hardware
Film/Fashion
Senior



"I think it depends
on the individual.
To some it is just
another day.
Depending on
whether you have
a significant other
or not. And to
others, it is another
way of expressing
your love to that
special person. I
feel you shouldn't
have to wait for
Valentine's Day
because if you are
special to me you
are special
everyday."

Thomas Davis III
Economics
Senior



"The 21st century will
have to bring about
change. Change is the
natural order of things.
More than ever,
African Americans
will progress into
positions of power.
However, this can only
take place if we ban
together."

Jazz Young
Radio/T.V./Film
Senior



"I don't think they
view it the same. I
think females see it
as a time to
express how they
really feel for
another person and
usually men don't
express how they
feel. Females look
for more out of it
than males."

Tarsha Toye
Speech &
Language
Pathology
Junior



"No. I think that
females tend to be
more excited
about the romantic
notions that are
'supposed' to take
place."

Estilita C Ward
Television
Production
Senior

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Campus Crime Report

Jan. 29 A suspect was caught taking a computer printer out of the College of Medicine. He was first sighted by a professor who asked for his identification and reason for being there. When he left without answering, a lookout was issued to Howard Security.	Jan. 29 A student in Meridian Hill Hall had money stolen out of a cup he kept in his room when he left to go to the kitchen. He said his room was locked at the time.	the locker was secured at the time.
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CAMPUS II

Four Howard Students vie for Miss Black USA title

Stacy Berry
Hilltop Staff Writer

For five years, the Miss Black USA Pageant and Scholarship Competition has given African-American women a platform to express themselves creatively. According to pageant coordinator Karyn Arington, this year's pageant on Feb. 13 will provide a stepping stone for contestants to reach their goals. And whether it is indeed a stepping stone to bigger things or a stumbling block, juniors Tashia Hunter and Tosha Thomas and seniors Depelsha Thomas and Deya Smith are something they have been doing their entire lives — professional pageantry.

"This year's pageant has attracted several of the contestants," Arington said. "Several of these contestants go on to compete in the America preliminaries or an entertainment oriented pageant," said Arington.

Miss Black America 1993, Warren, a senior broadcast journalism major, will be the winner at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in downtown D.C. Sunday at 7 p.m.

Although I had to book my appearances, and did not have all of my prizes, I would never again," Warren said. The winner will receive an expense paid trip to South

Africa and Brazil, as well as a one carat diamond ring.

But for these contestants, the real prizes are not the material things.

"Because I grew up in a predominantly white neighborhood in Connecticut, I always felt people [at Howard] did not think I was as black as them," said Smith, who is Miss Black Connecticut.

"Although I want to win, it's not that important. This will be a good experience," the drama major added. But, winning the pageant, Smith said, would help her finance her college education.

Although she faces serious financial problems, Hunter, who is representing her state as Miss Black Pennsylvania, said the show will go on.

"Hopefully I will have the pageant fundraising money for the competition by the February deadline," Hunter said.

In the talent competition Hunter will perform, "Do Not Hate Me," a poem written by her younger sister.

"As I was growing up, I felt ugly," Hunter said. "Because of my thick lips and thick hair people made me feel ugly."

But after she competed in her first pageant, Miss Black Teen Pennsylvania, Hunter gained a new sense of pride and self esteem.

Twenty-one-year-old Tosha

Brown is eager to stand out in the pageant as Miss Black North Carolina on Sunday.

"I am really ready for the competition," the drama major said. "I know several of the other contestants but I try to remain on a 'hi' and 'bye' basis with them."

Brown will perform a self-

composed dramatic interpretation. After graduation Brown plans to pursue a career as a professional actress. Her ultimate career goal is to act on a daytime soap opera.

Miss Black Georgia Depelsha Thomas has maintained a 4.0 G.P.A. for four years as a broadcast journalism major.

"I feel obligated to keep getting good grades," Thomas said. "Some guys are intimidated by intelligence so I don't tell them my G.P.A. unless they ask."

If she becomes Miss Black USA, Thomas said her platform will be to re-educate "black folks."

"I try to stress to people that knowledge of self is important," she said. "If our image as a people is distorted



Student-run radio station prepares for 20th anniversary



Thanda Sheris Rule
Hilltop Staff Writer

At the studios of 830 AM WHBC, Feb. 14 marks the day of the Howard University's annual Vibe. And the staff is gearing down the days because on the 14th also marks the station's 20th anniversary.

On Monday, Feb. 14, WHBC will kick off their celebration with an exhibit of the station's past and present. The exhibit will include radio artifacts, air-check

tapes, literature, posters, records and autographed pictures of artists who have visited the studios. Along with the display, there will be a tribute to the alumni of WHBC who have prospered in the field of Communications in the Art Gallery of the Armour J. Blackburn University Center from 10 a.m. until noon.

Later that day, items promoting the station and Valentine's Day will be given away in the Punchout.

Many WHBC staffers now work at WKYS and WHUR, and Motown, Uptown and Polygram

even has a better staff," said Carter. "I just wish there was more support and involvement from students and student activities," Carter said.

After next week's activities, "WHBC 830 AM" should be branded in the minds of the student body. And students may want to get involved with the upcoming events.

On Tuesday, one of the station's DJs will take you on a journey in time. WHBC will take its students back to the days of funk, disco and old school. Along with this musical marathon in the Armour J. Blackburn University Center

records. Assistant Music Director Ben Carter, who contacted WHBC alumni to attend the celebration, said he is looking forward to celebrating the station's progress with former staff.

"The station has gotten better, it

cafeteria at 11:30 a.m., promotional items will be given away.

From 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, WHBC will be open for interested students to sit in on 60 minute on-air shows. Participants will include campus organizations and administration, as well as recording artists and record company staff.

Thursday at 5:30 p.m., the Blackburn game room will be the stage for a bowling tournament between the WHBC staff members, record company artists and staff, and winners from the WHBC on-air contest.

On Friday, promotional items and WHBC paraphernalia will be given out on "the Yard" and in Blackburn Center.

But according to the staff, "the Vibe" will be pulsing long after the celebration ends. WHBC Promotional Director Tracy Austin said the celebration is just the first step to promoting the station.

"There have been a lot of changes in the station over the years, but we have a staff that is very dedicated and determined to put the station back to its normal magnitude and splendor. We're hopeful and confident that this anniversary will be the best one ever," Austin said.

Austin and Assistant Director of Promotions Mia Blakeney are determined to increase student listenership.

"We're trying to get the public ready by broadcasting live from the men's basketball games. We're also trying to get live DJs at all the games, give out promotional items at half time and even have some parties," Blakeney said.

But keeping "the Vibe" alive is not an easy task. Since WHBC signed on in 1974, many staffers — past and present — say the Howard University administration has been indifferent and even unconcerned about the station's well being.

In April 1979, Roland Mitchell, a student who worked at WHBC, wrote a letter to the Department of Radio, Television and Film in which he discussed the station's failing transmitters and asked for the department's financial support.

And in the early 1980s, then Program Director Butch Robinson voiced his concerns in yet another letter to the department.

"As of today, WHBC radio is off the air. We have no audience — none of the dormitories on or off campus are able to receive our signal," Robinson wrote on Jan. 28, 1980.

"This facility does not and never has received adequate support from the school or University administration. It was incomplete, unrealistic and in the long run self-destructive. WHBC has no place on the School of Communications' list of priorities," he added.

Fourteen years later, the station

is still suffering from lack of support, concern and efficient transmitters, according to General Manager Ebonnie Clark. She feels that nothing can be done until the whole system is repaired.

"All I want is support from the School of Communications. I have spoken with Dr. Dates, the dean of the School of Communications, and Dr. Merritt, the chairperson of the Radio, TV, Film Department, and I have their support for a lot of the ideas I have planned for the station," Clark said.

The general manager said WHBC needs a yearly budget, more office space, new equipment and better working conditions to rejuvenate "the Vibe."

"WHBC used to be the place to advertise campus events and parties. It should be like that now," Clark added.

By next semester, Clark said WHBC will be broadcast throughout Blackburn Center. More disc jockeys, news announcers and specialty shows will be added to the program.

In the meantime, flyers and posters will be waving from every tree, window and door reminding students to "keep it locked to 830 AM, Howard University's Personal Vibe."

NASA to hold video conference at Howard

By Ruby Mays
Hilltop Staff Writer

The District of Columbia Space Grant Consortium at Howard University will hold a scientific video conference on Thursday, Feb. 17, in the Howard University Hospital Auditorium from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. This video conference is sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and is free to the public.

The conference is titled, "A New Era of Discovery." Plans for Research on the Space Station.

William C. Trafton, deputy associate administrator for the Office of Space Flight, says this program will build a strong global relationship with the United States' international counterparts.

"A new era of discovery will open as our nation, in cooperation with our international partners, establishes a permanent, orbiting laboratory in space," Trafton said. "The space station will provide researchers with unprecedented

opportunities to conduct scientific, technological and commercial research in space."

At the program, NASA will explain the importance of a space station and their plans for its construction. NASA will unveil information on how African-American scientists, engineers and students can get involved.

DCSGC provides graduate fellowships to University students, sponsors student travel to scientific conferences and provides four stipends for local high school student tutors. The Consortium gives contests for aspiring scientists and is currently working on producing a video magazine, "Pyramids to Planets."

Rick Chappell, associate director for Science at the NASA Marshall Space Center, will be emceeing this video conference.

A question and answer session is included in the program to give a better understanding to students.

Yolanda Williams, assistant to DCSGC Director Joshua Halpern, says students must not miss an

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On November 29, 1993, Khalid Abdul Muhammed, former national Spokesman of the Nation of Islam made some very unpleasant comments about Jewish people, the Pope and white people in South Africa. Naturally, the people who were subjects of these comments by Muhammed were offended. While the Jewish community openly showed their dissatisfaction with the comments, there hasn't yet been a response from the Vatican or the white citizens of South Africa.

The Jewish community wanted an apology. They wanted Muhammed silenced. They wanted Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the NOI to dismiss (get rid of) Muhammed. And according to reports by The Washington Post, the Jewish community partially got what they wanted.

But it wasn't enough. They weren't yet satisfied. Farrakhan did not disagree with Muhammed's comments that were made at a college in New Jersey, so the Jewish community wanted Farrakhan dismissed by other black leaders. Leaders such as Kweisi Mfume, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and Jesse Jackson were disappointed in the actions taken by Farrakhan; however, it is not yet known if the coalition among black leaders will break.

Just four months ago, Farrakhan, along with Benjamin Chavis, chairman of the NAACP and Kweisi Mfume, made a united front in an effort to work together for the rights of black Americans.

Now let's turn to another episode in America—Sen. Ernest F. Hollings made a statement in December about Africans to "get a good square meal rather than eating each other." To the black community that was a very offensive statement. Is it possible to get the

Senate or perhaps the President of the United States to dismiss Hollings?

Hollings has been reported of saying a lot of other offensive comments, but as far as the Senate, the Jewish community, the Pope and the white people of South Africa are concerned—so what. It's like this. There is a system in America that every citizen is aware of called "double standard." It doesn't appear in the U.S. Constitution, but it's the norm, it's the standard and it's not fair.

What Sen. Hollings said is accepted as friendly jokes. Besides, he's part of the system. He is one of "the boys." What Khalid Abdul Muhammed says is unacceptable and must not be tolerated. He is a racist and must be silenced. Right? Wrong!

The Constitution of the United States of America sanctifies the right to freedom of speech and expression, even the media, to whom we should all be so grateful for their extensive team coverage of the yet another public, externally instigated disagreement (quarrel) among black leaders. It is reminiscent of the coverage when Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammad publicly split. Let's not forget the full page ad in the New York Times (compliments of the Anti-Defamation League), one can read, word-for-word the statement made by the NOI leader. Funny though. No coverage or ads about the good ol' comedian Senator from the South.

Yes, every American citizen has their Fifth Amendment rights, but what does it matter when a group of people can have more use of those rights than other groups of people?

When competition takes an unhealthy turn

After classes one Friday, as I rushed in the inclement weather toward the Shaw-Howard University Metrorail stop, I gave a cursory glance to the copy of The HILLTOP that I carried. As I boarded the train, still drenched from the precipitation, I removed my coat so it could dry. Then I took a seat and relaxed to read The HILLTOP. I came across the article "To be the best." I scrutinized the article and began to contemplate on what "best" means to me. I was thinking of various adjectives, but I wasn't satisfied. I referred to my pocket dictionary for assistance. According to Webster's, best is defined as, "the superlative of good, meaning of the most excellent sort; surpassing all others." Satisfied with that definition, I resumed my reading of the article.

The article about Tonya

Harding's zealous ambition really intrigued me. Everyone in America is familiar with the Nancy Kerrigan/Tonya Harding incident. Every major news service has covered this story since its inception. I think Americans put too much emphasis on being the best. I believe adamantly that competition is healthy when it builds character and strengthens the soul.

Competition is unhealthy when it provokes a competitor to commit insidious acts and machinations in order to be "the best." Indubitably, I think Tonya Harding may have participated in the Machiavellian plot to eliminate Nancy Kerrigan from the competition. Why else would Shane Stant (mercenary), Shawn Eckardt (bodyguard) and Jeff Gillooly (ex-husband) become involved in a scheme to hurt Kerrigan? These aren't ice-skaters.

Therefore, as far as we know they have no reason to want to hurt another skater except to advance Tonya's career.

My point is this: We need to instill in ourselves and our children from their birth, that doing one's best does not involve cheating or otherwise manipulating the outcome. We need to teach our children that jealousy and duplicity are bad character traits. We need to teach them that there will always be someone more talented or gifted, but what counts is giving one's best effort. Hunting, maiming or killing competitors will not make one a winner, but a sore loser. Always remember that there is a winner in all of us.

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Bobbitt: Justice served

It is hard for me to contain the joy I feel about the outcome of the Lorena Bobbitt trial. I think it is the first real evidence of a substantial change in attitude toward the treatment of women by men in personal relationships. Had the outcome been different, another travesty of justice as outrageous as the persecution of Anita Hill would have taken place. Women should have demanded respect for themselves and from others long before Lorena Bobbitt made headlines. I think Lorena's only mistake was in throwing her husband's penis out the window so that it could be found and re-attached.

Some men are now saying that they are paranoid and are sleeping on their stomachs because of what Lorena did—and they should. They are afraid that the women they are abusing will suddenly realize it and rebel. Men who are not abusive aren't afraid because their women would not have reason to do something like that to them. It is absurd to think that Lorena just decided that it was a good day to cut off John's penis and throw it out the window. Most people who act that way have been provoked and provoked—I think she was.

I don't know how many of you have been the victim of physical abuse by someone who you voluntarily gave your love and life to. I haven't, but I cannot say that I never will. I would like to think that I would never stand for being slapped, kicked, yelled at, humiliated and sodomized by a man I chose to love. But if I did, I would hope that someday I would snap out of it. Furthermore, if I did snap out of it, I would be so angry and disgusted at the fact that some

jerk thought he had the right to treat me that way that I probably would not stop at cutting his penis off, but off with his other head, too.

It is easy to say that Lorena could have gotten out of the marriage if she wanted to, but Lorena was raised as many of us were, believing that deep down, her husband was a good man who would love, honor and protect her for the rest of her life. As many women do, Lorena gave John the benefit of the doubt when he first started mistreating her and made excuses for him when he began to do bad things. Why? Because she loved him.

That kind of love used to seem stupid to me, but it doesn't anymore because now I realize that loving someone isn't stupid; not knowing how to receive love without taking advantage of it, IS! Some men have proceeded to characterize women's loving, caring and giving nature as a condition of stupidity or naivete, especially if those feelings are not mutual. But really, a lot of self-hatred is going on when a man cannot accept and respect these feelings from a woman even though he does not share them. Some men must feel as though their natural state, divested of money, power and prestige, isn't enough to warrant love and affection.

These men do not believe they are worthy of soft kisses, warm hugs and pleasant conversation because they haven't asked for it or paid a price to get it. These same men think love is a commodity—something to be bought and sold, but some women don't. Lorena strikes me as someone who just wanted to be hugged, kissed and protected. She was confused by and afraid of John's abuse. She sought legal separation, but to no avail

because laws are profoundly rooted in the patriarchal tradition. Besides, her religious beliefs, the foundation of her existence, discouraged it. Like any living, feeling creature who is backed into a corner and who feels her life is threatened, she lashed out at the object of her torture—John Bobbitt's penis. So be it.

I will agree that she was temporarily insane when she did it because it was an impulsive, unusual and heinous thing to do, but I will also agree that John had it (or something like it) coming to him. Let it be known that what goes around, eventually comes around, and women all over the world are beginning to wake up.

Save the Elektra Complex, we're envious of the respect, power and autonomy men are able to grasp in the world. We used to be satisfied with husbands who were doctors and lawyers, but now we strive to be doctors and lawyers with all the rights, privileges and properties thereof. We have seen that it is not the penis that makes the man, for John is still a biological man without it. Instead, we recognize the strength of heart and courageous spirit that manhood represents. Women possess that same heart and spirit, but our femininity soothes some of the rough edges. Manhood is not better than womanhood, just different. Let those differences be celebrated and respected so that both can go forth and prosper.

Allison Cotton is a Howard University student.

Defending afrocentricity

In last week's edition of The HILLTOP, an article by Mr. Tyrone Pickens Jr. appeared in which he condemned afrocentricity as being "shallow and destructive." Among the few items that I could appreciate in this article is that it reinforced my belief that, as blacks, we truly run the gamut on ideological thinking.

Mr. Pickens begins his essay with a chastisement, plausibly so, of a "variant" of Afrocentrism that, as with other "isms" people subscribe to, misinterprets or redefines basic premises in order to promote harmful agendas. Also valid among his points is his criticism of those who would present erroneous "black versions" of history as a means to foster pride in black children. I might mention here that history lessons throughout my pre-college school years only taught me that blacks came to the U.S. as slaves and that, in the '60s, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the Civil Rights Movement. Reference to the black presence in U.S. history was erroneously played down in the textbooks. Mr. Pickens is, nonetheless, correct in alluding that history lessons should be based solely on fact. And the fact is, we have many black heroes in our history of whom we can be

proud.

What I do take issue with, however, is Mr. Pickens' blanket criticism of afrocentricity as lacking any merit as a tool for reclaiming a sense of humanity among black people in the status quo. I could not help feeling, particularly when I read his "...call upon afrocentrists... to realize that [they] are a negative element of this University..." as if, perhaps a chapter of the KKK had opened up on Howard's campus. At this point it becomes necessary to once again try at defining this catch-all buzzword, "afrocentricity."

Dr. Asante offers us guidance on the subject in his work titled Afrocentricity. Here, he proposes to create, through historical exploration and present day discernment, an elevated sense of our connection with African heritage. The heart of the matter, he tells us, is in recognizing in our day to day consciousness that millions have gone before us to bring us where we are now, and that being so, we must value our own self-worth. In turn, we must also value our worth as a collective, in every sense. The urgency here is indisputable. What also follows this philosophy is that only by fully acknowledging and

embracing those foregone legacies for posterity should be, in other words, we have the enormous responsibility of being the link between future and past. Everything we ever hope to be means that everything we do matters.

In this view, afrocentricity is a mode of thought to be patterned after across racial or any other demographical lines. It does entail rewriting history or inventing math. Rather, it erases any lingering silly notion that our history began in bondage. It encourages us to investigate past other cultures. We have common splendor that must be praised and common wounds that we must heal. Let it no longer be mistaken for merely a style of dress or baseless iconoclasm. It is instead be recognized as a mode of mind that combines pride, humility and purpose.

I hope Mr. Pickens appreciate these comments to their main intent on encouraging more afrocentric thinkers. And those devoted afrocentrists there, I got your back.

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PERSPECTIVES

Embrace a dedicated student government

more students vocalize their lack of support for [the University Student Association's] actions, I feel an array of emotions. I am first, happy (thrilled) that so many students still care about the University and how to voice their concerns. As

Kanika A.M. Magee

leader, I am reminded of the hopelessness by students. Many students seem to feel that the University is the way it is and absolutely nothing we can do about it.

Followed by my feelings of concern that issues are being neglected. The protests resulting from the removal of vendors on Sixth Street had nothing to do with potato and Strawberry Kiwi Snapples. These protests had to do with the administration not being allowed to continually ignore our concerns, requests and needs, whether they be about registration, financial aid, shuttle service, security or other student parents; and it had to do with our support for black students.

Many students have expressed dissatisfaction surrounding the situation that occurred on Martin Luther Day in the presence of President Clinton; but for the first time, the students have leaders. Their primary concerns are not

making friends within the University, establishing political ties, obtaining resume builders and receiving pay checks. For the first time in years, we have a HUSA administration that is dedicated to doing what it believes (with the support of hundreds of students) is right for the student body and the community. Of course 12,000 students didn't agree with them, but 12,000 students did not vote, either.

Granted, we may not all agree with the demands proposed by our leaders, especially the more controversial issues of changing the University name and reopening the University Charter, but we must all agree that student voices are finally being heard because student leaders are standing up for students. The current HUSA administration has opened a door for students that has been shut for a very long time. Students actually sat down and talked with not only President [Franklyn G.] Jenifer, but also members of the Board of Trustees. Whatever the methods, this was indeed progress that has been long awaited and desperately needed. Our University administration has finally realized, in a painful way, that we cannot continue to be ignored.

One student commented at the meeting with President Jenifer and our trustees that the vendors could do the same good for the University and community if they were cafeteria employees instead of vendors. We constantly hear that we, as members of the African diaspora, must attempt to economically empower our community and our businesses as other racial groups do. That should be

one of our goals as we attempt to become graduates of Howard University. One of the ways we can start is by supporting sister Jennifer's nacho sales, buying Aaron's fruit and purchasing clothing items from our brothers on Sixth Street. We can continue by becoming entrepreneurs ourselves and hoping that Howard University and its students will offer us the same support.

Just as the HUSA administration realized that progress cannot be made until at least one person begins to move forward, we must realize the same. We must each take responsibility for the state of our community and our University — stop criticizing and dividing, and realize the power that exists within us as people (as students) if we begin to work together. An understaffed financial aid office, rude and inadequate security personnel, day care facilities that students can't afford, can all be fixed. When you ask if your leaders protested at the right time, first ask yourself how many appointments the administration has cancelled, and how many university committees have been kept secret. Your leaders only have one year to perform. That equates to one semester of not knowing the committee exists (or who to contact), a few months of cancelled appointments and a few months of broken promises — then someone new is elected — and the cycle starts over.

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Students must excel beyond Howard

There is one thing that has inspired the spirit and potential of the black race, it is aiming at the stars. It has been proven that people with high hopes, set high goals and work hard to achieve them end up successful. Why then do

"Looka"

ways have to marginalize us and think that the best we can do is among the black race.

Think statements such as, "Howard University is the best at anything," for example, among black colleges is fine if true. However, when we as a community decide to use this as a rationale, the statement and the

thought behind it becomes parochial and serves only to marginalize the potential of our students. If one is a sophomore in the School of Business, one's competition is not just another student in the same classes, nor is it another student at another historically black college. Rather, it is every sophomore in every business school in the world. That is how one strives to be the best from a competitive standpoint.

Obviously, this is not the only way to excel. Some of us are driven from within and that is fine. However, I urge you brothers and sisters, as we are in this semester and new year, to find the drive and discipline to do better than you did last semester. Let us stop

marginalizing ourselves by believing that the image of Howard University will see us through, because like many others who preceded you, you will find that this is not so. It is what is written on your resume that will matter, not the fact that you went to a well-known black university. Living in this society, where the color of our skin is already one disadvantage, we do not want to leave college as average students when we are obviously able to do much better. God's blessings be to you as you pursue your goals this semester.

"Looka" is the pseudonym for a sophomore majoring in TV production.

We must discover our own truths

The United States of America is a constitutional republic. Presumably, all the laws of government are derived from the founding document. Such laws are used to codify the views of the founders into law. Thus, the policy of every bureaucratic action is tested against the nation's constitution. This is intended to limit

Rev. Derek Grier

specifically for African Americans, the constitution of the United States is reserved. Although it had many interpretations, its basic principles were eventually used to limit the civil rights we now have. In 1994, the United States still possesses its founding document written in ink. However, the ink is fading and the weightier principles, the ones that can only be found in our hearts.

American America has no founding document, so we have historically defined ourselves according to the path. Since we have departed from that path, the results have been disastrous. Are we now a people of conscience? Are we guilty of the same relativistic and grandstanding patterns of the slave holders?

Americans are becoming so self-centered that we are almost savage. As such truth have become self-interest rules the day. Friends are bullied into "political correctness" without ever being invited to resolutions or know the "Correctness Council." Remarks made by a member of the Nation of Islam should not be censured because they are offensive. Language is to be censored, and we have to tear out most of my

Bible. Jesus is a terribly offensive man. If we condemn the recent statements, we should not do it on the basis of their offense, but on their truth or lack of it. Is the conscience of African America determined by public opinion or universal truth?

Outrageous rhetoric is appealing to some African Americans because it flies in the face of accepted behavior. We have at times, been so minimized in the minds of our fellow country men that when a voice breaks out of the "good negro" stereotype, our chests sometimes swell. However, this can happen to our detriment. If we rejoice in the shaming of our perceived oppressors without considering the veracity of our attack, Jews are not Christ Killers. If this was the case, the Italians of former Rome would also be worthy of contempt. The Bible declares that sin, which everyone has committed, crucified our Lord. At times, I have detested the behavior of the Jewish nation.

I have also hated some deeds of African Nations and even my own. Should I hate a Jew, simply because of his ancestry and because of territorial fighting in the Middle East? Is Jewry so excessively vile that we can self-righteously even appear to condone their extermination?

I believe Mohammed was a false prophet, and as a Christian I am obliged to say so. Yet, it would be unconscionable to advocate violence against Muslims, simply because of their adherence. Frankly, I appreciate the Nation of Islam spokesperson's choice of words because it made evident his heart. We need to begin to say what we mean and mean what we say. Yet, Jesus spoke simultaneously words of war against darkness and good tidings of peace for those who believe. Even though his zeal was at times overpowering, His heart was never so war-like that it panted after

strife and routinely burned the bridges of reconciliation.

The vast majority of African Americans are not haters of other peoples. Our challenge today is with our socially enforced detest for self. If we begin to boldly proclaim what we are for and allow all our enemies to be merely incidental to this task, we could not be rightfully accused of hate.

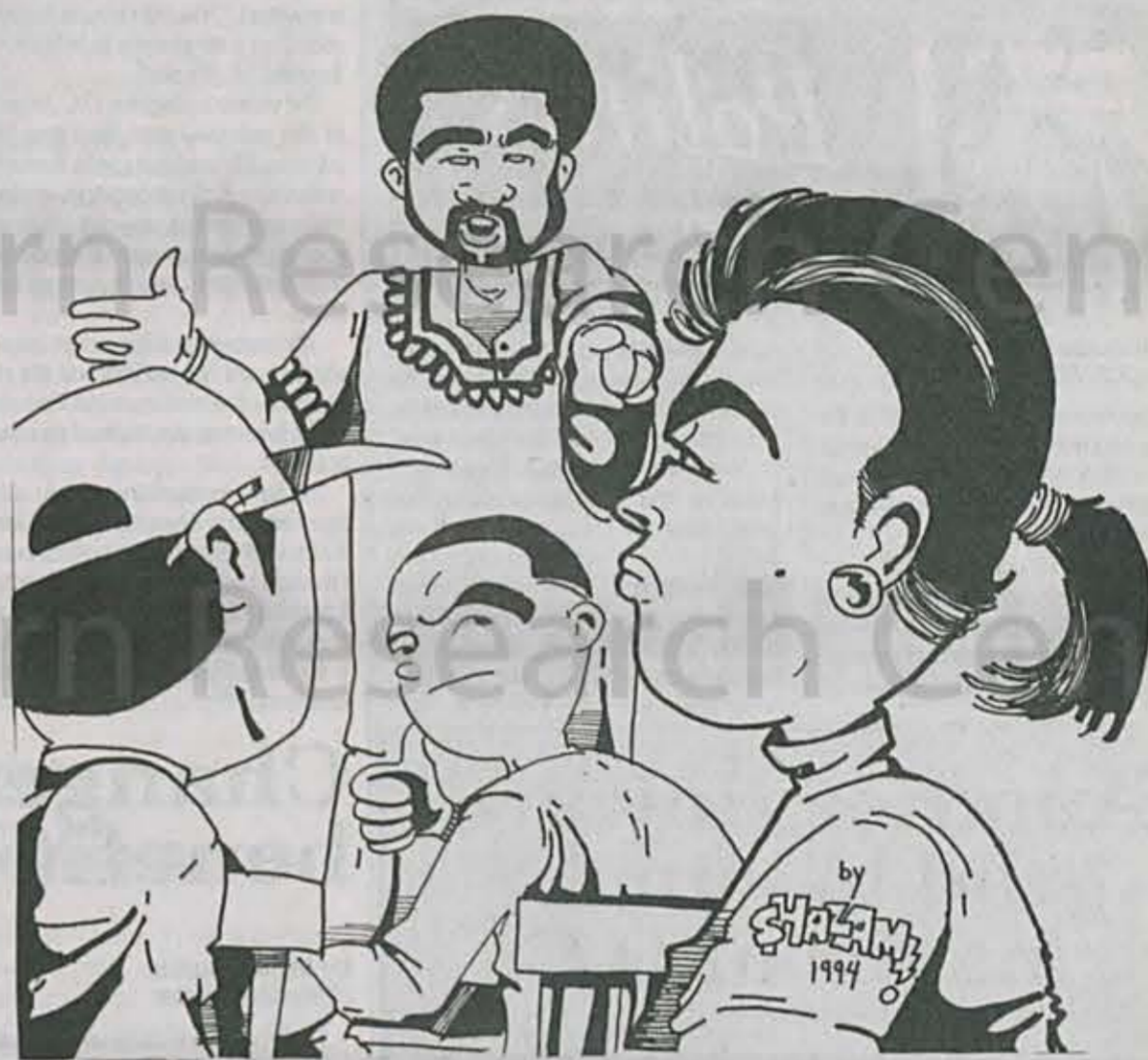
As a Christian, the Bible is the ruling document of life and conduct. The dilemmas of life are not ruled upon by reason alone but by enlightened reason from the Word of God. Frequently, my inward Biblical constitution put me at odds with the kingdoms of this world. My prayer is that even as we proclaim a truth that seems upside down to some, people can still understand that our motivation is a burning love for all humanity.

I am sure the days ahead will hold a great many heated debates on the appropriateness of certain statements. However, if we hold to the rudimentary law of love, our inner constitution will be founded upon the bedrock of the ages that cannot be shaken. Jesse Jackson, Louis Farrakhan, Dr. King, Malcolm X and even this writer, along with the reader, have at times failed.

None of our failings should make us the objects of hate. I have certainly hated some of the falsehoods espoused by some of these men. Yet, individuals or groups of people can never rightly be the aim of our hatred. Before we can fairly judge any opinion, we must first have an established set of principles. We cannot continue to free wheel on such issues. Every person must begin to come to terms with the notion of truth. For me, truth is the immutable character of Jesus. What is your truth?

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We must remember that we are originally Africans...not African Americans.



Disputing notions such as black racism

First of all, I believe congratulations are in order for the [Howard University Student Association] staff for doing something about the vendor issue. HUSA definitely deserves credit for daring to act instead of sitting on their hands and complaining as many of us often do.

Ta-Nehisi Coates

Next I would like to address the letter to the editor written by Mr. Tyrone Pickens on Afrocentricity. I was particularly dismayed and very offended by Mr. Pickens' remarks. Were we not at a predominantly black school, I probably would have assumed that Mr. Pickens was white. Mr. Pickens comments that Afrocentricity "exists only to mask the anger, resentment and insecurity that many underachieving blacks harbor." He even goes as far as to classify Afrocentric education as "a way of indoctrinating our children with hodge-podge foolishness." As if this weren't enough, he goes on to attack such black leaders as Louis Farrakhan and Leonard Jeffries by deeming them "black racists."

When I first read the article I thought I was reading something by Rush Limbaugh or David Duke; not something by a junior at a black school majoring in history. It was also interesting to note that although Mr. Pickens was full of criticism, he offered no solution.

Gangsta Rap: Art imitating life or just another payday?

I'm sick and tired of people screaming censorship when it comes to the subject of "gangsta" rap. I totally support the actions of the National Political Congress of Black Women in removing this music from stores and airwaves.

Deidra D. Parrish

Many defend the gratuitous violence and misogyny of "gangsta" rap by saying that it is a reflection of "ghetto life." But how many "gangsta" rappers actually come from the ghetto? The fact is, most of them are in it for the money. "Gangsta" rap is a lucrative business and just as performers jumped on the disco bandwagon in the '70s, today they become instant "gangstas," wielding "gats" (guns) and using the word "bitch" every 10 seconds. Whether they admit it or not, when it comes down to millions of dollars versus black pride and social responsibility, "gangsta" rappers are most concerned with

I would like to point out first that Afrocentricity exists among black people not only as means of self-identification, but more importantly as a means of survival. In this world the vast majority of black people are unaware of who they are. From day one, the media is our first teacher. Before we even learn to read, we are watching shows like "Tarzan" or seeing movies like "The Air Up There." Consequently, we are taught as children that we are descended from cultureless savages. "The Flintstones" and "The Jetsons" give us an incisive view of the past and future of blacks through AmeriKKkan eyes, since none appear on either show. "Martin" shows us how black family life should be, while Wanda from "In Living Color" shows us the intricacies of black womanhood.

Between the ages of five and seven, we learn to readjust in time to absorb the lies that are printed about us. The books confirm the assertions of the movies, and anytime you see a black person in a school book they are either half-naked (a European taboo), or they are about to rob, kill or rape someone. Then after force-feeding you this diet of EURO-SUPREMACY, they chose one month out of 12 months to say something about you, as if to say your history is only a tenth of theirs. By the time you have had this whipped on you for 12 years some of us get wise, but too many of us

come out permanently insane.

If there is any hope of saving black people, we must be African-centered; that is, we must be concerned about ourselves first. For too many years we have tried to love other people, and it never helps us because to truly love any other group, you must love yourself. We cannot love a legacy of savagery and barbarism; we cannot love a history that says our only contribution to the world was slavery. These lies have been given to us for too long. If we are taught as children about such kingdoms as Ghana, Mali and Kismet and about great people like Sundiata, Menelik and Nzingha, then we will begin to understand the responsibility of upholding the legacy of our people. All other groups who are successful teach their children the importance of their culture and their history. The Jews teach their children about the history of Jews. The Asians teach their children about their history and white America teaches everybody about the importance of white history. There is nothing wrong with this, and if we as a people expect to survive we will see this and change our behavior. If not, we can look forward to our children coming out babbling incoherently and illogically about the mythical "black racism" of Afrocentricity, as did Mr. Pickens.

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getting paid.

And if art is a reflection of life, as last week's editorial put it, isn't the reverse also true? No one can claim that "gangsta" rap has no effect on those who hear it, no matter how strong a person is or how well their parents raised them. This is particularly dangerous in the case of "gangsta" rap, where most of the negativity refers to members of our own race. This situation strikes me as being similar to slavery and Jim Crow days when we were taught that we were inferior to whites. We accepted and developed those attitudes, didn't we?

Men, would you want your mother, sister, wife/girlfriend or daughter to be referred to as a "bitch" or "ho"? This is exactly what "gangsta" rap is perpetuating. If we can't respect the black woman, then who can we respect?

Why are we supporting the degradation of our people? "Gangsta" rap has long since ceased to be an art form. Now it only exploits.

The more we buy into it, the more

we bring ourselves down. Yes, we do have pressing problems in our community, but "gangsta" rap, too, is a problem. It is not only a problem of offensive language and violence; it is a problem of attitudes. As Carter G. Woodson wrote, "If you can control a man's thinking, you don't have to worry about his actions."

What the National Political Congress of Black Women is doing is the same thing that leaders have done to prevent the negative portrayals of blacks on TV (No more Amos 'n' Andy). Now we have a situation where whites can't say "nigger this, nigger that" on TV, but blacks can degrade themselves on radio.

A boycott of "gangsta" rap is long overdue. Let's not persist in allowing ourselves and future generations to be brainwashed. We cannot afford to go backward. We must move forward with respect and love for our brothers and sisters.

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LOCAL

Kelly outlines her new plan for the District



THE HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

Politics

FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By Ramonica Rice
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Yes we can and yes we will" is the slogan for District of Columbia Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, as she expressed several times in her delivery of the State of the District address.

Opening her address to D.C. and giving greetings in several different languages, Kelly agreed that there were many problems with the nation's capital. This year her administration reduced

the budget tremendously, downsizing 6,345 positions, and even conducting stings and making arrests within the police department, which presented the D.C. government with many problems.

Despite these cutbacks, Kelly was very positive and optimistic about the progression of D.C., stating that the infant mortality rates had decreased; that there are now well-trained ambulance services; that there are now 3,000 affordable housing units; and that buildings on 14th and U streets, which were neglected since the 1968 riots,

have been renovated and remodeled.

Kelly showed her appreciation to her supporters. "You, our citizens, have really rolled up your sleeves to help move us forward," Kelly said.

The violence plaguing D.C., especially in the schools, was the topic of her address. The audience, which was filled with many Kelly supporters, applauded on numerous occasions during the speech, showing signs of approval and trust that significant changes will come soon.

The mayor said that before her term, she thought she understood the many obstacles that teen-agers face on a daily basis; however, she realized that she did not.

"I have learned and as you can see from me, it's never too late to learn," Kelly said. "I sought this office because I thought I could be of service to you, that I could really be there for you, but what I have discovered over the last few years is that as the young people say, 'I didn't have a clue.'"

Youth Advisory Board member Angle Williamson, a junior at H.G. Woodson High School, agrees that the mayor misunderstood the difficulties that she and many of her peers actually encounter. But she said she feels positive about the mayor reaching out to the youth.

"I think if the people commit themselves, like they really need to be committed in the way that she's asking for their commitment, then I think it will be fine. I'm glad that [Kelly] woke up and saw the light... and is really trying to do something," Williamson said.

In Kelly's address, she reminded the audience of D.C.'s positive aspects.

"We are a community that continues to beat the odds each and every day. And as more of us reach out to one another, lock hands with another, close ranks with another, there is no doubt that our power will prevail over our problems," Kelly said.

Even though Kelly's focus

was with the "war against violence," she failed to mention her proposal to increase sales tax from 6 percent to 8 percent and the possible increase in parking fees. However, she does plan to propose a \$20 million increase in fiscal year 1994 to the city council.

Kelly pleaded to the public that it's time for a war against violence, and she asked everyone to enlist. Kelly referred to World War II using the Uncle Sam needs you slogan, pleading "Aunt Sharon needs you."

In Kelly's proposed budget, she plans to redevelop each of the area schools, increase accountability, strengthen the curriculum and revamp the deteriorating buildings in the school system.

Although there were many supporters who believe that Kelly will make significant changes in D.C., there were some who say that she was only making broken promises.

"You'd think [Kelly] was talking to a group of kindergartners;

I'm insulted and I'm humiliated, concentrated on the youth, who she disagrees," said Gail Barnes of North D.C., referring to Kelly's declaration against violence. "If she'd straighten some of the zoning laws, I'd have to work with the youth."

Other supporters expressed optimism in Kelly's proposal for D.C.

Kevin Monroe, a political science major, said that all Kelly is asking is support.

"As long as [Kelly] is to make an effort to help out the sometimes it takes longer than realize. She admitted that she made a mistake, and she is doing what it to correct it."

Kelly delivered the address at a crowded auditorium of Cardozo High School in Northwest, where a recent shooting incident occurred. Present were district officials, schoolteachers, principals and students from the school.

Another Howard grad to run for mayor of D.C.

By Ayoka Campbell
Hilltop Staff Writer

He could be the next Howard University alumnus to become mayor of Washington, D.C. At least, that's the hope of Curtis L. Pree, a 33-year-old Howard graduate.

Pree will officially announce his candidacy for mayor in a few weeks, but for now, he and his committee are gearing up for what they hope will be a successful campaign.

Because the mayoral election is not until November, other possible candidates have yet to officially announce their candidacy, but Pree's committee chairman, Samuel Agger, realizes that Pree must make himself known to D.C. voters, even if that means being a little ahead of the crowd.

And the crowd may include such possible candidates as former D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, Councilmember John Ray and Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly. Pree said he definitely stands out among the other possible candidates who have been on the Washington, D.C., political scene for a while now.

"I am not tied to the people who caused the problem. Their best ideas are behind them. They did nothing to help with the problems of young people. They have no hope. There's violence. I can inspire these young people to live and not to die," Pree said.

Pree has not unveiled all of his proposals on ending crime in the district. But he said he will do more than what Mayor Kelly has proposed. "I will go beyond more police and jails," he said.

Pree possesses a large amount of political and business experience. In fact, in 1990, Pree served as an advisor to Kelly during her mayoral campaign. But now he charges that the Kelly Administration is a fiscally irresponsible and

insensitive government entity.

"It's time to clean house again, and Kelly will be the first one out the door. Kelly cannot bring our city together," he said.

Pree is currently senior advisor for governmental affairs for Harvey & Company, an



Curtis L. Pree

international financial and management consulting firm. He is a nationally-known political operative in the Democratic Party and has participated in several presidential campaigns, such as the 1992 Presidential Campaign, in which he was a political consultant.

Agger believes Pree will bring a different kind of candidate to the mayoral elections, one that will offer more to the D.C. community.

"He is fresh and open-minded. He is also experienced in Washington, D.C., in business and politics. And he is enough outside the D.C. history that he can look at everything from a fresh perspective," Agger said.

Pree is quick to include his alma mater in his political agenda. "Howard students will definitely be a part of my campaign," he said.

Changes in Metro rail services may benefit Howard students

By Miguel Burke
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University students who rely on Metro rail's green line to venture off campus to various areas of Washington D.C., Virginia and Maryland may find it easier to travel due to a series of recent changes in the Metro system.

Cheryl Johnson, the deputy director of Public Affairs for Metro, is very pleased with the new services that Metro is offering its passengers.

As of Dec. 11, 1993, passengers were given the opportunity to travel to more places, as new stops were added to the Metro system.

"We added four new stops to the green line, and the new four stops are in Prince George's County, West Hyattsville, Prince George's Plaza, University of Maryland-College Park and the Greenbelt," Johnson said.

Also, weekend Metro passengers may not find themselves waiting those countless minutes for the next

available train any longer due to other changes within the system.

"We did increase the number of trains that come into the stations because of what was based on ridership," Johnson said.

These changes have passengers pleased, and most admit that a ride on Metro rail is usually tranquil with little or no disturbances. However, one disturbance did occur recently, in which a passenger claimed that a group of teen-agers harassed and verbally attacked her at the Tenleytown station. In an effort to prevent such incidents, Metro has taken steps to remedy the situation.

"We have increased security on the segment of the red line from Tenley Town to Metro Center," Johnson said.

Johnson also indicated that it seemed to be a one-time incident because no other such incidents have been reported. Metro has even called for more security officers to ride the trains in an effort to reassure passengers of their safety.

But there is one thing students are hoping will change. Unlike in other major cities within the United States, the Metro does not run after midnight, making it difficult for a person without a car to get around after hours. Many Howard students can give varying testimonies of how they were stranded somewhere and were forced to take an overpriced cab ride, unpleasant bus ride or even walk miles in order to get home.

Senior Hoyt King said he has had one of these after-hour experiences.

King said he and a friend were visiting George Washington University until past midnight one night and did not have enough money for a cab. They waited at the bus stop on Pennsylvania Avenue for 25 minutes and no bus came. So they decided to walk home from the White House cross section of Pennsylvania Avenue to Fairmont Street.

"It took us an hour and a half to reach home. My legs were wobbling, my joints were aching

and on top of that I was hurt," King said.

Shawn Hysten, a sophomore majoring in political science, she also wished Metro to extend its hours.

"The Metro system should be 24 hours a day like in other cities such as New York or Chicago because for those of us who have cars — we're pretty limited to transportation or depend on rides from other people. In some instances, if you're at Union Station and you go see a late movie, you're forced to take a cab home, which usually the ride of your life because most drivers can't drive. I thought, even mention the bus," complained Hysten.

Johnson explained why trains stop running after midnight.

"There would not be enough ridership to bring in revenue to justify the cost of expanding to 24 hours a day," she said.

However, she said students always rely on the Metro which have longer operating hours

Around the town on Valentine's Day...

By Genea Luck
Hilltop Staff Writer

Chocolates and romantic greeting cards are known to send chills up loved ones' spines and have been the long-time tradition of Saint Valentine's Day. The spirit of "sweet" love is very much alive during the Valentine's Day Season, and Howard guys and girls can create a little more romance with a little more creativity.

There are many District restaurants that titillate the sensations of many Howardites. The Cheesecake Factory, Houston's, T.G.I. Fridays and The American Cafe are some of the more common spots, but, perhaps the taste calls for a cuisine that is a little more international, perhaps even exotic.

Samurai's is a traditional style Japanese restaurant located on the bottom level of Georgetown Park. Customers have to take their shoes off and sit on cushions on the floor.

Meals are prepared in the customers' sight, with some of the waiters telling jokes and doing tricks. Samurai's is located on 3222 M. St., N.W., and the prices are reasonable.

Another elegant restaurant that will impress any Valentine is Blackie's House of Beef, which is located at 1217 22nd St., N.W. Blackie's serves prime rib, seafood, chicken and other special entrees. An atmosphere filled with the aroma of romance gets even juicier because some tables are located next to the large open fireplace. Blackie's is easy to get to even without the convenience of a car. One only has to walk a couple of blocks from the Dupont Circle and Foggy Bottom metro stations.

Among more relatively mature audiences, The Blues Alley is also a favorite. On love day, blues artist Jerry Butler will be the guest performer. Blues Alley is located at 1073 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.

Tickets are \$23.30.

And for those lovers who wish to cuddle even more and move to the soothing sounds of soulful music, a concert featuring the O'Jays, The Whispers and LeVert will begin at 8 p.m. at Constitution Hall.

Donnie Simpson of WPGC 95.5 will host a Valentine's Day party at the Ritz Nightclub. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the age limit is 21 and older. Performers such as Aaron Hall and UNV will be there. Tickets are \$12 at the door. The Ritz is located at 919 9th St., N.W.

Couples should also remember the view from the top of the Washington Monument. It is great at night!

Many college students are budgeting their money after registration payments; therefore, a nice evening at the dorm could also be very special with a little ingenuity. Guys and girls can make this a very sentimental evening

with a candlelight dinner, listen to a video and the sultry sounds of Kelly or Aaron Hall on the player.

For out-of-town lovers, A is honoring a 45-percent discount on long distance calls Valentine's Day.

If a friend is coming in town, one might want to check in at a special Valentine Hotel package. The Washington Marriott has a Sweetheart Package for today, Saturday or Sunday. The package includes a chilled bottle of champagne, deluxe room complete with chocolate dinner for two in the restaurant for only \$129 per night. The also the Breakfast for overnight accommodation package, which is \$99. The Washington Marriott is located at 22nd Street, N.W. For reservations call (202) 872-1500.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE D.C. AREA

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African-American Architecture. Retired architect Charles Cassels discusses 20th-century African-American building traditions. Place: Anacostia Museum. Time: 2 p.m. For reservations, call (202) 287-2060.

Feb. 12, 1994

A Slave's Tale. Storyteller Bill Grimmette brings to life the experiences of a slave on a 16th-century expedition to the New World in his one-man show, "Estevanico the Moor." Place: Carmichael Auditorium in the National Museum of American History. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Metro (Federal Triangle). For more information, call: (202) 357-2700.

Feb. 15, 1994

Blacks in Aviation. Historians and pilots share their perspectives on the contributions of African Americans to aviation and space flight over the past 50 years. Place: National Air and Space Museum. Time: 7:30 p.m. For more information call (202) 357-2700.

Feb. 19, 1994

Film Festival. The Margaret Mead Traveling Film Festival highlights several short films and documentaries about anthropology. Place: National Museum of Natural History. Time: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call (202) 357-2700.

Feb. 19, 20, 1994

BZB Salute to Black Artists. Visual and Wearable Art, Jazz Music, Presentations, Seminars, etc. Place: Silver Spring Armory. Time: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call (202) 332-2879.

Feb. 26, 1994

BZB Black Gift Show. Over 100 businesses and entrepreneurs will share unusual and elegant items and there will be live jazz music from musicians Davey Yarborough and Hilton Felton. Place: Shiloh Baptist Church. Time: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call (202) 332-2879.

Feb. 27, 1994

Analysis of Civil War Letters. Howard University professor and author, Dr. Joseph Reidy, shares recently uncovered letters from slaves and free blacks during the Civil War era. Place: National Postal Museum. Time: 2 p.m. For more information call (202) 357-2700.

NATIONAL

Clinton, civil rights groups rally behind Assistant Attorney General nominee

Michael N. James
Hilltop Staff Writer

After two controversial failed attempts to fill the office of Assistant Attorney General, President Clinton hopes his new nominee, Deval L. Patrick, will pass confirmation hearings.

Conservative factions derailed two previous nominees. Lani Guinier, who was with Patrick at the NAACP Defense and Educational Fund, the quota queen, and her writings as too left. D.C. corporation counsel Payton withdrew his name when it was discovered that he did not have a law degree.

Confirmed by the Senate's Judiciary Committee, Patrick, who

negotiated a landmark lending case against BayBank, will lead the Civil Rights Division's fight to eliminate bank lending discrimination.

According to the director of the NAACP's Washington Bureau, Wade Henderson, the NAACP strongly supports Patrick's nomination and confirmation because of his numerous legal credentials.

"Patrick is a fine lawyer with a keen understanding of civil rights and constitutional law. His astute political judgment will now give civil rights a new area of focus such as lending discrimination, insurance redlining and voting rights," Henderson said.

As a partner in the Boston law firm of Hill & Barlow where Gov. William F. Weld and former governor Michael S. Dukakis once

practiced, Patrick has litigated an extensive number of civil and corporate cases, according to a White House press release.

As a spokesman for the Rainbow Coalition, Vice-President Jesse Jackson Jr. commended the president's choice of an attorney who understands the need for progressive measures to ensure that everyone's civil liberties are protected.

"There could be no better time or person to appoint as Assistant Attorney General for civil rights. Patrick has a track record of aggressive enforcement of civil rights," Jackson Jr. said.

After graduation from Harvard Law School, Patrick turned down offers from top law firms to join the NAACP LDF in New York City, where he acquired his vast experience in civil rights litigation.

The late Thurgood Marshall founded the NAACP LDF to right past discriminations through legal action.

Wade said while working at LDF that Patrick specialized in litigated cases for greater access to voter registration and against the death penalty because of its historical unequal application to minorities.

Patrick, who grew up economically disadvantaged on the South side of Chicago, attended Harvard College on scholarship and graduated cum laude. After working and traveling through Sudan and Nigeria as a Michael Clark Rockefeller Traveling Scholar for a year, he returned to Harvard for Law School.

Even after moving to the private sector, Patrick continued to work on cases for the NAACP LDF and has taken on numerous pro bono cases.



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Medgar Evers' assassin convicted after 30 years

By Tasha M. White
Hilltop Staff Writer

Shortly after midnight on June 12, 1963, NAACP leader Medgar Evers was shot in Jackson, Mississippi. But it was not until 30 years later, on Feb. 5, that his assassin, Byron De La Beckwith, was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Thirty years ago, Medgar Evers was a leading figure in the civil rights movement. From 1954 until his death, Evers headed the

Studies Department Chairman Russell Adams, time was not detrimental to the case.

"The point is that the system can respond if the people keep pushing it to respond," Adams said. "The real heroes in this case are those who kept it alive."

For three decades, Evers' widow Myrlie continued to push the system. She kept constant contact with the district attorney when new evidence appeared. Evers even allowed her husband's body to be exhumed for an autopsy.

Several witnesses said that Beckwith often bragged about killing Evers. It was Beckwith's behavior that ultimately led to his conviction.

After getting away with murder twice, Beckwith believed that he could get away with it again. Several witnesses said that Beckwith often bragged about killing Evers. So it was Beckwith's behavior that ultimately led to his conviction.

Adams also attributes the conviction to changes in racial attitudes that have occurred over the past 30 years.

"The system is not perfect," he says, and "racial change is something that takes awhile."

But despite the long battle for justice to prevail, Adams says "the family has the satisfaction that what should have happened in the first trial finally happened."

Until his death, Evers devoted his time and energy to the civil rights movement. Today the conviction of Byron De La Beckwith proves that the struggle for freedom still continues.

Congress introduces legislation designed to curb television violence

Stacy Jones
Hilltop Staff Writer

Senior elementary education official Stacy Mahoney says she has first-hand what TV violence can do to the mind of a child. Her 2-year-old nephew used a crash dummy doll used in his head, arms and legs

He started laughing as he and the doll's body around. I thought this was horrible, and I thought that he gets this from watching violent

with my 17-year-old nephew. I do believe that the violence on TV is affecting our children. I'm a parent of a 10-year-old child. I'm a parent of a 10-year-old child. I'm a parent of a 10-year-old child.

Many Americans share Mahoney's concern that TV violence has a negative impact on children. The direct result of TV violence protests by parents and lobbyists is Congress' established efforts to work on curbing it.

The Satellite Network Committee of the National Cable Television Association introduced industry-wide anti-violence initiative — Voices Against Violence — at a press conference

in the Rayburn House Office Building on Feb. 1. Also present were U.S. Sen. Paul Simon (D-ILL.) and Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA). Simon supports cable's independent monitoring of violence on TV, and Markey supports the use of legislation, if necessary.

Tony Cox is chairman and chief executive officer of Showtime Networks Incorporated and chairman of NCTA's Satellite Network Committee. He described NCTA's role in curbing TV violence as giving TV audiences more of a decisive role in what they watch.

"The cable programmers have united to lead the television industry in the effort to combat the epidemic of violence in America," said Cox. "We are taking action to give viewers more control over what they are watching, and, on a long term basis, seeking to reduce the level of gratuitous violence on television. We strongly believe these self-administered measures will eliminate the need for legislation."

Voices Against Violence listed nine steps that NCTA, broadcasters and the entertainment community created to deglamorize violence on television. Their proposals will aid parents in choosing good programs for their children.

A violence rating system would pre-inform viewers and parents of the violent content of a

program. "Giving a warning to parents is good as long as it is not going to be vague — when they say 'Mature Audience,' mature in what way?" Stephanie Camp, a senior political science major, inquired.

Once parents have identified a program as too violent, they can program their television to block the broadcast through Viewer Discretion Technology.

Viewer Discretion Technology is better known on Capitol Hill as the V-chip (violence chip). Markey, chairman of the House Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee along with Rep. Jack Fields (R-Texas) introduced V-chip legislation making it mandatory for television manufacturers to include a V-chip in all television sets. If the Television Violence Reduction Through Parental Empowerment Act is passed, televisions issued after a certain date set by Congress will have a built-in V-chip.

"I have always felt that a rating system combined with blocking technology is the best route for all parties. It protects programmers', broadcasters', and writers' First Amendment rights, while at the same time gives parents the means to realistically and easily exercise their responsibilities. I encourage broadcasters to support the V-chip. Legislation will be necessary if they remain opposed," said Markey in a press

release issued Jan. 31 of this year.

"Responsible" scheduling does not address the real problem, according to professor Rudolph Lutter. Lutter, assistant professor of Communications Law in the School of Communications, said the time in which a program is aired will have little effect in homes where parents are working late hours.

"It can't hurt, but youngsters are watching TV all the time because parents are out trying to make a living," Lutter said.

The industry would like to educate the parents, teachers and children on violence through Viewer Education Programs.

"Poor folks know just as much as rich folks that [violence] is no good," Lutter said.

However, Lutter commends the government and the cable industry for working together to handle the issue of violence on TV. Simon too applauds the industry's work. He contended that TV violence can be handled without government intervention.

"We're turning a corner in our culture. We've begun to recognize the harmful effects of excessive, glamorized violence. I'm pleased with today's breakthrough. Independent monitoring is a way to pinpoint responsibility, and monitoring is a way to assure ongoing progress," Simon said in a press release issued Feb. 1.

Severe blood shortage prompts mass donation drive across nation

Robinson Cook
Hilltop Staff Writer

The nation's blood supply dropped to its lowest level since the end of the second world war because of concern about whether the Red Cross would be able to meet the growing demands for blood.

The slow growth of the nation's blood supply came as a result of a combination of factors: frigid mid-winter weather that blasted the West and East coast in January, which was crisscrossing the country during the holidays and a higher number of deferrals due to a screening process for donors.

Traditionally, the holiday season is a slow time for blood donations since people are preparing for vacations and other holiday festivities.

"We expected the numbers to rise as typically it starts to rise around January 2nd, 3rd and 4th. We kept looking and our numbers were showing no sign of an increase," McCarthy said.

A week after the initial drop of the shortage, the American Red Cross found that its blood supply was only enough to last a few days at the most.

Today, the nation's blood supply is currently hovering at a level of two days. A supply of five days is preferred and sufficient to tackle any crisis that may arise.

victims of violent crimes, major traffic accidents, and persons in need of blood transfusions. Blood is also needed for transplant operations, medical research, and the treatment of Sickle Cell Anemia patients.

Since red blood cells, which give blood its vitality, have a life span of only forty-two days the supply must be replenished daily. After that time period, they are of absolutely no use unless they are frozen.

"So you have to be able to account for what you need tomorrow with what you need today... which makes the collection of blood an ongoing process," said Margaret McCarthy, a spokesperson for the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross launched media campaigns aimed at informing people of the crisis and encouraging them to donate blood. The campaign included telemarketing to their regular donors, interviews on nationally syndicated television programs and sound bites on news talk radio shows.

Although the blood supply increased to a two day reserve in the weeks following the public announcements that was still not enough.

"When the earthquake hit, there was a concern that we didn't have enough blood," said McCarthy of the Los Angeles earthquake.

Fortunately, the Red Cross was able to handle this emergency because of its network of forty-five blood centers across the nation that

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provide blood to one another.

But 20 of the 45 regions, including the Washington/Baltimore area, had not collected enough blood to hold their own

supplies steady.

"If there had been more tragic accidents as a result of the earthquake, especially if it had come a little later in the day, people

thought that we couldn't meet the demand," said McCarthy.

The Red Cross continues to urge people to donate blood because the demand will never diminish.

"What's important to

remember," says McCarthy, "is that everyday people need blood."

INTERNATIONAL

Long-distance Valentines a reality for lovelorn international students

By Gloria McField
Hilltop Staff Writer

Cupid will be working overtime this year to keep love alive at Howard. This Valentine's Day, a phone call, instead of the traditional flowers and candy, will be the anxiously-awaited treat of some international students, who are fighting the odds to maintain healthy relationships with their spouses who have been left at home.

Many will miss their sons and daughters, mothers and other significant others, just like at

Christmas.

And when their American counterparts are exchanging gifts over candlelight dinners, holding hands and whispering cupid's vows, many international students will settle for the phone call and hope for a speedy summer.

Yet, Valentine's Day is especially important to Scott Wilson, a sophomore communications major, as he is reminded of his 13-month-old daughter, Shanice.

This Jamaican has an optimistic view of Valentine's

Day. "It's a time specially put aside for couples and people who want to be together," Wilson said.

For freshman economics major Rashidat, who left her first-love, Dute, in Nigeria five months ago, it is times like this that make it difficult to come to terms with the reality of emotional separation.

"Valentine's Day is the day I will feel most lonely. I'll probably call him or he will call me," she said.

A similar sentiment has been expressed by sophomore Dianne M. of the School of Business, but it's the cultural difference in

dating in the United States that bothers her and hinders her from forming a meaningful relationship with an African-American male. "I talked to one or two of them, but most of them are either full of themselves or so immature. It's like I'm on a higher level than them," she said.

But the guys are cooing a different song, Wilson said the cultural differences do not sway him; for Valentine's Day, he intends "to go to a movie with an attractive female."



Haiti Solidarity Week continues

Haiti Solidarity Week, which last Sunday, includes a panel discussion tomorrow at the University of District of Columbia Main Academic Building 46 East at 7 p.m.

The theme of the week is "Forces with the Popular Movement in Haiti."

According to Serge Hyacinthe, business manager of the Center, a D.C.-based organization, the theme was chosen because "in the course of the week that President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was out of the country, there has been a total disregard for the voice of the Haitian people."

He said the only solution to the Haitian political crisis "is with strengthening of the popular movement in Haiti."

The week concludes Sunday with "Festival of Haitian Film and Culture" at the Biograph Theatre in Georgetown at 5 p.m.



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The truth about Haiti

By Linda P. Lee
Hilltop Staff Writer

For many people, Haiti merely represents one of the poorest nations in the world, a place riddled with violence, addicted to superstitious beliefs and rooted in a state of barbaric primitivity. However, beneath this sordid mythical image lies an intriguing and obscure past; a past unknown to many because little first-class material exists about the history of the island.

For those familiar with this Caribbean country, it has a distinguished history. In 1791, in the wake of the French Revolution, Haiti became the first colonized black nation and the second colonized country in the world to successfully defeat its colonial master and declare itself a sovereign state. The United States was the first country to defeat its colonial master, Great Britain.

The man who led Haiti's

successful slave insurrection and guided the country to black supremacy was Francois-Dominique Toussaint L'Ouverture. (The origins of L'Ouverture remain obscure.)

Toussaint was born in approximately 1743 on a plantation near the city of Le Cap in Haiti. His father was from Guinea, but his mother's origin has not been ascertained. It is believed that L'Ouverture was a thoroughbred African, with no traces of white blood in his ancestry.

Toussaint's leadership stint did not take off until 1791 when he was nearly 50 years old. Although he appeared frail, small and weak, Toussaint possessed the perseverance and prowess of a born leader.

During his short career, L'Ouverture and his troops outsmarted the English, defeated the Spanish and, after a long struggle,



Toussaint L'Ouverture

set the stage to expel Napoleon and his formidable French forces from Haitian shores.

However, Toussaint's goals were not limited to areas of foreign policy; he also had an ambitious domestic plan. Tired of subordination and oppression, Toussaint envisioned a nation in which blacks reigned supreme, and with determined aggression, Toussaint accomplished his goals. By the end of the French Revolution, Haiti was a nation ruled by black people for black people.

In 1801, L'Ouverture was appointed governor for life with the power to name his own successor. However, two years later he was captured and taken to France where the unfamiliar cold and bleak weather weakened his frail body. He died alone in a cell in April of

Winnie Mandela exemplifies role of "women" in South African history

By Omowale Elson
Hilltop Staff Writer

History has a way of pushing the significant contributions of women into the background, especially when their husbands have been engaged in the same liberation struggles. Not so with the dynamic personality of Winnie Mandela, whose name has become synonymous with the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa.

Her militancy has made her a heroine to many young militants in the African National Congress, the main black liberation organization that is expected to form the first freely-elected government in South Africa. It was through her advocacy that the name of her now estranged husband, Nelson, was kept alive before the world community during his 27 years as a political prisoner. It was through her militant and outspoken persona that she remained a source of political discomfort to the racist South African government. That profile earned her an eight-year banishment to Brandfort out of her base in Soweto.

Through her dedication and



Winnie Mandella

commitment to the struggle, Mandela has amassed enough idiosyncratic credits to allow her to override the 1991 kidnapping and assault charges involving four young blacks, a charge to which she has maintained her innocence. To many western observers, her political career appeared to be over when the ANC sought to distance itself from her, when she separated from ANC president Nelson Mandela and when she resigned from the significant post as ANC's social welfare director. Events in December proved them wrong.

The fiery 58-year-old Winnie Mandela scored a "surprise" victory over another ANC star, Albertina Sisulu, in the election to national president of the Women's League, amassing votes over her opponent's 160 party (and women's league) wanted to push her away now forced to embrace her on its equality platform.

At her arrival to the Durban conference on its third proceedings came to a standstill "chanting and ululating" gave her a rousing welcome. "Farouk Chothia of the South African Weekly Mail newspaper. After victory, supporters carried her shoulder-high, chanting, 'Winnie!' Chothia noted.

The ruling National Party targeted her in the up-coming 27 election campaign, noting her election "was proof militants are taking over positions" in the organization. Mandela, who draws her strength in the Xhosa-speaking Eastern Cape and among Natal residents expected to sit in the next South African parliament.

Evaluating the past and present of Haiti

By Dr. Hilbourne Watson
Part One

Haiti's post revolutionary history has been a difficult and painful one for the masses.

From the very outset, the interests of the social forces who led the revolution and those of the slaves who fought to end slavery were in conflict. In a fundamental sense, the aims of the slaves were at variance with those of liberalism, though the revolution used liberalism's tenets as its guiding principles.

In point of fact, liberalism's tenets were the most THEORETICALLY and philosophically advanced at the time. In this sense, it could be asserted that the revolution was ahead of its time since there was no developed philosophical framework and accompanying socioeconomic system to secure it.

The point is that the Haitian Revolution, at least from the vantage point of the slaves, was to end exploitation of man by man and create an alternative to evolving capitalism. This was at variance with the outlook and interests of the slave owners of all persuasions and ethnic origins.

More concretely, Haiti posed a peculiar problem for U.S. foreign policy. The Haitian Revolution became a challenge to the expansion of capitalism and the institutionalization of modern imperialism in the New World based on slavery. The Haitian revolution posed a concrete problem for slavery in Western culture and American culture in particular.

The site of the Haitian Revolution in this hemisphere was historically significant in its occurrence in the early period of the American republic's formation. It presaged the Monroe Doctrine. Not only the U.S., but also the entire European world saw the revolution as bearing ominous portents for

their systems. The fact that the revolution was being made by black slaves was also dangerous to the liberal tenet about the peculiar Western inclination to freedom, since the enslavement of Africans by Europeans was largely justified by the Christian myth that Africans lacked a capacity for freedom. Hence, race was an important factor in U.S. Policy toward the revolution.

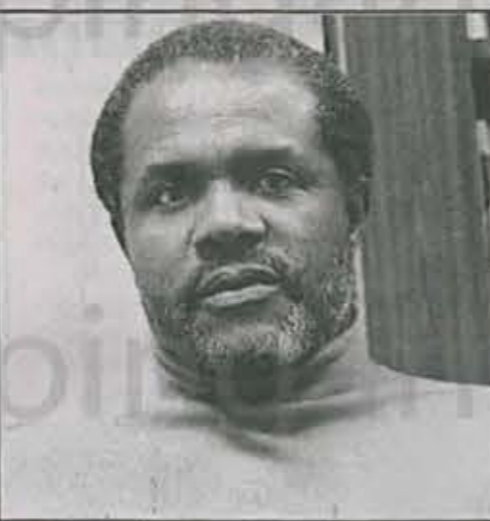
The crisis which followed the Haitian Revolution has been used systematically by American leaders to denigrate blacks relative to their lack of a natural inclination to freedom and the assertion that they are largely incapable of self-government without white tutelage. This is a tenet of liberalism.

U.S. invasion and occupation of Haiti (1915-1934) was but a moment in the long history of U.S. violation of the national sovereignty of the Caribbean and Latin American countries. But these violations of sovereignty have been justified as a defense of the system of sovereignty as a whole; in other words, sovereignty may be violated to protect it from those who do not show themselves capable of securing it according to the tenets of liberalism. Of course the factor of national imperialism is seldom accounted for in this context. Still the Monroe Doctrine was the most concrete 19th century declaration of the aims of hemispheric hegemony.

Liberalism informed the ethical basis of the Cold War. By situating the Cold War as a moral and ethical issue between good and evil, it has been possible to apportion blame by placing liberalism on the high ground and portraying communism as the negation of all that is natural in human inclinations. Whenever the U.S. supported authoritarian and unabashedly illiberal regimes, it was justified on national interest grounds with national security defined against the backdrop of liberalism. Sometimes it was

argued that since lesser developed countries and societies were not spiritually equipped to govern themselves according to Western cultural principles, the U.S. should support them as long as they were anti-communist. The regimes that ruled Haiti since the end of World War II fell into this category.

Ample grounds were provided for the Cuban Revolution and its



Dr. Hilbourne Watson

alliance with the former Soviet Union. The Cuban Revolution violated the Monroe Doctrine and more broadly, it violated liberalism. The Cuban Revolution has been on the cutting edge of U.S. foreign policy toward the Caribbean, and U.S. policy makers have judged the ethical and moral principles of all regimes in the region according to where they stood in the Cold War. The attempt by lesser developed country regimes in the 1950's to decipher the meaning of the Cold War for themselves was deemed immoral by Secretary of State Dulles, who declared that "neutrality" under the banner of "non-alignment" was essentially an unethical and immoral position. This was the equivalent of saying that there was only one moral side in the Cold War, and that was the American side.

The U.S. has always been uncomfortable with social democracy because of its inception

of human nature and its project for the development of human potential. The liberal tenet that there is no force greater than the individual and no body higher than the individual also regrets the belief that the state should play the decisive role in redistributing the means of production.

Liberalism is not opposed to redistributing wealth. It is simply that it prefers the market to achieve this end. In point of fact, capitalism rests on the fundamental principle of the alienation of value through the labor process around production. The system systematically redistributes income and wealth. The juridical premise of a fair day's work for a fair day's wage masks the objective basis of this transfer process from workers to capitalists and from the lesser developed countries to the advanced capitalist economies on a daily basis. It is not easy to see this phenomenon because of the cultural weight of the liberal analytical structure in its neoclassical (economic) doctrine.

The U.S. attitude toward Aristide was not shaped simply by its attitude toward the Duvalier regimes; it was fundamentally influenced by the end of the Cold War and the issue of hegemony. The end of the Cold War coincided not only with the collapse of the USSR and Soviet model; it is also marked by the crisis of hegemony. There has emerged a divergence between American military power and the economic capability to project that military power on a global level. The postwar model based on American hegemony in the West and the attempt to project hegemonic power at the global level has collapsed.

It is being asserted that economic competition and markets now take primacy of place over missiles in global competition. In the new competitive drive, the U.S. recognizes that it is important to secure the Americas for itself by deepening regional integration.

A Glance Around the World

By Gloria McField
Hilltop Staff Writer

St. Kitts and Nevis
The political impasse in the Caribbean twin-island state surrounding the legitimacy of the Dr. Kenny Simmonds Administration to govern the country continues, though the widespread protest is dying according to the Caribbean News Agency. Three persons were arrested during the reopening of Parliament, which continues to be boycotted by Opposition St. Kitts Labor Party (CANAL).

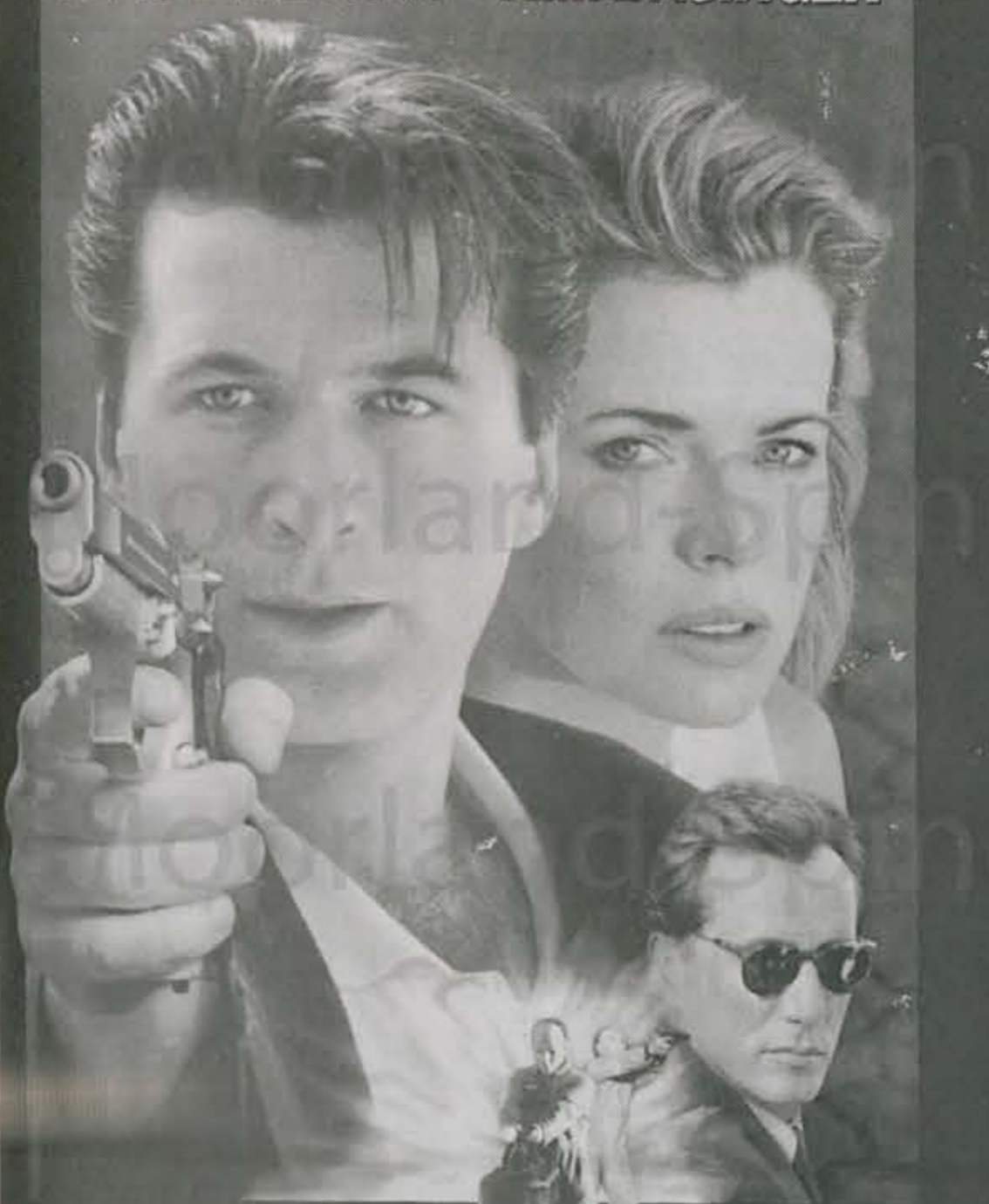
Guyana
Georgetown — Guyana has divested four state companies including the Guyana Sugar Corporation's dairy and milk production plants. Prime Minister Dr. Cheddi Jagan announced Jan. 27 that government had concluded the sale of the Guyana Stores outlet chain and the Guyana National Engineering Corporation. The president acknowledged that government pace in privatization had been slow, but he defended this on grounds that the process of identifying state companies suitable for divestment could be short-circuited.

Ukraine
Kiev — The Ukrainian Parliament moved closer on Jan. 3 toward approving a deal that would rid Ukraine of its nuclear weapons but insisted on more details before final ratification. Parliament adopted a carefully worded and somewhat controversial resolution that effectively renounced the 13 conditions placed on ratification of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, known as Start-1, last November. Ukraine presently possesses the world's third largest nuclear arsenal. (The New York Times)

This article has been extracted from a larger paper — "U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Haiti" — which was presented at the conference "The Role of Ethics in U.S. Foreign Policy," sponsored by the International Affairs Center at Howard University on Jan. 27. Watson is a professor in the Department of Political Science.

The final part will appear in next week's Hilltop.

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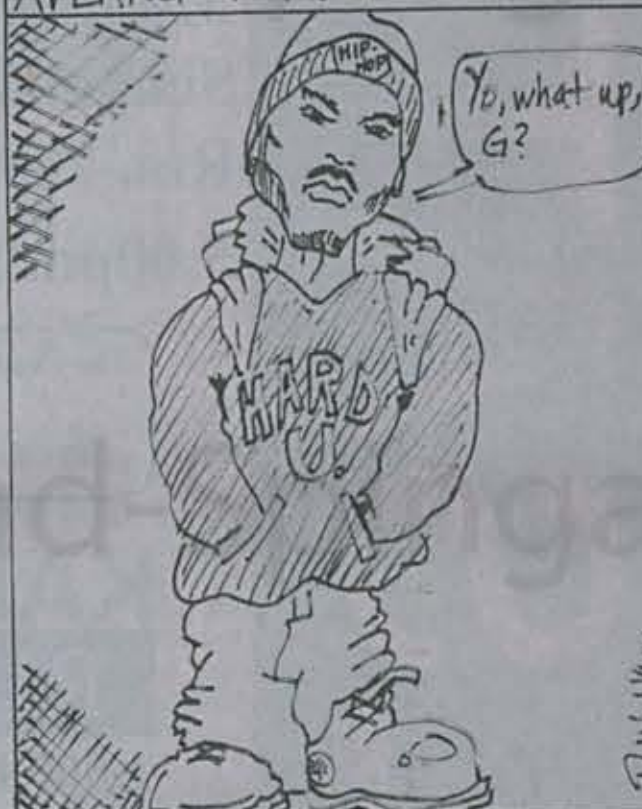


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CHOOSING TO WAIT

ABSTINENCE: THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR SOME

By Monica M. Lewis
Hilltop Staff Writer

In the subdued lights of her dorm room, freshman Artkim "Kim" Brown sat one Saturday evening with her boyfriend of three years.

The two gazed into each other's eyes as only lovers do. Such suggestive tunes as "Sex Me" and "I Don't See Nothing Wrong (With A Little Bump and Grind)," played softly in the background.

They inched closer together. They hugged. They kissed. But in an instant, they pulled apart, each reminding the other "to have the strength to wait until the wedding night."

Sound unreal in this modern age of easy sex among college students?

Not for some Howard students who are determined to buck the trend and are quite satisfied with not going "all the way."

"I have too much going for me to get caught up with having to worry about catching a disease or getting pregnant," Brown said.

Brown, whose boyfriend of three years is also a Howard student, plans to wait until marriage before indulging in any sexual activity.

"I believe that it's good to wait for marriage," said the biology major. "I know that there are other things that I'll do wrong in life, but I

Howard through the Campus Crusade for Christ organization. Boseman said she believes her relationship with Barnett has become more solid because of their decision to wait.

"Sex is a crutch. It's easy to be physical with someone," said Boseman. "But it's hard to really spend quality time together and just talk. Remaining abstinent has definitely helped our relationship grow deeper."

According to Boseman, abstinence has also made her confidence in Barnett stronger.

"If I know that he can have the self-control now, then I know he'll keep it when we get married," she explained.

"There's always temptation," said Barnett, a senior economics major. "Especially as the relationship grows stronger. We've made it for two years and, hopefully, we'll be



requirement for a relationship," she said. "In order not to be tempted, I make it a point to date only Christians."

Freshmen Nicole Smith and Lisa Miller say religion is not the sole purpose for their decisions to be abstinent. The two say their decisions are not abnormal ones, but rather

he'll be there no matter what my decision is," Miller insisted. "Most people do it because they're bored or they want to experiment, but sex shouldn't be an experiment," Miller concluded.

Sabrina Wilson, a 23-year-old political science major, agreed with Miller, in that people consider practicing abstinence to be unusual.

"Many people say that it's not cool to be a virgin and that you're not normal, but I think abstaining from sex keeps a person from losing self-respect," Wilson said. She added that she now gets more respect from guys whom she refused sex to years ago. "You actually get treated like a lady, as opposed to an object."

Wilson elaborated that those who choose to go out and sleep with numerous people around campus

her," McDuffie said, who is majoring in broadcast journalism.

McDuffie and his girlfriend of a little over two years, Heavenly Shipp, a fourth year music major, mutually came to the agreement to abstain from sex.

"This [abstinence] is the safest and most ultimate form of protection from sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy," McDuffie continued. "I've seen what pregnancy has done to my friends, and I don't want to have any added responsibilities while I'm in school."

Shipp agreed that abstinence is protecting her from unwanted problems, and added that, by sleeping around, one leaves a part of himself or herself with every individual he or she come into contact with, which, she said, damages a person both spiritually and emotionally.

Sam Hodges, a senior television production major, said sex can prevent one from seeing what his or her partner has to offer.

"Basically, you're settling for physical gratification and not trying to get to know the person as a whole," Hodges said. "By abstaining, you're not compromising your standards. You're getting what you want spiritually, as well as emotionally."

Both McDuffie and Hodges agree that people mistakenly confuse love

Valentine's Day Sweethearts plan to tie the knot

By Natalie Y. Tellis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and love is in the air for three Howard women who have found the perfect man, and are planning to "make it official." Taryari Hargrow, Tara Winder and Malkia Zimbr all say the long distance and busy schedules will keep them from spending Valentine's Day with their husbands-to-be, but wonderful thoughts of past times spent together will sustain them until they meet again.

"We're going to send our cards and gifts through the mail," said Hargrow, a 20-year-old electrical engineering major.

Hargrow met her fiancé three years ago at a party in her hometown of Oakland, California. It was not until she saw him at another party that she decided to be the aggressor.

"I took the initiative and he called me back," Hargrow said.

Although Hargrow says she had never been so aggressive, she is convinced that he must have meant something special to her for her to take that risk.

As time progressed, Hargrow saw that the man she has been engaged to for a little over a year, was well worth her efforts. She says that his gentlemanly manner was what really impressed her.

"It was five months before he even kissed me... He respected me and I can talk to him about anything," Hargrow said.

In addition to other great qualities, Hargrow said that her fiancé gets along well with all of her family and serves as a role model for her younger brother.

The happy couple plans to wed in 1996 after they both have

finished school and "have themselves together."

Broadcast journalism major and former Miss School of Communications,

Barnett added that he could not say for sure if he and Boseman would still be together had they decided to forego their beliefs and become sexually active.

"Jumping into sex might have weakened our relationship."

Twenty-year-old Monique Brown, also a Christian, firmly believes that sex should only take place between a husband and wife.

The senior microbiology major said the men she gets involved with respect her decision not to participate in fornication.

"Sometimes people make sex a

ried within the next two."

ones.

virgins are ugly, and we're not doing this because we can't get none," Smith said.

Miller, who has been involved with the same person for one year, added that one must know oneself and say yes or no.

"I figure that if he's 'Mr. Right,'

Tara Winder is also going to wait until her career plans are under way before she weds.

She feels confident that she has found her soul mate.

"I know he loves me and I love him... He respects me."

Winder says she and her fiancé go to church together, as that is where they met in her hometown of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The couple plan to wed in 1995 after Winder has completed her studies in graduate school.

She says that the couple were friends first. He gave her space and time, and eventually their friendship developed into love.

"People think you have to put hard work into a relationship... There is no hard work. He has been there for me, and he is my really good friend," Winder said.

Winder says for the most part her parents are happy about the engagement. However, her mother is a little nervous about her only child's wedding.

Winder says her grandparents were not happy at all when the couple became engaged a

two months ago. Even so, they are giving their support and the families from both sides are beginning to mix well.

Malkia Zimbr, a 22-year-old history major says that her family was really happy when she

and her fiancé became engaged.

"I've known him since I was 10. We grew up in the same building [in the Bronx, New York], and our mothers are good friends," she explained.

Zimbr has set her special day for May 16, 1994, two days after she says her final farewell to the Mecca.

Because she has known her fiancé for so long she knows

that she is ready, and says she can be sure that marriage is

the right road for her because, as she put it, "Your whole being tells you so."

On love Zimbr said, "Love

in general is a long process.

Marriage is just the next stage."

always come crawling back to those who want-

ed to wait.

"That old adage, 'They'll respect you more in the end,' is so true,"

Wilson affirmed. "Anyone can roll around in the hay, but what else can you offer, not to be any better or worse, but to just be unique?"

Offering something unique, along with his Christian beliefs, is what motivates senior Charles

McDuffie to abstain from sex.

"When I walk into that honeymoon suite on my wedding night, I want to give my wife something that no one else has ever had and that no one else but me could give

with sex.

And according to McDuffie,

"When there is no love, sex simply has no real meaning."

*Name has been changed to protect identity.



Reflections

By NATALIE TELLIS

SEXUAL HARASSMENT LEAVES VICTIMS FEELING DEGRADED AND ANGRY

When I first came to Howard out of the comfort of a quiet Maryland suburb, I found it amusing when men would taunt and jeer at me and my girlfriends as we strolled along Georgia Avenue. Evoking laughter from my surrounding friends, I would have fun with "the D.C. shorties."

On a couple of occasions I would scratch my head really hard and act like I was crazy, and one time a boy said, "Man, she crazy."

But another time, I was not so successful. The group of guys riding in a black Cherokee jeep real-

ized that I was only trying to brush them off, so they proceeded to chase us up the street. My girlfriend Michelle instructed me not to do that anymore.

As time progressed, the more I was harassed when walking with my girlfriends, and especially when walking alone, the whole scenario began to irk me. I had not thought much of it before, but the question began to recur in my head, "Don't I have the right to walk down the street in peace?"

In the wake of the Anita Hill/Clarence Thomas hearings,

and in reflecting on a personal and nasty bout with sexual harassment in high school, I began to take my own situations more seriously. I felt (and still feel) violated and virtually helpless because one wrong

DOES A WOMAN ALWAYS HAVE TO HAVE A BIG MAN AT HER SIDE JUST TO HAVE SOME PEACE?

move could earn me a permanent bullet.

In this African-American environment, I have become increasingly aware of myself as a black woman, a woman to be respected

and protected. Even so, I cannot walk from campus to Slowe Hall, or Slowe Hall to the Howard Plaza Towers without feeling like the men on the corner have the power to downgrade my womanhood.

Yes, before I thought it was funny. Now, I get angry and I try not to respond. When I am silent, I get, "Stuck up Bi-aatch."

On another occasion, when I was walking to the Shaw-Howard University metro station, a man inquired, "Hey baby, can I do your next pap smear?" I was so appalled, I couldn't fix my lips to say anything. I couldn't even get angry until after the fact.

Well anyway, for the future I resolved to just give a quick hello. But try as I might to just be polite and march on my way, my politeness seems only to invite these perpetrators. So one day, being the impulsive hot-head that my Gemini twin rears during high pressure moments, I shouted to a man, "I am

not your baby girl." Well, homeboy threw a brick at me!

So what is a woman to do? I can't very well make a public announcement on television begging the taunters to stop. It seems that anything I do, whether I remain silent, act crazy or fight back, a woman is in a no-win situation.

My question is, what makes these men think that "Yo baby," and "I want to sop you up with a biscuit," or "Psst, Psst!" is going to make me come running and say, "Yes, I will talk to you!" or "Please, Please, sop me up with a biscuit!"

Any woman on this campus knows what I am talking about. Being hollered at like a dog is my pet peeve. If anyone has a resolution to the problem, I'd sure like the answer. Does a woman always have to have a big man at her side just to have some peace?

PEOPLE

Persistence, confidence push student to top

Political Science major Gregory J. Campbell is making strides in the political arena



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Politics

FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By Rashida Syed
Hilltop Staff Writer

While the presence of African Americans in the political arena is greater now than it has ever been, many youths interested in politics, are easily discouraged by the small, yet slowly rising number of government positions held by African Americans. However, Gregory J. Campbell is not dispirited by any of this because this junior majoring in political science feels that he is already on his way to a successful political career.

With an internship on Capitol Hill and an involvement in campus politics, Campbell knows what it means to take full advantage of what Howard University has to offer, and then some.

"I hear people say, 'I'm having such a hard time at Howard,' but I look at these years that I'm having now and it's the best years I'm having of my life. I think Howard is doing a lot for me," Campbell said of his involvement in student government. He currently serves as 1993-94 executive treasurer of College of Arts & Sciences Student Council.

"There's so many things you can do...so much wealth and resources on this campus if you just tap into it, but many students just don't do that. They are very unfortunate because they complain...but they don't take an initiative to go out there and understand what caused

some of these problems and how to solve some of these problems," Campbell added.

Through reading social studies textbooks and learning about history and political science, Campbell developed a keen interest in politics by the time he was in the fourth grade. When he entered junior high school, he knew that politics was what he wanted to do.

"I hooked up with some older people, mentors, and saw what they were doing, and as I developed in age and read more, I understood what society was about. I saw that there were a lot of problems out there...and I think you need someone to work within the system and try to make change, try to break down some of the institutional barriers that prohibit people from merely achieving the 'American dream', so to speak," he said.

Of those who most influenced him, Daphne Grant, Campbell's mother, played the strongest role. Campbell recalls that his mother, to whom he refers as one of the brightest people he knows, was big on discipline and that this kept him in line. "Up to this day, I would prefer to have a whipping than to hear her talk, because when she talks, it's always so true, even though you don't want to listen to it," Campbell said jokingly.

Campbell takes great pride in his involvement in Howard University politics. He got started in freshman year, when he was a member of the Gentleman of Drew

social club. He remembers being encouraged to run for Arts & Sciences sophomore class president. He ran and won, and this was really when it all began.

As sophomore class president, Campbell initiated several programs, many of which centered around broadening the awareness of fellow students on many of the career networking possibilities on campus.

Of his mentors, Campbell spoke most fondly of Fred Davie, who he met in the summer of 1990 when he had been accepted into an advanced placement program at Cornell University. Campbell recalls that the program was expensive, and his mother

"There's so many things you can do...so much wealth and resources on this campus if you just tap into it..."

informed him that he would not be able to participate unless he got some sort of scholarship.

He eventually approached Davie, who was assistant director at the time. Davie interviewed him and, obviously, being very impressed, gave Campbell a large grant and the opportunity to return each summer to work for him.

"I was really fortunate enough to have a man like him to push me in the right direction by opening doors for me, without having him as a friend and a mentor, I don't think I would've been where I am right now. If you don't see someone in a position where you want to be ten or fifteen years from now, there's no way you're going to be

able to strive for that position," Campbell said.

One of the most important things that Campbell said he has learned from being involved in campus politics is that there are many different kinds of people with different agendas and different opinions on almost everything.

"You have to try and bring people together and try and get things accomplished," Campbell said.

Campbell admitted that one of his reasons for wanting to attend Howard was because he wanted to get some pre-graduation experience within the political arena.

In September 1992, he was chosen as an intern on Capitol Hill. Campbell's job consists of reviewing the letters received by New York Congressman Floyd H. Flake. Campbell also drafts letters to the constituents who write on topics ranging from pets to NAFTA.

"(The internship) is something I really look forward to. Every morning that I have to go to work, I put a smile on my face. I get a special feeling everyday that I walk into the Capitol building; it's just really different, a really exhilarating experience," Campbell said.

In 1995, when Campbell graduates, he plans to get his masters degree in public policy and continue to learn more about government. Then he would like to take some time off and possibly work in New York.

Ultimately, Campbell would like to get involved in city government. "There are many opportunities there and I just want to tap into some of the resources that I have and use the networking skills that I've developed over the years and hopefully run for public office as soon as I'm ready."



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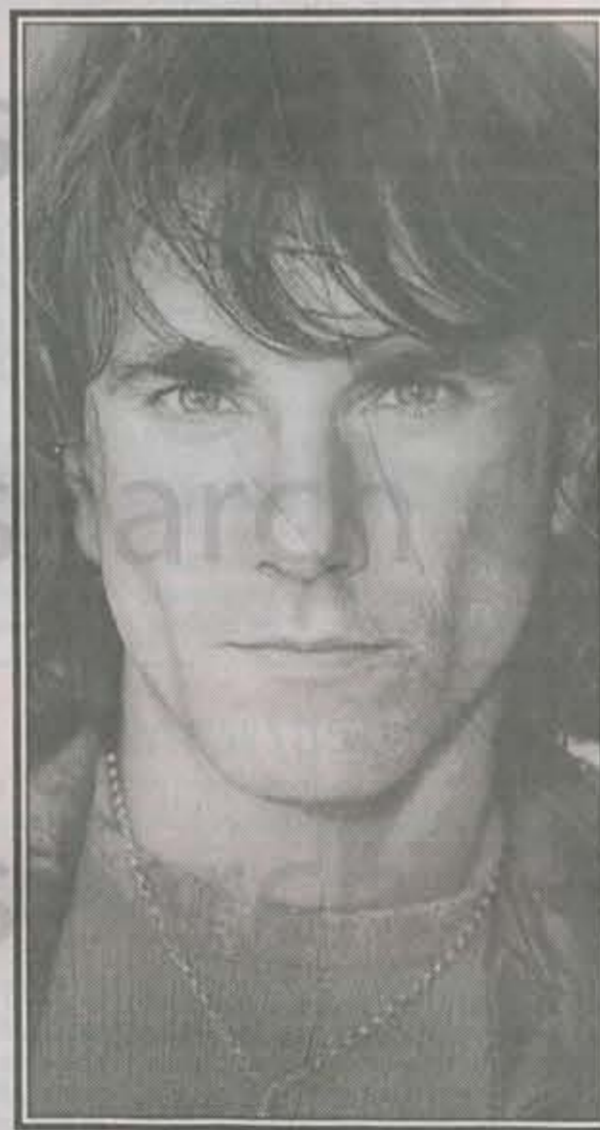
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Poet, writer wants to elevate black films to new level



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Kressa Howell
Hilltop Staff Writer

Forty-one-year-old award-winning poet and writer Rayfer Mainer has joined several political figures, including Clinton and Tipper Gore, in the crusade to portray African Americans in more respectful roles in the film industry.

thought.

He added that the only reason violent films are bought so quickly by production companies is because violence sells. Mainer said problems in society erupt because many African-American youths are deceived by films like "New Jack City," which glamorize "black-on-black" crime.

"A movie is nothing but Hollywood, so after a person gets shot, they can get up and go home," Mainer said. "But if you shoot some child [in the real world], they don't get back up."

and his healthcare plan will help those in drug treatment programs."

Mainer added that Tipper Gore has shown her commitment to his message by trying to eliminate violent lyrics from hard-core music.

His commitment to change in the film industry has led him to encourage other African-American writers and producers to create a new type of film. Mainer said he realized it was also his responsibility to make a contribution to upgrade the movie industry.

Mainer said Clinton and Mrs. Gore both commended him for his efforts to clean up the big screen.

"The president has taken a stand by restructuring the anti-drug program," Mainer said. "He also signed the Brady Bill,

That is why he is currently writing the screenplay for the motion picture "First," based on the lives of seven young men who founded the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at Cornell University in 1906.

These "Seven Jewels," as they are called by the men of Alpha Phi Alpha, were George Biddle Kelley, Henry Arthur Callis M.D., Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle and Vertner Woodson Landy.

Mainer said he could have written about anyone who made a positive contribution to the African-American community, but he chose these men because they showed strength and courage. These seven men also chose education as a better way of life.

"Instead of looking at glorified black pimps and pushers, I chose to write about seven young men who all became successful in their own right," Mainer said. "We don't have

to be pimps to have fine homes and cars."

Because the Beta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha is located at Howard University, Mainer came to the District to collect much of his historical data from the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center.

Although this writer's main focus is the depiction of violence in films, he also states some concerns over the use of violence in the music industry.

"Censorship has its place,"

continue to do so.

"I think collecting guns for cash is a helpful effort that may or may not make some major changes," Mainer said. "But if someone has six guns and turns in just one, then



Rayfer Mainer

Mainer stressed. "Everyone has the right to say what they want unless it is demeaning and disrespects women."

Mainer has been advocating change in the film industry since the 1970s, and he said he will

African cinema comes to Washington

By B. Mike Young
Hilltop Staff Writer

At the Biograph Theatre in Georgetown, a variety of critically acclaimed noncommercial films come and go, but last week "Guelwaar" visited the theater.

"Guelwaar," a portrait of Senegalese culture, revolves around the mysterious death and disappearance of, Pierre Henri Thioune, who is also called Guelwaar, the Noble One.

As the story evolves, the viewer learns through a series of flashbacks that Guelwaar was a political activist who bravely spoke out against the practice of accepting food donations from political leaders. He points out, to the dismay of the political leaders, that the society has become one that evolves around "begging" in order to survive.

At the start of the movie, the viewer is immediately thrown into the action as Guelwaar's son

Aloys, played by Moustapha Diop, announces his father's death. In the next scene, a surprising plot twist unfolds: Guelwaar's dead body had been stolen from the morgue.

On the surface, the plot is somewhat silly. However, director and producer Ousmane Sembene does a spectacular job turning the movie into a social satire and political allegory, while providing a deep insight into traditional religion.

It turns out that because of negligence, Guelwaar's body is mistakenly buried in a Muslim cemetery. After an investigation, Guelwaar's Catholic family approaches the Muslim village for enlightenment on the situation and to return the body to a Catholic cemetery.

"In his will, Pierre wanted to be buried in a Catholic cemetery. When I die, I want to be buried next to my husband in a Catholic cemetery. How am I supposed to mourn the death of Pierre in a Muslim cemetery," explained

Oumy (Fatou Keita), during one poignant moment in the film.

The initial meeting between the Catholics and the Muslims turns violent, as the Muslims exclaim that the Catholics are "atheists," and that their burial was traditional. They refuse to believe that Guelwaar's body is actually buried in their cemetery. The religious clash is of such magnitude that the two villages are ready to engage in a physical battle. The district commissioner is finally called into the picture to settle the dispute, and the two religious leaders are able to solve the problem.

Guelwaar is an excellent and very moving story with a series of societal messages; not only are religious differences present, but also the tendency for people to rely on "hand-outs" and "give-aways" from political sources. Guelwaar also provides some comic relief that is sure to delight.

Former Bison enjoys music success

By B. Mike Young
Hilltop Staff Writer

Approximately eight years ago, Me'Shell NdegeOcello, a former jazz studies major at Howard University, could be found doing what many students do on Fridays. She could be seen walking up the steps of the Lulu Vere Childers Fine Arts building, grabbing a copy of The HILLTOP and reading the newspaper during the monotony of afternoon classes. As a jazz studies major at Howard, Me'Shell began her introduction into the world of entertainment.

Me'Shell began playing in local go-go bands at many of the clubs in Washington D.C. During this time, she met influential record company executives who heard her music and liked her style. Me'Shell felt that she had the chance to excel as an entertainer, so she withdrew from Howard, packed her bags and headed for New York.

She played at local clubs in New York City until one night a BMI representative heard her demo tape and immediately liked it. The tape was passed on to Madonna, who also enjoyed it, and Me'Shell signed with Maverick/Warner Bros. to join the talented ranks of other signed artists like U.N.V.

"My songs are what I consider 'heartbroken revolutionary' love songs. They are love songs that missed the revolutions," Me'Shell said during an interview with The HILLTOP.

Me'Shell explained she writes her songs out of necessity.

"I am not really a good talker. I can convey my thoughts and feelings best by writing poetry. The poetry become the songs that I sing," she said.

Me'Shell prides herself on the fact that she wants her music to be different. She is an individual, and her music reflects her. She is in no way concerned with whether or



Songstress Me'Shell NdegeOcellos

not her music will "fit in" with the music that is out today.

"I really hope my music does not fit in. I am really not a fan of today's R&B. It all sounds the same. My music is an alternative. It is reminiscent of old school. It is all original, no sampling, it's different. It is definitely another mood to hear."

"I pattern myself after the likes of Stevie Wonder and Prince. If you look at their music, it is always changing. They never really stay with one set sound," Me'Shell said.

With songs such as "Dred loc" and the most recently released "If That's Your Boyfriend: He Wasn't Last Night," Me'Shell fulfills her promise to provide soothing love songs and a different mood to

listeners.

Me'Shell sends a vibe throughout the album that can be felt deep within the hearts and minds of listeners. Many of her songs on this album are sultry declarations of love in which she happily serves her man.

In the future, Me'Shell hopes to get the chance to tour with George Clinton. She is also interested in scoring a film.

If Me'Shell's album, entitled "Plantation Lullabies" — on which she also plays bass, guitar and keyboards—is any indication of her capabilities as a writer, musician and singer, then music listeners can justifiably anticipate a variety of entertainment from her in the future.

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I have a huge problem, maybe you can help me. I am in love with two guys, neither one knows about the other. Each thinks that he is my only man, and I don't have the heart to tell them the truth. And now that Valentine's Day is approaching, I feel caught in the middle. Both think that we are spending the weekend together, and I don't know which one to choose. I like both of them for different reasons. Actually, I wish I could put the two of them together into one man. Please help me.

—Lovesick

Dear Lovesick,

In love and life, you should always treat someone the way that you would like to be treated. How would you feel if one of these guys that you "love" was involved with another person also? I also wonder if you are really "in love" because respect, honesty and monogamy are characteristics of true love relationships; all of these qualities you lack. I don't want to lecture to you because you're going to do what you want to do, but all I can tell you is this: If you want to reap the benefits of a rewarding and fulfilling relationship, you need to put 100 percent into it; you can't divide your love in two.

—Sweet

Dear Lovesick,

Birds do it, bees do it, GUYS do it, why can't you? You are not married to either of these men, nor are you engaged—unless there is something you're not saying. If you really care for these men, then you should explore both relationships. The main reason for dating, I believe, is to find someone compatible for marriage. We'll never explore all of your options fully if you settle for the first person you see and avoid other possibilities. One of the benefits of being single is you are able to get to know many different people. Monogamy is fine, but only if you really want to practice it. Obviously you don't. I don't think you are really "in love" because then monogamy would be more appealing to you. Take your time in finding Mr. Right. Believe me, when you meet him, you'll know it, and you won't have problems being faithful to him and only him. And since Valentine's Day is coming, there is no reason why you can't reap the joys of TWO presents instead of one.

—Sour

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Did you know? In past years, less than 2500 students voted in Howard University General Elections. Is there any reason why more than 3/4 of the student population did not choose their student leaders. Don't let someone else pick YOUR representatives. Vote!! General Elections will take place on February 23, 1994. Location for all students (except Law and Divinity) will be in **BURR GYMNASIUM 10:00AM - 10:00PM MAKE A DATE TO VOTE.**

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SPORTS

Lady Bison defeat Lady Eagles of Coppin State in overtime, 75-68

Monica M. Lewis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Turner has the ball with less than five minutes on the clock. The Lady Bison are up by two points to the Lady Eagles of Coppin State College. Turner looks up. Three, two, one. She shoots and swoosh!

Who said college women's basketball was exciting?

Just Saturday, the Lady Bison overtook the Lady Eagles, 75-68 in overtime.

"This victory gave us confidence," said Lady Bison head coach Sanya Tyler. "However, we should never have been in the situation in the first place."

At press time, the Lady Bison were 9-11 overall, 7-3 in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and two games out of first place. This Monday, the team will face the Lady Eagles of Florida A&M University. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Turner's buzzer beater tied the game at 65, sending the Lady Bison into their second overtime contest in as many games. Earlier in the week, the team lost a hard-fought overtime game to Virginia Commonwealth.

Freshman Denique Graves, who had 12 points on the night, opened the game's scoring with a two point basket. The 6'0 center scored six more early half points, including the rebound of a Kimberly Pecte three-point attempt. Toward the middle of the first half, shot by senior guard Dorothy Williams, the Lady Bison ahead by five at 20-15.

The Lady Bison scoring run with a little

under two minutes left in the half, Howard jumped out to a 14 point 36-22 lead.

The Lady Eagles made a comeback midway through the second half, as they pulled within eight points. As Coppin State closed the gap



Senior guard Dorothy Williams prepares for action on the court again Coppin State.

to four at the 7:30 mark, Graves fouled out of the game after being charged with her fifth personal foul.

With nearly three minutes left in regulation, two Coppin State free throws pulled the Lady Eagles within two at 63-61. A Lady Bison

turnover on their next possession gave the Lady Eagles a chance to tie or take the lead. The Lady Eagles were able to knock down a two-point shot, knotting the game at 63 with 1:50 showing on the clock.

On the ensuing possession, a second Lady Bison turnover let Coppin State take a two point 65-63 lead.

With 40 seconds left in the game, a rebound by sophomore guard Melissa Young, who had 15 points on the night, gave the Lady Bison the ball, but on her way to the basket, Young was assessed with a charging foul. The Lady Eagles, who were unsuccessful in taking advantage of the foul, gave the Lady Bison another scoring chance, leading to Turner's 20-foot jumper.

In the overtime period, the Lady Bison held the Lady Eagles to just three points, while scoring 10 of their own to come away with the victory. The Lady Bison had four players score in double figures. The were Williams, with a game-high 18 points, Young, Graves and senior forward Annette Lee, who quietly scored 16 points.

Tyler said Monday's game will be pivotal, as was last night's contest against Bethune-Cookman.

"The biggest thing is that we all understand where we are," said Tyler. The 13-year head coach went on to say that the victory over Coppin State shows the potential the Lady Bison have, but, "we realize that we'll have to pick it up a lot more against these two Florida teams."

Bison's Brown takes on role as team leader

By Kendra Johnson
Hilltop Staff Writer

An injury put him on the sidelines the second half of last season, but Tommy Brown is back on the court with a new attitude and a vision of victory for the Howard University Basketball team.

Despite the disappointment from his injury last season, the 21-year-old point guard has entered this season with high expectations.

"My goals are to stay healthy and average 15 points and five or six assists per game," Brown said.

Aside from his personal goals, Brown has high hopes for the team.

"Last year some players had problems accepting certain roles, but this year, we are coming together and playing better as a team."

Brown explained that every player has a role to fulfill, and teamwork is an essential part of the game.

"Everyone plays a role, and if a player doesn't accept his role, then the team isn't together and it won't do well," Brown said, stressing the importance of being a team player. "A good team player accepts his role without wanting to do more than his share."

Brown added that Head Coach Alfred "Butch" Beard is a primary leader for the Bison, but the players must learn to be leaders as well.

"Players have to learn to take control," Brown said. "Being a leader isn't just about scoring, it's about building confidence and pulling the team up when it's down."

During his freshman year, Brown's talent was recognized when he was named the 1991-1992 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year. According to Brown, that award, along with winning the 1992 MEAC Championship and advancing to the NCAA

tournament, will remain among the most memorable moments in his basketball career at Howard.

Brown claims that his experience on the court and the fact that he has been a member of the Bison squad for the past three years has qualified him to be one of the Bison team leaders, and this leadership role has been his greatest contribution to the team.

As a team leader, Brown has learned that mental preparation is necessary before every game.

"On game days, I wake up in the morning with the game on my mind. I picture myself on the court under pressure, anticipating situations. I always visualize a victory."

The pressure to perform well off the court is as intense for Brown as the game. "Being a student-athlete, I feel pressure from my professors because they do not view athletics at Howard

as a priority." That pressure has forced him to keep his priorities in order, with his education at the top of the list, he said.

"School comes first, then the game, then my social life."

Brown's demanding class and practice schedule leave little time for his personal life.

"When I'm not practicing, I'm studying or sleeping, so there's not much time for parties," he said.

The accounting major has set goals for his future beyond athletics. "I would love to take the game to the next level, which would be the National Basketball Association or overseas, but I don't know where I'll be at the end of my senior year," he said. "If basketball doesn't work out, then I would like to go to graduate school."

Brown's advice to other aspiring basketball players is to be serious and not second-guess themselves, otherwise it will show in the game.

"You have to play basketball because it's what you want to do,"



Tommy Brown

Black History Month Sports Quiz

Ok, last week you did pretty good at the quiz. This week's a little harder. Do you have what it takes?

Do you know your sports history?

- 1) This African-American slugger has knocked more baseballs out of ballparks than any other Major League player. Name him and the team he played with when he set the homerun record.
- 2) In 1974, this former Major League all-star became the first African American to be named manager of a Major League team. Name him.
- 3) This African-American Olympic gold medalist has been said to be the fastest woman in the World. Name her.
- 4) In 1957, this female became the first African American to win both Wimbledon and the U.S. tennis championships. Name her.
- 5) In 1947, this man became the first African American to play Major League baseball. Name him and the team he joined.

ANSWER KEY: 1) Hank Aaron/Atlanta Braves; 2) Frank Robinson; 3) Florence Griffith-Joyner; 4) Althea Gibson; 5) Jackie Robinson/Brooklyn Dodgers

Monica's Thoughts On...

National Basketball Association

Is it that time of the year again? Yes, it is NBA All-Star time and that means one thing — my mid-season analysis.

Everyone said that the league would lose its appeal when all-Universe Michael Jordan retired from the game last summer. In a way, they were right. I mean, it seems as if all the marquee players are disappearing from the game. Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Larry Bird (no, I never was a fan, but, being the color-blind person that I am, I thought I'd recognize him), and now, Jordan. The survivors — Charles Barkley, currently contemplating retirement while sitting on the sidelines with an ailing back problem and Isaiah Thomas, currently playing with an ailing team, which happens to be in last place in the division it once ruled. So yes, the game has lost some of its appeal because most of the players we grew up with are quickly growing out of the game. Of course, there are those veteran players (Patrick Ewing, the Knicks, Hakeem and the Rockets and Dominique and the Hawks) who step up and continually help their teams win (with a little help from supporting players. However, a little bit of NBA has passed us by. Doesn't it seem like yesterday when Dr. J. retired?)

But, thank God for the New Kids on the Block (or should I say, court?). Such phenoms as Larry "Grandmama" Johnson, Alonzo Mourning, Shaquille

O'Neal and Shawn Kemp have put their own spell of magic on the game they intend to take into the 21st century. Their play has helped their respective teams go from pretenders to contenders. The Seattle Supersonics, who lead the Western Conference's Pacific division, might just be the best team in the west, especially if they can contain the injury-riddled Suns.

In the East, the once mighty Bulls and Pistons are seeing some real competition for once in teams led by members of the NBA's youth movement. The Charlotte Hornets, Orlando Magic, Miami Heat and New Jersey Nets have shown members of the "old school" that they are ready to take over the playground.

So, as half of the 1993-94 season has passed us by, there's still another to go and that means excitement, excitement and more excitement!

The Rookies

While this year's rookie class may not be as dominating as they have been in years past, there are those few players who could become the Jordans, Magics, Patricks and Barkleys of tomorrow. Calbert Cheaney, Isaiah "J.R." Rider, Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway, Jamal "Yeah, I play for a losing team, but I still get PAID" Mashburn and Chris "He's so FINE" Webber. These guys will be running the league in a few years and while I'd love to see them all play on the same team (Dream Team, possibly?), I'll settle for watching just one — Webber. Forget the fact that I'm totally in love with the 6'10 center from Golden

State; the man can play. Obviously the valedictorian of the 1993 NBA draft, the 20-year-old has given the bad-luck Warriors the one thing they have been lacking — a young, marquee player. Unfortunately, injuries have sidelined most of Golden State's team, but with a healthy Tim Hardaway, Sarunas Marciulionis and the excellent play of Webber, Chris Mullins, Latrell Sprewell and Billy Owens, the Warriors could be a team to reckon with.

With his 24 point effort against the Washington Bullets (Oh, I mean Bullets) this past Sunday, Webber showed just why he's getting the big bucks. Down by 15 late in the third period, Webber and his teammates outscored the Bullets 25-8 in the fourth to come away with the 104-83 victory. No other rookie this season has been the heart and soul of his team like Webber has been. And to think, no matter how great of a career he may have, he'll always be remembered for his infamous time-out call in last year's NCAA Tournament final. Almost a year later, people are still ridiculing Webber for the call, but he handles it like a pro and continues to shine.

Yes, Anfernee Hardaway, Rider and Cheaney have all been welcome additions to the Magic, Timberwolves and Bullets, but my vote for Rookie of the Year is definitely Webber. Write it down, because that's one prediction that I can get right!

Male tennis players needed

Contact Larry Strickland
Head Coach

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NORMATIVE STUDENTS: A phone has been disconnected from 806-2955 for immediate attention. The 1st payment (1/2) is due Feb. 18 & 2nd final payment (Mar. 1). If problems persist call HUSA office.

Skills Workshop, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1994 from 6:55 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the College of Nursing, 124 How to Take Notes or Learning Strategies. Sponsored by Student Council and the Learning Center. Please be

All those interested in being involved in the community Black Dollar Days Committee needs volunteers to help with the 1994 Black Dollar Extravaganza. For more info call 865-8047.

Black History Quote: "I rather go to Hell by choice than stumble into Heaven by following the crowd." Bro. Benjamin Be a leader, The Mother

Beta Pi Engineering and Society is sponsoring a 48-hour in celebration of Valentine's Week, being held in Engineering Aud. on Fri., Feb. 18 at 7:00pm. Are you game to come out and play?

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HUSA will sponsor the next Awake Lecture on Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. in Blackburn Auditorium. Guest speaker: Kwame Ture (Stokely Carmichael)

HUSA will sponsor the next Jazz & Poetry Session on Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. in the Blackburn Center.

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HUSA Environmental Task Force presents: Dr. Rosalee Greene of the Environmental Protection Agency, "The Importance of Recycling."

February 22 at 1:30 p.m. in Blackburn Center.

You are invited to attend Noonday Prayer every Wednesday and Friday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., at Andrew Rankin Chapel. Come and enjoy the presence of Jesus Christ!

Attention! Tau Bates!!! Tau Beta Pi will have a general body meeting on 2/14/94 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 1002. All members are encouraged to attend.

Community Beautification Day! Interest meeting for volunteers on Sunday, Feb. 13 at 3:00 p.m. in the HUSA office. For more info, call 806-7007 and ask for William.

Attention!!! Friends and Lovers, Valentine's Day is only a few days away... so get your loved one something special. Stop by the IMC, Room 216, School of Education and place your order for a gift! Sponsored by Kappa Delta Pi, An International Honor Society.

Community Outreach Inmate Tutorial Program Orientation Meeting on Feb. 16 at 6:00 p.m. Required ID's will be taken. For more info call 806-5572 or 865-8482/9388.

Attention All Californians: There will be a Cali Club Meeting on Tuesday, February 15 in the Blackburn Forum at 5:00 p.m.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority wants to wish everyone a *Romantic Valentine's Weekend* and ask that you protect the one you love and call for an appointment for a free HIV screening with the Washington Free Clinic between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday only (202) 667-1106.

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The 1994 Women to Women Conference is coming! Look for more info.

SC Club Meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 205, Douglas Hall.

Toastmasters has moved to UGL Lecture Room, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. For more info, call (202) 328-3109.

WPFW will sponsor a town meeting on "Gangsta Rap" on Friday, February 11, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. at the Greater New Hope Baptist Church, 816 8th St. NW (8th and H in Chinatown). Some people attending will be C. Delores Tucker, Dick Gregory, Afrika Bambaataa and KRS ONE.

This will be broadcast LIVE on C-SPAN and WPFW 89.3 FM. For more info, call (202) 783-3100.

Howard Gospel Choir 25th Year Reunion. Saturday, April 16, 1994, 7:30 p.m. Cramton Auditorium, 6th & Fairmont Streets, NW, Washington, DC. For further information contact William Brawner at (202) 462-3655 or Jeffrey Waddy at (301) 593-1704.

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AUDITIONS for a student film, "On the Pillow" looking for two females and two males. Written by: Sebastian. AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD TODAY (FEB. 11, 1994) IN THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM AT 6:00 P.M. If you can't attend please call Parrish at 865-8760.

All Howard Poets interested in showcasing their talent in this year's Poetry Reading Extravaganza, Please submit your name and a sample of your work to the UGSA office, Blackburn Center, Room 110 by Feb. 11, 1994.

Coming Soon: 1994 H.U. Talent Showcase. All interested contestants & volunteers must attend meeting. Tuesday, February 15, 1994, 6:00 p.m.

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Friday, March 4, 1994

Friday, March 11, 1994

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Blackburn Center

HOWARD GOSPEL CHOIR

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Saturday, April 16, 1994

7:30 p.m.

Cramton Auditorium

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PERSONALS

TO MY CHICALO --

Happy Second Valentine's Day! I'm looking forward to our celebration in Chicago. Look forward to your upcoming Spring-break surprise. I love you-Roz

TO JJJJR: We have been together for two years now and I love you more than ever. We might as well be married. (Ha-Ha) I want to spend every Valentine's Day with you. Love Kitten.

TO MY LOVE FROM WEST PALM BEACH, Happy Valentine's Day, sweetie. I love you! With love, Chicago.

Invite to All Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Beta Chapter and the ladies of the Alpha Sweetheart Court to come out to the Florida A&M Basketball Game. C-ya there.

Red Blazer and matching lipstick: I LOVE YOU ANYWAY!

Chuckles-Although this Valentine's won't be filled with extravagant gifts or candlelight dinners. It will be filled with love, as is every day spent with you. Hopefully, this Spring Break we can make up for Valentine's Day 10 times over. I love you, Leeshner.

Fruit Loop, Even though things are crazy, I love you just the same. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Pit.

5th of Dru: Some of yall think yall slick; Some ain't as quick- but ya know what? Sometimes you all make me sick!! Ha, Ha, Ha! Anyway, that pizza party is coming soon - Derrick.

Baby-girl, I just can't get enough of you. I treasure the day that I met you. Happy Valentine's Day. Van Damme.

Bu-cuck!!!!

Seeking possessor of sterling engine engraved time piece for special lovers, lobster dinner and drinks. I shall be bearing its' golden counterpart. Love need not be tested to be true. Someday I'll prove my feelings for you... Time is on our side. BLUE

Leeshner - I would just like to DANK you now for the wonderful weekend we're about to have. Luv you always, Chuckles.

Midred - Happy 20th birthday to the most beautiful woman in the world and the keeper of my heart. I love you! Leopold.

Emily, You'll never know how much you mean to me. Thanks for being there through the good and the bad. Happy Valentine's Day. I Love You, Science.

Mr. Westover - Where are those "playful nights" with Janet? I'll let Monday slide, I understand that some of us have annoying "obligations" Have your answering machine call my answering machine and we'll do a "block-buster night." Dimples. P.S. You are too serious about rings and things!

Mush, Kei, Steph - I just wanted to wish you guys a wonderful Valentine's Day. Have fun and enjoy. Love, Princess.

Randilyn, Happy 21st birthday. It ain't much different from being 20 but hey... you can go to jail for real now. Love, Vlad.

Stacey and Monique - Whoop, here it is! You asked for it - are you two happy now? All jokes aside, I hope you have a love-filled Valentine's Day. Monique, happy one year anniversary - you know what I mean... Love Ya, Valarie.

Corey Morgan, The Lord has blessed me beyond belief. I love you so very much. TaNoah.

Silli (wed), Trusting in love can be a little scary... but I'm glad we're taking the chance! Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Goofi (KML).

AIB, The weeks have been four. I hope there are many more. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9.

To Kendra D. I have you in my thoughts. Happy Valentine's Day. Your secret Admirer.

To Tara Winder, Thanks for being such an inspiration in my life. Happy Valentine's Day. Love from your lil sis, Shonda Huery.

Latoya, For Thanksgiving we

shared sweet potato pie; however, for Valentine's Day I want cherry surprise...

Dwayne

To the Man With All the Angles, I only have one angle and that is I want you to be my Valentine.

From the one angle woman! Princess - U walked straight outta the F.A. line and into my heart... I Love You! Your Prince, Pooky.

Anthony, Happy Valentines Day. Dr. A.R.M.D

Lil BoobieWoobie, I know that U and Big BoobieWoobie will always be #1 on my list and having you guys here really means a lot to me. Enjoy your 1st semester & have a Great V-Day. P.S. Forget about the slackalikes and focus on DVD. Luv Ya, ZDEN.

Big BoobieWoobie, I have always been there for me and now I'm glad to know that I can be there for you as u start this new page in your life. Enjoy your 1st semester & have a Great V-Day. Kiss, Kiss + Smooches, Stunkie.

Special P, I remember the day clearly when we made the commitment. It was February 12th. I remember how we kissed, how we embraced each other and I can still hear those words, "I love you". It has been one year now and you make it seem as if it was just yesterday. The way your eyes sparkle, the way you raise your eyebrows and the sweet smile you share each time you see me. I feel I am the luckiest female to have been blessed with such an angel. Although we may have had some rough times, I never regret the day we decided to make the commitment to other.

Love sometimes brings fate but our love has grown brighter each day. Our love is a love that comes from above. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY and HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. I LOVE YOU, from your BABY.

K. RAJHA S.

I have so much I want to say this Valentine's Day, but it's really no different than the stuff I tell you (and mean) every day. Besides, I wouldn't want to sound as cheesy as the hilltop above. So hey, what can I say? I just love ya' to death.

Peace-PO.

To Lady "D": Although U don't have a man, you have a Sis.

"Happy Valentine's Day!" And forget about Vernal's look alike and geve that Sookee to a "Homie". - Kobi-

Ju, Happy Valentine's Day. See ya at Boogie's! Love Green Eyes.

Fred,

A year later & I love you even more than I did before... Maybe this weekend I can use some of last year's coupons...(smile). Thanks for always being there for me.

Always, Kim

I love you so much... I'm glad it feels more natural. One day we will be... Damn... I love you...

Little One (DOD), Our journey through the enchanted forest has been preparation for our life to come. Allow the power of forgiveness to enter and I assure that ETERNAL happiness you've won. Love always, Wilbur (ASC).

A. Kareem, this has been a wonderful month. You are so perfect! If God had made anything more perfect, he would've kept it for himself. Happy Valentine's Day. N.Augusta.

Chary, I wish you the HAPPIEST 22nd Birthday on Today. May GOD continue to richly bless you! This is it girl, so hang in there! Love Ya! Me!

C from Chi-town, Still think about you every now and then. Maybe we can get together some time. - Someone from the past.

NDP-Why must these girls be so damn pretty? Now that they've threatened us, I guess I'll have to bring the shoe and the silencer out! Whatever we do, we better leave ole girl alone, because she might stare us to death! Boo.

To Alyshsa, Ayoka, Crystal, Dara, Eshelle, Kerry, Rose and Stephanie, Whenever I have needed a friend, all of you have been there for me. I want to say thank you for letting me lean on you. I love all of you! Love, LaWanda.

Lynn, With every thought I think, everything I do and with every breath, I take my heart longs for you. Love, Boo.

James, I didn't know how content I could feel, how much happiness I could know, or how much in love I could be... Until I found you. Happy Valentine's Day, Sweetheart. J.B., How about a movie, or

should I say a little Maze & Toni B.!!! Mig.

Sharmarra, I love you so much, that there's nothing more for me to say here. I'll expree myself this weekend... Larry

Dear Brandi (Boo), I never thought that we would be more than friends but now we are. I am still Queen and you have a couple of lessons to learn but I will still get an override into your P & H class. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Queen 5 Beast.

Pumpkin, I am so glad you are here at H.U. with me! Hang in there! Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Sweeties.

Jamal 71? W, Will you be my Valentine? Your Homegirl

Terrance, I'm trying to get sommin' else other than a heart for Valentine's... it's time replay our first weekend together... Are you going to come? Nitra.

Hi Pumpkin, Well... What can I say? I messed up! I don't know how I could have been willing to sacrifice all of the good thing you done for me and all of the good nights we have spent together on a whim. I was insane. Believe me I truly value your relationship. And I love you with all of my heart. So please try and forgive me. So I can start rebuilding your faith in me.

Obee Kay bee Baby? Ohh, Happy Valentines Day!!!! Love, I still don't have a nickname!

What's that smell coming from 713w. Time to take out the "Trash" all of it!

Happy Anniversary, Terrance... One year is not enough for what we got, goin' on. Bring your stuff over so we can come into our second year, together. See you tonight, baby. Love, Nitra.

To the King of Bethune, You send me swinging. Happy Valentine's Day. Love Your Only Queen.

Desperately Seeking Yvonne R. We need guidance. "Struggling."

To A.N. and K.A. No, no... don't love me and I know now (smiles.) The Ski Lift.

Stinky Boy, The last 5 years, 6 months and 8 days have been filled with special memories. This weekend promises to be another one to add to the list. I love you WAMHASAB and there just isn't enough time to show you. Happy Valentine's Day! Forever Yours, Nene. P.S. You still owe me a slow dance.

Ethel --- Happy Birthday!!! We luv and appreciate you for all that you have done for us. From your kids---Roz, Dino, and Portia

One of the Faithful, I'm looking forward to a long, warm, sensuous night with champagne, bubbles, satin and lotion, followed by a morning filled with romantic verses written straight from the heart. Lemme know if you're interested... Another one of the faithful

Lesli, Thank for being a great sis! I really appreciate your kind note, it will always be very special to me. Keep up the good work, I know that you will go far. If you ever need me, I'm here! Happy Valentine's Day! --Roz

Steph, Keep ya head up! We got a trick for the wanna-be-stalker! Keep up the good work. --Roz

Kim, Happy Valentine's Day! O.K. lady I LOVE YOU, bye bye - Fred

Happy Valentine's Day to all my co-workers (a.k.a House Negroes) at The Hilltop, love the Sports Editor.

Portia, I'm gonna be "cock diesel" just for you!! Tell Kenya I said WZUP!!! - Megalomania!

bubbles, I like my baby when it is with your body it is so quite new a thing, muscles better and nerves more. I like your body. I like what it does, I like its hows. I like to feel the spine of your body and its bones, and the trembling -firm-smoothness and which I will again, again, again kiss, I like kissing this and that of you. I like slowly stroking the shocking fuzz of your electric fur, and what -is it- comes over parting flesh... And eyes big love-crums and possibly I like the thrill of under me you so quite new.

Button Dear Weekly Byline, I'm finally ready to divulge the secret of my identity. I will meet you at your place of business Monday at 6:30 p.m. where I will pick you up for our Valentine's Dinner Date. Your Secret Admirer.

Dear tyrone, Roses are red, Vio-

lets are blue, there's a Valentine from me to you. Love, pam.

Hey Randie, Happy Birthday, 2/10/94 - do you feel important now? Love, pam, Tyrone, Amy, Danitra & Karimah.

Hey Mister, Who the H*** is Bunny? Let's see if we can do this...

Come on, Keish: Work it out and have a good one, 'cause you should feel special! -Te of CA.

Happy Valentine's to the Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Beta Chapter. '93 A-sweets.

Happy Valentine's Day to Phil and Darren. From Malaika and Song-hai.

Party People, Thanks for coming to the Touchdown Club. SELMO.

Natalie M. -Miss Salon FX-A Diamond. How can I make you mine? I could woo you with diamonds but the finest diamonds would look weak next to your brilliant smile. Your aura makes me weak at the knees, girl. I can hardly speak!

N.B. on Valentine's Day, "I just want to be alone with you." Love Ya, A.B.

Queens and Goddesses of Baltimore, To our guiding light and driving force. May your powers as one help us reach destiny on campus as we worship you highly. Happy Valentine's Day. Tribesmen of the baltimore clan.

Jason Seapoker, Hope you have a very Happy Valentine's Day. I couldn't love you more. -POOK-

Mr. Foxx, Let me take you away from your troubles. Let me take care of you! Say Yes! Carnation?

To my Lump-lump Kid, I can't wait until I can bump with you again so I can scream... John, John, he's my man. If he can't do it, no one can! Get ready baby, it's coming. I love you, Aliya (the water girl).

DTO-Valentine's Day may come once a year, but I look forward to having you be my valentine every day!

To the Bebe Kids Leslie, Vickie, Reneice and the new member Sallymae-I want to wish you all Happy Black Love Day. At least I know with you all I'm sure to be loved and that you will be around next year. Anyway, thanx for the laughs, lots of love in '94". Love, Kizzy

Big Bub, Will you be my Valentine? If so I'll meet you on Saturday for a movie. Love ya, Jay's ex-girlfriend

To Midnight snack, You were right we do have a special bond. I'm glad you finally noticed! Your friend "Ko"

Hey Gals, Happy Valentine's Day!! Hopefully we'll have men for this weekend and don't have to resume to Spades and Crazy Eights. Smiles, Crystal.

Imani-Dove, When can we fly? Sula, Baby do the right thing. Boy Boy.

"Honey Dip", Happy Valentine's Day! Let's have a sticky time-together. "Honey"

The Howard University Student Cluster welcomes all members of the H.U. Corporate Cluster-joyful and productive.

The Howard University Student Cluster wishes all a very "Happy Valentine's Day."

Words for this week: "February is Black History Month - Celebrate, Rejoice, and Live it everyday and every month!"

Big Nose, I love you but I need some assurance. What's up? Big Head

Happy Valentine's Day to everybody that I know...except for you know who! Larry

Steph H.

A hot 'n' sticky Happy V-day all the way from Trinidad. We'll celebrate together when I return. U Know Who

Yo, fire marshall Chan, you alright?! Nikii-Park Square is on 15th St.

TT-TT: I hope that Monday was just the beginning of a great "friendship". You deserve it! Now, when does he get to see the silk nighty? or did he? Happy Valentine's Day!

KJ-You got all the niggas callin', but there's only one sweetie for you. I hope you two have a happy valentine's day.

NDP-Okay, I wasn't going to send you anything because of your new friends, but you know you're still my girl! Happy Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone in Student Recruitment (Yeah, even you Vicki!) Love Monica Lewis

GOOD LUCK CHIDIADI AKOMA & SHACONDA WALKER, HUSA'S NEXT PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENT! COALESCENCE GOT IT GOING ON!

Erica Johnson-have a happy valentine's day and thanks for being a great roommate.

Female & Male Models wanted for Trailer of "Mr. Loverman the Movie". Report to the undergrad library Lecture room L-41 Sat 2/12 12pm-4pm & Tues 2/15 4pm-8pm.

C, You see now that we can make it work when we start over as friends.

SCSC Valentine's

All Communications Students and Faculty are welcome to a Valentine's in C.B. Powell lobby on 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Talent Search Volunteers needed 1994 Howard University Showcase. If interested you must attend a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Undergraduate Library Culture Room.

It's been almost 3 years of ups and downs, and I feel closer to you now than I ever have. I know can make this relationship matter what gets in our way. Happy Valentine's Day- you.

Melanie, Joshua, Deya, Vernessa-From one Queen to another May God Be With You Sunday. You Are All Winners. Happy Valentines Day From Queen Ebony!

Happy Valentine's Day! From your invisible roommate

Happy Valentine's Day! Don't worry about the office will just be like white on rice

Ebony Man, Happy Valentine's Day! From a not so secret admirer I hope dinner is still on.

Rene everything will work from your ghetto Florida connection-Guess Who?

Happy Valentine's Day to the preppiest brother I know from Savannah. Yours truly-no gift!

Celeste, Let this be the just the first in long series of Valentine's days wouldn't want to share them with anyone other than the woman I love, and that's you. Thanks always being there for me. I always be there for you and you...

Winfred

KEEP IT LOCKED



On WHBC 830 AM. Howard University's personal vibe is celebrating it's 20th Anniversary February 14th - 20th.

