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Voting process sparks controversy at UGSA executive board elections

Jamal X. Jones elected as Assembly coordinator at Tuesday night's meeting

Traci N. James
Hilltop Staff Writer

The music listening room in the J. Blackburn Center was packed with flaring tempers as the Undergraduate Student Assembly (UGSA) elected its Executive Board Tuesday night.

Much of the controversy was centered around the election process used this year. Candidates were to give a short speech, leave the room while the Executive Board and the new and old members weighed the pros and cons of each candidate's abilities, and then return to answer questions from the members.

Elections started with the position of coordinator. Omar Karim was the candidate for Jamal Jones who had been hospitalized after being out earlier that afternoon.

The other candidate for coordinator, current UGSA Vice-coordinator Matthew Watley, came under fire during the pros and cons section.

Executive board members expressed reservations about Watley's ability to carry out the duties of coordinator.

Financial Advisor Omar Karim passed out a memo from UGSA Coordinator Kanika McGhee to Watley regarding his numerous absences during his office hours.

Grievance Director Sharee Townsend urged the new representatives to elect hard working candidates.

"You need to look beyond appearances and choose someone dependable. You need some one who can work well with others and who knows the proper procedures to get things done efficiently," she said.

Gregory Campbell, the president-elect of the School of Arts & Sciences, protested what he believed to be a personal attack on Watley. He said the remarks of Townsend and other executive board members swayed the new representatives' opinions against

Watley.

"I think it was totally unfair and biased. What made it even worse was the Matt was not there to defend himself," he said.

When Watley returned to the room, representatives questioned him about his work ethic.

Watley, clearly disturbed by the subtle censure, attempted to prove he had a strong record of hard work.

"The facts speak for themselves. If you look at any organization I've been in, you will see it is doing well and has done well when I've held office," Watley responded.

Program Director Timika Lane followed up by asking Watley whether or not a person can be in an organization, but not do anything.

"I will not be subjected to aspersions to my character. I will not stand here and defend my character in front of my peers, because I would not ask any of you to do it," Watley angrily said.

Watley disputed the use of secret

ballots when the vote was called for, but to no avail.

Financial Advisor-elect Shawn Barney agreed with the body's decision.

"Because of all the controversy, I thought it was most appropriate to use secret ballots. Voting by raising our hands would have added fuel to the fire," he said.

After approximately an hour, the Assembly elected Jamal Jones as coordinator. A motion was then passed to eliminate the pros and cons section to shorten the process.

The election of the other executive board members passed without any other major objections.

Next year, the School of Engineering Representative Bryndan Moore will serve as Vice-Coordinator. The body also elected Karen Owens, who represents the School of Business, as Programs Director. Brett Allen, another representative

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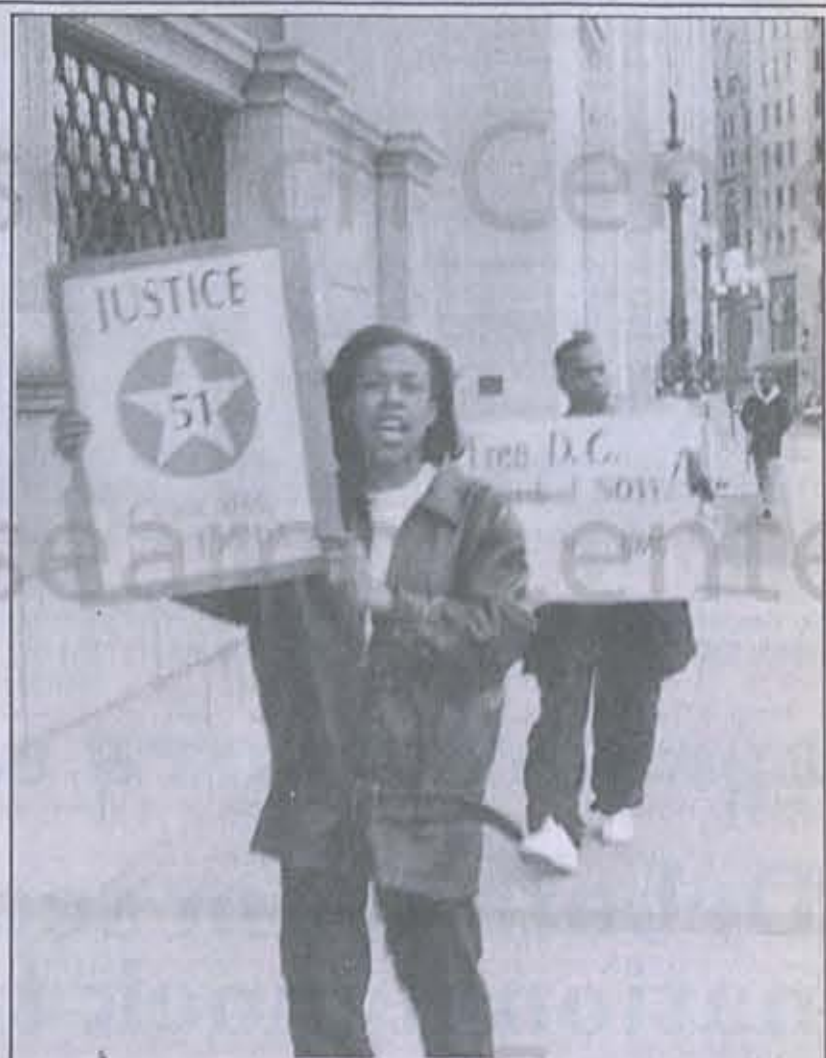


Photo by Lesli Lloyd Alleyne

Rally champions cause of statehood

By C.D. Glin, Jr.
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Statehood and more in 1994," was the rallying cry of demonstrators for D.C. Statehood this week, as The Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee Task Force, a non-profit and non-governmental organization, sponsored a rally for the majority part of the current District of Columbia to be called New Columbia.

The UPAC Task Force on Statehood under the direction of James Forman, former executive secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, has been working for D.C. statehood since 1985. Last year, Forman released his fifth book, dedicated solely to statehood and titled, *Statehood For the New Columbia: Seeking Our Civil Rights*.

The rally was attended by several Howard University students who came out to show support despite the bad weather and late notice. One demonstrator said he had to show his support.

"It is important to get involved with the struggle for statehood because even though a lot of us aren't necessarily from the District, the future of Howard University is definitely enriched in the future of the city in which it resides," said Greg Campbell.

In November 1993, the House of Representatives voted on H.R. 51, a bill introduced by D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton. The bill would have given statehood to the District, but it was defeated. The fact that the issue of D.C. statehood had made it to the House floor put it on the national agenda.

The next step for statehood will take place when the U.S. Senate votes on S-898, a bill for statehood introduced by Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy. If the Senate passes the bill, the vote for statehood would then be reconsidered in the House of Representatives.

President Clinton is on the record as a supporter of statehood for the District and is quoted in a letter to Norton included in Forman's book as saying:

"It is fundamentally unfair that the residents of the District are denied full representation and participation in our national life. It is equally unfair that they are denied the self-government enjoyed by the 50 states and four territories... Justice demands that the people of the District at long last be accorded full political equality," said Clinton.

With the involvement of concerned Howard University students, the spring offensive for statehood in the District of Columbia began with new hope. It is the wish of Forman and other community leaders that this demonstration will spark momentum among students and other citizens to rally around the cry, "Statehood and more in 1994."

Shuttle bus fire leaves students questioning

By Elaine Lana Myada
Hilltop Staff Writer

A few off-campus residents were heated by the time they got to their afternoon classes on Monday. Smoke gave way to flames on a Meridian Hill shuttle bus around 1:30 p.m. in front of Park Square dormitory, leaving several students late for their 2:10 classes.

John Best, owner of Capitol Entertainment Services which operates the shuttle buses, said the fire was caused by electrical wiring of the tail lights.

Although no one was injured in the blaze that damaged the rear end of the bus, students are questioning the safety of the shuttles.

Frelima Sample, a freshman majoring in political science, won-

ders if the situation could have been avoided.

"The bus had to be fixed before the fire, and I thought it was a coincidence the same bus caught on fire. Maybe something could have been done about the problem sooner," Sample said.

Freshman Alphonso Taylor said he noticed the smoke when he got on the bus at the main campus.

"There was smoke and I thought maybe I shouldn't get on, but I got on anyway because I thought it was just exhaust fumes," Taylor, a marketing major, said.

Freshman Shawn Stallworth said he also noticed a faint burning smell on the ride to Meridian.

"The smell was not really strong

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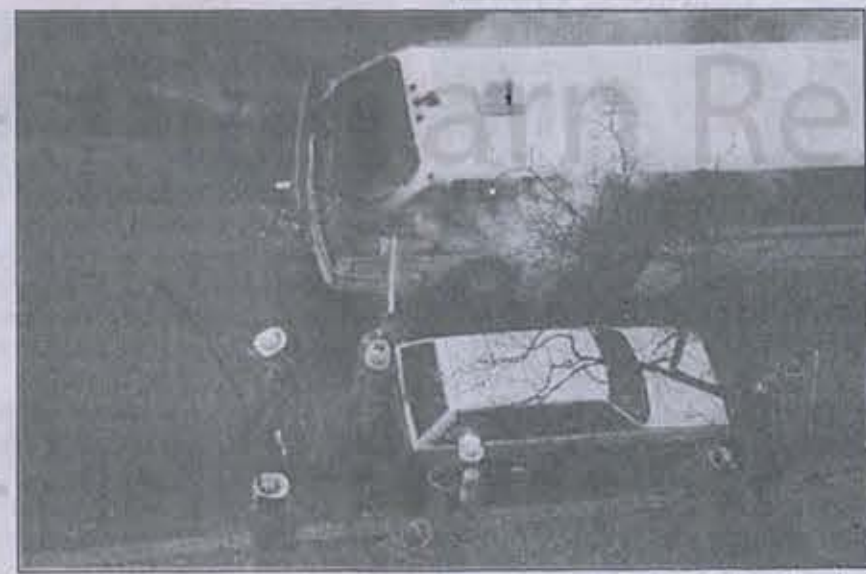


Photo by Frelima Sample

Commencement may move from The 'Yard' to 50 yard line

By Derrick M. Dennis
Hilltop Staff Writer

When Amaela Wiley began to think about what her college graduation would be like, the thought of graduating from the 50 yard line of Howard University's Greene stadium never crossed her mind.

"I never really thought that I might be graduating from Greene stadium," said Wiley, a broadcast journalism major. "My main concern is that I do graduate and that my family and friends are able to see me and participate in the ceremony."

But Wiley and the approximately 2,500 other graduating members of the Class of 1994 may be getting a reality check this year as University administrators consider moving commencement exercises from The 'Yard' to the stadium.

Citing increased visibility, better accommodations and more effective crowd control measures, Secretary of the University and the Board of Trustees Artis Hampshire-Cowan said the move may prove to be better for everyone concerned.

"The 'Yard' is a beautiful place for commencement. It's just not practical anymore," Hampshire-Cowan said. "Greene stadium was where commencement exercises used to be held. The viewing is a lot better there, and the crowd can be controlled easier making the whole ceremony safer and more enjoyable for all."

Hampshire-Cowan said the sentimental feelings associated with commencement exercises on The 'Yard' has made relocation efforts a hard sell.

"We're not doing this just to do it," she said. "We have consulted with various student leaders about

the issue as well as gotten estimates for the work that would be needed to make The 'Yard' satisfy our concerns. But right now, we're just trying to get feedback from everyone."

Hampshire-Cowan said she investigated several options that would make The 'Yard' a more acceptable site for commencement exercises. Such plans included renting large video screens, setting up bleachers for displaced audience members and temporarily removing the trailers in front of Frederick Douglass Memorial Hall.

But at \$16,000 to rent the video screens, \$24-\$30,000 for the bleachers and another \$30,000 to move the trailers, the cost of the ceremony would skyrocket, Hampshire-Cowan said.

"Ever since I came to the University in October of 1992, I've wanted make Commencement a

better ceremony for everyone involved," Hampshire-Cowan said. "But our budget just doesn't allow for the large screens and raised seating that would bring graduation to a new level."

But Howard University Student Association Recording Secretary Tara Winder said the money involved means nothing to graduates like herself who have given their money, service and time to the University.

"The students have already put a lot of money into this University and have worked hard for their degrees," Winder said. "We deserve a top quality graduation, whether it's on The 'Yard' or at the stadium, regardless of the cost."

Winder, who along with several other student leaders met with

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THIS WEEK

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

HU DELEGATION TO GO TO SOUTH AFRICA: When apartheid ends and the first free elections begin, students, professors and administrators will be in South Africa to observe political history. **CAMPUS II, A4**

AND THE WINNER IS...

HOWARD ALUMNUS LENDS A HAND TO HANDICAPPED STUDENTS: Arthur Scandrett's scholarships are helping students like Irene Holloway (pictured). **CAMPUS II, A4**

THE FINAL INSULT

LESLIE NIELSEN'S BACK IN "NAKED GUN 3 1/3: THE FINAL INSULT": Yes, the bumbling Lt. Drebin is back with his buddies for a third film. Check out a review to see if it is worth your while. **PULSE, B3**

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Giving what you wish you had is better than getting."

--Marshall Faulk

CAMPUS

Ethiopian artifacts donated to Divinity School



Religious icons from the Andre Tweed Collection

By Donya Matheny
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Howard University's School of Divinity has recently acquired the Andre Tweed Collection of Ethiopian Artifacts.

The collection is a gift from the late Dr. Andre Tweed, a psychiatrist in southern California and a Howard University alumnus.

According to Henry Ferry, professor of Church History and

acting associate dean of academic affairs, Tweed began collecting the artifacts on trips to Africa in 1950. The collection now totals more than 240 pieces, which include icons, crosses and manuscripts written in Ge'ez, the classical liturgical language of Ethiopia.

Various manuscripts contain a theologian's notations above and below the original text, and some of the apocryphal works include the Acts of Peter and a 17th Century manuscript of the New Testament, excluding the Gospels.

The Andre Tweed Collection of Sacred Artifacts contains icons painted on skins reflecting the Ethiopian interpretation of sacred Christian personage. Some figures have Semitic and/or African features. In addition, the collection exemplifies the importance of the

Virgin Mary in Ethiopian piety. Several pieces in the collection provide insight into the liturgical life of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. The collection includes different types of pectoral crosses and some processional crosses that were carried by Ethiopian Orthodox ministers during liturgy.

Some of the processional crosses have been passed down from the 15th century, when most were poured in bronze.

Ferry said that Tweed was interested in the relationship between religion and healing, and that relationship is reflected in the 70 scrolls included in the collection. The scrolls contain prayers or incantations created for protection from and healing of certain ailments. One

of the scrolls addresses St. Susenyos, the patron saint of women and childbirth. Others contain pictures of guardian angels.

Although the ages of the different artifacts vary, one of the collection's oldest pieces is a manuscript from the 14th or 15th

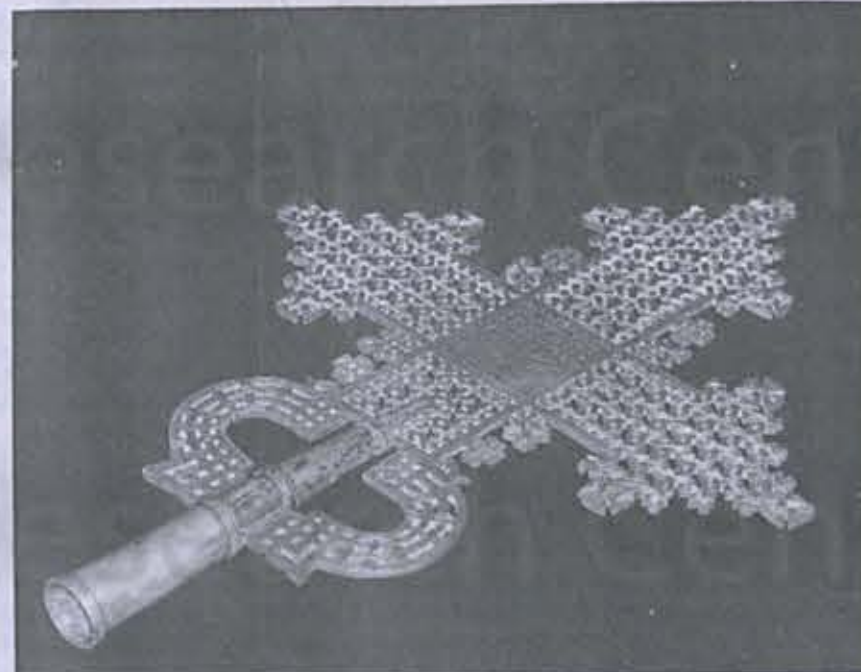
artists.

Rev. Mark Dennis, dean of the School of Divinity, said the Tweed Collection brings many disciplines, such as religion, art and science, gives African Americans a sense of history and culture.

"Like the Sea Scrolls, this collection has come to us at a time when we have a chance to see the history of our people in a new way," he said.

Ferry said the collection is highly significant and that it is an extraordinary research opportunity to the school. The lot of papers for research and dissemination he said.

The collection is closed to the public, but the School of Divinity plans to open the collection to public view in November.



photos by James Wells

Debate team scores high in national mock trial competition

By Liz Akintoye
Hilltop Staff Writer

Once again, the Howard University Debate Team has talked its way into more national awards, placing sixth in what was described as a "fiercely competed" three days of debating.

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Lecture addresses plight of Native American women



Rose Powhatan

by Aliya Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Rose Powhatan from the Pamunkey tribe helped students understand some similarities that indigenous people of America, or as they call it, Attan Akamik, which means our fertile country have with African-Americans.

Powhatan noted that the only time students learn of indigenous women in school is when they come in contact with a European man.

She pointed out that many indigenous women tried to assimilate into mainstream culture or even African-American culture when they could not fit in using their own culture.

As a personal story, the proud Pamunkey told the audience how she, as a student at Howard University during the sixties was ashamed to tell people she was Pamunkey. She felt that she could not bring out her own heritage because Black people at the time were only concerned with the

heritage of their people.

"Similar to Black people in America, Native Americans have gone through many things to find a word to encompass their group."

"There is no collective name for my people. It is as bad to call me Native American, Indian, indigenous. I am Pamunkey. People just don't want to bother learning our true names," Powhatan said.

Many students in the audience could trace some of their ancestry to various Native American tribes. Sophomore Sonja Singleton's grandmother is Native American.

"This has given me a sense of what race means in this country. It really isn't just Black or white. Black people are not the only people who have a history that has denied their identity. I have a pride in my Indian heritage," Singleton said.

Students welcome relocation of annual picnic to "the Yard"

By Omowale Elson
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RSVP accommodates some students, frustrates others

By Aliya Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Shelter is one of the essential survival elements of humankind. It becomes important to Howard University students during the Room Selection and Verification Plan lottery drawing, which determines students' housing assignments for the next academic year.

Off-campus students, faculty, staff, as well as occupants currently living in campus housing picked from Bethune Hall, Carver Hall, Cook Hall, Eton Towers, Howard Plaza Towers, Meridian Hall, Park Square, Slowe Hall and the new Bethune Annex.

Out of the 2,864 students who

sought housing through RSVP, for the Fall 1994 semester, 73% of those students received their first choice in room assignments.

The number of participants increased from past years. According to William Keene, the dean of Residence Life, most students requested the new dormitory, Bethune Annex.

"One of the major reasons for the increase of the number of participants in the RSVP, was the new facility. Most of the people living off campus requested the Annex," Keene said.

Some of the 27% who did not get their first choice were in Dean Keene's office to complain and request transfers. Keene said he can

address transfers from the Towers to dormitories, but interhall dormitory switches will have to wait.

Freshman Marcus Rhodes, who currently lives in Carver Hall requested Slowe Hall as his first choice, but he was assigned a unit in the place he wanted to live the least — the Howard Plaza Towers.

"I don't want to live in a rat hole again. I can't afford the Towers; it costs too much and I would have to pay for furniture and food. The men here get duped unless they are on the football, swimming or track team," Rhodes said.

Keene said that when students go to him with concerns like Rhodes', he explains the process of the RSVP and lets them know that there may be

some spaces available in their requested dormitory after some students fail to pay the required \$100 non-refundable payment that reserves their space by April 4.

The current RSVP system was two years in the making by a committee of concerned students and administrators. The committee found that too many people wanted special preference, so the idea of the lottery was pursued.

In this system, each student is put into a separate pool according to their first choice. Students are picked randomly until the dorm is full. The rest of the applicants are put aside for a general drawing with the remaining applications that did not receive their first choices. These applications are

randomly drawn and given their second choice or the next available dormitory the student requested.

"That is why many students who don't receive their first choice end up getting their seventh or eighth choice," Keene said.

Currently, all the spaces in dormitory housing have been filled and there are 90 women on the waiting list. Keene believes this number will not be permanent. He stressed that all students with the exception of current freshman are required to pay \$100 to hold their spots. In the past many students have not paid the money, which frees up their assignment for those on the waiting list, according to Keene.

According to the memo sent out

by Dr. Steve Favors, dean of Affairs, residents living in Hall were able to receive their choice in the drawing because it will be closed.

"I heard a lot about people that they don't even want to live in the University housing anymore. Sutton is not open," Sutton said. Lynn Torchan said, "A lot of people disregarded the memo and came too late. The decision already been made."

Many Sutton residents like former dormitory because of kitchen facilities and the privacy of the closed-in bedrooms provided.

CAMPUS PLUS

Moon brings message of peace and unity to Howard

Crystal D. Davis
Staff Writer

Howard University students, with hundreds of residents in the Washington Metropolitan Area, filled the Armour J. Blackburn Center Ballroom last night to hear Hak Ja Han Moon's message of unity, true love and world peace.

Moon is the wife of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church. She has traveled the world to Africa, India, and America, Japan and her native Korea advocating international unity. In 1992, she and her husband founded the Women's Federation for World Peace, an organization of which she is international president. According to Thelma Ware, president of the D.C. chapter of the Federation, there are 1,000 members in the metropolitan area, and 30 members in the D.C. chapter.

The Women's Federation promotes love in the community through programs such as Free Teens, which teaches abstinence from sex, and promotes positive thinking in people and families," Ware said.

For her work on world peace, Moon has received recognition from

dignitaries such as the Rev. Jerry Falwell, who attended the program; D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly; and D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton. Both Mayor Kelly and Delegate Norton sent letters of welcome and praise to Moon, which were read during the program.

Currently, Moon and her 13 children are on tour of 100 college campuses to spread her message titled, "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age." The same message she delivered to the U.S. Congress and United Nations representatives last July.

After receiving an invitation to speak from the Unification division of the Campus Ministry and the Collegiate Associate of the Research Principles, a Howard University student organization, Moon decided to make the University fourth on her 100-stop tour.

Thursday night's program opened with musical selections from Free Speech, a black New York-based group with issue-oriented songs. Proceeding the opening, Dr. James Baughman, the master of ceremonies and president of the Unification Church of America, along with Kanika Magee, coordinator of the Undergraduate Student Assembly, welcomed Moon and the audience. One of Howard's female musical groups, Chosen,

serenaded the audience next with "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and an a cappella version of the gospel song "A Clean Heart."

After an introduction by civil rights leader and chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Rev. Walter Fauntroy, Moon explained her purpose for speaking to University students.

"As leading students, you possess the responsibility of guiding this nation into the next millennium. The promise of a peaceful and prosperous future depends directly upon the collective actions we take today," Moon said.

Moon explained that the breakdown of family is the cause of not only America's decline, but the world's decline as well. She dated the breakdown of the family unit back to Biblical times when Adam and Eve, Christianity's original man and woman, disobeyed God by eating forbidden fruit.

According to Moon, The Fall, as the act came to be called, nullified God's original purpose to substantiate love through the family. As a result, "This present world is far from the good world of God's ideal... today's world is a 'false' world," Moon said. She added that the only way to restore unity among nations, cultures, religions and races is to restore God's original ideal family.

This restoration can only occur if parents take responsibility and center their families on God's love.

"Rising divorce statistics indicate that husbands and wives feel little responsibility toward their marriages," Moon said.

After World War II, Moon said, God instructed her husband to bring new teachings to Korea. These new messages required the Unification Church to help settle conflicts and work as a peacemaker between Christianity and Islam, as well as other religions.

Moon announced that she and her family have established "the first True Family... the origin of true love, true life and true blood lineage based on God." For the Moons,



Photo by Carl Hamilton

Hak Ja Han Moon

realizing this position marked the beginning of the Completed Testament Age for everyone. During this age, parents are to link their families with the True Parents "to create an ideal nation and world," Moon said.

Moon ended her address with loud applause from audience members. Sulayman Nyang, professor of African Studies at Howard, then presented Moon with a plaque for her dedication to world peace.

As an incentive for student attendance, the Women's Federation and Unification Campus Ministry offered three \$1,000 study grants to University students as door prizes. Senior Crystal Berry, sophomore Torrae Lawrence and Kim Nottingham were announced as the winners of the study grants.

"It is a blessing," Berry said. "God has really been good to me."

Moon's address itself, however, received mixed reactions from students.

Senior Angela Smiley enjoyed Moon's message.

"It was a very good speech," she said. "I like the fact that she looked at it [the Fall] from more than one perspective."

"Ms. Moon had some very valid points," sophomore Selia Koroma said. "I agree with her overall message of peace and unity... She wasn't knocking other religions, but I disagree with their [the Moons'] self-proclamation as the True Family. I believe that as long as you abide by the Ten Commandments you'll please God."

Ideas about the perfect body send the wrong message

Alkintoye
Andrea Mullins
Staff Writers

Noomi Campbell. Beverly Hills. Kate Moss. What do you think of when you hear these names? Perhaps the idea of perfection or body image gone wild.

Do you think you're too fat, too thin, or do you think society puts too much on body image? Several female Howard University students recently shared their views on what they believe is ideal body shape and how they love their bodies.

Medium size is how Folake describes herself. The 5-foot-11-inch, 130-pound zoology major believes there is no ideal shape.

"Everybody can't be skinny or some people have to be skinny and some people have to be fat," she said.

Folake said it is really sad how many places so much emphasis on women should look.

The 22-year-old student believes media should be blamed for the women think they should look. Oprah Winfrey is always trying to lose weight even though she is successful. What she's telling us is that you're not really beautiful until you're skinny," she said.

However, Kenyetta Singleton, a

5-foot-7 inch, 180-pound occupational therapy major, thinks Oprah looks good with the weight loss. Like Oprah, she's been on many diets in her lifetime, including Weight Watchers, and has taken diet pills through medical supervision. She said the pills suppressed her appetite to the point where she didn't eat for days, so her

said that in grade school other students used to tease her and call her "fat" and "guinea pig" to her face.

"They did it on purpose," Singleton said, often getting close to tears, "because they thought I was soft-hearted and they wanted to see me cry."

She said her weight also became a problem when it came to relationships and dating.

In high school, she said, "I asked my boyfriend if I was fat, and he told me 'yeah.' I said to him, 'if you feel this way, why are you with me?'"

Singleton said she would like to lose 20-30 pounds.

"One thing that makes me feel better is everyone wants something about them changed to make them feel better," she said.

*Casey Carter played on the soccer and field hockey teams in

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-Casey Carter

mother pulled her off of them. The 19-year-old freshman, who has been "big" since she was 10,

high school. However, during her time in college she gained 30 pounds.

Carter, now a junior, said she started feeling bad about herself and her parents did not make her feel any better.

"[They'd say] 'Casey, you're just too fat. You need to go work out,'" said the 5-foot-9 inch, 160-pound psychology major.

After losing some pounds on Slim Fast and Acutrim diets, she just decided to place her finger down her throat and purge the food she ate after every meal.

Carter has an eating disorder called bulimia. According to Dr. Nicole Scott, a psychologist at the Howard University Counseling Service, bulimia is characterized by a cycle of bingeing and purging food in secret. She said bulimics "live two lives—one for the public and one to let the pain come out."

Although it has been taken as fact that African Americans accept more voluptuous frames, Scott said she sees some conflict with what is said and what women are actually believing.

"We say we appreciate our bodies, but black women are going to spas and weight loss centers more than ever," she said.

Carter developed a hate for food when she was young. She said her parents used to beat her when she did not feel like eating.

Carter does not see herself as having a problem. She does not purge after every meal anymore, though she still purges three or four times a week. Although she admits to being bulimic, she said, "I'm not

compulsive. I've known people who were a lot worse."

Unlike Folake and Casey, Jocelyn Brown has a problem with trying to gain weight. The 105 pound, 5-foot-4 1/2 inch broadcast journalism major said people are more sensitive to fat people than they are to skinny people.

"I like my body. I believe we are all creatures of God and I am comfortable with how I look. I don't focus on how I look."
-Tanya Usher

*People would call a skinny person 'skinny' to their face, but would hesitate to call a fat person

'fat' in front of them," she said.

She also said that people often associate thinness with illness.

"What's bad about being skinny is that people think that you have AIDS," she said.

At 5-foot-6 inches and 125 pounds, senior Tanya Usher kept in shape during her college days and feels spiritually in-tune with her body.

"I like my body. I believe we are all creatures of God and I am comfortable with how I look. I don't focus on how I look," she said.

The 22-year-old marketing major, who keeps in shape by jogging, dancing and playing tennis, does not view overweight people in a negative light.

"My best friend is heavy set, and I love her for who she is, because she is more than just a body," Usher said. "Ultimately we have to start accepting ourselves for who we are, not what we could be."

*Names have been changed.

CAMPUS

CRIME

REPORT

March 14. A locker was broken into in the men's locker room in the Burr Gymnasium. Personal property was stolen.

March 14. A student living in Slowe Hall Dormitory had \$35 taken from her purse. She found the money missing out of her unlocked room after she left her room to take a shower. She reported that another student talked to her and knew where the money was and when she was out of her room.

March 16. A locker was broken into and property was stolen out of it in the Biology building. The locker was taken, but there were no signs of forced entry.

March 16. Personal property was stolen out of an unlocked room in Drew Hall Dormitory. The complainant reported that the room was being watched by a friend while he was in class.

March 17. A student's ATM card and \$50 were stolen in a scam in front of Signet Bank, on the 2800 block of Georgia Avenue. The student was asked to put his card and the money in a handkerchief. The suspect switched the handkerchief with another containing newspaper. The two suspects had used the card by the time Signet was notified.

Report compiled by Aliya Davis.
Reviewed by Campus Police

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Awareness: The Power of Soul

Spring Black Arts Festival 1994

Sunday, April 3, 1994

Call to the Chapel
Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel
11:00 am

Monday, April 4, 1994

Mini Gospel Concert
Main Yard
12:00 pm

Poetry Reading featuring Ntozake Shange
Armour J. Blackburn Center-Gallery Lounge
7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 5, 1994

Jazz Performance
College of Fine Arts
12:00 pm

Shotime at the Mecca (Talent Showcase)
Cramton Auditorium
7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 6, 1994

WHBC 20th Anniversary Celebration
Main Yard
11:00 am-4:00 pm

Art Display
Armour J. Blackburn Center-Gallery Lounge
1:00 pm-5:00 pm

R & B Concert
Cramton Auditorium

Thursday, April 7, 1994

New Artist Expo
Armour J. Blackburn Center-Punchout
12:30 pm

Fashion Show with Caribbean Students Association
Cramton Auditorium
7:30 pm & 9:30 pm

Friday, April 8, 1994

Yard Fest featuring Make Your Own Music
Video, vendors etc.
Main Yard
11:00am-5:00 pm

Call to Mosque
Armour J. Blackburn Center
12:00 pm

Cabaret
Howard University Hotel

Saturday, April 9, 1994

Picnic
Main Yard
11:00 am-5:00 pm

Step Show
Burr Gymnasium
7:00 pm

After Party
Location: TBA
9:00 pm-2:00 am

Sunday, April 10, 1994

Gospel Concert
Ira Aldridge Theatre
4:00 pm

CAMPUS II

Delegation anticipates political, cultural enlightenment in South African elections

By Melissa E. James
Hilltop Staff Writer

Many expect Nelson Mandela to become the next president of South Africa during the first free elections in that country next month. And a few members of the Howard University community will be on the scene to witness this historical event.

The 12-member Howard University South African Election Observer Delegation, which consists of five undergraduate students, two graduate students and five members of the University's faculty and administration, will be headed to Africa's southern-most country on April 16.

According to Robert Cummings, chairperson of the African Studies Department Committee on South Africa, more than 100 students and close to 40 faculty members and administrators applied for a coveted position on the delegation.

The journey to South Africa was just one of the events that the department committee planned for the University for this year.

"The Committee was formed in 1993 to try to identify some potential relationships for Howard University



The Howard University South African Election Observer Delegation

to participate in issues in South Africa. We were interested in putting on a conference, which we did, to initiate a greater interest in South Africa for the Howard University community," Cummings said.

"The South Africa delegation came [about] because after there was a clear idea that there would be elections taking place in South

Africa, we wanted to be a part of that. Howard University, with its history, had a responsibility to participate in any way it could in this effort," Cummings explained.

He added that those selected to the committee were judged on their maturity, exposure to national and international activities, articulation, and their willingness to share with

the University's community their experiences when they return to the United States.

"I am absolutely elated to be on the delegation. This provides me with an opportunity to continue my research on Southern African politics. I felt that I would be a strong candidate with my communications skills. I want to produce a documentary film on the event," junior film major and delegation member Roslyn Satchel said.

Observer delegate Oronde Miller is excited about the trip, despite the potentially violent political environment. He said that although South Africa may be in a state of unrest and danger, the experiences he stands to gain are worth the taking the chance.

"There is a lot to learn by looking at the situation in South Africa because it can really be compared to this country and to the entire world in many ways. (In South Africa) you have blacks who are definitely the majority, but they being controlled by the minority," said

Miller, who is president of the School of Education Student Council.

"It is often the case that you have an oppressed group of people, usually non-whites, being controlled by whites. And when we come to understand the nature of racism globally, we can come to understand the nature of racism and race relations in here in this country," he added.

Miller looks to bring his experiences back home to the States.

"There's definitely a separation between American-born students at Howard University and foreign-born students. When we get back, we can show what the similarities between Africans and African Americans so that we can break down the barriers of communication between the two groups," Miller added.

The members of the University delegation have a full schedule ahead of them.

"The group is responsible to observe the election. It they see a dispute, they must inform the monitors who are South Africans and 'UN types.' They must also have the right to go into polling areas and count the ballots. There

will be three to four days of elections. Before the election, we be able to go to rallies and meet with students at the [South African] universities," Cummings related.

Overall, those who are in the observer group are that the University has allowed this opportunity.

"I'm very happy to see Howard University is taking a pro-active step to help to see the election goes off. I'm glad they also include as many as possible because this is our struggle. In there we can see that we have to overcome," Satchel said.

The other student members of the observation delegation are juniors Yohance Maqubela, Bruner, as well as fourth-student Shahnaaz Davidson, graduate students Derrick O and Cynthia Ross.

Associate Political Science professors Mae King and Thornton, Law School Dean Ramsey, and Vice President of Affairs James Fletcher will accompany the delegation on the three-week visit to Johannesburg and Capetown from April 16 to 4.

Alumnus sponsors scholarship for handicapped

By Elaine Lana Myada
Hilltop Staff Writer

Irene Holloway and William Covington, graduate students who suffer from Multiple Sclerosis, are the first two recipients of a new Howard University scholarship established exclusively for the handicapped.

Arthur Scandrett, who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis, said he set up the scholarship after he experienced many of the obstacles being handicapped.

"As a student, I remembered how rough it was with finances and so on, and being handicapped, I can imagine it is a lot rougher. So I really admire handicapped students and I wanted to do something for them," said Scandrett, who graduated from in 1968 from the School of Business.

Holloway, who is studying for a masters degree in Social Work, said she was both honored and surprised to receive the award from Scandrett, since they both suffer from Multiple Sclerosis.

"I was thrilled when I found out I won, and when I went to the scholarship banquet,



Howard alumnus Arthur Scandrett

it was so top notch. I was touched by his reaching back to help other people like he did," Holloway said.

Covington, who is visually impaired, is also working toward a masters degree in social work. He said he was equally grateful to Scandrett for the award.

"I was both humbled and meek and very thankful to God and Mr. Scandrett that he had the sensitivity to give to others," said Covington, who also suffers from Multiple Sclerosis.

Holloway and Covington each received \$1,000 scholarships at a Howard University Hotel reception last Sunday.

Multiple Sclerosis is a disease that affects the central nervous system, which, in turn, affects other parts of the body. The crippling disease affected Scandrett's legs, which confined him to a wheelchair in 1985. He said his toughest adjustment was learning to depend on other people because he was always independent and outgoing.

Although Scandrett was not affected by the disease until after he graduated from the University, he said he wanted to help

handicapped students by improving their chances of obtaining scholarships.

The scholarship is open to all handicapped undergraduate or graduate students with at least a 3.0 grade point average in any field of study.

Scandrett began holding fundraising parties for the Scandrett Handicapped Scholarship Fund two years ago.

In 1993, he started working with Francis Stubbs, the executive assistant to the vice president, to establish the criteria for the scholarship.

"The scholarship was set up in conjunction with Mr. Scandrett and the office of scholarships and financial aid," Stubbs said.

Scandrett hopes to raise enough money to fund a minimum of two scholarships for the next academic year.

Scandrett's scholarship is listed under the University's official list of scholarships, and donations can be made in care of the Scandrett Handicapped Scholarship Fund.



Scholarship recipient Irene Holloway

Students Win Scholarships in Essay Contest

By Ebony P. Warren
Hilltop Staff Writer

More than 100 students vying for scholarships totaling \$1400 entered the second annual essay contest sponsored by Pepsi Cola of Washington, D.C., American Retailers Association (ARA), and the Howard University Business and Fiscal Affairs office. However, only two students walked away with the prize money.

At a special congratulatory reception, first-place winner Kesha Dumas, a sophomore majoring in speech pathology and second-place winner Frederick J. Goodall, a senior majoring in English received their prizes.

Dumas received a \$1,000 scholarship, a Pepsi Cola black history month jacket, and will meet Earl Graves, Chairman and CEO of Pepsi Cola of Washington, D.C. and Black Enterprises magazine at an entrepreneurial luncheon.

Goodall's prizes included a \$400 scholarship, an ARA sports camera and a Pepsi Cola Black history month sweat shirt.



Kesha Dumas (2nd from left) and Frederick J. Goodall (2nd from right) pose with representatives from Pepsi and ARA.

"We are simply ecstatic that the students responded with such excitement and enthusiasm, not only to the prospect of winning the scholarships and prizes, but also for the opportunity to address the subject," said Margo Vickers, Executive Director for Auxiliary

Enterprises.

This year's essay topic was "Why Should Black History be Studied More Than One Month."

In her winning essay, Dumas, who was surprised to win, stated that Black history should be studied more than just one month because America

needs to know its history in order to meet the colossal social challenge of racism.

Goodall concurred.

"The accomplishments of black men and women need to be celebrated everyday. One month each year simply is not enough," he said.

As a minority owned franchise, Pepsi Cola of Washington, D.C., was proud to sponsor the contest.

"Pepsi is very interested in education and Black history. Black history does not only last during February; it lasts all year; this is why we chose this particular topic," said Tracey Robinson, Pepsi Cola Community Relations Director.

In addition to the \$1,000 and \$400 scholarships, Pepsi awarded several runners-up with Black history month tee-shirts.

Vickers hopes that other campus departments will follow her office's lead in recognizing students for academic achievements.

"We need to support our scholars in the same way we do athletes and entertainers. It is time we make a big deal about their achievements," Vickers said.

Shuttle fire worries Howard students

FIRE, from A1

but it just smelled like something was burning, tires or something," Stallworth said.

Earlier that day the bus experienced mechanical failure when radiator hose came off and had to be replaced. But Best said the two incidents were unrelated.

Students were most concerned with the way the bus driver handled the incident.

Sample said the driver left the bus and went to the dorm to call for help, while students were still on the smoking bus.

Best said this is not proper procedure for any kind of emergency. The first step is to evacuate the bus and have someone make a phone call to report the emergency, he said.

"When it comes to safety I do not compromise and I will terminate any drivers that compensate on safety and practice judgment," Best said.

But shuttle bus driver Arthur Lipsey had a slightly different account of the incident.

"I noticed the fire when I pulled up to Park Square and a student hollard 'The bus is on fire.' Then I walked to the back of the bus to see if there were any flames, by then everybody had gotten off the bus so I called the fire department," Lipsey said.

Lipsey added that it took 30 minutes to contain the blaze. "The side panel had to be removed from the bus to let the smoke out," he said.

Reverend James Coleman, assistant in charge of special programs at Howard, said that safety is one of the main features the University has asked CES to work on.

"I met with Mr. Best and we discussed cumulative concerns students from tardiness to safety and asked him to lay out addressing these concerns," Coleman said.

Best has agreed to take a complete inventory of the fleet and provide a complete mechanical servicing of all buses including engines, tires and windows. He plans to give the buses a facelift with professional painting over the summer break.

During spring break he plans to do regular maintenance to make sure buses will be in better running condition.

Coleman said after spring break, student monitors will be asked to observe the shuttle and evaluate their performance.

"I also plan to ride the shuttles intermittently to see if routes and safety conditions are proper," Coleman said.

Students are bothered that throughout the semester the buses have been delayed and even curtailed because of mechanical difficulties.

Best blamed the cold winter for the mechanical failures the buses have been experiencing.

"The bad winter has significantly affected our fleet's electrical and air systems. When there are unusually cold temperatures the buses' engines can simply shut down," Best said.

UGSA representatives debate elections procedure

UGSA, from A1

from the School of Business, was elected Public Relations Director. School of Education Representative Senodja Sundiata will fill the position of Grievance Director.

As of HILLTOP press time, Watley is considering contesting the results, but has not made any firm decisions.

"I find it highly irregular and unacceptable that a different form of elections was used without prior notification," he said.

Watley said the executive board met Monday, and there was no mention of the election changes.

Coordinator Kamika McGhee does not believe any of the candidates received unfair treatment.

"First of all, excluding two of the newly elected representatives, no one was around last year to know what the process was last year. Even one year's experience does give anyone the knowledge to say what has been and what hasn't been the norm in the past 17 years of UGSA's existence," she said.

McGhee also defended the pros and cons section.

"Oftentimes the representatives don't know the candidates. It helps to hear how others who have worked with them to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses," she said.

School of Communications Representative Monica Lewis agreed.

"Although certain people thought Matt wasn't being treated fairly, I didn't see a problem with the pros and cons section. I could see their point of view, but I thought it was good to find out more about the candidates before we elected them," Lewis said.

Advertising major Derry Watkins does not believe the changes were made to improve the process.

"It was obvious what was going on. The whole method was altered to keep one man out of office," he said.

UGSA Financial Advisor Omar Karim sees the issue differently.

"On a personal level, I do not have any problems with Matt. But, I thought it was important for the new representatives to get a feeling for the work ethic of both candidates. People evaluated all of the information and made the best decision," he said.

LOCAL

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity members prove positive role models in District competition

Ramonica Rice
Hilltop Staff Writer

Judging from the District competition it recently competed in, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Chapter not only shines on the campus of Howard University, but is also in many of Washington's communities. The fraternity won their fraternity District competition for serving as positive role models for young men in the metropolitan area as well as for serving as good role models for the Howard community.

The competition judged how well area chapters displayed leadership on their college campuses, provided adequate community service projects, exemplified the goals and beliefs of their fraternity, and were judged on their fraternity's national level. Now that Beta Chapter has won at the

District level, members will compete on their regional level, and if they are successful, the national level. In the regional level, Jay Augustine will compete in the oratorical contest, and Kevin Monroe will vie for "Brother of the Year." The Alphas step team will also be competing, and Matthew Watley will be running for assistant vice president of the region.

Howard's Alphas competed against other chapters in the District competition including those at Georgetown, Bowie State and The American universities.

Quality and substance are the characteristics that chapter historian Herman Warren claims distinguishes them from other chapters. The Alphas implement more than 30 community service projects a year.

"We had a display book that listed a number of activities of each semester ranging from doing programs on campus, Alpha Week,

outside of Alpha Week, in the community and nationally; we have two national programs," Warren said.

After winning best District chapter for the third year, Beta Chapter is no stranger to the Washington community. Since December 20, 1907, the Beta Chapter has aimed to promote manly deed, scholarship and love for all mankind.

The Alphas are known for programs like "Never Say Never," which is a time when Alphas interact with community youth in the southeast Washington area every Saturday at several housing projects.

"Usually, we'll get about 30 to 50 kids to come out and we'll do different activities as far as basketball, jump rope, play games and have a pep session addressing some type of issue that may have happened within their schools or their projects," said Desmond Howard, Beta Chapter parliamentarian.

Many of the youth that the fraternity works with come from dysfunctional families or they've been subjected to a life of crime. Howard said that being exposed to other young black educated men sheds a positive spirit in the lives of the youth they work with.

"The [youths] see us as having positive impact on them because a lot of us have identified or can relate to the struggles that they are seeing today," Howard said.

Phillip McKenzie, who serves as an unofficial chief of staff, described a program titled the "Leadership Development Institute," which is conducted by Beta Chapter and Mu Lambda, their graduate chapter. McKenzie feels very positive about the Institute and seeks to constitute it as a national program.



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Chapter won their district competition because of its work with youths in the community.

The Leadership Development Institute is a summer project in which the Alphas bring 100 to 150 college-bound youth from the New York metropolitan tri-state area to Howard and expose them to the realities of college life.

"We're here as sort of tour guides — someone more their own age whom they can interact with in hopes that they can get a better grasp on what college life is really like," McKenzie said.

Beta Chapter President Darren Daniels said that Alpha community service is not selfishly motivated.

"I think that it's very important that people get out of the habit of trying to sound the trumpet every time they do some sort of service, and it's almost better when you just

do it from the heart," said Daniels. "I think that we've really served as a tool to really touch a lot of lives, in particular, young men and young women as well."

Daniels stressed the importance of teens looking for alternative ways to express their frustrations.

The men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Beta Chapter can be found in many organizations on campus, including the Community Choir, Undergraduate Student Assembly, the wrestling team, Campus Pals, and within various schools and college student councils.

"I think that we've touched on all aspects of the community inside Howard and outside, doing things that really brought people together," Warren said.



Members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Chapter

Art gallery cafe features "The Jazz Gospel Brunch"

Genea Luck
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Sunday mornings from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Corcoran Gallery (Art, at 17th Street and New York Avenue, N.W.), transforms into a delicious contemporary jazz cafe, with songs directed in giving God

praise. The event is called The Jazz Gospel Brunch, a buffet style brunch that has fine local talents perform while people dine in the gallery's cafe.

"I hear music. I didn't know they had music at an art gallery. This is great," said one tourist who walked into the gallery.

Many people who were planning to visit the Art Gallery quickly detoured out curiosity, and followed the soulful voices of Great Change Gospel Ensemble, who were performing in the gallery cafe.

The Jazz Gospel Brunch was created by the American Federation of Musicians local 161-171 and Dr. Alvin C. Levy, the president of the director.

Levy wanted very much to bring live music into the museum. He was looking for ways to make the museum accessible to all the arts here in Washington," said Alfonso M. Pollard, director of organizing for the American Federation of Musicians.

The Corcoran Art Gallery's Jazz Gospel Brunch has been going on for about a year. It has given many musicians in the area a professional opportunity to perform live.

It's a concept that has been well received. Within minutes this Sunday, all tables were occupied and people began serving themselves at the lavish buffet of fresh fruits, pastries, Creole sausages, fish cakes, grits, omelettes and other Creole specialties.

Alvin Luster, a former member of the Jazz Gospel Ensemble, which was the first group to perform at the Corcoran, explained the reason for the Creole menu.

"We would sing some songs like 'When the Saints Go Marching In' and get the people moving and to let them feel the New Orleans Jazz style, so it went along with the food they were eating," said Luster, who is also a Jazz studies major at

Howard University.

Luster explained that the Jazz Gospel Ensemble is a group of four female vocalists who sing gospel songs from the slavery era on up to the present contemporary hit era.

"When I used to sing with the group, songs like 'Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus' and 'I Love to Praise Him' would cause many people to come to me and say I never knew gospel had so much energy and

and anything related to him, and the 'Jazz' comes in when you have contemporary musicians, like us, take from the music of today many of the popular jazz riffs and chords," said Williams.

Great Changes' target audience is the younger generation, and the group encourages students to come out and check the Jazz Gospel showcase out.

"We want to relay a positive



Great Change Gospel Ensemble

spirit," said Luster.

Great Change Gospel Ensemble has been performing for 12 years, but it was their first appearance at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. There are eight members in the group. They have won many awards including the Award for Best Gospel Ensemble at the Kentucky Fried Chicken Gospel Music Competition in 1985.

The director of Great Change, Alvin Williams, explained what Jazz Gospel means to him.

"Gospel" is the message music about the goodness of Jesus Christ

message that you can be somebody and the Lord Jesus Christ can make a difference in your life; this music is not dead, it is very much alive," said Williams.

The Jazz Gospel Brunch is \$15.95 for adults and \$8.50 for children 12 and under. There is free admission to the museum with brunch.

Just take Metro to Farragut West or on a beautiful spring day, take a 20 minute walk from Sutton Plaza to the gallery.

Pizza Hut may resume delivery to Howard University dorms

By Anna Hines
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Pizza Hut Corporation management may be giving Howard University another chance as they consider resuming delivery to the campus once again.

Al Salas, marketing manager for the D.C. and Maryland district Pizza Huts, said he holds optimistic views of doing a test delivery to the dorms this summer.

Salas said students will be able to call in and order, or they will have postal service. Postal service is similar to the plan Dominos Pizza has implemented in which they have a designated time to deliver the order and sell a variety of pizzas in the lobby.

Salas had been working for the Pizza Hut Corporation for almost a month and had been revising route plans for its drivers, when he noticed the company does not render services to Howard University.

At one time, Pizza Hut did serve the Howard University community, but they stopped because their drivers would constantly run into verbal and physical confrontations with members of the University community. However, Salas said that

altercations weren't the primary reason for the discontinuation of the service.

"There have been many problems in the past, but the loss of money was the main reason we terminated service," said Salas.

Jimmy Ayejimi, a manager for the Pizza Hut at 4204 Georgia Ave., added that the University is too far away for delivery.

"There have been many problems in the past, but the loss of money was the main reason we terminated service," said marketing manager Al Salas.

"When we would deliver the pizzas, students would complain they were cold and return them," said Ayejimi.

Another reason for the termination, according to sources, was because Howard is located in a high crime-risk area.

The boundary lines for the Georgia Avenue Pizza Hut delivery extends to Irving Street, minutes away from the University. However, that area is not considered high-crime.

Many other food restaurants said they do not have any problems delivering to Howard or to the surrounding community.

"Sometimes we do have problems with robberies and students wanting to change their orders, but most of the times there are no problems. We would not stop delivery because of these things," said Bidu Salami, manager of Philadelphia's Steak and Cheese Factory.

Increasing violence in District public schools sparks concern in community

By Elsie Theodore
Hilltop Staff Writer

The escalating violence in D.C. public schools since the start of the school year has heightened concerns among school officials, parents and students, and has sparked immediate action from city and police officials.

The day 17-year-old Jerome Cook, a student at Eastern High School, was shot, Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly announced a plan in which she will deploy 60 additional police officers to supplement the 38 that are already assigned to patrol junior high and high schools around the District. The plan went into effect last Friday.

"Increased visibility of police in and around schools will help serve as a deterrent for criminal activity," said Beverly Lofton, a spokesperson for D.C. public schools.

"I feel a little safer with police presence," said Danielle

Alexander, an 18-year-old senior at Dunbar Senior High School. "But we need more security inside the schools."

Operation S.A.V.E., The Students Anti-Violence Effort, is the second phase in the Mayor's fight against violence in schools. The project, which includes a team of 21 trained officers and guards conducting unannounced random searches of students and their lockers to remove weapons, will target the city's most violent schools. The officers and guards will be especially trained in search and seizure laws and safety and crisis intervention and prevention.

D.C. Public Schools Superintendent Franklin Smith has publicly denounced searches and is currently planning with other school officials alternative plans to curb the violence in city schools.

"The lockers are school property," said 18-year-old Nattlie Wilson, a senior at Dunbar High School. "If the students do not

have anything to hide, then they should not have a problem with the search."

A recent incident at Webb Elementary School, in which a second-grader brought a loaded gun to school and fired it, shows that the violence is throughout the school system and not only at junior high or high schools. "Some elementary schools will be a part of the Mayor's new program," Lofton said.

Many students who go to school in fear each day have continuously voiced their concerns in open forums with school officials. Such concerns include adding more security guards and increasing parental presence.

"We would like to see increased parental involvement," said Beverly Lofton, D.C. Public Schools spokesperson. "We would like to see parents get together and come into the school and help out the security officers," she said.



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No news sometimes the best news

There's an old adage that says "no news is good news." If there were one day out of the 365 in which nothing were reported about black people in their communities, then that would probably be good news, since most reported news is bad. On the evening news, it is always a black murderer or a black victim.

This isn't anything new, of course, but to the average black person living in America, it's downright discouraging and depressing. In fact to most Americans, it is depressing. Black people make up 12 percent of the American population, yet more than half of the murders committed in the country are examples of black on black crime. It's truly a wonder that half of the black population is not either dead or in jail.

Even The HILLTOP can be found guilty of reporting crime that displays blacks in a negative manner, as evidenced by an editorial written last week about a shooting at a local high school. However, since The HILLTOP is a campus newspaper, there are usually no murders to report. The news that is reported in The HILLTOP is mostly positive. The worst thing that happened on this campus last week was a chemical spill, which occurred near the Thirkield Hall chemistry building. No one was injured; at most, a few were nauseated.

Perhaps, negative press should be left up to news sources outside of campus such as The Washington Post, in which Richard Cohen wrote his controversial column, "A Nasty Night at Howard."

Yes, even "The Mecca" gets burdened with bad

press. So when is good news about African Americans ever a top story or the front page of a daily newspaper? Maybe when African Americans contribute in winning a major sporting event, such as the NCAA basketball championship, or when they retire from a sport (i.e.; Michael Jordan) that they excelled in. Getting positive coverage in sports is fine, but what else can African Americans do?

The reason African Americans get bad press is obvious. It's written in black and white (pun intended). What would it hurt to cover the "good news" about something that happened in a black community? Are all children in Washington, D.C., strapped with firearms? Does Washington, D.C., need a special wall or memorial for the number of lives that were taken in the last five to 10 years?

Two weeks ago, a luncheon was held for African Americans who contribute to their communities. People who are outstanding in their fields of work, such as Rock Newman, Courtland Milloy, Frances Cress Welsing and Nia Long, were recognized. Besides The HILLTOP, and The Community News what other news organization covered it?

The media should have some type of balance in their news coverage. On the evening news, good news might be covered for 10 minutes of the program, and that's if nice weather is going to be forecasted and the home team wins. Other than that, it could be just 30 minutes of depressing news where it might rain or snow, and the home team just lost a close one.

It's Spring

As "Old Man Winter" packs his bags and moves to the North Pole, it is now time to think about spring. Yes, spring is finally here. After being through with classes today, students will be making plans for the break. Some students may be heading south for warmer climate, while others may just go home. Some will choose to stay here to either work on class projects, earn a little extra money from jobs or just relax.

Whatever the plans are, it will just be one week to let the hair down before classes resume and crunch time for school work kicks in before finals and commencement (for those who are going to graduate). But while we go back and forth to classes, notice the change of pace as the warm weather arrives. History shows that students go to classes differently than they have been during the past three or four months.

Instead of running to classes, people begin to stroll. On The "Yard" you see people noticing the beauty of the campus; beauty in flowers blooming, trees growing, the birds chirping and the sun shining its warm rays. Also, there is the beauty in people. Everyone loves to shed their at the slightest chance of warm weather. Coats, hoodies, Timberland boots and Corduroys give way to shorts, breezy dresses, sandals and tank tops. Yes, the sights on The "Yard" at springtime is something to behold. The only thing that won't be a pleasant sight on the "Yard" will be those trailers (Douglass Hall Annex?) sprawled in front of Douglass Hall, making the campus look like a trailer park.

After an unusually rough winter, spring is definitely needed and has been sorely missed. People

on campus will have a whole different and mostly attitude about themselves, especially if they're graduating. And since the weather is warm, besides hanging out on The "Yard" people will plan on going out somewhere else, such as the park, Kings Dominion, the beach or a baseball game at Camden Yards in Baltimore.

The annual Spring Picnic (finally back on the "Yard") will be coming up soon and for those who are really big party goers, the mega popular "Freak 'N'ic" in Atlanta will be in full effect next month. Also, other events and activities that will be going on on campus will include a Gospel Concert and "Showtime at the Mecca," a talent showcase. With all the activities to do on or off campus the options are endless.

With all that's going on this spring, there shouldn't be any excuse for anyone to stay at home for days at a time. Winter is over and whoever has cabin fever should start their convalescence. And for those that are into the sights of the Washington, D.C. area, this is the time to start enjoying them. Instead of driving around getting from one monument or statue to the next, try enjoying the sights by walking and at the same time start getting in shape for the summer. The cherry blossoms are yet another treasure to behold here in Washington, D.C. at this time of the year.

Once again, winter is gone for now, at least until December. There won't be anymore school closings this semester because of bad weather. It's time to make the best out of this semester by dealing with hectic loads of classwork and trying to decide to what to do and where to go when the work is done.

A salute to life...

Letter to the Editor

I had to write this article because I felt that no one else would. It's about Dr. Norman Beckman, a teacher who died in February of this year. He taught National Government in the Political Science Department at Howard University, and I was privileged to be one of his students. Dr. Beckman taught me more than the inner workings of the American Government. He taught me a lesson in the matter of life. You see, Dr. Beckman had a very advanced cancer during the fall 1993 semester in which he taught me. Many times he had to take a breath or two just to walk

a few steps around class. He looked very sick, but it didn't interfere with his teaching one bit.

When most people would be sulking in bed waiting for their impending death, he would be teaching National Government in class with the fire and emotion of a healthy politician. Dr. Beckman refused to let his cancer ruin his mental sharpness. He carried on class discussions with amazing insight that got the class involved.

Dr. Beckman refused to let a very painful, crippling and terminal illness stop his love of teaching his students. He refused to let the cancer eat his soul as it was his body.

Even though you saw cancer's

effects on the outside of his body, it seemed as though Dr. Beckman didn't know of the disease himself by the smile he always greeted his students with. About a year ago I went through a bout with chronic non-terminal pain, but I didn't handle it nearly as well as Dr. Beckman handled his cancer. People say that how we deal with death is as important as how we deal with life.

And Dr. Beckman, a compassionate teacher, dealt with death better than anyone I ever knew.

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Some clarifications on African languages

Letter to the Editor

I was extremely pleased to read the article titled "African languages crucial to cultural understanding" (The HILLTOP March 4, 1994) by Aliya Davis. However, after reading the article, I believe that it is important to clarify certain erroneous statements and implications made in the article.

African languages are no longer administered in the Department of African Studies. On July 1, 1993, the Department of Modern Languages and Literature was established by the Board of Trustees. The new department resulted from a merger of the Language Resource Center. The undergraduate African language programs were transferred to the Department of Modern Languages

and Literature, College of Arts and Sciences. In the current administrative arrangement, students who must take a modern second language to satisfy a graduation requirement may now choose from the array of languages (including African languages) offered by the new department. As chairman, I am profoundly committed to developing further the African language programs in order to make them more accessible to both Howard and area consortium students.

While my academic language specialty is Spanish, I encourage students to study any second language in order to gain the "cultural understanding" about which Ms. Davis wrote in her article.

Please understand that this letter is not an attempt to "claim

territory." I simply feel that members of the Howard University family and the larger community need to be informed accurately about University programs and curricular innovations as they occur.

Finally, I applaud The HILLTOP staff writer, Aliya Davis, for producing such a timely story. As the discussions of multiculturalism and cultural diversity become more intense, I urge The HILLTOP to consider publishing more articles related to those issues. I promise that the Department of Modern Languages and Literature will assist in such an important endeavor. Call on us.

James J. Davis is chairman of the Department of Modern Languages and Literature.

venture to say that the amazing amount of copies that these centers generate serves as a key component in making this educational institution thrive.

Marina Shampaine is an English instructor at Howard University.

Howard men, be honest

Letter to the Editor

I would like to respond to the commentary written March 11 called "Howard women, be patient," which I do believe had a lot of validity to it. The only problem I had, however, was the way the writer somehow puts women to blame for the failure of relationships at Howard University. He wrote that women expect too much from men in serious relationships and that we are destined to take away men's freedom. This is not the reason for the failure of male and female relationships at Howard.

The real reason why many male-female relationships fail here is because, in many situations, men are not honest about what they really want in a relationship. They will look a girl

dead in the face and say, "I love you and you're the only one in my life," and then turn around and tell the next girl the same exact thing with the same apathetic look on his face. I believe that if a guy is not ready to be in a serious relationship, then he shouldn't perpetrate and act like he is. Honesty is one of the most important attributes of a relationship, and if you really love and if these men respect their women like they say they do, then being honest with her should not be that difficult.

Howard men, what I am really saying is be a man, and not only be true to your woman, but be true to yourself. If you feel that the relationship you are in presently is getting too serious, then tell your woman that. Don't take the easy way out by sneaking around and playing on her. Remember

that it may be difficult on her but at least you were honest and expressed your true feelings which is 100 percent better than deceiving her.

I would also like to inform Howard men and women that the problem with male and female relationships will never be solved by constantly putting the blame on one other. Communicate, tell your "significant other" exactly what you want, what you don't want, what your feelings are, think that once this occurs, men and women could have a loving, honest and meaningful relationship that so many of us are destined to have.

Monique Harris is a majoring in psychology.



Relationships must drop double standard

Letter to the Editor

I am writing in response to the Perspective written by Charles Quinn titled, "Howard women, be patient" in the March 11 issue of The HILLTOP. I realize, Mr. Quinn, that you are not speaking for the entire adult male population, nor am I speaking for the entire adult female population, but there are a few things I'd like to get off of my chest.

The purpose of male/female relationships is to practice for matrimony. In the relationships that we as young adults have now, we discover what we want and don't want in a future mate. Knowing this, many women go into relationships looking for qualities in a man that would be desirable in a husband. Meanwhile, as we all know, and you so honestly pointed out, many

young men care only about themselves and have dubbed this time period in their lives as "playtime." My question is this: What is to be expected of the young women who get played? Do you expect us to wait around and twiddle our thumbs while you have the time of your lives?

The problem is the existence of a double-standard. If women went around disregarding their obligations in a relationship, or to put it in laymen's terms, playing, they'd be labeled before they could open their mouths to explain. Women who are seen even speaking to more than one male on Howard's campus are often labeled "hoes" before they even get a chance to do anything wrong. Meanwhile, in the same situation, a male would be "just being a male" and utilizing his freedom. In the end, the woman ends up getting the bad rap, carrying a label that would surely

disqualify her as a suitable

when the time came. Taking this into consideration, I would definitely say demand that Howard women while Howard men play it and, if I do say so myself, slightly arrogant idea. I'm saying that young people rush into unwanted relationships or take on responsibilities they know that they cannot handle. They don't want to deal with it, saying is, if Howard men are respected as men and not just the time of day, they need to be treated as equals, and accept the responsibility that they do. The nobody will have to be waiting in the wings.

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Letter to the Editor

It's nice to sing the praises of Howard in a concrete way. "The Mecca" is wonderful for more than the obvious reasons.

I must take time out to acknowledge a wonderful

phenomenon which operates on Howard's campus on a daily basis. The effectiveness of my teaching is considerably improved by having the resources of the duplicating centers available, which endlessly serve the needs of Howard's faculty and administration in a competent and professional manner. I would

PERSPECTIVES

The politics of identity

Manning Marable

In recent years, a debate has been going on in political and academic circles over the question of "blackness." For example, a central theme in the appeal of Louis Farrakhan to many African Americans is his emphasis on self-pride, racial pride and cultural awareness. As reported in *Time* magazine last month, two-thirds of all blacks polled viewed Farrakhan favorably, 63 percent said that he "speaks the truth," and more than half declaring that he is an effective and positive "role model for black youth." By contrast, only 34 percent of all African Americans polled termed Farrakhan "a bigot and a racist," and barely one-fifth calling the imam leader "an anti-Semite." Whites and especially American whites who look at these opinion

poll figures are amazed and outraged, and charge that the black community's search for a positive identity and self-respect has descended down the slippery slope of hatred and bigotry.

Before we can discuss the cultural and economic factors behind Farrakhan's resurgent popularity and the rise of what I would term "black racial fundamentalism" in the 1990s, we need to explore in general the complex relationship between "identities" and social change. By "identity," I mean the manner in which we come to understand who we are as human beings within any society, and how we are perceived by others. Our "identity" announces to the world who we are, and what we seek to become. And in this sense, identity is simultaneously "self-constructed" from within and "defined from without" or imposed on us by our

physical appearance or behavior.

Identities are always multiple: we are defined by more than one factor. A woman's identity may be expressed simultaneously through the prism of her gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, language, class background and political beliefs — just to name a short list of factors. All of us are many things simultaneously. To be lesbian and gay or heterosexual, a person within a spiritual or faith community vs. an atheist, a radical or a conservative — are distinctions which are subtle rather than absolute.

Identity is always conjunctural, situational and contextual. A person with a particular set of political beliefs, in one situation, will behave very differently in another place and time. African Americans in the rural South in the early 1950s, for example, were

described as culturally conservative and content with the status quo of Jim Crow segregation. They were non-radical and non-threatening. Then Rosa Parks refused to budge from her seat on a Montgomery bus, and Dr. King rose to challenge the inhumanity of racial segregation. The supposedly "conservative" black working class and poor people of yesterday had become the "militants" of today. In South Africa, the political personality of the black masses under apartheid was supposedly docile and subdued after the repression of the Sharpeville Massacre and the outlawing of the African National Congress three decades ago. But then arose the "Black Consciousness Movement" and Steven Biko in the 1970s, black trade union militancy in the 1980s, and finally, political victory and democracy in the 1990s. The spirit

of resistance may be nourished within the soul of a people even under the most difficult times.

Identities are related to the structure of power, privilege, status and the patterns of ownership within a society. For those who exercise power or effective control within society, their images are represented everywhere, from the engravings on their money to the artworks in their museums, from the photographs in newspapers and textbooks to the spiritual symbols placed above the altars in our churches. For those without power, and for those whose labor power is exploited, their identities are denigrated, ignored or devalued. In Brazil, they use the expression, "Money lightens the skin." "Blackness" is in this context not a function of color, genetics or biological heritage, but instead, is primarily defined by one's access to money, property and power.

In the U.S., "blackness" should be understood not as an absolute condition but a relative term. Clarence Thomas is racially black, in terms of his physical appearance. But in terms of his political ideology, his opposition to affirmative action and civil rights, his cultural backwardness and slavish loyalty to white power, he is arguably the "whitest" man in America. Conversely, John Brown, the radical white abolitionist of the 19th century, or radical historian Herbert Aptheker, were and are "blacker" than Clarence Thomas will ever be. The challenge of the oppressed is to project a positive, constructive identity of themselves, in order to build the human foundations essential for resistance.

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Hiding behind Howard's 'tarnished' history

David Gaither

Students at Howard have been led into believing that our university's history has been a glorious manifestation of our rich heritage. From being the cradle of Negro Education to the "Mecca" of black colleges, Howard is perceived as the most prestigious college for blacks to attend. I certainly can't deny the fact that Howard has produced great leaders, but I can't turn my back on the legacy of devious deeds Howard has amassed either. So I decided to look into Howard's history. I uncovered a

dark past. Upon my arrival at Howard University, many facts were hidden from me which led me to believe that Howard's administration is comprised of black bourgeois puppets who are strong along by the United Negro College Fund. This suspicion was confirmed when hundreds of students rallied together on Jan. 17 to protest Howard's administration. The main focus of the protest was to protest Howard's decision to kick black students off the campus. Students also objected to many issues, ranging from the administration's decisions to invite President Clinton (the leader of the administration who killed Martin Luther King) to lead Dr. King's funeral — to demanding that Howard's name be changed from a great black hero, instead of a racist white general.

Not only is Howard's present administration playing the part of a puppet, but past administrators have done the same. This year's protest was in the spirit of the 1925 student protests. In 1925, students staged a strike which

closed down the school for eight days. At the conclusion of the strike, the students' demands were met. In 1968, students took over the Administration Building demanding that the University educate students in order "to effect the liberation of black people in this country." The students of that year also wanted to rename the school: their choice was Sterling Brown University. Sterling Brown was a highly-acclaimed poet and English professor at Howard. Then in 1989, students again took over the Administration Building during the protest.

Congress appropriates \$200 million to Howard University each year and in return, Congress calls many shots on behalf of the University. President [Franklyn G.] Jenifer said himself that Howard's Charter hasn't been changed since its inception in 1867 and it would take an act of Congress to do so. In 1989, students protested the Congressional appointment of Lee Atwater, a blatant racist, to our Board of Trustees. Presently, Jack Kemp, the white Republican who holds the same conservative views as Atwater did, sits on our board. Along with these outlandish acts, Congress is believed to have been behind the firing of many Howard professors who were labeled "controversial."

Dr. Frances Cress Welsing, the author of the *Isis Papers* and probably the most renowned black psychiatrist in the country, was fired from Howard's faculty for her contentious but truthful writings. Many other great black educators were removed from Howard's faculty when they became outspoken as well. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the author of *The Miseducation of the Negro*,

was fired from Howard when he persisted to teach Black History after being ordered not to. For his relentless pursuit to properly educate black people, Dr. Woodson was fired by J. Stanley Durkee, the last white president of the University. This was the same president who physically attacked a dean of Howard and who fired Alain Locke, for whom Locke Hall is named after.

Howard's Mission Statement claims the University is "dedicated to attracting and sustaining" professors who are "committed to... the quest for solutions to human and social problems." This is an obvious fallacy, for Howard has done nothing but dismiss those professors who suggest real solutions to America's ills.

When I talked with Dr. Tolbert, the chairman of Howard's History Department, he told me that "everybody who was anybody used to teach at Howard." But today, Howard refuses to compete with other schools when it comes to paying professors. When Alain Locke was fired from Howard, he was heading a protest which called for pay increases for Howard's faculty. Just this year, the faculty called for President Jenifer's resignation because professors can be terminated at anytime if the Board of Trustees feel like doing so. It is a wonder that the "biggest black business" won't pay for the best employees.

Earlier this year, Jack Hall, the vice president for administration, resigned from his position only after a year on the job. In a detailed letter of resignation, Mr. Hall wrote that "the university's organizational structure is ineffective and unrealistic." Mr. Hall went on to expose many administrative flaws, such as

Howard's "need to hire 'white' consultants to validate the university's positions." The facts mentioned above are but a fraction of the many devious deeds Howard's administration has

performed. Instead of liberating our minds and preparing us to be leaders of this nation, Howard is training us to forever live in the shadow of white America. Students, it's time we take what's

ours; it's time we take over our University.

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A call for respect: Boycott University Grille

Saliyya Muhammad

I am quite tired of other people running around over African people and telling us that our leaders should be, how we should act, and just recently, I was told what I should eat. Let me explain. It was last Friday afternoon, I had just finished Jum'ah (congregational) prayer, I was feeling very good spiritually. I was sitting in Blackburn Reading The Grille when a friend comes up to me and suggests that we go to the Punch Out. I proceeded downstairs, and I stopped to look at some perfumed oil from the vendors who have their display on the ground floor. I entered the Punch Out, and being a new student to Howard University, I naively asked, "What's good to eat?" My friend

replied, "Nothing here; we can get some good food at University Grille." Naively (again) I said, okay.

We make the trek to Georgia Avenue and entered University Grille. My first impression was to turn around and leave, because the air was very stale and the place was somewhat untidy. I'm being very nice by using the words "stale" and "untidy." Nevertheless, we ordered. My friend got a fish sandwich with fries, and I ordered a turkey club. When our food came, my sandwich had bacon on it (I am Muslim). I go back to the counter to explain that I would like another sandwich and that I could not eat that one because it contained pork.

The Asian woman behind the counter proceeded to tell me that she could not give me another sandwich because they would

have to throw the food away and would lose money. I tried to explain to her again that I could not eat that sandwich, which, by the way, was paid for. She then tells me that the sandwich was a "club," and club sandwiches always have bacon. I am standing there trying to figure out how I am supposed to know this. There was nothing on the menu that stated, "all clubs come with bacon." By this time, I am getting a little agitated, and again trying to reason with the woman, I said, "had I known this sandwich came with pork, I never would have ordered it."

Then she awoke me with feelings of anger and hostility that Richard Cohen of *The Washington Post* did when he wrote that we, African people, do not do what we are told to do. She said, "just take the bacon off and eat it." To tell me this is just

the same as me going to a car dealership and purchasing a 1994 Mercedes Benz with a huge dent in the side of it, and the salesman says, just take a hammer and knock the dent out when you get home. By this time, a full blown verbal altercation ensued, and I demanded my money back. She refused.

As African people, we must begin doing for ourselves. We must start being the ones who cater to our community. We should be the ones with a restaurant on every corner in our community. We, the Howard University student body (the leaders of today) must start making plans and laying the foundation for our unity, survival and progress as a people. We should be visionary in our goals, looking past ourselves and on to our children and our children's children, so that with the help of

Almighty God, we can begin to control our own destiny and write our own history, instead of someone else always doing these for us.

I am calling for a boycott (non-patronization) of University Grille restaurant, not because it is Asian-owned. As a hospitality management major, I know the restaurant business and how it should be run. Obviously, the owners of University Grille do not, for if they did, they would know that without customers, they have no business. But even more than that, I was disrespected as a human being, and I would discourage anyone from patronizing an establishment that does not treat them with respect.

Saliyya Muhammad is a junior majoring in hospitality management.

Does freedom have a price?

David Harvey

What is the price of freedom? The ability to pursue the things we "want" at anytime, any place is itself discipline, which is from applying principles to personalities to achieve a "better good" for all? America faces a serious dilemma. Will we rise to the challenge of responding to God's

will, or become swallowed by the quick sands of personal pleasures, such as careless sex, alcoholism and drug abuse.

During the 1960s, a young man proclaimed to the nation that it had a divine destiny and that he could see the "promised land." In front of this Canaan exists "dark and difficult" days. Did Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. foresee the violence on our city streets, the deteriorating family and the inept

and inadequate propositions of government to stem the tide of a generation out of control? At the same time, Dr. King remained hopeful that we as a people would get there. Why? In his own words, "... mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

In the midst of this "communication highway," are we receiving all the information about the events happening within our world? Our youth must maintain

honest, critical and inquisitive minds. Without these traits, it will be so easy for "fads" of the day to influence young minds to pursue self-centered foundation of sacrifice, thereby paving the way for unity.

Open-mindedness is essential to learn; without it, ignorance is king and death is its jester. Willingness is the act of experimenting with logic and rational behavior to bring about a

desired result.

On March 17, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, president of the Women's Federation of World Peace presented a message of hope and direction for "healing the rift" that makes for required reading. At a time when our society is filled with violence, racism, segregation, sexism and confusion, the message of hope is often missed by the generation facing this crisis. Dr. King predicted the coming of the

Lord, therefore what shall be our response?

Surely, further destruction will consume our families, city and nation if we are not honest, open-minded and willing to pay the price of freedom.

David Harvey is a Howard University alumnus.

NATIONAL

"Geronimo" seeks end to harassment by prison officials

By Tasha M. White
Hilltop staff writer

Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt, a former Black Panther leader, has been in a California prison for 22 years and has been denied parole 12 times for a crime that some say he did not commit.

Pratt (who converted to Islam and changed his last name to Ji Jaga while in prison) was convicted for the 1968 murder of Carolyn Olson, a Santa Monica schoolteacher, in a robbery attempt. While in prison, many people have urged officials to release Pratt. A private investigation into his case has been completed and a social defense organization has

provided legal assistance.

Now the Partisan Defense Committee is working to protect Pratt from harassment by prison officials that they say has occurred since new evidence supporting his innocence was found and publicized on a television news series in January. At a hearing scheduled for April 14, Pratt's attorneys will seek an injunction to permanently maintain his single-cell status.

Pratt was transferred to a new prison and denied single cell status after the series aired. Because of medical problems stemming from the Vietnam War, the PDC says Pratt needs his own cell.

Federal District Court Judge Stanley Weigel granted Pratt

temporary single cell status on Feb. 24 after an emergency motion was filed by his attorney Stuart Hanlon and the PDC counsel Valerie West. Weigel acknowledged that the prison officials' actions may represent retaliation for the recent public attention to Pratt's case.

The PDC believes that Pratt is a victim of the FBI's COINTELPRO campaign, a counterintelligence campaign which was originally set up in 1958 to fight the Communist Party. During the 1960s and 1970s, the PDC says, the campaign focused on eliminating powerful members of the Black Panther Party.

An investigation by lay minister Jim McCloskey has produced some significant

evidence that supports Pratt's innocence.

McCloskey's Centurion Ministries conducts investigations to provide evidence for certain life sentence or death penalty cases. Through his investigation, McCloskey has found four people who say that two other men, who are now dead, confessed that they killed Olson and wounded her husband.

In addition, McCloskey has obtained affidavits from two former Black Panther members, Bobby Seale and David Hilliard, who also claim Pratt's innocence. Seale and Hilliard have both signed affidavits saying that Pratt was in Oakland at the time of the murder. According to McCloskey, both Seale and Hilliard say they were

disputing with Pratt at the time of his trial and thus chose not to testify in his behalf.

The publicity that may have prompted prison officials to harass Pratt aired on Fox Television News in Los Angeles in a three part series. The series presented the results of McCloskey's investigation as well as FBI wiretap logs.

After viewing the television series, many organizations wrote to L.A. District Attorney Gil Garcetti urging for Pratt's release. The series reported that Garcetti's office would review the case.

"The NAACP and the African-American community strongly believe that Geronimo's continued incarceration is a glaring

injustice and that the case must be vacated."

Benjamin Chavis, executive director of the NAACP, said in a letter to Garcetti.

Amnesty International has been investigating the case since 1980 and has declared

Geronimo a political prisoner. Ian Martin, secretary general of Amnesty International, expressed his concern in a letter to Garcetti. He wrote, "Amnesty International has long been concerned by evidence suggesting that improper conduct by the prosecutive authorities in the case may have jeopardized Mr. Pratt's right to a fair trial."

Students create SpinNet to link Howard to worldwide network

By Joanne Eustache
Hilltop Staff Writer

Students around the country are discovering new ways to use the Internet System. Many universities are designing their own electronic bulletin boards (BBS) to find out campuswide information at the touch of a button.

For instance, at the University of Wisconsin, students can inquire about registration on WisInfo. Students at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., can find out when summer session begins on their student network. And at Howard University, two students are working to make it easy for their fellow students to "surf the information superhighway" by creating SpinNet.

SpinNet, or Student Policy Information and News Network, will enable students to find out about activities around the

University, visiting speakers or upcoming events. Students will be able to gather information or do research related to their department just by pulling down menus. They can go around the world—whether it is to Texas A&M University or University of Capetown in Africa—and talk to students at other universities by connecting to their network.

Internet started in 1969 and was originally intended for government use. The "net," a system of computer networks linked together around the globe, has expanded tremendously, and its millions of users can now access data of any sort by logging onto the system on their personal computer through a modem—a device that can send computer messages through the telephone. Now, more students are getting on the ball and learning how to use the Internet to their advantage.

Sharon Story and Eric White, who are working on SpinNet, met

last year on a University Graduate Student Association undergraduate trustee campaign. The two political science majors began using Internet to provide information to students across the states about the 30th anniversary of the March on Washington last August.

Story and White, both seniors, set up a BBS with information about lodging, travel expenses, the march itinerary and so on. They decided to take this bulletin board a step further and create a comprehensive network specifically for students at Howard.

According to Story, President Franklin G. Jenifer is very excited about SpinNet.

"We have received funding from the office of the president, the Vice President for Student Services Dr. Steven Favors and the Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Ladner," Story said. "This is part of [President Jenifer's] Howard 2000 plan."

The theme of their project is

"Networking the World to Howard University."

SpinNet's first phase mainly will be a list of menus and Story and White will serve as system operators, who would continue to add information to the system and screen data included from other sources as the BBS expands.

On SpinNet, users can start discussion or interest groups for students with the same majors or with similar interests at the University or at other schools connected to Internet. White said he anticipates that the first phase will be complete and available to the University by October 1994.

In the second phase, Story and White hope that SpinNet will allow Howard to host a consortium for all Historically Black Colleges and Universities with student networks. They said they have corresponded with other black schools and shared ideas with some student organization leaders.

Story and White plan for Howard

University to provide access to the community in its third phase. Nearby schools will be able to use SpinNet for a fee. University alumni and other users could link on to the Howard system at a yearly fee by using a password.

Story says that they will be looking for both outside and inside sources of funding for the second and third phase. All three phases should be completed by August 1996.

"SpinNet would eventually make Howard the forefront of the community," White said.

Many universities around the country are already advancing their student networks. On the University of Maryland's BBS, InforM [pronounced in-for-em], students can find out what jobs are available on campus, what space is available in the dormitories or even what team the school is playing in this week's basketball game.

InforM enables students and staff to do research on other universities'

networks as well. Students in the country send messages to other through E-mail, an electronic mail service on the system.

Also, freenet is a public network that gives the public free access to information around the world or around the world.

In Atlanta, Georgians can use PEACHnet.

Stanford University serves community with Peacenet, a network with information on international issues of concern that users must pay access.

Users in the Metropolitan area can use CapAccess, a network located at George Washington University, to get news about is going on in the city.

Howard University will be information superhighway level by expanding the information infrastructure, and White said they plan to work on SpinNet at the graduate school.

Conference offers motivation for success

By Rhonda Patterson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Several thousand women gathered in New York City for networking, education and inspiration at the American Women's Economic Development Corporation's 14th National Conference for Women in Business held March 18-19.

The conference, which was held at the Marriott Marquis in New York, featured 14 keynote speakers including talk show host Sally Jesse Raphael, author and radio and TV personality Dr. Ruth Westheimer, University of Pennsylvania Law School Professor Lani Guinier and founder of The Coalition of 100 Black Women Jewell Jackson McCabe.

The conference featured more than 100 workshops for women with 300 women speakers. In addition to business, issues such as health and stress were also discussed.

Close to 5,000 women attended the conference from the U.S., Europe and Japan.

The purpose of the conference, according to Trysh Caffery, AWED's conference coordinator, is to help women succeed in business. Caffery said the corporation wants to bring women together in business, networking and education.

"We want to inspire and motivate women through the achievements of other women," she said.

Rosalind S. Paaswell, president of AWED, said the conference gives women the chance to

gain business contacts and opportunities from one another.

"Our objective is to learn from each other and to come together to take strength and wisdom from each other," Paaswell said.

Another goal of the conference was for women to evaluate their role in business now and in the future.

Paaswell feels optimistic about the future for women in the corporate world.

"The number of women starting businesses is four times the rate of men," she said. "They are primarily main stream businesses. In addition, women that own businesses in America already employ more people than most Fortune 500 companies."

Many Howard students also see a promising future for women in business.

Kinshasha Amani-Dove, a telecommunications major, said she feels that opportunities for women in business are growing. "They [women] will play a major role when women see they can take roles in business instead of stereotypical roles such as homemakers and teachers; more women are going into the work force and are influencing the production of businesses on levels such as CEOs and owners."

In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of women holding leadership roles in large corporations. Professional occupations that for so long have been dominated by men are now heeding to and advancing from the

influence of women.

Senior Marketing major Medina Thomas notices the advancement of women in corporate America.

"The role of business today is leadership," said Thomas. "In past, businesses have been run by men. Women have equal expertise to men but haven't had the opportunity to take leadership roles and to turn businesses to a new perspective where it is open to everyone."

Male students also notice the need for women to advance in the corporate world. Adrian Benjamin, a junior majoring in COBIS, spoke in favor of women in business.

"Women play an important role in business," said Benjamin. "They can do as much as a man can do, there's no need to discriminate."

Likewise, Lee Green, a senior majoring in Finance, said he feels that it is great that women have decided to pursue success and profitable roles in business. He said it is unfair that some women with professional degrees have to settle for clerical positions.

"Women have to prove themselves much more than men by working twice as hard because of male competition," Green said.

"The future for women in business looks bright. It has never been better," Caffery said.

AWED is a non-profit organization that provides women with business training and counseling. It has served women since 1976 and continues to advance the role of women in business.

Moving commencement to Greene would save money, increase visibility administrators say

STAIUM, from A1

Hampshire-Cowan last month to discuss the matter, feels many students would prefer an enjoyable graduation over just having the ceremony on The "Yard."

"Tradition is a real stickler for Howard students," Winder said. "But I think the bottom line for all of the seniors is that they enjoy their college graduation in a safe environment. And I believe the University's dedication to excellence will not falter just because graduation is held at the stadium."

"Tradition is hard to break," said Chidiadi Akoma, president-elect of the Howard University Student Association. "Many students might not be too happy with the change, but if they work alongside with commencement coordinators, I think the change might come out to be a good compromise for everyone."

Howard Chapter President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Bryan Parker agrees that the environment, not necessarily the location is the main issue.

"Any atmosphere that allows for the maximum exposure of the individual graduates is best," Parker, a graduating Biology major said. "The 'Yard' would be the best place if the conditions were better and it didn't look so much like a trash dump. But really, I just want that piece of paper."

The Office of the Secretary is seeking comments and suggestions about the proposed change before the final decision is made. To offer your input, contact the Secretary's office at 806-2250.

Capitol Highlights

House Passes 1995 Budget

The U.S. House of Representatives finally passed President Clinton's proposed 1995 budget by a vote of 223 to 175. A middle class tax-cut, which was one of Clinton's campaign promises, was not included in the plan. Neither health care nor welfare reform are included. "Republicans generally have lots of rhetoric about balancing the budget," commented House Budget Committee Chairman Martin Sabo of Minnesota. The final budget contains \$2 billion for domestic programs (up 6.3 billion) and \$1 trillion for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and the federal debt.

Bill to Avoid Racial Bias

The House Judiciary Committee is considering legislation to guarantee competent counsel and to allow minority death row inmates to use statistics as evidence to demonstrate the court system as being racially biased. A Justice Department report stating that percent of death row inmates since 1988 have been black prompted the proposed legislation. Rep. Don Edwards of California, who is pushing for the proposal to be in the crime bill, said, "we can not imagine that the federal government—which is supposed to be the guardian of our civil rights—that this pattern would be in the federal system." The director of the NAACP, Washington office, Wade Henderson, said the report showed racial bias in the death penalty process by U.S. attorneys. "Moreover, Justice Department responded that it 'is committed to ensuring that death penalty decisions are devoid of any racial considerations.'"

Price-Cut for Norplant

Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders testified on Capitol Hill before a House Small Business subcommittee about the high price of Norplant, the controversial birth control contraceptive. She said Norplant is out of the reach of "the young, the working poor, the uninsured and the uninsured." According to Rep. Ron Wyden of Oregon, Norplant sells for approximately \$23 per person outside the United States while domestic costs are more than \$700 per person. Elders wants Wyeth-Ayerst, the manufacturer of Norplant, to raise the price and sell the contraceptive in bulk to the public. Although Medicaid pays for Norplant for the nation's poorest women, others who are uninsured cannot afford the birth control procedure. "I'm bothered that it's so difficult for many of our poor women to be able to afford this product... We're really between a rock and a hard place," Elders said.

Senator Packwood and Ethics

The Senate Ethics Committee, which is investigating Senator Packwood's (R-Ore.) alleged sexual harassment charges, is offering a deal to the Oregon senator. According to Packwood, investigation would be dropped if he resigned from the Senate. Chairman Richard Bryan of Nevada said, "[the assertions] were initiated entirely by Senator Packwood, not the [Ethics] Committee." Packwood is still fighting the Senate committee's subpoena of personal diaries as evidence for his alleged sexual actions. Packwood said, "it frightens me to think that the private thoughts, hopes, dreams and despairs of all our citizens can now be seized by the government." A Packwood representative told the Ethics Committee that senator "intended to resign." In response, the congressional panel said, "the committee probably would not continue its inquiry if senator resigned, since he would no longer be a member of the Senate."

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INTERNATIONAL

Forum discusses diversity in the classroom

Leslie Harris
Hilltop Staff Writer

Being able to communicate with and to learn from students from different backgrounds was the main issue addressed in the forum titled: "The Significance of the International Students in the Classroom: An Intercultural Perspective."

The discussion, sponsored by the American, Caribbean and International Students' associations, in collaboration with the Office of International Student Services and the Department of Human Communications Studies, was held March 19 in the forum of the Armour J. Blackburn University Center.

Gregory Niles, a panelist and professor in the Department of Human Communications Studies, said there are many advantages in having international students in the classroom.

"It widens the scope of the discussion in the classroom and there is more learning and more knowledge. It also fosters closer relationships and prepares you as an individual for future contacts," he said.

He also said that there is a special affinity to living in Washington, D.C., and being a part of the Howard University community because people from different cultures come to this area.



Caption: Darryl Zeigler, assistant director of International Students Service, welcomes the audience.

Ron Jackson, a Ph.D candidate in intercultural communications, agreed with Niles that Howard provides wonderful opportunities for people from different

countries and cultures to interact. But, according to Jackson, there sometimes is a lack of interest from African-American students to learn about other students'

cultures. He believes that this can be detrimental because culture within the classroom is very significant.

"Many African-Americans do not fully understand how it is to be outside of this nation. This is why people should educate and instruct individuals about their cultures," Jackson said.

Felix Opara, a Ph.D candidate in economics, echoed Jackson in saying that there is sometimes a lack of interest in students to learn about different people from different cultures and countries.

According to Opara, people should ask questions about different cultures.

Opara also stressed that it is important that students be aware of the particular hardships, like the surcharge, that face international students.

"The surcharge is not only an economic issue but a political issue. Congress imposed the surcharge because in their minds international students meant African and Caribbean students," Opara said.

He also said that the financial hardships

of international students will decrease enrollment at Howard.

"The hardships that international students have will affect Howard because the enrollment will decrease and the international students will go where they can afford," he said.

The student responses to the panel discussion were mostly positive. They expressed some concern for the lack of diversity in the materials chosen professors. They said professors should be aware that their references should be broader than the African-American experience.

"I thought it was very fruitful. And I think that more students should get involved in meeting students from different parts of the world," said Carey Grady, a sophomore majoring in history.

Barbadian David Thompson, a sophomore majoring in hotel and restaurant management, agreed. "I think more forums should be encouraged. I only saw mostly international students here. There should be more widespread participation."

The meeting was attended by international and African-American students, faculty and staff members of Howard University.

CSA to hold speakout for students contesting elections

The Caribbean Students' Association will today hold a speakout for the candidates contesting the April general elections. The event takes place at the Forum of the Armour J. Blackburn University Center at 5 p.m. Today is also the deadline for all states contesting the elections, and they should be forwarded to the Office of International Student Services, room 119 in the Blackburn Center by noon.

Mary Washington College supports El Salvadorian peace

By Omowale Elson
Hilltop Staff Writer

While 3 million El Salvadorians were preparing for their country's first free election since its 12-year civil war, 16 students at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va., were holding a candlelight vigil last Saturday night, the eve of the election.

"It is important that we support a peaceful transformation," said Michelle Bedard, coordinator of the Pax Christi Jean Donovan memorial organization, which organized the event to heighten the awareness of gross human rights violations in El Salvador.

Among the human rights abuses identified were mass murders and sporadic unexplained disappearances. According to Bedard, it was the billions of dollars which the U.S. spent in support of the war against the former Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front in El Salvador that led to the killings. The March 20 edition of The Washington Post put the figure at 70,000, including 40,000 civilians killed by the army and right-wing civilian death squads.

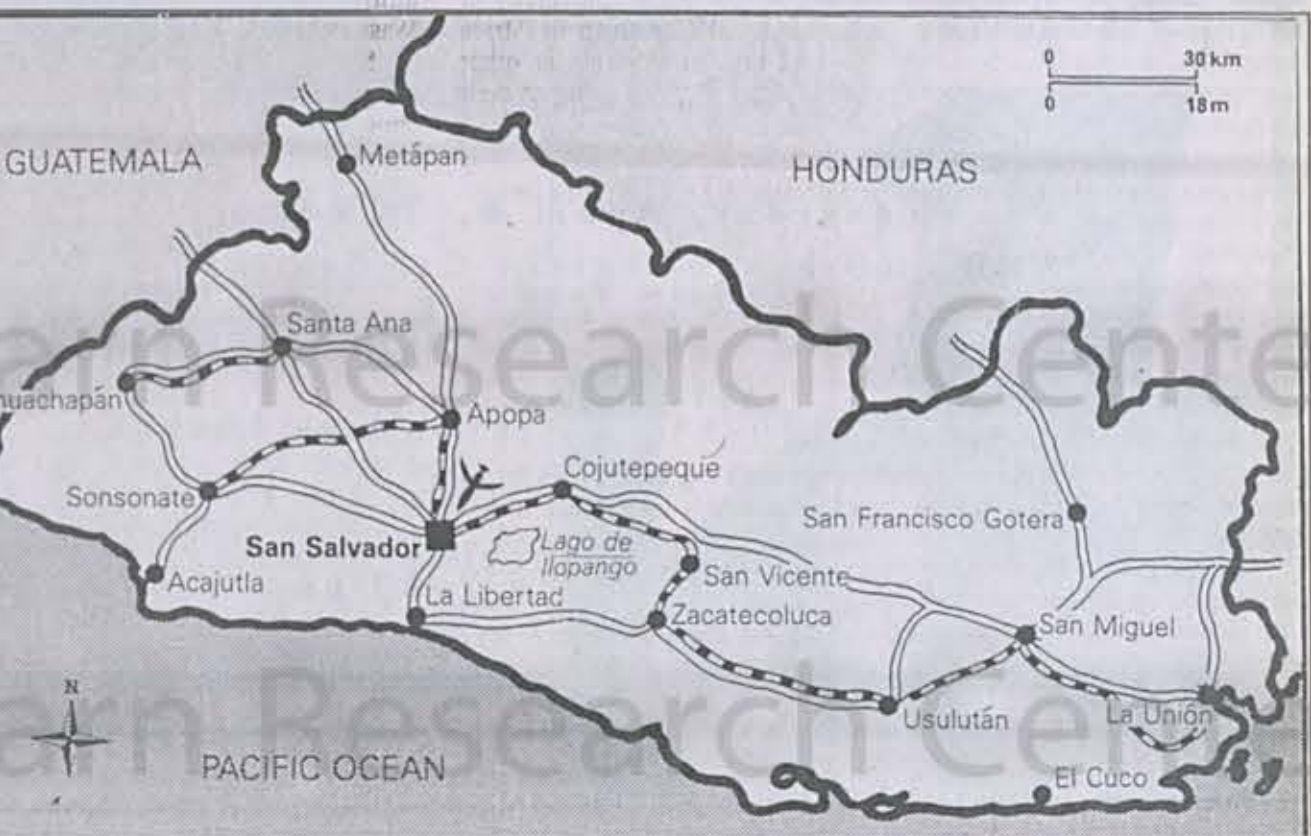
Bedard said the FMLN was formed and engaged in armed struggle because they "felt it was the only way to achieve justice... they wanted to fight for three days and have fought for 10 years."

But she admonished: "It is important that we let our voices be heard. It is our voices that make a difference," she told the students who were formed in a circle in front of the Ann Carter Lee Hall.

Ever since 1980 following the murder of Jean Donovan, a Mary Washington College alumna who had been conducting missionary work in El Salvador, Mary Washington students have been actively publicizing human rights abuses by government troops. Donovan was reportedly killed by the military.

The students' rage was not only directed at the El Salvadorian government but also at their own government. David Radcliff charged: "Our [U.S.] government supported the death squads who killed thousands of innocent people including priests, nuns, Bishop Oscar Romero [in 1980] and WMC alumna Jean Donovan. And the El Salvadorian government did not stop the death squads with the peace treaty [sponsored by the United Nations]. These are not things that make us proud to be Americans."

In expressing support for the people of El Salvador, Kevin Mes read a quotation of the late bishop,



Romero. It noted: "The world of the poor teaches us that liberation will arrive only when the poor are the controllers of, and protagonists in, their own struggle and liberation."

The occasion also allowed speakers to address the wider question of social justice and the struggle against oppression. Attention was drawn to similar situations in Mexico, Haiti, Bosnia

and South Africa. Such were the concerns of Pax members Jennifer Crowley and Sarah Beimler, who called on students everywhere to raise their voices on behalf of human rights, peace and justice and to work in some way to affect such outcomes.

Speaking to The HILLTOP after the event, Bedard said organization members are kept abreast with the

situation in El Salvador through affiliates of the Catholic Church.

The vigil ended with a quotation from the Peace Pilgrim: "The price of peace is to abandon arrogance and replace it with repentance and humility, remembering that the way of peace is the way of love... the price of peace is to abandon greed and replace it with giving."

Trade unions and their political impact on South Africa

Front Line



Khensani Makubela

The involvement of the trade unions into the political process in South Africa started in 1979 when they decided that it was in their interest to pursue workers' rights from a collective position. Realizing that they had a common interest against apartheid, it was for them to merge unions representing public servants, farm workers and domestics. Hence, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) which now has 1.5 million members, was founded in 1985 as the largest federation of unions.

The bigger unions in the country are the National Union of General Workers (NUMSA), National Union of Mine Workers (NUM), South African Textile Workers Union (SATWU), Food Allied Workers Union (FAWA), South African Commercial and Allied Workers Union (SACAWU). These unions are mobilizing members in various ways and are pressing political issues such as the right for democratic elections in South Africa.

To this end, the powerful clout of the alliance of trade unions and COSATU, in particular, has played

a very critical and important role in driving forward the negotiations process for a democratic government, and is keeping the process on track while the forces of reaction have attempted to place roadblocks in the way of democratization. One can recall that in 1990, COSATU joined the African National Congress in organizing a nationwide strike to protest violence organized by the government and Inkatha.

As the most organized sector of the mass movement, the unions have spearheaded the active involvement of the civil society in the political process. In doing this, they have demanded that the process should belong to all the people of South Africa. This was again demonstrated when COSATU and the ANC in 1991 organized 3.5 million workers who implemented a successful two-day strike against the government imposition of a value-added tax.

However, to ensure that the ANC wins the elections on April 27-29, and that the expectations of the working class are met by the new government, the trade unions will continue to use legitimate strategies such as demonstrations and the strike in negotiating workers' rights from the government and other employers.

COSATU is actively campaigning workers to vote for the ANC. But significantly, it is bringing other trade unions together to see that the government implements the reconstruction and development program which has been widely discussed. The ANC and COSATU have realized that without political power being transferred to a democratic state, it will not be possible to implement a meaningful program of socio-economic transformation. COSATU and the ANC have arrived independently at the same

conclusion, which is, that if the democracy has any hope of succeeding in South Africa, the country will need a program for Reconstruction and Development. This program will be driven by democratic forces in civil society, which includes the trade union movement.

COSATU is encouraging its members and every worker in South Africa to belong to a democratic political party, by engaging political parties in the election and supporting them on the basis of specific platforms, trade unions will not be giving away their independence. Rather, trade unions will be coming from a position of strength, asserting their influence and their power to act in a way which furthers their members' interests.

ANC and COSATU are going to keep the same status even if ANC becomes a new government. Workers are convinced that the ANC is going to win the elections. But the alliance is still to be reviewed to ensure that the integrity of labor is retained. Trade unions say their alliance to the South African Communist Party has to be strengthened since it might be a useful alliance to fight the new government.

The independence of the trade union movement is taken very seriously. John Gomomo, president of COSATU, recently addressed this issue in a television interview when he stressed that if the ANC does not support the rights of the workers as a government, COSATU reserves the right to take up arms. He said that if anti-worker positions were adopted by the ANC, they would have to respond because mistakes made by the trade union movement in neighboring states by being co-opted by the government would not be repeated in South Africa.

The question of gender in the role of the trade union movement is well recognized. Women have played a very important role in the struggles of South Africa. A structure has been formed to address issues facing women, that is, through the "Gender Forum." This forum examines gains made by women, such as maternity leave and child facilities in their working places, though many of these things are at a developing stage. It is worthy to note that in 1987, a resolution by the executive branch of COSATU was passed to have a proper coordination approach toward women issues.

As an implementation of that resolution in 1991, the structure of the "Gender Forum" has a female coordinator at the national, regional and local level. Consistent with that position, a woman was elected vice president of COSATU. This was the first time in the history of South African trade unions that a woman held such a high position. Since then, women have held such positions as secretary-generals and national organizers of various unions. COSATU encourages women to hold high posts like their male counterparts. Women have led political activities in the factories, they have taken up arms against the factory managers and they have been rewarded by being given a chance to hold posts formerly held by men in South Africa.

Khensani Makubela is an administrative officer of the National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa, one of the country's largest trade unions. She visited Howard University last December.

A GLANCE AROUND THE WORLD

Ethiopia

A letter of protest has been sent to the Clinton Administration which branded the U.S. policy towards Haitians as racially-biased. A multiracial coalition of elected officials; Hollywood actors; and religious, civil rights and labor leaders said the U.S. was treating Haitian political refugees differently from refugees of other nations. They charged that much of the U.S. policy is driven by considerations of race. The letter is seen as an important initial step in a new campaign to mobilize public sentiment against U.S. Haitian policy and has been likened to the Free South Africa Movement against apartheid and U.S. investments in South Africa in 1984. (The Washington Post)

Somalia

Mogadishu — Afflicted with years of civil war, famine and anarchy, Mogadishu is being faced with yet another life-threatening problem of cholera, which has reached epidemic levels, infecting more than 2,000 and killing more than 100. Cholera is a bacterial infection of the small intestines that is contracted by ingesting contaminated water or food. Massive water chlorination and education campaigns are being carried out in Mogadishu by the U.N. Children's Fund, World Health Organization and other U.N. agencies and private funds. (USA Today)

Grenada

St. Georges — The Morris Bishop Patriotic Movement has publicly apologized 15 years after the demise of the Grenada revolution for the wrongs carried out against Grenadians. The apology was directed to some citizens whose human rights were violated in such ways as incarceration without a trial, and the loss of freedom of speech and other freedoms. (Caribbean News Agency)

Cuba

Havana — The U.S. government says it will not be inviting the Fidel Castro administration nor the de facto regime in Haiti because they are undemocratic. In response, political scientist Dr. Neville Duncan of the University of the West Indies says that it is ridiculous to exclude Cuba from an upcoming hemispheric summit. Duncan states that "it is nonsense in the post Cold War year and given the fact that Cuba is actually an integral and physical part of Latin America and the Caribbean, it is nonsense to exclude them from any kind of general deliberations such as that conference is going to be." (Caribbean News Agency)

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RANDOM THOUGHTS

ANGER AND HEART ATTACKS: WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?

People with heart disease more than double the risk of a heart attack when they get angry, and the danger lasts two hours, according to researchers.

Other studies have shown that anger increases heart rate, boosts high blood pressure and encourages clogging of arteries. But this is the first controlled study to find that anger can be an immediate trigger of heart attacks, Murray Mittleman, of Harvard Medical School and the principal author of the study, said.

Mittleman said people who try to remain calm during emotional conflicts might be able to reduce risk of a heart attack.

Mittleman and his colleagues have shown that the stress of waking in the morning is a trigger that could explain why heart attacks are more common at that time of day. They have also shown that strenuous exercise and sexual activity can raise the immediate risk of a heart attack.

Researchers have long understood that high cholesterol levels, high blood pressure, smoking and other activities raise the risk of a heart attack.

Researchers also noted that people who take aspirin, which is known to lower heart attack risk, are partly protected from the effects of angry outbursts. Aspirin affects the ability of blood platelets to form clots and clog arteries. So the findings concerning aspirin suggest that anger might be having some effect on platelets or the biochemical systems that regulate them, Mittleman said.

—Associated Press

THE NEW SAT

The Scholastic Aptitude Test that high school students take in order to gain entrance into post-secondary institutions is now The Scholastic Assessment Test with longer reading passages, no synonyms and math problems that the student has to work out for himself instead of multiple choice problems. The new SAT, like the old one, is still intended to predict how well a student will do in college.

Anne Buckley, a spokeswoman for the College Board, said the revised test is not designed to be more difficult. The test is still three hours long, but there are fewer questions. The half-hour "Test of Standard Written English," which asked students to spot grammatical errors, has been eliminated. And, for the first time this year, students can use calculators on the math portion of the exam.

—The Washington Post

BUNGEE JUMPING MAY BE HARMFUL TO EYES

In a case reported to the medical journal The Lancet, two British doctors reported that a woman attached to a 50-foot bungee cord leaped from a 160-foot-high crane as part of a fundraiser. Six hours later, she had impaired vision in both eyes, apparently from hemorrhaging within the eyeballs.

After a week, her left eye had improved, but the vision in her right eye remained poor. Within 12 weeks, the right eye had improved but still had not returned to normal.

The thin part of the retina is particularly susceptible to trauma, the British doctors noted, and may be damaged during a bungee jump by the sudden rise in pressure in the tiny blood vessels in the eyeball.

Worldwide, there have been four reported deaths and four critical injuries from bungee jumping. These injuries, according to the two doctors, "have mainly been due to operator error and were impact related."

—The Washington Post

Getting

Blunted at HU



more common than you might think

By Melinda Spaulding
Hilltop Staff Writer

"I left my Philly at home. Do you have another? I wanna get blunted, my brother."

This popular phrase by Smooth B of Nice 'n' Smooth, often chanted at parties, is recognizable to many students in reference to weed, hemp, ghanga or blunts. No matter how it is worded or described, marijuana is back in full force, and it has made its way onto campuses across the country — including Howard's.

What exactly is this stuff? Marijuana is a wild tobacco that can be grown almost anywhere. It is also a hallucinogenic drug. This tobacco, which is illegal in the United States, has gained increasing popularity and awareness within the social realm of the current college-aged community — commonly referred to as Generation X.

And Howard University is no exception as marijuana, commonly referred to as blunts, is gaining increasing acceptance among University students. It is not uncommon to see advertisements for "Herb" parties and students wearing paraphernalia inscribed with weed or phrases referring to its legalization.

Junior nursing major Tasha McRae has especially noticed the trend.

"Chronic" tee shirts, sweatshirts and hats are among the most popular items for a lot of students, especially those of us from the West Coast," the Long Beach native said.

The commonality of marijuana may be a surprise to a few people, but several students are familiar with its use or know someone who is.

How did "weed" become so socially acceptable within our generation? Popular culture has a lot to do with it.

"Getting blunted" is a major theme in a lot of songs by some rap

artists, many of whom openly smoke and promote the use of marijuana. Rap artists like Cypress Hill and Snoop Doggy Dogg are two of the most recognizable and openly "blunted" artists who have large followings. Often, their behavior is simulated by their listeners, perhaps because some young people look to these entertainers for different trends in clothes and style and have often patterned themselves after or imitated them. Getting high is also a pre-performance ritual for many artists.

Whether or not the influence of marijuana is a direct result of certain hip-hop music, various Howard students are getting in on the action. Many get "blunted" out of curiosity.

"I smoked marijuana once," said freshman Gregory Fletcher, "and it didn't do anything for me. So, I've never done it since. I don't plan on doing it again."

Unlike Fletcher, one "pro-weed" freshman, who wished to remain anonymous, has a different opinion.

"Weed is like a form of relaxation; it relaxes you. You can compare it to like when a mother comes home from a hard day's work, when she's been on her feet all day and she soaks them in some hot water to relax her. People smoke weed to relax them," he said.

Darnell Moore, a political science major, uses an interesting analogy when speaking of marijuana.

"Herbs are like verbs because verbs control the state of being in a sentence such as: is, are, was, were. Different tenses — past, present, future. Now weed, medically, is proven to be a depressant. So, in other words, marijuana acts like a verb because it slows down your actions and changes your tenses," Moore explained.

While it is true that some students may use marijuana for relaxation and for medical purposes, it is certainly not the case for many others. Many smoke simply because it

happens to be the trendy thing to do. However, some students have learned that doing what is trendy can have detrimental effects.

Recently, these harmful effects were displayed when a freshman jumped off the roof of Drew Hall.

Another student, who also wished to remain anonymous, smoked weed that he believed to be laced with embalming fluid, commonly referred to as buddah. After cipherring (passing it around) with his boys, he noticed that something was wrong.

"The world started spinning. First, I lost track of time. I thought that it was a couple of minutes but it was three hours and I was still in the same spot. It felt like I was looking at myself like in an out of body experience. I thought something was crawling on me. I think we went to the bathroom — we thought we were gonna die. We thought it was like LSD or PCP. We thought we were gonna stay like that forever. Then I passed out somewhere by the sink and woke up in my boy's room. We couldn't stop shaking. We started vomiting," he remembered.

Needless to say, that was his last experience with marijuana.

There are more than 50 types of marijuana differing in color and potency. Culturally, marijuana is accepted and openly-produced in many countries, especially those in the Caribbean.

Here at Howard, upon entering some area parties or clubs, one cannot help but to encounter immediate and, sometimes, unwanted second-hand or contact smoke.

"It's disgusting. A lot of times, the club owners are aware that people are smoking. They're violating the breathing space of those who chose not to smoke," said a sophomore who did not want to be identified.

chance to interact with black children at The Davis Center, an all-black dance studio, and in Jack and Jill, an all-black club dedicated to exposing black youth to their culture and people. But because the majority of my time in Maryland was spent immersed in a white environment, those were the surroundings that had the greatest influence on me.

I sought validation from whites. I always felt I had something to prove because I was constantly pushed to the bottom. Many battles were fought between my mother and my teachers because my mother knew that I was better than average. The constant struggle eventually made me feel like I was less, because I was constantly comparing myself to white people.

After years of brainwashing, I would take pleasure when little white girls would say, "You are different from the rest of the black people." Different, meaning not as ignorant, not as "black."

I also became preoccupied with the "European American beauty ethic." I tried to fool myself for a long time into thinking that I was light-skinned. I yearned to have long straight hair like my other black friends. It was not until I got to high school that I felt devalued and left out because most guys went for that type of beauty.

I came to Howard by chance; my parents were moving to Louisiana, and I did not want to leave the area where I was born and raised, so I quickly applied to Howard. When people asked me where I was going to school, I would mumble, "Howard." Well, everything happens for a reason.

In my first semester, I opposed Black Power. I talked about the street people as if their condition were all their fault, and in my English 002 class, I wrote a paper vehem-

Sip, sip... oops, hangover

By Rashida Syed
Hilltop Staff Writer

It's Friday night. Guys and girls are primping in the mirror and getting dressed in their phat-test gear as conversations are drowned out by loud music.

It's nearly an hour before party time and the sound of bottles and cans of liquor popping open can be heard in college dormitories across the country. It's only minutes before that first buzz and moments before drunkenness kicks in. While this scenario may be shocking to some, it is as common as classes starting on Monday morning.

It is no mystery that more than half of the students on most university campuses have not even reached the legal drinking age of 21; so how are they able to purchase alcohol?

are drinking, of course I'm gonna get some," he said.

Many students first experiment with drinking when they want to college, and while many make a habit out of it, some students make their first experience their last.

Keisha*, a sophomore psychology major, recalled her recent drinking experience with disgust.

"Some students get drunk on the weekends because they want to get that 'nice' feeling, but I just did it out of curiosity. It was something I've always wanted to do, so I did it," she said. "I got drunk and got a hangover — all in the same night. After my experience, I don't want anymore," Keisha said.

Kevin*, a freshman majoring in biology, does not think he will ever get drunk because he



Well, not many liquor store owners were enthusiastic or even willing to be interviewed, but one, however, did speak up. He asked that his identity and the name of his store not be revealed.

"Of course, we request to see their I.D., unless it's obvious that they're way over 21," said the local store owner, "but that's all we can do. A lot of them have fake I.D.s."

Evidently, this storeowner is a lot more ethical than most, because the fact is underage college students are not being carded and, as a result, are able to purchase alcohol.

Louis*, a freshman majoring in political science, was shocked when asked how he is able to get liquor, hinting that it is easier than most people think.

"You don't even think about it [how to purchase alcohol]. Somebody always has something to drink and if you can't get it, then somebody else will buy it for you," he said.

More importantly, however, than how students buy alcohol is why so many college students habitually drink on the weekends.

"I don't do it every weekend," Louis said of consuming alcohol. "But when I do, it's so I'll have more fun. You get to feeling kind of light-headed and silly and anything goes... and if my [friends]

already feels high sometimes without drinking. He has taken the time to analyze why his peers drink, and he regards it as a weakness.

In his observance of Drew Hall residents, where he says it is common to see empty 40-ounce beer bottles in the halls and bathrooms, Kevin said, "No one is discreet about their drinking habits."

"On the surface, they'll say they do it [get drunk] for a certain reason, but there's really a deeper reason for it. Students who drink are obviously trying to escape reality. Some of them do it because it makes it easier for them to talk to a girl in a club," Kevin said.

Casual drinking and getting drunk on college campuses, something that might not have been the norm 15 years ago, has now become socially acceptable.

It is not uncommon to see college students sipping a "40" or stumbling into their dormitories after a party. And while many disagree on whether or not casual drinking among the future leaders of today is okay, many agree that something must be done to see to it that these casual drinkers do not become future alcoholics.

"We [society] stress that we shouldn't drink in excess, but we don't say it's wrong," Kevin said. "It's part of our society."

Reflections

BY NATALIE TELLIS

APPRECIATING HOWARD FOR THE BLACKNESS OF ITS CULTURE

The greatest lesson I have been taught at Howard University is not how to conjugate a verb, use the library, write a paper, or how to wait in the world's longest line.

I found my greatest educational experience in learning about my history, my people, my validation, my identity; the culmination of these lessons has fertilized a love inside of me that I could not have grasped from any other place.

Before coming to Howard, I was nothing short of an "identity mess." Sure, my parents exposed me to black history and I got a

mently opposing Affirmative Action, stating that it was reverse discrimination. That was the blind foolishness of yesteryear.

My second semester at Howard touched off the beginning of a period of education and enlightenment which I will keep and cherish for the rest of my life. I took an African-American Studies class that taught me things about the Middle Passage and African culture and rituals that was never before mentioned in my history books. I learned that I came from a mass of people to be proud of, that my ancestors were kings and queens and that African American was a race to be proud of, if for nothing else, for our survival through an undying struggle.

On campus, I was delighted by differing styles and types of beauty. I found that black beauty was glorified for all its diversity, and I had no reason to feel inferior to any of my sisters because there is room for all of us.

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PEOPLE

Howard alumnus empowers tomorrow's leaders

President and founder of Future Quest, Inc. aids students in educational planning, college placement

By Ramonica Rice
Hilltop Staff Writer

Ensuring that today's youth are college bound and ready to confront the demanding challenges after high school is the mission of Dr. Kpadpundu Ezeze, founder and president of Future Quest Inc., a consulting firm that specializes in educational planning and college placement.

Ezeze works with youths from all racial and economic backgrounds, as well as with corporations, churches and community service organizations. Future Quest Inc. also has centers in Philadelphia and New York, where they seek families that need assistance in their children's higher educational planning.

Future Quest Inc. is divided into two phases. The first phase deals with 8th, 9th and 10th graders, and focuses on their interests and strengths. According to Ezeze, these grade levels are key because it is here that teen-agers become aware of the responsibilities needed to begin college preparation.

During the second phase, 11th and 12th grade students match their academic strengths, interests and financial resources with the colleges of their choice.

Although the first phase is more beneficial, Ezeze emphasized that most families usually wait until the second phase before taking the necessary steps to secure their child's future.

Ezeze said he enjoys working with youths who come from dysfunctional families because he believes he has more of an impact on their lives.

"The nice thing about working with many kids that come from underprivileged backgrounds is that there are so

many of those kids," Ezeze said. "Education is something that is not always given. There are so many other things that those kids are trying to do, that the idea of thinking about this kid becoming a doctor or lawyer, going through undergraduate school, is not part of their repertoire," he said.

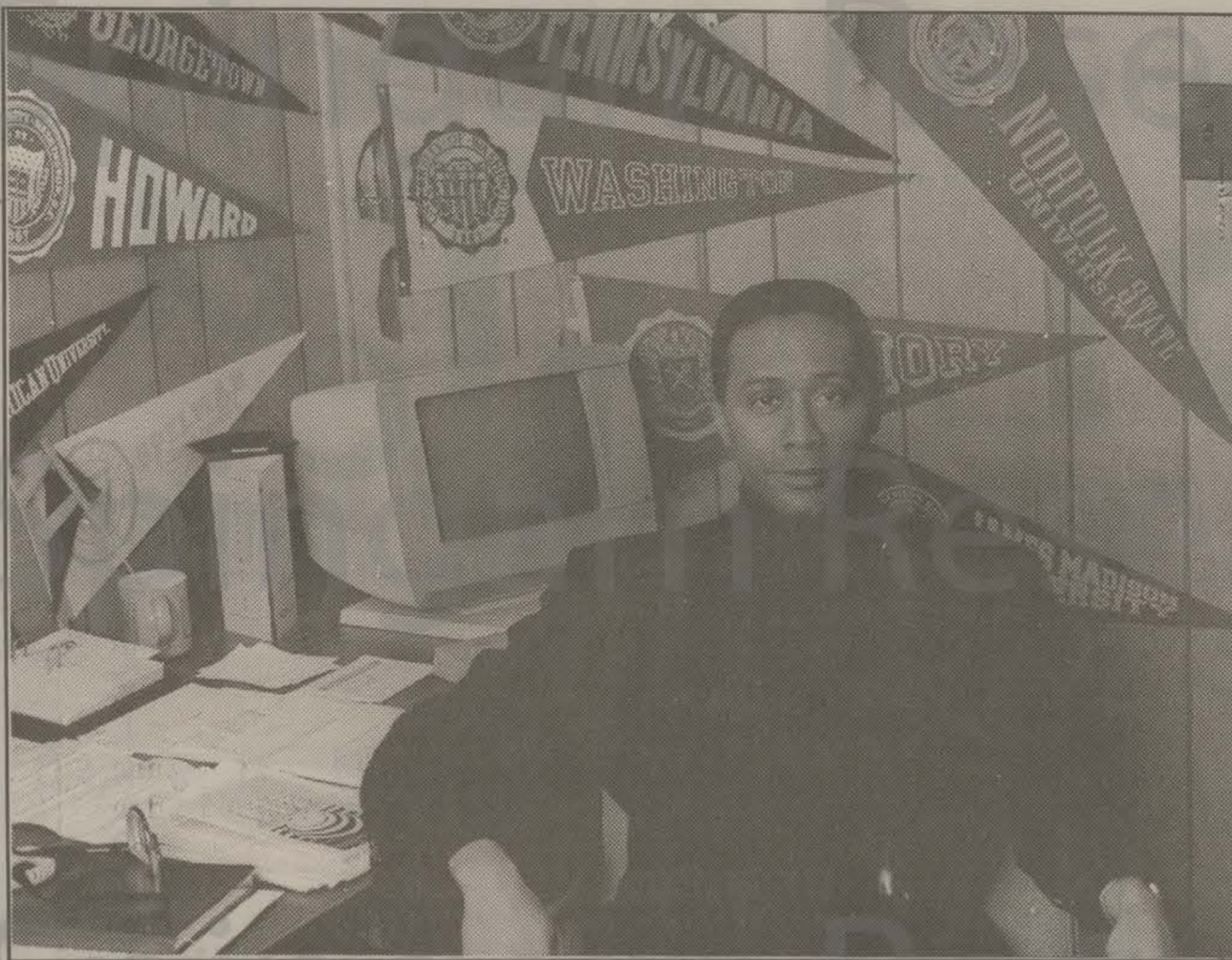
Ezeze was born in Winston Salem, N.C., and reared in Boston. He said his experience growing up in Boston during the '50s and '60s was not that different from those experiences of other black Americans during that time period. His community had been segregated for a long time, he said, so when he came to Howard as an undergraduate, he fell in love immediately with the student body.

Ezeze said life at the Mecca during the '60s and '70s was a wonderful experience. He said the love he has for Howard is greater than what many students feel for the school today, and he said that Howard today is not quite the same as when he was a student.

"There was something about the Howard experience that made me feel visible in ways that I never felt visible in an all-white high school," Ezeze said.

Ezeze chose to attend Howard for many reasons. After coming from a predominantly white environment, Ezeze thought Washington, D.C., was chocolate heaven.

"I had wondered what it would be like to go to school in an all-black community. Although I was recruited by Columbia [University], BU [Boston University], UMASS [University of Massachusetts],



I decided that I would apply to Howard as my first choice," Ezeze said. "It was funny, because as soon as I was coming into Washington... my father had this radio station on and the commentator said, 'Welcome to the chocolate city'... and I felt like oh, this is a whole new experience."

During Ezeze's undergraduate years at Howard, he majored in Fine Arts, but he never considered himself a Picasso, William H. Johnson or Ernie Watson. Although his peers considered him a good artist, his teachers thought he was merely average.

After realizing that pursuing the art world would not be his best career choice, Ezeze found interest in psychology.

"I really was interested in the ideology of human behavior like why do people function the way they function, what motivates their behavior unconsciously and consciously," Ezeze said.

Identifying with his African culture was an important aspect of Ezeze's college life. Originally named Carlton Howan, Ezeze decided to change it when he became aware of his African heritage.

"I wanted to empower myself by reclaiming something that was taken from us [African Americans]," Ezeze said. The name

Kpadpundu Ezeze comes from a tribe in Nigeria where Kpadpundu means "rising star" and Ezeze means "king of kings."

After graduating cum laude from Howard, Ezeze traveled to Europe for a year and decided to attend graduate school to study counseling and psychology.

He earned his master's degree in counseling from Tufts University and his doctorate in administration planning and social policy from Harvard University.

Ezeze gradually rose to the zenith of his career after holding several jobs in his field. He was a counselor for a high school, associate dean for residence at the University of Pennsylvania and an academic advisor and co-director of Multi-Cultural Education at Washington-Lee High School in Virginia.

Aside from being president of his consulting firm, Ezeze also serves as the college advisor of the Ionia Whipper Home, a home for young female wards of D.C. He is also the liaison between college bound students and their high school counselors.

"In some ways I'm a surrogate parent and in other ways I'm a college advisor," Ezeze said. "These girls are very, very needy because these girls come from dysfunctional backgrounds... but I find these girls when they need an awful lot of attention."

"I've always enjoyed helping people achieve their goals and it's not just kids who are necessarily from economically deprived backgrounds, although those are my most challenging and rewarding clients," Ezeze said.

VITAL STATISTICS:

NAME: Dr. Kpadpundu Ezeze

AGE: 46

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Nielson returns to deliver usual 'Naked Gun' humor



Lt. Frank Drebin (Leslie Nielsen) comes face to face with Tanya (Anna Nicole Smith).

by A. Shahnaaz Davidson
Hilltop Staff Writer

As we head into spring break, many of us are looking for ways to escape. "Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult," starring Leslie Nielsen and Pricilla Presley, will take your mind off academics and

send you home rolling with laughter.

The story surrounds Lt. Frank Drebin's (Leslie Nielsen) quest for happiness during retirement. He is lured back for one last undercover case by his co-workers Ed and Nordberg (OJ Simpson). The problem is, Jane (Pricilla

Presley) doesn't want Frank, her husband, going back into police work, especially while their new marriage is losing its spark. The couple has just gone to their therapist who has recommended a romantic evening at home to rekindle the flame. Jane is furious to find out that their romantic

evening will be replaced by Frank's hunt for terrorists.

As Lt. Drebin hunts down those planning to bomb the Academy Awards, he must deal with Rocco (Fred Ward) and his sly girlfriend Tanya, played by "Guess?" model Anna Nicole Smith. Drebin poses as a murderer in order to get close to Rocco, who is planning the big sabotage from his jail cell.

Drebin's heroics while undercover in jail get him into the good graces of Rocco and they team up until the day of the Academy Awards when Drebin's cover is blown.

The televised award show turns into a veritable fiasco with Drebin tackling Raquel Welch, snatching off Pia Zadora's wig, falling into the band stand and throwing up into a tuba.

Weird Al Yankovik and Vanna White end up bound and gagged in their underwear when Drebin and Jane must steal their clothes in order to get into the Academy awards.

The usual "Naked Gun" slapstick humor is in order with Nordberg catching babies in his arms as if they are touchdown passes. He provides much

entertainment with his absent-minded antics surprisingly leaving him uninjured this time around.

A most memorable performance was given by Kathleen Freeman, who plays Rocco's mother. She is very supportive of her felonious son and even drives the getaway car when Rocco escapes from prison. Her most memorable moment comes when she lays a wet one on Frank after she removes her

dentures and heartily spits out some residual phlegm.

Without giving away all of the details of this comedy, it is safe to say that "Naked Gun 33 1/3" lives up to the hype and energy of its predecessors. If nothing else, it is worth it to find out Tanya's big secret, which she conceals until the very end of the film.

"Naked Gun 33 1/3," produced by David Zucker, is currently playing at area theaters.



Nielsen "bugged" out in "Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult."

Exhibit exposes talent, creativity of Howard artists

by Mandinema R. Kumbula
Hilltop Staff Writer

It is an elegant extravaganza of vivid colors, established talent and raw creativity. From Graham Millington's computer drawing "The Plague" to Janice Cheek's "Just Between Us" sculpture, the Third Annual Art Students Exhibition is a spectacular event that students and faculty should not miss.

The exhibit featured at Howard University's Art Gallery is directed by Patricia H. Benjamin and showcases talent in painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, design and sculpture. Howard alumnus Franklin White judged the event and awarded cash prizes.

White, who teaches at the prestigious Corcoran School of Art, has also taught painting at The Georgetown University and the Maryland School of Art and Design.

The first prize awards went to Desmond McFarlane for Graduate Painting and Graduate Printmaking, Rhonda Thompson for Undergraduate Painting, Francesca Harris for Drawing, Samuel Bonds for Undergraduate Printmaking, Nicole Mayhorn for Photography, Danny Campbell for Graduate Sculpture, Michaela Brown for Undergraduate Sculpture and Cynthia Lovett for Ceramics.

Some art pieces were not eligible for prize consideration because they were

submitted after the deadline. "Some of the nicer works came late, so they didn't get considered," said Scott Baker, art gallery assistant director.

According to Floyd Coleman, department of art chairman, the exhibit is designed to expose student-artists to the competitive art world.

"The more exposure, the better. The thing about young artists is they have to produce and they have to get [their art work] out there," Coleman said.

Baker said that he receives approximately 200 visitors each day. Although many of the visitors are school children, during the exhibition the gallery had visitors from the University of Louisville.

Students can purchase the work of aspiring, student artists since most of the pieces in the gallery are for sale.

Graham Millington, a junior majoring in graphic design, entered the competition to broaden his artistic horizons.

"Since I do a lot of work, which is confined to the computer lab, this was an opportunity for me to present my piece to people outside the graphic design field. I was glad that I did so because I have received numerous compliments and contacts," Millington said.

Millington expressed concern about the condescending attitude that some Howard students have toward the College of Fine Arts.

"The greatest misconception is that our

work is easier than work at other schools. That's completely wrong because although people see the finished product, they don't know the long hours that went into completing the project," he said.

Sculptor Janice Cheeks agrees with Millington. She claims artists may take years to finish a piece. For example, she believes the marble and stone that she works with has personalities of its own and consumes a lot of her time.

The gallery, located on the first floor of the College of Fine Arts, is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The exhibit will run until Mar. 27.

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Sweet -n- Sour

Dear Spice,

He was rude! Rude I tell you! I spent the night with my friend and the following morning, he acted as if I wasn't even there, or more like I was there, and only in the way. He just made me feel so unwanted and unappreciated that all I could do was ball out of there before I broke down into tears. I have really developed feelings for him, but if this is how he's going to treat me when we spend a romantic night together, then I don't need to be bothered. I haven't spoken to him since, nor has he tried to call me that I am aware. What do you think I should do? Do you think I should leave Mr. Rude to play with his hand with a game of solitaire the next night he wants company, or should I give him another chance? He could've just had a bad dream that he was embarrassed to tell me about.

—Dejected

Dear Dejected,

Most definitely don't call him. The feeling I get from your letter is that he had his fun and doesn't want you. To me this sounds like a classic example of the way some of our black men are disrespecting our black women. I'm not going to say what he did was right because it wasn't. But this also makes me ask you: if he was really a friend that you should be spending the night with I would assume you knew or took the time to find out what kind of a man he is. Might I say that you and all females out there should use better judgment in picking your men, or you will be storming out of many a room before you find the right guy. I'm a firm believer that the majority of the time somebody gets played, it is because they don't really know their partner. If you think it was a bad dream he had, don't spend the night with him again because he may have a recurring nightmare.

—Spice

Dear Sweet-n-Sour,

I suspect that my roommate is trying to get

with my boyfriend. Several times I have come to my dorm room only to find that my roommate has cooked my boyfriend dinner or is entertaining him with one of her endless supply of monologues about herself. They both say that he was just waiting for me, but I am beginning to wonder. What should I do?

—Roommate Blues

Dear Roommate,

A relationship without honesty can hardly be considered a true relationship. If you cannot be honest with him about your feelings, then your relationship is not on a good and strong foundation. And if you don't trust your boyfriend to have good judgment as far as your roommate is concerned, then your relationship is a weak one indeed. I don't believe the trouble lies in the roommate, because if you really trusted your boyfriend, it would not matter who or what he spent his time with: You would know that he was still loyal to you.

—Sweet

Dear Roommate,

I must agree with SWEET on this one. If you really trusted Mr. Man, then it wouldn't matter if he were spending a lot of time with your roommate or Miss Black Georgia for that matter. Your problem is with your man, not your roommate. Sure she might be catty and after your man, but if you really had a hold of him, her evil clutches would not be a threat.

—Sour

The views expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect the views of The Hilltop. If you have any questions for Sweet-n-Sour or for Spice, bring your letter to The Hilltop, 2251 Sherman Ave., N.W., or leave your letter in The Hilltop mailbox in the Office of Student Activities.

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SPORTS

Bison baseball in the howwwse!

By Tanya M. Crawford
Hilltop Staff Writer

It's that time of year again. Baseball season has arrived and is about to ignite into full swing. Everyone is waiting in anticipation to see their favorite teams and players hit the baseball diamond. Who is your personal favorite? Is it the New York Mets, California Angels, the L.A. Dodgers, the Minnesota Twins, or my hometown favorite the Atlanta Braves?

Well, Howard students you don't

have to go as far as a major league game to enjoy a game of baseball. In case some of you did not know, Howard has its own baseball team.

The Howard baseball team, the Bison, has ten new talented players and eleven returning players this year on its roster. Coached by Chuck Hinton, the team began its season on February 11 at the Savannah Shoot Out in Savannah, Georgia. So far, they have played fourteen games.

The Bison baseball team has a challenging schedule ahead of them. They will be up against such teams as N.C. State, Armstrong College,

Troy State, and such MEAC conference teams as Coppin State and UMES. Among these schools, N.C. State is ranked fourteenth in the nation while Armstrong College is ranked sixth in the nation in their division.

Captained by James Greene and Drayton Gilyard, the Bison baseball team is getting contributions from freshmen Joey Hodges and Terrence Jones both offensively and defensively. In the pitching arena, the Bison is led by Ahmed Smith, Eli Kennedy, Arthur Attaway, and Darrell Scott. According to Greene,

the team's main focus is to have a winning season and to bring home the first place trophy in the MEAC tournament, which takes place in Florida on April 11.

The Howard baseball team has very high expectations for this year. However, they need the support of the Howard University community as well. The team would like to invite all Howard students to attend their games, which are played at RFK Stadium.

Track team opens spring season with several gold medals

By Tarik El-Bashir
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University's outdoor track team kicked off the 1994 spring season last Saturday with several strong relay team performances, as several athletes took home first place medals.

In what was a joint effort, juniors Willie King and Jason Callaman won the men's long jump at the Hampton University Relays. Freshmen Kendra Johnson and

Shena Ferguson won the women's long jump in another combined effort.

The Bison showed particular strength in the middle distances. The women's 800-meter relay team (Kenya Palmer, Adayna Upchurch, Jamelia McElroy and Sophia Weir) placed first with a time of 9:52. The men's 800-meter relay team (Damion Rowe, Eric Campbell, Joe Lee and Joel Bounds) placed second with a time of 7:52. In the 400-meter relay event, the women's team (Upchurch, McElroy, Janell Martin

and Palmer) won with a time of 3:57. The men's distance medley relay team (Terry Williamson, Marc Jefferson, Desmond Dunham and Joel Bounds) placed second in 10:51.

In the sprint relay events, the Bison had many notable performances. The men's 200-meter relay team placed third with a time of 1:28. The women's sprint medley (Martin, Deon Walker, Tara Oden and Palmer) took first place with a time of 4:12. The men's sprint medley team finished third in a tight

race with a time of 3:34. The women's sprint relay team (Chenafin Pasley, Ebony Dennis, Alina Howard and Weir) placed first in 1:52.

In the individual events, Willie King won the high jump with a 6'10" mark. In the Javelin, John Chambers placed third overall.

Head Coach William Moultrie was pleased with the team's performance and said, "We're off to a good start and we're headed in the right direction."

Upcoming Events

While most Howard students will be "chillin'" over Spring Break, several athletes will be doing their thing in their respective sports. Members of the baseball, outdoor track, and the men's and women's tennis teams will be representing the Bison over the course of the next two weeks. Good luck as you do your best to do Howard proud!

Outdoor Track

March 26- at Delaware State College
April 2- at University of Maryland-Eastern Shore

Baseball

March 25, 26, 27- at Duke University
March 28, 29, 30- at the College of Charleston
April 1, 2- University of Maryland-Eastern Shore at RFK Stadium

Game Time: noon
April 4- Coppin State at RFK Stadium
Game Time: 2 p.m.
April 5- Delaware State College

Tennis

March 26-April 3- Spring Break Tournament at Hilton Head, South Carolina
April 5-University of Maryland (men only)
April 8- North Carolina A&T at Banneker Tennis Courts
Time: 2 p.m.

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Band Room, B-002, Basement Level
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I found that black men did not discriminate in terms of beauty, but saw that there were all different types. If there were discriminating types, they weren't appealing to me anyway because they seemed closed-minded. The ignorance of the past who would have sought a boyfriend as close to that Eurocentric concept of beauty in high school found herself loving a beautiful, chocolate, intelligent man who treated her literally as an African goddess and glorified her beauty and her mind at the turn of every moment.

After my initial steps toward the light, I embarked on a journey in which I chose the part of my culture that I loved most. I found a great identity experience in black literature, which I believe is never composed without reaffirming or coming to grips with some type of black identity.

Yes, my Howard experience has been my black experience, and it is true that you can get this experience anywhere if you look for where its resources lie. It is hard to explain to those who do not understand.

Whenever the subject of the black experience comes up in my home, my mother dismisses it, and my father, who advocates multiculturalism, stresses the importance of all the parts coming together to create a whole. This I have no problem with, but one cannot contribute to the cauldron of diversity if he or she does not know who he or she is, his or her culture and how it communicates to and through him and her as an individual.

So this is dedicated to my parents and all those disbelievers in the black experience who characterize it as a humbug, a myth.

I am black. I am wonderful. I am "home," and now I can be at peace wherever I go.

Reflections, from B1

HILLTOPICS

All HILLTOPICS are due, paid in full, the Monday before publication. Announcements by campus organizations for meetings, seminars or non-profit events are free for 10 words or less and \$1 for every additional five words. Campus announcements for profit are charged as individuals. Individuals advertising for the purpose of announcing a service, buying or selling are charged \$5 for the first 20 words and \$1 for every additional five words. Local companies are charged \$10 for the first 20 words and \$2 for every five words thereafter. Personal ads are \$2 for the first 10 words and \$1 for every additional five words.

THE HILLTOP WANTS YOU! Pick up applications for '94-'95 positions on the editorial and business staffs in the Office of Student Activities in the Blackburn Center and in the HILLTOP Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE'RE COMING!!!

Attention: You can now pick up an application if you're interested in working with H.U.S.A. for the '94-'95 school year. Applications can be picked up in the Office of Student Activities, Blackburn Center. Application are due TODAY no later than March 25, 1994 at 5:00 pm. Return completed applications to the Office of Student Activities.

Undergraduate Student Assembly proudly presents its **Spring Black Arts Festival - Awareness: The Power of Soul**. It will start right after Spring Break, April 3 - Call to Chapel; April 4 - Mini Gospel Concert & Poetry Reading; April 5 - Jazz Performance & Showtime at Mecca (Variety Show); April 6 - WHBC 20th Anniversary Celebration Art Display, and R&B Concert; April 7 - New Artist Expo & Fashion Show (with Caribbean Student Association); April 8 - Yardfest, Call to Mosque, and Cabaret; April 9 - Spring Picnic on the Yard, Step Show, and After Party; April 10 - Gospel Concert. **IT WILL BE THE BOMB BABY!!!**

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Free Tax Services Beta Alpha Psi sponsors Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Saturdays, 1-4pm. School of Business Rm. 418.

PHASE 3, IT'S COMING! APRIL 15TH

NOONDAY PRAYER
12 noon to 1 pm. Every Wednesday and Friday Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel
Phi Alpha Mu, General Body Meeting, April 6, 1994 at 7:30 pm in Douglass Hall. Dues and programs will be discussed.

Seventh Day Adventist
Community at H.U. invites you to Fellowship, Fridays 7pm, Little Chapel Carnegie Bldg.

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Scholarships for Undergraduates in the Behavioral Sciences (COOR-MARC Program). Tuition and Stipend. Applications in the College of Arts and Sciences, Locke Hall and Psychology, Room 146 CB Powell. Minimum requirements: 3.0 GPA and Research interest.

Activities for Rankin Chapel

March 13. Rev. Benjamin Watts, Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church - New London, Connecticut.

March 20. Dr. Manuel Scott, Pastor, St. John Missionary Baptist Church - Dallas, Texas.

March 27. Dr. Cheryl Sanders, Associate Professor of Ethics, Howard University, School of Divinity.

April 3. Dr. James Massey, Dean of the School of Theology, Anderson University-Anderson, Indiana.

April 10. Rev. Leon Watts, Pastor, Jackson Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church - Hempstead, New York.

April 17. Dr. Calvin Butts, Pastor, Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church - Baltimore, Maryland.

April 24. Dr. Vashiti McKenzie, Pastor, Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church - Baltimore, Maryland.

May 1. Dr. Bernard W. Franklin, President, Livingstone College - Salisbury, North Carolina.

May 8. Dr. Bernard Richardson, Dean of the Chapel.

May 14. Commencement.

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Attention: for all those of you who are concerned about Black Love, come and express your views at the **Black Male/Female Relationship Workshop** on Wednesday, April 6th in the Club Room in Cook Hall at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss it!!!

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POWER FOR LIVING Interactive Bible Study and Fellowship every Tuesday 6:00pm. Sponsored by Azusa Campus Ministries/Church of God in Christ. The Fire Yet Burns.

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You man, you trying to get your ball on? If you are, come to Room 106 in the Blackburn Center and get a registration form for the **HU Shoot Out**. Deadline to register is Friday, April 8. First place prize is \$300.00. PEACE.

Noonday Prayer
12:00 Noon to 1:00p.m.

Every Wednesday and Friday
Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel

Brothas: Are you packin' (a pistol)? Sistaz: Are you sprayin' (mace)? Then the Tempo Section wants to hear from you for our upcoming story on students and their weapons! Call Derricka at 806-6866.

Community Beautification Day Needs Help!!! Call 806-5571.

Community Outreach needs Black Male Volunteers. For info call: 806-5571.

Baltimore Metropolitan, Annual Alumni/High School visit on April 7.

Register Now!!! HU Shoot Out: "Shooting Hoops Not Guns", 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Deadline for entry is April 8, 1994. \$30.00 per team. Pick up registration forms in 106 Blackburn Center or call 806-7009/10.

Community Beautification Day on Saturday, April 16th. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For info call: 806-5571.

It's Coming! Phase 3. A Christian party. April 15th.

Basic necessities for Mother Dear's Community Center. Dorm collection through April 8.

The School of Communications' Student Council presents: COMMUNICATIONS ALUMNI/RECEPTION Friday-April 8 in the Blackburn Reading Lounge from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. All Communications majors invited. Great networking opportunity!!! Questions? Call 865-8519.

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For Further Information:
(202) 462-3655-William Brawner
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PERSONALS

Whoever said that those wheelchair bars were just for the physically challenged?

Happy B-lated -day's to 2 o' da I-bones: Brian (Baby B) on Monday 3-21 and Dwayne (Hammer) on Tuesday 3-22.

Stacey, U ain't grown. Happy 21st. Love, THE QTEEZ.

Congratulations to the following for their achievements in various organizations: Alicia Beatty, Stephanie Godlee, Thomas Joyner, Monica Lewis, Anthony Mason, Tracy McPeak, Bryndon Moore, Russel Rickford, Derrick Rogers. Love, FAM.

To 22-21-90, Stop thinking so hard with your head; let it relax and rise to the occasion when the time is right! Hint...Spring Break is near. Pebbles

Congratulations to CHITTY and SHA-CONDA. We know it's late as hell.

Howard can look forward to us ever. We are behind you all the time you know it's a FAMILY AFFAIR. FAM.

We know this is late as hell but I have relations to FAM Spring '94: Ray, Babyface, Balck Beauty, Bayle, Queen, The Smoke King, La' Riddan, and Quiet Storm. You all are far of strength and courage. Love, Fellow Brothers and Sisters of FAM.

Aly, What time is it? ... I have your smile! ... Curly.

The Bones are comin on The Hilltop on the lookout!

Ally - I was really asleep when I called on Saturday night Sunday morning. Concerning your braids. But I got bed because for you, I'd be dead. You was too bright, or shine like a star, your darkest night. -June 1994

huckle cat is on the horizon.

SNIPPLES, I wonder if it's "hold out" on each other and our relationship HOLD OUT and deeper level? What R U second DLG

TaNoah, One year ago we started ney together and not once have I looked back. You're just as beautiful as when we first met. I'll always be Happy anniversary. Love, Gena

In loving memory of Kenny Johnson. You will be missed. No question, partner. Stephanie Melba N., Melissa C., Kim S.

ARTHUR, Roses are red, violets are blue, for the next nine days, I promise miss U. Though the distance here will be miles apart, know that you're in my mind and in my heart. Love, Congratulatory to the Spring members of Phi Sigma Pi National Society Fraternity, "Los Diamantes (The Ten Diamonds)" Paula B. da hood!

HOT ICE, PRECISE, SILKY CONGRATULATIONS!

ESTEE I really enjoy your email (this is for those who think we're a thin line on the back page #3 in LA for me and get some rest. I love you