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Two Drew Hall Residents Shot Saturday

By Kerry-Ann Hamilton
Campus Editor

At about 2:30 am on Saturday Morning two freshmen males [whose name will be withheld to safeguard their safety] were shot by an unidentified gunman outside the Howard China Chinese Carry Out.

According to Campus Police Chief Reginald Smith the two Drew Hall residents were escorting some female visitors from a neighboring university to get a cab on Georgia Avenue after visitation ended at 2 a.m.

"The young men said they were waiting on a cab on Georgia Avenue when a man drove up in a

dark green or black SUV [Sports Utility Vehicle] when he grabbed one of the young ladies and demanded money," Smith said. "The young men said they came to her aid she was let go after handing over the money she had."

The Chief said the students began to flee the scene when the alleged robber shot the two students. One of the victims was shot three times in leg, while the other was shot once. The students are said to be in serious but stable condition after undergoing surgeries at neighboring hospitals.

Shawn Bogle, a Resident Assistant to the victims in Saturday's attack, said he was able to see one of the residents

before they were taken to hospital.

"He was laying on the couch in the lobby before the ambulance arrived," Bogle said.

However, Bogle's account differs slightly from the campus police.

"The residents and visitors were waiting in the lobby where being noisy and were asked to leave the lobby area by the Front Desk attendant," Bogle said. "They then moved to the courtyard where the campus security officer on duty instructed them to leave the premises. It was at that point the residents left for Georgia Avenue."

But Chief Smith said the residents had to get the cab on Georgia

Avenue because the cab company refused to pick the residents up outside Drew Hall because the area is said to be bad.

"My staff and I walked throughout the building on Saturday morning after the incident to ensure that students received our support and we were able to answer questions and address concerns," said Mark Lee, the community director of Drew. "There were individuals who were fearful, but there was also anger as well."

At the time of press, the residents were recuperating in the hospital. The investigation is being conducted by the Metropolitan and Campus Police.



Two residents of Drew Hall were shot early Saturday morning by an unidentified gunman.

Hilltop Endorses Candidates



PHOTOS BY MAYA GILLIAM

The Hilltop endorses Charles Coleman for Graduate Trustee, Jacques Purvis for Undergraduate Trustee, and Daniel Blakemore and Faith Walls with reservation for HUSA executive office.

See The Hilltop Endorsements in the Special Magazine Issue Inside!

Mock Trial Team New 'Beast of the East'

By Aisha Chaney
Managing Editor

Howard University's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mock Trial teams placed first and sixth out of 24 teams this weekend at the 2003 Eastern Regional Tournament, hosted by the University of Maryland in College Park, MD.

Since 1990, the University of Maryland has been the only team to win the regional tournament. After 13 years, the Howard University Mock Trial Team became the new champions.

Other prestigious institutions participating in the tournament included Duke University, Georgetown University, University of Virginia, Penn. State, and George Washington University.

The competition consisted of four, three-hour rounds, in which the teams argued a mock case between JJ Thompson and Andi and Lee Smith before two judges, to determine if Thompson was liable for the death of Derric Smith, the Smiths' son.

The teams were scored by using two ballots per round, in which they were judged on their opening statement, the

plaintiffs presentation of their case-in-chief, and the defense's cross examination of the plaintiffs witnesses.

The defense then presented their case-in-chief to the judges by calling three witnesses, who were cross-examined by the plaintiff's attorneys.

The most crucial part of the case was in the closing arguments, when both sides argued whether or not JJ Thompson should be liable for the death of young Derric Smith.

After the final round was complete, the ballots were sent to the tallying room.

The outstanding litigating of the attorneys and the acting of the witnesses were recognized at the end of the tournament when Top Attorney and Outstanding Witness awards were given out.

Among the Top Attorney award recipients was senior legal communications major, Mia Harmon, who along with co-captain and senior finance major David Knight, led their squad to an 8-0 victory.

"All semester long we have been encouraged to pur-

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Quad Community Director, Green 'Resigns' Last Week



PHOTO BY KERRY ANN HAMILTON

Former Community Director of the Quad, Donna Green moves her belongings out of the building after resigning.

By Kerry-Ann Hamilton
Campus Editor

Donna Green, community director of the Tubman Quadrangle, was said she was asked to leave the University effective Friday by Interim Dean of Residence Life Franklin Chambers, after she turned in a letter of resignation for May.

Green said she decided to resign after this semester and return to her home in California for family reasons.

"With the current state of

affairs especially in D.C. and with the threat of war and terrorism I wanted to move back to the West Coast and spend time with my granddaughter."

According to Green's accounts she turned in her letter of resignation last Tuesday to Charles Gibbs, Director of on campus housing, who asked why she was leaving and she explained. However, Green said she received a call later from Chambers instructing her to vacated her apartment locat-

ed in the Quad within 72 hours [Friday afternoon.]

Our efforts to contact Franklin Chambers/ Charles Gibbs to speak on the matter have been unsuccessful.

Interim Dean of Residence Life, Franklin Chambers, said Green handed in a letter of recommendation and the University accepted.

"When you have people working in sensitive areas then you have the move to take care of things in the best interest of the University," Chambers said. "It may not be

in the best interest of the University to prolong things."

When asked if protocol stipulated that Community Director had to vacate the residence halls within 72 hours Chambers said there was no written protocol.

When asked if there were any previous disciplinary actions taken against her or warnings Green said no; but she recalls being reprimanded by Chambers once.

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Student Leaders Question Elections

By Stephanie Crouch & David Johns
The Hilltop

In a recent Hilltop article candidates were critical of the General Elections staff, but now some student leaders are speaking out against the problems that have plagued this year's election process as well.

Stefanie Brown, former Howard University Student Association President (2001-02) and current Undergraduate Student Assembly representative for

the School of Business, is disappointed with the General Election staff's performance.

"I feel that the priorities have gotten confused as far as the General Elections Staff," Brown said. "Cancellation of speak outs is completely unprofessional."

In an attempt avoid an overlapping of roles the Elections Committee is left to implement and enforce guidelines, establish forums for 'fair' interaction between candidates and students, and facilitate a political campaigning process that is 'fair'

to the candidates as well as the general student body.

But with the perpetual problems surrounding the present state of the elections, General Assembly members now see a need to implement change.

"At this point in time I think that there needs to be a check and balance," Brown said. "We need to see what definitely has and has not been done instead of going by hearsay."

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FILE PHOTO

Some members of the General Assembly feel elections are being poorly run.

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Do you dislike the new housing policy? Do something about it!

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Voices & Views

Would you support a university-wide walkout against the war?



Calvin
Legal Communications
Junior

"War is not necessary, however, I believe that students will not benefit from the walk out."



Crystal Belcher
Sophomore
Radio, TV and Film

"A school walk out to protest against the war tactics is well worth its cause. But if hundreds of thousands have protested globally in past weeks, what would college students do to change his mind?"



Nathan Brewer
Senior
Marketing

"No, I don't think a walk out would help. I'm pretty sure this war is taking place whether we like it or not."



Spencer Chenter
Education
Senior

"Although the University and HUSA take a stand on the issue, walking out on your education is not it. People who don't even care will walk out just to leave class."

BY HARVEY BENKINS

Chuck D Speaks on Campus

By David Johns
Hilltop Staff Writer

It is not too often that an invited lecturer abandons his 'conventional' speech for his 'jail' speech when addressing an audience comprised of mostly college students, but that is exactly what rapper/civil rights activist/motivational speaker Chuck D did during a lecture last Thursday.

Despite the inclement weather and the last minute cancellation of Congresswoman Maxine Waters who was scheduled to be a co-speaker Chuck D was not deterred from discussing the state of the hip-hop generation today with Howard students.

As a part of the Arts and Sciences Student Council's Black Examples Sharing Their Stories (BESTS) series, Chuck D represented the views of the state of the Black youth in a lecture series designed to discuss the convergence of political mobilization in Hip Hop culture.

"Maxine [Waters] does her all the time, now it's my time to do me," jokingly announced Chuck D. before beginning a very relaxed and candid conversation.

"The lecture series was designed to allow our examples to share their stories," said BESTS' program coordinator, Conrad Woody. "We wanted to invite examples, from both Hip Hop and politics, to share both perspectives



Maxine Waters was a no show but Chuck D spoke at the Arts and Sciences event Thursday.

and show how each affects our generation and community."

For a little over two hours, Chuck D. spoke in terms students described as 'keeping it real.'

A well known lecturer, having visited at least 516 colleges and universities throughout the nation within his past 13 years on the lecture circuit, Chuck D. cited the parallels facing the youth today as he abandoned the typical college lecture for that delivered to youth between 18-25.

"I came because I wanted to say what was on my mind about rap, race, and reality," Chuck D. said.

For a little over two hours, Chuck D. addressed the realities of many students and presented a holistic portrait of

the evolution of hip-hop and its impact upon the social construct of our world today.

"The street has its own logic founded in illogic foundations," Chuck D. said

Illuminating the absurdity of self-proclaimed 'collegiate thugs,' Chuck D. addressed a reversal in the notion that students used to command respect when obtaining a degree. According to Chuck D. due to changes in today's culture a respect for knowledge has been replaced by respect for the streets. "We have gone back to silencing the smart kid in the class supporting the class clown who knows all of the words to rapper Fifty Cent's 'In Da Club,'" Chuck D.

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Bishop MacKenzie Delivers Powerful Message

By Monica Almond
Contributing Writer

Rankin Chapel at Cramton Auditorium was full of attendees who came to witness the Right Reverend Vashti Murphy McKenzie deliver a powerful and purposeful message that had the audience intently engaged in the nuance of her dialect.

Reverend McKenzie message was entitled, "The Last Word."

"We don't like to think about it and we don't like to believe it, but there are many things that are out of our control," McKenzie said.

The dynamic preacher explained to the congregation that when things go beyond the control of humans, it results in a forced chaos that leaves one vulnerable. She stressed the pertinence of not surrendering to the chaos and letting God have the last word.

Providing an example of the realities of forced chaos she focused on the United States government and its warnings of securing plastic and duct tape for safety

measures.

"We do not have nothing to tape up, but we are going to buy some duct tape," McKenzie said.

Using 2 Kings chapter eight as a reference the reverend talked about the transference of power from the prophet Elijah to Elisha and how a successful transfer of authority is necessary in order to continue the work of God.

"God is always preparing the next generation of leadership," she said while citing weaknesses in those who are not ready to let go. "Some folk get afraid that the new leadership is going to steal their program and take away their thunder."

McKenzie stressed many people go through the years with more fears than they can count.

"We are afraid we will be rejected. We are afraid we will make a fool of ourselves," McKenzie said. "We are afraid we will be a perpetual student and never an alumni

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Black Face Awards Show to Honor Simmons

By Ruth L. Tisdale
Hilltop Staff Writer

During the third annual Black Face Awards Show, Russell Simmons will be honored for his entrepreneurship as well as his positive impact on the African American community.

After debating over five candidates including Oprah Winfrey, Quincy Jones, and Bill Cosby, the executive board of the School of Communications decided to honor entrepreneur Russell Simmons.

With the theme "Live at the Red Carpet," this year's show committee plans to do better than the previous two awards shows.

"Russell Simmons has done a lot so we are trying to cover everything that he has

done," Tanya Hoffer, producer of the show, said. "We plan on having a 'Becoming a Def Jam Artist' as well as many other things."

Hoffer boasts a great team.

"Producing an awards show is a lot of work if you do not have a strong production crew," Hoffer said. "I knew that if I could not attend a meeting, the production crew would go on without me."

Even with a strong production crew, there were many difficulties faced by the show's production team. One of the main difficulties was the weather.

"The recent snowstorm and the deadlines has definitely been a hindrance to production," Keenon Perry, director of the awards show, said. "We have also been try-

ing to pick talents for the different stages of the show."

Finances have also been a major difficulty to the production of the show. McFarlin said that although the School of Communications is able to afford to have the awards show, other programs had to be sacrificed.

"[The Black Face Awards Show] is a way for us to give back and show honor and respect to those that have given so much to help advance our people," Radiance Salem, freshman and associate producer of the awards show, said. "It is important that we honor someone who has affected the community so greatly."

The student run production is designed to be a learning experience for those who participate.



Russell Simmons.

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Bison Weighing In Walk-Out For Peace

By Danielle Scruggs
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Mar. 5, a number of Howard students will continue the university's long legacy of student activism by walking out of class in protest of an impending war with Iraq.

At least that is what D.C. native Peta Lindsay, a freshman activist and Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (ANSWER) Coalition affiliate hopes for.

"Historically, students have been in the forefront of protesting for change," says Lindsay, citing that students were the ones who protested against the Vietnam War and Apartheid in South Africa. "Right now the only force that can stop Bush are the American people."

Lindsay remains optimistic about student participation. "Apathy is only due to a lack of information. People's sentiments are in the right place but they don't have the information to back it up," she says. "If people really knew what was going on they would get active."

ANSWER organization is a coalition of several anti-war groups and was formed on September 14, 2001, just three days after one of the most devastating terrorist attacks in U.S. history. The coalition boasts four other chapters and locations in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

The coalition has organized numerous protests, speak-outs, teach-ins, and letter writing campaigns in an attempt to preempt what they deem an unnecessary war with Iraq.

Lindsay fears if a war with Iraq did occur, "the financial cost would be ridiculously high and for Iraq, it would be a meaningless massacre."

She feels war would give the green light to attack other countries the United States feels are threats.

Junior political science major Ebony Glenn, who serves as co-coordinator of the Howard chapter of Amnesty International, says

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Interest in Volunteering

By Chantel Harley
Contributing Writer

The volunteer fair attracted more than 118 students. Even after the organizations had packed up their information packets and the disc jockey was moving out his equipment, students were still trudging up the stairs to the Blackburn East Ballroom to check out volunteer opportunities for themselves.

"Students want to participate, they're just uninformed of the outlets," Circle K President Krystie Robinson said.

Community Service Assistant Director and coordinator of the fair, Nyla Lyons, was pleased with the outcome and said she was proud of students that showed up.

The volunteer fair was the first link for some students to become familiar with a few volunteer opportunities. It was also the launch of 'Promise to the Mecca,' the 2003 community service campaign, sponsored

by Student Activities and Circle K, challenging Howard students to reaffirm their commitment to participate and volunteer in the community.

In conjunction with the initiative, National Youth Service Day, a campus-wide community service project, has been scheduled for Apr. 11-13. Howard's goal is to accumulate 10,000 volunteer and community service hours by the end of the month.

With the 17 organizations that attended, students had the opportunity to talk to representatives about their programs and what they offered. Some programs entailed months of full-time hour commitments, while others required students to volunteer one day a week.

Among the organizations were HUSA: Family and Friends Day - an event targeted to young people in the community; Alpha Phi Omega National Co-Education Service

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Liaison Officers Appointed for GLBT Students

By Danielle Scruggs
Hilltop Staff Writer

This past fall, controversy swept through Howard when several members of the Showtime Marching Band allegedly beat sophomore Daryl Payton because of his sexual orientation.

Five months later, Campus Police Chief Reginald Smith has appointed two Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender (GLBT) student liaisons, Officers CeTenia Howard and Charlayne Gordon will handle reports of on-campus hate crimes as well as same-sex domestic violence.

This change has come about from students' applying intense political pressure on the administration and Smith meeting with the Bisexuals, Lesbians, and Gays Organization of Students at Howard (BLAGOSAH) in Sept.

According Smith the liaisons came as a reaction to concerns raised by students.

"I contacted the D.C. Police and asked them if they could assist me in providing training to heighten everyone's awareness and educate the Campus Police Department in terms of how you go about handling complaints received from students, faculty, and staff when they believe they were victimized as a result of their orientation," Smith said.

The entire Campus Police Department was trained and two officers Howard and Gordon volunteered to be liaisons.

Unfortunately, the

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Count Down to Elections



Justin George, An Undergrad Trustee Hopeful

By Monica Almond
Contributing Writer

A native of Hawaii and the son of southern parents, Justin K. George believes that his bid for undergraduate trustee is legitimized through his diverse life experiences.

A 21-year-old international business major, George speaks German as a second language.

While at Howard, he has spent his time out of the classroom participating in a variety of programs, which have helped to expand his role as a person with diverse concerns and interests.

Currently a volunteer with Howard University Student Association's Political Action Committee he has worked to inform the student body.

This undergraduate trustee hopeful is also coordinator for the Health Awareness Coalition at Howard University (HACHU), where he has sat

on panels targeting health-care and sexual dilemmas at the university. Under HACHU he is also a part of the Peer Education Program.

George's mission to become undergraduate trustee stems from the overall mission of the university to prepare global leaders.

"I want to be trustee because I want to guarantee more opportunities to current and future Howard students," he says. "I want Howard to continue to mold people for the global community as well as offer an environment of brotherhood and prosperity."

He hopes to achieve this goal by extensive preparation and an appropriate mindset for the realities of the position.

"It is not fair to say that a trustee represents the students when he or she takes an oath not to discuss what

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No story was completed for Undergraduate trustee candidate Silas Cardwell as he failed to provide The Hilltop with an interview in a timely fashion.

Arts and Sciences Election Accused of Unethical Conduct

By Edith Sodolo
Contributing Writer

There are many reasons why the apathy rate for students voting in school elections is high. Candidates J.P. Howard and Nathaniel Smith believe that the disinterest in student voting results from the corruption going on in elections.

During the Arts and Sciences election, Howard and Smith both filed two grievances against the local elections chair, and opponents Conrad Woody and Freda Henry for unethical conduct.

The first grievance stated that Orriel Richardson should not have been appointed as local elections chair because her personal and professional relationship with Woody would put his campaign at an advantage. Richardson is program director in the Arts and Science Student Council and Woody is her assistant.

The grievance also stated that the last Arts and Sciences speak out was biased towards Woody's campaign because Richardson coordinated it. Richardson admitted to defending Woody and Henry because other candidates were accusing Woody of doing a poor job as programs coordinator.

Despite these allegations Richardson believes there are no bias and everyone is given a fair chance to campaign.

"I think that it is preposterous to assume that I favor one candidate over the other because of faces I was supposedly making," Richardson said. "I might have raised my brow a few times when it was obvious that the accusations were not well researched."

Howard and Smith believe that it was not her place to defend him because

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Campaigning Takes Over for Candidates

By Veronica-Marché Miller
Hilltop Staff Writer

Campaigning is all Cleveland native Daniel Blakemore does. Campaigning, eating, and sleeping that is. Here, the word isn't used in the sense of handing out photocopied handbills. Rather, it requires strategic planning — scheduling dorm sweeps, preparing speeches, and meeting with committees — in order to effectively present his platform in the race for HUSA president.

Blakemore says that it has become similar to holding a full-time job, demanding as much as 8 hours on any given day.

For him, and anyone else running in General Elections this year, campaigning involves so much more than just hanging up flyers. Staffs are set up, volunteers are gathered, meetings are scheduled, and sometimes cancelled. The time that candidates and their staffs spend to publicize their platforms and the elections is considerable, and it is all to make the Howard University community aware that it has a choice in who governs the school.



HUSA Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates Daniel Blakemore and Faith Walls, respectively, hosted a meet and greet in the West Tower on Saturday.

For Undergraduate Trustee Candidate Jacques Purvis, campaigning involves meeting after meeting after meeting. "If I were to describe my life right now," he says, "it would be one big meeting."

Around 7pm on most evenings, Purvis can be found at an organizational meeting, speaking to members of different campus groups, such as the NAACP or A Few Good Men. If not meeting with organizations, he can be found meeting with his campaign committee.

Purvis devotes a majority

of his time to preparing for speak outs and speaking to students personally. He has found himself on a hectic schedule this semester, going to sleep around 4 a.m., only to wake up at 8. He commutes to campus, and after classes he meets with various student organizations to promote his campaign platform.

Purvis and his campaign committee spend about 20 hours a week in meetings, in dorms, at speak outs, and checking in with each other to make sure everyone is working

on the same page. Ask him what his average day is like and he won't be able to give you a concrete answer. "It depends, whether it's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday," he says. "Every day is different."

Dominating Blakemore's schedule are meet-and-greets and meetings with his campaign committee. "In all the things that need to be done," he says. "I have to make sure I still have time for classes."

Any involved Howard student knows that classes can fall by the wayside when extracurricular activities become demanding. Purvis opts to complete assignments in the morning before he leaves home because his evenings are filled with campaign activities.

This last week leading up to elections will provide the candidates with their biggest challenge yet. Barely having enough time to sleep and attend class, they will now have to pass out more flyers, make more speeches, and visit more dorms in an attempt to out-campaign each other and win their elections.

So now the question is, What's more difficult: operating in office, or campaigning to get elected to office?

Candidates Attend 'Kick-Back' Session

By David Johns
Hilltop Staff Writer

Candidates bidding in this year's elections were giving the opportunity participate in a 'Kick Back,' forum organized by former Public Relations Director Nell Bradley on Saturday in the Drew Hall Resident Lounge. Some of the topics discussed included the importance of leadership, how to effectively promote their platforms, negotiating stress, dealing with the press, and coping with winning and losing.

Program Coordinator Bradley said the candidates deserved the forum.

"I wanted to do something to give back to the candidates. They give and give and recently things have been getting hard on them so I wanted to construct a program to give back to them and encourage them to keep working hard," said program coordinator Bradley.

The event also provided an opportunity for candidates to express their frustration with elections staff, which include complacency within the leadership, stringent regulations, and suspicious practices involving political allegiances. Despite the shortfalls, most candidates expressed a sense of hope that

ultimately change that will take place.

While many speak outs have been cancelled due to weather and other circumstances some candidates attribute the lack of candidate visibility to the strict regulations enforced by this year's election committee.

"It's not my fault that I am not as visible as I would like to be," said Undergraduate Trustee candidate Kareem J. Merrick. "I want to wake up one Sunday morning and hit up [flyer and campaign] Meridian, just stand in the lobby and talk to people about the position and what I want to do but I can't, the regulations

don't allow for it." But, Elections Chair Corey Cunningham interjected that candidates could perform dorm sweeps after notifying the Elections committee with 48 hours notice.

However, Merrick and other candidates maintained that they did not know.

Another point of contention for many candidates is the chain of command that orders communication between Elections Staff and the candidates.

Under the regulation communication with the com-

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List of Candidates

Provided By Elections Committee

Business

Anthony Watson
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Rondney Griffin
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Taneka Williams
Vice President
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Soph. President
Charles Reynolds
Rodney Griffin
President
Sherika Shaw
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UGSA REP
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UGSA REP
Melanie Edmunds
UGSA REP
Chanel Frampton
UGSA REP

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Jamal Jowers
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Derek Rodgers
Vice President
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Vice President
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Royce Francis
President

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UGSA REP
Camillia King
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Rakeyah Evans
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Nate Smith
ASSC Pres.
Kerel Thompson
UGSA REP
Monica Williams
UGSA REP
Tracy Burns
Exec. Secretary
Freda M. Henry
ASSC Pres
Conrad C. Woody
ASSC Vice Pres.

Andrea C. VanDorn
UGSA REP
Brian Woodward
UGSA REP
Robert Boone
UGSA REP
Ololade Fawole
UGSA REP
Irene B. Schwoeffermann
UGSA REP
David Trotter
UGSA REP
Courtney E. Nelson
UGSA REP
Delenya Allen
UGSA REP
Jacqlyn Joyner
UGSA REP
Kimberly Stubbs
UGSA REP
Stephen Nichols
UGSA REP
Muhammad Salaam
Exec Treasurer
Jolie Carter
Senior Class President
Rubyna Abbey
Senior Class Vice Pres
Angela Gray
Senior Class REP
Natasha Fontaine
Senior Class REP
Lajuanna Acklin
Senior Class Treasurer
Shermayne Moore
Junior Class President
Christopher McKnight
Sophomore Class President
April Harley
Sophomore Class President



Observation Deck



Human Cloning Ban

(BBC)- The US House of Representatives has passed a bill that would ban human cloning and sentence violators to prison and fines as high as \$1m.

Lawmakers passed the bill in a 241-155 vote, rejecting some exceptions that would have helped researchers work towards cures for diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and diabetes.

But the bill is expected to have a much tougher time when it goes before the Senate.

The House passed a similar bill in July 2001 by 265-162, but it stalled in the Senate.

The new bill, introduced by a cross-party coalition of senators, reflects the Bush administration's stance that all human cloning research must be banned. It argues a cloned embryo is a human even before implantation in a womb, and to destroy it for research would be immoral.

It also comes after a company claimed last year to have cloned the first human baby. Clonaid's claim was never verified.

National Zoo Deaths Queried

(Washington Post)- A House oversight committee has summoned Smithsonian Institution Secretary Lawrence M. Small and two top deputies to a hearing next week that will delve into the string of recent animal deaths at the National Zoo, officials said yesterday.

The hearing by the Committee on House Administration probably will mark the most comprehensive public examination of the zoo's recent troubles, including the Jan. 11 deaths of two red pandas that had eaten rat poison. Zoo Director Lucy H. Spelman and acting Undersecretary for Science David L. Evans are to join Small and were asked to be prepared for questions about the deaths as well as other zoo matters.

The Wednesday session is the committee's first oversight hearing about the Smithsonian Institution in several years, committee spokesman Brian Walsh said.

The announcement of the hearing came as the zoo faced pressure from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, which called for the facility to be denied reaccreditation until it allows unannounced outside inspections and cleans up "unacceptable conditions" that it blamed for recent animal deaths.

Liver Transplant for Convict

(AP)- In York, Nebraska, Calvin Stock's life was saved by a liver transplant three years ago, and he would hate to see anyone else lose their chance at survival because a convicted killer was ahead of them on the transplant list.

But that's exactly what could happen, Stock says, because of Carolyn Joy's condi-

tional approval to be included on the list of 118 Nebraskans and 17,300 people nationwide waiting for new livers.

"She made her choice. It sounds real cruel to say that, but nonetheless, we all have choices in our life," said

Stock, a 68-year-old retired Lexington farmer.

Joy, convicted of murdering another prostitute in Omaha in 1983, admits her liver was ruined by almost daily heroin and alcohol abuse over nine years.

Stock fears people will tear up their donor cards if they learn their organs may go to felons.

Fake Job Listing Caution

(AP)- Internet job board Monster.com, acknowledging a growing problem for online career sites, is e-mailing millions of job seekers, warning that fake listings are being used to gather and steal personal information.

An e-mail message from Monster, which arrived in many users' computer mailboxes Thursday, cautions that "regrettably, from time to time, false job postings are listed online and used to illegally collect personal information from unsuspecting job seekers."

The e-mail, labeled a "critical service message," is going out this week to all active users of Monster's main site, company spokesman Kevin Mullins said Thursday. Mullins said he did not know exactly how many people that included, but that it is "definitely well into the millions."

The e-mail warning focuses attention on an issue that has long been talked about in the online recruiting business, but whose scope or damage is difficult to estimate.

Monster and competitors like CareerBuilder.com and HotJobs.com, already post information cautioning users of such dangers and telling them what they can do to protect themselves from false postings.

Xbox Bootleg Site Seized

(BBC)- A website used by tens of thousands of people every day that offered information on bootlegged video games and movies has been shut down by the US Government.

The Justice Department took over the domain name, isonews.com, after its owner pleaded guilty to selling modification chips that would allow gamers to play bootleg video games on Microsoft's Xbox console.

The site's owner, David Rocci, ran afoul of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, which makes it a crime to distribute tools that can be used to circumvent copyright controls on digital products.

Some civil liberties groups have expressed concern about the free speech implications of the government seizing websites and domain names.

Despite the action by the Justice Department, the original site can still be reached on its numerical IP address.

ISO News had more than 100,000 registered users and was estimated to get up 140,000 hits each day.

Iraq Begins Disarming US, UK Still Unconvinced by Cooperation

By Ria Marie Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

In an attempt to ease the pressure for disarmament, Iraq has destroyed four out of 100 al-Samoud II missiles allegedly in its possession. The UN says that the missiles breach range limits it imposed after the 1991 Gulf War because they are "capable of going beyond the 150-kilometer (95-mile) range permitted," but Iraq insists that "the missiles overshot their allowed limit only because they were tested without heavy guidance systems or warheads."

Chief UN weapons inspector Hans Blix issued an order to Iraq to begin destroying the missiles by March 1, a deadline which they so far have complied with, given the destruction of the four missiles, and Blix's deputy Dimitri Perricos said that the rest of the medium-range missiles should be dismantled within a "few days or a very short few weeks."

Blix said that, "This is a very significant piece of real

disarmament," when Iraq agreed to dismantle the missiles, but the United States and the UK remain "highly skeptical." President Bush says that the rockets are but "the tip of an iceberg," and a draft report by Blix says that "the results in terms of disarmament have been very limited so far."

In his report handed to the Security Council on Mar. 1, Blix did give mention to the progress that had been made so far by Iraq, but said that, "It is hard to understand why a number of measures which are now being taken, could not have been initiated earlier."

The White House also remains unimpressed by the recent attempts at disarmament in Baghdad. Merci Viana, a presidential spokeswoman said that, "Resolution 1441 called for complete, total and immediate disarmament. It did not call for pieces of disarmament."

Nevertheless, such cooperation on the part of Iraq acts in favor of delaying preemptive military action and France, Germany and Russia

view Iraq's efforts as evidence that the "inspections process could work." British officials say that "a lot of hard diplomacy" lies ahead as the United States and Britain push to get their draft resolution stating that Iraq has failed to take its "final opportunity" to disarm approved by the Security Council.

One official said that, "We do not overestimate our chances or underestimate the difficulties; all the stops on the diplomatic organ are being pulled out." Evidence obtained by the British alleges that Iraq continues to make poisonous gases, a point which British UN Ambassador Sir Jeremy Greenstock made to the Council in a closed session on Thursday.

Following the session, Greenstock declined to elaborate on his comments but said, "The claim by Iraq that there is a zero in terms of its weapons of mass destruction is a lie."

He also said, "Iraqi scientists were still not properly available for interviews but

instead had come equipped with 'tape recorders and bugs.'" Based on the current conflicts and the mounting "so-called evidence," Blix is expected to issue another report to the Council on March 7, which it is said will "assume an even greater significance, because the US and UK are likely to force a vote on their draft resolution in the following week."

Pope John Paul has written a message to President Bush outlining his concerns about a possible war in Iraq, and a senior cardinal will arrive in Washington in the next few days to deliver the letter.

Meanwhile Turkey's parliament has refused to allow the deployment of US troops on its territory for a possible war with neighboring Iraq, and the United Arab Emirates suggested at the Arab League summit in Egypt that Saddam Hussein and fellow leaders should go into exile to avert war.

No Shadows for New WTC

Libeskind Architectural Design Chosen for Memorial

By Ria Marie Davis
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Daniel Libeskind was the architect chosen to rebuild the World Trade Center site on Thursday morning by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC), the agency created after Sept. 11 to oversee redevelopment of the 16-acre site.

Libeskind, whose parents survived the Holocaust and who said that the Statue of Liberty was his first "memorable sighting of the United States" was chosen above the other finalist team THINK, led by New York-based architects Rafael Vinoly and Frederic Schwartz. THINK had proposed two decorative steel towers in commemoration of the twin towers.

Libeskind, who came to the States by boat in 1959 as a teenager, recounts his arrival at the New York harbor. "I never forgot that skyline and what it means to an immigrant, an American. It's not just a symbol. It's not just something up in the air. It's about the values that we all share."

New York Gov. George Pataki and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg who received closed presentations from the two contenders before the LMDC panel selected the winner, favored Libeskind's design because they felt that it "offered the maximum flexibility for a memorial as it provided acre-wide 'footprints' of the twin towers."

Mayor Bloomberg said that the "winning plan" would restore "lower Manhattan to its rightful place in the world," while Governor Pataki agreed that it was "truly an emotional protection of the site of Ground Zero itself."

Libeskind's design featured a 1,776 foot tower, the height of which was the year of American independence and attests to "the durability of democracy." Libeskind's plan also included garden top towers, which he said would act as a "confirmation of life."

"There was unanimous agreement," said Matt



Daniel Libeskind's proposal, decided as the best architectural structure for the World Trade Center memorial, was designed so that no shadows will fall at the site between 8:46am and 10:28 am—the times that the planes struck the towers on 11 Sept.

Higgins, an LMDC spokesman. The LMDC committee, which comprises representatives of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, who "built the trade center, owns its land, and months ago began rebuilding transit lines on it," had assigned the task of constructing designs for the skyline-restoring towers to seven teams of architects last fall.

The LMDC mandated that the architects' proposals should also include plans for "a train station, park space, and cultural facilities, including a Sept. 11 museum." The designs should also set aside several acres for a memorial to the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks, the best of which would be judged in a separate competition later this year.

"Three architectural

teams proposed re-creating twin towers. Libeskind did not." He was one of four architects to propose a plan for the restored towers which would surpass the height of the world's tallest buildings, the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur at 1,483, followed by the Sears Tower in Chicago which stands at 1,454 feet. Building the new towers to exceed the height of the original ones which stood at 411 meters (1,350 feet) has been advocated as an act of defiance against terrorism.

Libeskind's plan would also leave the trade center's 70-foot deep concrete foundation walls built for keeping out Hudson River waters exposed.

Libeskind says that, "Having calculated the arc of the sun, a wedge of natural light would funnel visitors to

the memorial site, and that every September 11 between 8:46 am, when the first tower was struck by a plane, and 10:28 am, when the second tower collapsed, no shadows will be cast by his buildings."

He says, "The art of urban planning is not just to do fantasies or to impose mega-structural ideas, but to create rich fabric that has the complexity of New York City. New York City is not just a simple-minded village." Libeskind's previous projects include the Imperial War Museum in Manchester, England, and the soon-to-be-built Denver Art Museum.

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Precious Water

By Sean Jackman
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Hei Wanxiang goes home and places a lock onto his most precious possession. No, it isn't his house, which goes without a lock. It's his precious well, which holds his most valuable commodity: water.

In the town of Tanshan, nestled among brown hills in central China's Ningxia region, rain is hard to come by. This town boasts of being one of the driest places in the country, save actual deserts. The population of about 17,000 is among an estimated 680,000 in the region that is kept from joining China's economic miracle mainly due to severe water shortages.

Wang Yongping, exploration chief at the region's Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, said,

"People in Ningxia use 9,600 cubic feet of water per person per year, about a quarter of the survival level often used as an international standard. Lack of water is one of the major factors inhibiting our economic growth."

Tanshan receives about 12 inches of rainfall a year, compared to 43 inches a year in Shanghai, on the wealthy East coast. Incomes are also as distant. Shanghai residents earn an average of 12,883 Yuan (\$1,555) a year, the highest disposable income in the country, while their Ningxia counterparts see only two-fifths that level, about 5,544 Yuan a year.

The Yellow River, China's second biggest waterway, runs through most of Northern Ningxia, supplying the water needed for farms and industrial production. However, the drought com-

bined with surging use in the upper regions of the river produces a severe depletion of the river. The river is literally drained before reaching the lower levels, forcing strict conservation policies to be put into place. Beijing now dictates how much of the river Ningxia is allowed to use, ordering a cap of 70 billion cubic feet this year, down from 106 billion last year and 141 billion in years past.

To compensate for these cuts, local geologists and engineers are scouring the countryside for underground wells that may be pumped to the surface to irrigate farms. Since 1996, these water projects have managed to supply water to more than 200,000 people for various purposes but that still leaves over 500,000 people 'hydrologically' challenged.

In Tanshan, work to drill

wells is even slower and money is as scarce. Town names such as "Yelling for Water," "Salt Pool" and "One Bowl of Water" reflect the desperate condition.

Others such as "Water Flowing Down" and "Ocean Source" seem widely optimistic.

It can cost about 400,000 Yuan (\$48,500) to find and dig a well. That's about a tenth of the exploration bureau's annual budget, though the central government and army also run water exploration projects.

Hei believes that the drilling of a new well is unlikely to change some facts of life though.

"We bathe every week or eight days. Sometimes every 10 days," he said, holding the plastic pitcher that he and his seven family members use to scrub down.

When asked if he has ever bathed in a big tub full of water, Hei and a crowd of other villagers burst into laughter at such an "absurd" suggestion.



Global Politics

What is Tony Doing?

By Jonathan Grannum
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Approximately one million Brits flooded London two weekends ago to protest Blair's current position on the impasse with Iraq, which constituted the biggest peace march that Britain has ever seen.

What kind of politics is that? Is Blair crazy? Maybe he thinks that 2006 is far enough away for the people to forgive and forget the fact that he proceeded against their will.

It's even more interesting that much of his opposition also comes from members of his own Labor Party, who are set against any war with Saddam Hussein as long as it is not sanctioned by the United Nations. The situation was described by a writer for the conservative Sunday Telegraph, "Blair is at odds with public opinion... There are no two ways about that."

In spite of the rising tide against him, Blair continually strives to make his case to his country that it is necessary to be proactive against the dangers that are present, in the fear that they are overtaken by being overcautious. "When people decided not to confront fascism, they were doing the popular thing, they were doing it for good reasons

and they were good people ... but they made the wrong decision," he was quoted as saying.

There are some interesting qualities here, which point to a couple of possibilities. From the results of the National Opinion Poll, Blair was deemed to be arrogant and out of touch with the people, and again, the majority of the participants in the Market and Opinion Research International poll criticized his handling of this crisis. (Refer to the figures below.)

Either Blair is the one of the worst politicians in modern history, and he deserves the fire that he is under, or he is one of the best leaders that we have come across in a while.

Blair himself said that he was "prepared to be judged by history" with reference to his stance on Iraq. To me, this is a brilliant position to assume if founded upon true and sincere morals and informed decision making. I believe there is something of worth in a man fighting against the popular idea of a time; something of real meaning that is bigger than the common man.

I am not saying that this is the case, but I hope it is. "In the end, people have to vote how they feel," Blair said. "But my job is to say how I feel ... why I believe that what we are doing is right and why I believe that to do what the opponents of my position want us to do would be very, very dangerous for our country and the world."

In essence, 'politics' aside, there is real work to be done here. Sound right? How do you think Prime Minister Blair is handling the Iraqi crisis?

Market & Opinion Research International



National Opinion Poll



Polls were done to determine how well British Prime Minister Tony Blair is handling the war with Iraq situation, and what people think of how much he merges the public's views with his actions regarding the country.

Fission ... Fusion ... Confusion

By Sean Jackman
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Electricity: we use it everyday for all sorts of tasks. From light bulbs to televisions to our fridges and computers; we become more and more dependent on electricity each day. But most of us never stop to think about where that electricity came from.

Presently, almost all of the electricity generated uses coal, oil, gas or uranium. The search for a cleaner, more efficient source of energy has just been given a boost, with the US and China both joining the efforts.

ITER, the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor, is already a joint operation of Britain, other European Union nations, Russia, Japan and Canada.

The US and China have decided to officially join ITER, the largest international science project of the next decade, with the exception of the international space station. ITER will be built over the next 10 years at a cost of about \$5bn. In a fusion reactor, energy

is produced when light atoms are fused together to form heavier ones. The atoms used are deuterium and tritium; both isotopes of hydrogen and very abundant in nature. Deuterium is extracted from water and tritium is manufactured from the light metal, lithium, which is found all over the world. This type of fusion reaction occurs on stars and suns and is the source of their power. At the heart of the sun, fusion takes place at a temperature of 15 million degrees and a pressure of 100,000 atmospheres.

These conditions are not reproducible on earth, and so our fusion reactors will use lesser pressures and greater temperatures, in the region of 100 million degrees. In these conditions, the two atoms collide and fuse together, producing the denser helium atom, a neutron and vast amounts of energy. A commercial power station can then use the heat given off to produce electricity.

Gareth McCartney, a senior in biology said, "Well I think it's quite good. Nuclear energy is very cheap and rela-

tively safe if handled properly. It will lead to lower energy costs. Waste disposal might be the only worry."

Though it may be expensive and time consuming to develop, it also has the potential to be much cheaper and environmentally friendly. Current nuclear stations utilize fission - the splitting up of atoms - to create electricity, but highly radioactive waste is a by-product of this action.

Fossil fuel power stations, our other major source of electricity, use the energy created when fuels such as coal, oil and gas are burnt. However, this process produces greenhouse gases which are released into the atmosphere, escalating the depletion of the ozone layer and of the greenhouse effect. The fuels used in these stations are all limited resources and are destined to be exhausted if people continue using them at the current rate.

Dwayne Wright, sophomore chemistry major, said, "I think the development of a fusion reactor is the most practical step in the generation of electricity when one

considers the advantages of this process in comparison to others- fission, the combustion of fuels."

Fusion reactors in contrast, would produce little or no dangerous by-products. The abundance of the fuels used in a fusion reactor makes it virtually inexhaustible and one kilogram would produce the same amount of energy as 10,000,000 kg of fossil fuel.

"Commercialization of fusion has the potential to dramatically improve America's energy security while significantly reducing air pollution and emissions of greenhouse gases," Bush said in a statement released by the Energy Department.

The first machine to be built will be an experimental version. Construction is planned to begin in 2006 and ITER could be operational by 2014. The site for ITER can be chosen when officials meet in May in Vienna to discuss the issue. Scientists predict that about 20 years of research will continue before the first commercial plant is built.

Reflections on Madrid

By Eleisha John
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There are times that remind us that it's only by the grace of God that we could manage to be where we are. Four years ago, I remember turning 21, looking ahead and seeing absolutely nothing. Four weeks ago, I panicked at the thought of leaving everything and everyone I knew halfway across the world. I had one pair of jeans, two pairs of shoes and \$45 in my bank account.

And yet, here it is, that at half-past three on a February morning, I'm writing this, wrapped in a flannel blanket, on a small balcony overlooking the city of Madrid. Considerably warmer than the Granada we left 6 hours and hundreds of miles ago, Madrid is much busier than I'd imagined.

The bus ride had been an unbelievable expanse of plains, hills and hills of olive trees, and lines of windmills (like Don Quixote's). Then, suddenly... city! It seemed to just spring up from behind the highway billboards. Red-brick, glass, neon windows. A bustling mix of shoppers, strange, I thought, for a

Sunday. Pigeons, parks, statues, traffic. Very urban; very vibrant.

Within the modern complexes, I was glad to see preserved Spanish architecture, and amazed at the medley of city-dwellers: an old lady cranking music from a box, African youth selling CDs, a couple dressed in Native American garb peddling cloth, and Asians offering to paint your name in pictures á la New York's Chinatown. An array of blankets covers the Puerta del Sol with every imaginable type of merchandise- gloves, scarves, DVDs, purses, designer sunglasses.

Every so often, a police car cruises by, slowing down just long enough to create a chaos of blankets. The braver vendors hover over their fare, not quite moving, one hand clasping an edge of fabric, and poised in perfect position to grab and run. But fortune is on their side today, and the police drive along with only an angry glare. Fists relax, blankets fall like lowered sails, and the business of the day goes on.

The administrative centre could have been a different city, surprisingly open and spacious- wide streets and city



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In the Plaza Colón, Madrid, Christopher Columbus stands tall overlooking the lovely waterfalls of Discovery Garden.

plazas punctuated by fountains and statues of men on horseback.

The name "Madrid" is Arabic, and means "Mother of the Waters". The city was founded by the Islamic Moors of the 9th century. Ironically enough, it was not the capital city until their reign was ended by the Catholic empire in the 16th century. In 1562, the capital was moved from Toledo to Madrid.

The bus meandered through the city to avoid traffic, which made it difficult to take everything in. But certain landmarks caught the eye, like the obscenely buxom lady posing nude in bronze for

all to see. She is Botero's "Fat Venus", a sculpture based on the famous painting by 17th century artist Diego Velazquez.

I also took note of the "Estadio Bernabeu", Real Madrid's home stadium, and perhaps my only chance of ever seeing the likes of Ronaldo, Figo, Raul and Roberto Carlos on field... but only of course at practice; I could never afford a 'Real' game.

Colon Square, with its statue of Columbus overlooking Discovery Garden, was my last glimpse of Madrid before the traffic lights turned green.

World Bank Back to Dams

(BBC)- The World Bank has adopted a new water strategy.

Once it avoided dams and other large-scale projects because of the controversy surrounding them.

Now the Bank has decided that it cannot meet the needs of the world's poor without becoming involved in the kind of schemes which have been so criticized in the past.

In the early days of the World Bank, in the 1950s and '60s, the dams it helped finance were almost the trademark of the organization.

Big was beautiful and the Bank's experts toured the globe advising on their construction.

But local activists soon complained that the dams and canals were displacing vast numbers of people, destroying local communities and leaving destitution in their wake.

When the environmental lobby joined in, arguing that whole habitats were being wiped out, the Bank went into retreat, and big dams were definitely off the agenda. Now they are back.

The Bank argues that it simply cannot meet the needs of the poor without supporting major projects, whatever the protests that this provokes.

But the Bank says it has



learned from past mistakes and will undertake careful impact assessments before it backs a scheme.

Heist of the Century

(BBC)- The haul from Belgium's most spectacular diamond robbery in Antwerp earlier this month was worth more than 100 million euros (\$107m), Belgian police have said.

In what police authorities have called the heist of the century, 123 of the 160 vaults at the Antwerp Diamond Centre were emptied. Antwerp's judicial director, Erik Sack, called the crime on 16 February "a piece of genius in its simplicity."

He said the gang had learned to circumvent the alarm system and had copied master keys after renting an office in the Diamond Centre in the name of a phantom company. During the theft, they taped over security cameras and may have put old videotapes in the surveillance system.

Dodging the Sick Ticket: How to Get the Best Health Insurance on a College Budget

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When Ana Alicia Hester, came down with the flu, she immediately went to Howard University's health center. The physician prescribed her the appropriate medication. Then, she picked it up at Howard's pharmacy, for free.

"It was a relief to know I wouldn't have to come out of pocket," sophomore political science major, Hester said. "The university's policy has benefited me so far. The minimal cost per semester has been more than worth it."

As rumors circulate about changes to Howard University's health insurance policy, students must realize how they could be affected. But first, students must understand and be aware of the university policy currently effective in order to determine if additional coverage is necessary.

All full time and part time students are automatically enrolled in the university's insurance plan at registration upon payment of the matriculation fee (\$257.50) which includes health services and benefits.

The first step in determining the adequate type of health insurance is to assess the health of the individual. For most relatively healthy students who need to see a doctor from time to time, Howard's plan is sufficient, providing coverage for many major injuries and sicknesses.

For example, athletes should have additional cover-

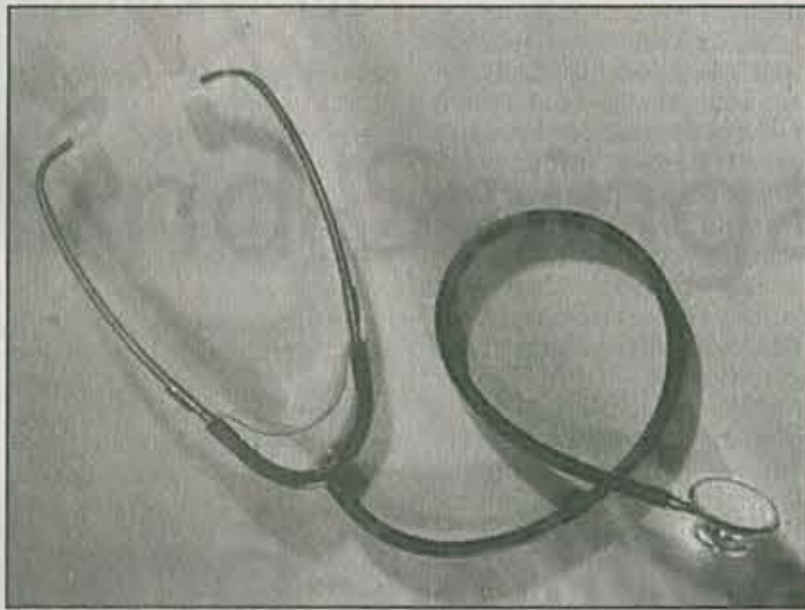


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age in place. While Howard's insurance plan covers up to \$1,000 for sports related injuries, one knee injury could cost up to \$12,000, according to a 2001 Fortis Health Student Select claim. Also, students who frequently experience sickness or disease related problems are subject to greater restrictions.

Unlike many students, sophomore computer science major and football player Howard Baker is aware of both Howard's coverage and his parents' insurance. He is confident that his insurance will adequately cover any unforeseen complications.

"Howard has covered my sports physicals and any shots that I have needed," Baker said. "Under [Kaiser], all the basics are covered with a five or ten dollar deductible. Athletic injuries are covered, [too]."

Northern California resident, Baker remains covered for the duration of his college

years under his parent's insurance, Kaiser Permanente, which is one of few companies that offers coverage both in the DC area and California.

In most cases, in order for the university plan to cover expenses, a student must first visit the student health center. Depending on the severity of the injury or sickness, the health center will refer a student to HUH and coordinate ambulatory services, if necessary, at no additional cost to the student.

Additionally, most medicines prescribed by university physicians are free of charge.

All insurance plans are not created equal. Some plans will cover travel within the states and even abroad. But, Howard's plan only covers up to \$100 for care obtained 35 miles away from Howard.

As a member of ACE American Insurance, Georgetown students are eli-

gible to receive worldwide travel assistance when traveling 100 miles away from their permanent address.

American University's Preferred Provider Network offers coverage nationally through their network and also within the local campus community.

Both schools offer more flexibility in the coverage area and greater maximum benefits. However, Georgetown and American students pay 28-54 percent more per year than Howard students.

According to Maxwell James, a State Farm Agent, most insurance plans will not cover a student after age 19 under a parent's insurance plan. However, "[students] can get adequate health care coverage for roughly the cost of a month's [worth] of Starbucks coffee or eating out," with an average of \$1000 per year for a student insurance plan such as Fortis Health, specifically for college students, offered through State Farm.

According to the US Census Bureau, only 71.9 percent of young adults ages 18-24 had health insurance in 2001, compared to the 25-64 and 65 and older age groups with 83.3 and 99.2 percents, respectively.

"When you're young you think you're immortal. You would rather use money for fun [instead of] a health insurance policy," James said.

The disturbing reality remains that one cannot predict when or where you will need health insurance cover-

age. Without insurance, the hospital and doctors demand immediate payment after health care service is rendered, which could easily add up to thousands of dollars.

"Nobody knows when their health is going to change. The human body is unpredictable and [students]

should not let themselves be without adequate health insurance," James says.

It is important to ensure that proper coverage is in place for whatever needs may arise.

The university's plan booklet is available at the health center and also online.

Tips

Tips when shopping for individual insurance:

- ✦ Check to see what protection you have before buying any more insurance.
- ✦ Shop carefully. Policies differ widely in coverage and cost. Contact different insurance companies, or ask your agent to show you policies from several insurers so you can compare them.
- ✦ Make sure the policy protects you from large medical costs.
- ✦ Read and understand the policy. Make sure it provides the kind of coverage that's right for you. You don't want unpleasant surprises when you're sick or in the hospital.
- ✦ Check to see that the policy states: the date that the policy will begin paying (some have a waiting period before coverage begins), and what is covered or excluded from coverage.
- ✦ Make sure there is a "free look" clause. Most companies give you at least 10 days to look over your policy after you receive it. If you decide it is not for you, you can return it and have your premium refunded.

Information courtesy Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality

Basic Terms

Deductible: money which must be paid each year to cover medical care expenses before insurance policy starts paying

Coinsurance: amount required to pay for medical care in a fee-for-service plan after have meeting the deductible, usually expressed as a percentage

Co-payment: the flat fee every time a medical service is received.

PPO: Preferred Provider Organization is a network of health care providers that have agreed to provide medical services to a health plan's members at discounted costs. PPO members typically make their own decisions about their health care rather than going through a primary care physician like HMO member. The cost to use physicians within the PPO network is less than using a non-network provider.

HMO: Prepaid health plans in which a monthly premium is paid and the HMO

(Information courtesy <http://ehealthinsurance.com>, <http://ahepr.gov>)

covers the cost of care to see doctors within their network at pre-negotiated rates. A primary care physician who coordinates all health care and makes referrals to any specialists must be chosen. For HMO members who do not use the doctors, hospitals and clinics that participate in the plan's network, they will usually bear the cost of those medical services

Indemnity: Traditional health insurance that usually covers a percentage of the cost of care (often 80 percent) after the consumer pays an annual deductible. Patients with indemnity coverage can choose any doctor or hospital for their care.

Premium: the initial amount paid in exchange for insurance coverage

Learning How to Play the Tax Game

By Ashley Kelly
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With April 15 looming ahead, many students prepare to file their taxes. The tax equation includes finding the best price, plus the best professional minus the schemes.

There are many venues through which students can have their taxes prepared, and the Internet is the latest way to file.

Free File is a new service, which allows taxpayers to file online for free, without going through the hassle of paperwork and/or paying someone to prepare the tax forms.

Free File, which is accessible through www.irs.gov, and claims to provide faster tax refunds.

Unfortunately, this service is not available to everyone.

Certain qualifications such as age, adjusted gross, eligibility to file Form 1040EZ, eligibility to claim the earned income residency, state residency and



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active duty military status that determine one's eligibility.

Although 1.3 million Americans use Fast File currently, others still prefer more traditional ways to file their taxes.

Justin Wilson, a sophomore biology premed major, said he pays a tax professional to file his taxes. He said before he found a tax professional he tried to get

his taxes filed at H&R Block, but that their prices were too high.

H&R Block's starting fee for their tax preparation service is \$80, although some students are eligible to pay as low as \$23.

Lisa Montague, a tax professional at the H&R Block in downtown Baltimore, said students whose parents use H&R Block will only have to pay the \$23.

Along with the discount, the downtown Baltimore office offers an additional discount specifically for Howard students.

Montague said if at least ten students from Howard use H&R Block, each student would receive a 10% discount on their taxes.

Montague also said if student are not sure how to complete their own taxes, they should take classes or seek the help of a professional, but there is still more to

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Business Profile: Howard Delicatessen

Business serves sandwiches with a side of history

By Ashley Kelly
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The school bell rings in unison with the clock on top of Founders Library. Students rush out of their classes in order to fulfill the request of their rumbling stomachs.

Three minutes later, they are at the Howard Delicatessen.

Banneker High School and Howard are the primary customers of the Howard Delicatessen, and have been since its inception in 1923.

Kenny Gilmore, who has owned the Delicatessen along with his brother Daryl Diaz since 1988, said that while he attended Banneker, he worked in the delicatessen, which was then owned by the original owners Frank and Mary Guerra.

Gilmore spoke of fond memories as he talked with customer Bill Keene, who

works in Howard's Student Affairs department. Both men smiled as they reminisced about the old days at the delicatessen as they tried to remember the names of the buildings that no longer line the street of Georgia Avenue.

"I come to the delicatessen first because I like supporting my own and secondly because they have great sandwiches," Keene said.

The turkey breast and cheese sandwich is Keene's favorite and also the deli's most popular sandwich, said Gilmore.

Many businesses on Georgia Avenue do not offer Howard University discounts, therefore leaving no choice but for students to pay the high prices.

The Howard Delicatessen does not offer discounts either, but their sandwiches are relatively cheap compared to other stores on Georgia.

In fact, the majority of the sandwiches on the menu are priced at \$3.25.

Nel Merake is a tenth grader at Banneker who has been coming to the deli since

her ninth grade year. Merake said she comes to the deli at least three times a week for honey buns and chips.

"I enjoy coming here because of the good service," she said. "And Kenny [the owner] is funny and enjoyable to be around."

The warm environment attracts students. It keeps employees coming back, too.

Ronda Basanta, a freshman fashion merchandising major, has been working off and on at the deli for five years.

Basanta said she enjoys working at the deli because of its relaxed environment, friendly employees, and getting to meet new people.

"I get to meet more people from Howard working here than I do by going to class," Basanta said, "I get to meet new students as well as a lot of professors."

Previously located where the School of Business sits, the delicatessen moved across the street to its current location in 1970 and has not only

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Mock Trial Team New 'Beast of the East'

TRIAL from A1

sue excellence with no excuses," Harmon said. "That's exactly what we did!"

Torrance Colvin, adjunct professor and the attorney coach for the team, said that he had a good feeling going into the tournament and was very proud of both teams and the success that they achieved.

For their hard work, the Mock Trial team earned the title, "The Beast of the East" and will represent the Eastern Region at the National Championship Tournament held in Iowa on April 4-6.

The sixth place Mock Trial team will travel to Minnesota on March 21, to compete in the National Tournament to qualify. If they perform well they will join the other team in Iowa to compete for the national title.

"I'm very happy with the outcome. We have to step it up now in order to make it to the big dance (The National Competition)," junior Melody Louis said.

Dr. Felicia Walker, director and coach of the Mock Trial Team fully expects to win the tournament in Minnesota.

"We won that tournament in 1997 and again in 2000. We will win in 2003," Walker said.

She feels that the family atmosphere of the team contributes to its success. Before the competition, Dr. Jannette L. Dates, Dean of the School of Communications gave the team a pep talk.

"It's wonderful to have the support of the school. It makes a difference when the students know their hard work is appreciated", Walker said. "We will do our best to bring home the gold!"

Student Leaders Question Elections

LEADERS from A1

Addressing the urgency surrounding the campaign, student leaders such as Brown struggle to find a solution.

"We need to call an emergency General Assembly meeting to discuss the issues occurring within General Elections," Brown said. "We also need to have written guidelines and a set protocol."

Graduate Student Assembly Law School Representative and Coordinator Charles Coleman Jr. also contends that General Assembly should serve as a active balance for General Election.

"I feel that the chair, Corey Cunningham, needs to provide answers for questions surrounding the problems of the Elections committee," Coleman said. "But I am not sure if the situation calls for disciplinary action on behalf of the Assembly."

The fundamental ques-

tion of when the General Assembly intervenes rests with the discretion of the Assembly. Specifically, General Assembly Chair Cornell Williamson, has the authority to call for an emergency meeting if there is any question in the integrity of the election.

Although some General Assembly members do view the happenings in elections as a problem, to date no Emergency Meeting has been called.

However Williamson said thus far, protocol has followed procedure in regards to election grievance process and explained the role of the Grievance Committee set up as a part of the General Assembly.

"The purpose of the Committee is to address any grievances brought forward during the elections process," Williamson further stated that it is the job of the Grievance Coordinator to resolved problems during the election season.

"To my knowledge there have been no grievances filed with the Elections Grievance Committee," Williamson said. "If the individuals who filed grievances with the Grievance Coordinator and were not pleased they could then appeal to the Grievance Committee within the General Assembly."

While Williamson maintains he has no knowledge of filed grievances, former Public Relations chair Nell Bradley maintains that the General Assembly has to be aware of the problems surrounding the Elections Committee.

"I have filed a grievance with 21-counted pages of documentation showing proof of labor and contributions that I am now being accused of never performing," Nell Bradley said. "Additionally, Rasheem Rook, General Elections facilitator, and HUSA has letters documenting my frustrations with the Elections committee and their questionable practices."

General Assembly Undergraduate Coordinator Larry Browns Jr. said that focus should now move from criticism to plans for the future.

"I suggest that a series of meetings take place during the elections period," Brown said. "These meetings should be mandatory and serve assist the General Election Committee."

Williamson assures that the General Assembly will hold Emergency Meetings tomorrow before Thursday's elections to address any grievances. The General Assembly Chair also says another emergency meeting is also tentatively scheduled for Friday or Saturday to address post election grievances. Williamson also expressed the need for constitutional reform involving general elections.

"Before the end of my term our Constitutional Review Committee will present their recommendations to modify elections guidelines," he said.

Quad Director 'Resigns'

QUAD from A1

"I failed to report a bed falling in Truth Hall as expeditiously as he [Chambers] wanted which is understandable," Green said. "I was not able to report sooner because my staff member was slow in telling me and the resident was safe, which was most important."

Chambers said he would not speak on Green's record.

At the time of the interview Green was very emotion-

al and at one point cried openly.

In retrospect Green, said she regrets informing her supervisor of her intention to resign because of the adverse impact on residents.

Roslyn Douglas, former Program/Special Events Coordinator, has been appointed as the Interim Community Director of the Quad. Chambers said he is confident Douglas will do a great job in her new position.

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TRUSTEE from A3

goes on in the board room. A student perspective is far more accurate," he says.

He has spoken with three members currently on the Board, President Swygert, Marwan Porter, and Jaha Howard, who has offered positive feedback about his goals

and objectives and has also spoken with past member, Louis E. Sterling III who has provided him with helpful information about the position.

George plans to use what he has learned to better his understanding of the position.

"The trustee has one of the largest responsibilities of

any student official on this campus," George says. "The most difficult aspect about the position is the fact that so much information is given to you as a trustee, but you are not allowed to share it."

Speaking with students to gather their understanding of the position and informing them about the actual role of the trustee he

believes it is most important to understand other people and their points of view. His diverse background and his ability to communicate with students is why he believes he is the best for the job.

"Because of my diverse background and my overall demeanor, I can offer a better student perspective than most," he says.

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Chuck D Speaks on Campus

CHUCK from A2

said. "I enjoyed the program because I have always admired Chuck D. for his statements-he always speaks the truth," said sophomore Chyrisse Bet.

Chuck D went on at great length about the state of hip-hop and the "pimpin'" of Black death, "both literally and figuratively. Speaking both about the loss of countless music icons and the exploitation of Black culture and the popularization of demeaning idioms such as the use of the word 'Nigga'.

"How can you perform 'My Nigga' for a predominantly white audience in Memphis, TN, the same place where Dr. King was assassinated and then say that they [white audiences] follow me like I'm Martin Luther King Jr.," asked Chuck D.

The civil rights activist was responding to Jay-Z's conscious exploitation of Black culture, which he said is perpetuated by rappers today, all contributing to the "dumbassification" of the youth.

Additionally, Chuck D spent 50 minutes signing autographs, listening to Howard's own spoken word poet "Q", speaking to a student's brother on her Nextel, taking pictures, and answering questions.

"I enjoyed the lecture mostly because Chuck D doesn't censor himself. He shared his views of life as he sees it," said prospective student, Crystal Shant.

Identifying an overarching theme from Chuck D's conversation would prove a difficult task as he managed to touch on everything that seems relevant to the lives of Black students at Howard and some throughout the world.

Honored with an award for his lifelong commitment to African Americans in the United States, Chuck D lives up to his hope to inspire the youth of today.

CHAPEL from A2

and also emphasized that it important to concentrate on our faith rather than our fears."

McKenzie told students the strength to carry on will come from a relationship with God.

"We have to trust God to handle what we cannot handle ourselves, and that God genuinely wants to help us," she emphasized with overwhelming approval to the audience that God has the final word. "George W. Bush does not have the last word."

The service concluded with the Reverend leading the congregation in the hymn, "Jesus Will Carry You Through," an alter call that left many dedicating their lives to God, and a universal prayer for safety to loved ones called to duty overseas and peace in broken hearts and broken lives.

Reverend McKenzie, an alumna of the Howard University School of Divinity, became the first woman, in a 213 year history, to obtain the level of Episcopal office.

Bison Weighing In: Walk-Out For Peace

WALK from A2

the organization is supportive of a student walk-out in protest of war.

"It's an effective way to demonstrate anti-war efforts," Glenn said. "It's very symbolic of how students feel about war. In past anti-war movements, symbolic gestures can mean a lot. It lets the country know that war is wrong. It also builds unity among students across the country."

Glenn says a walk-out would also increase the awareness of both students and members of the surrounding community. But not all Howard students are eager to demonstrate their feelings in a walk-out.

"I agree with it but I wouldn't participate in it. I don't feel a need to go out and march [to share my views]," said Jessica Brundidge, a freshman radio-television-film major.

Freshman psychology major Isheba Barker doubts the effectiveness of a walk-

out. "How many times have we marched and done walk-outs and protested? We never see any results. It's a good gesture but I would like to actually see some results [from this walkout]."

Senior James Richard, a criminal justice and anthropology major is not opposed to an impending war and will not participate in a walk-out.

"Saddam [Hussein] poses a threat to other countries, including the United States. I'm not fooled by the underlying reasons for going to war, I

know it's also about oil and the economy but sometimes war is necessary. We often forget what we have to do to maintain the freedom we enjoy."

Some Howard students are willing to participate in a walk-out to express their opposition to war.

Sophomore political science major Byron Jackson says, "I haven't seen enough evidence to support a war. I would [participate in a walk-out] to show we're not blindly following people and going to war. Plus, if we attack Iraq it

won't end terrorism."

Steve Mobley, a sophomore legal communications major also opposes war. "There are more pressing issues here [in America] that should be addressed first. [A walk-out] would show a unified effort to show how we as students feel about international affairs."

For more information on the ANSWER coalition, contact their D.C. office at 202-544-3389 or visit their website: www.internationalanswer.org.

Black Face Awards Show to Honor Simmons

SIMMONS from A2

"Producing this event serves as experience to those who haven't had experience working in big productions before," Hoffer said. "This event allows students the

opportunities to do everything from producing to modeling."

McFarlin also said that this event will bring notoriety to the School of Communications as being a tremendous school.

"This event brings

together the talents of the students from the School of Communications as well as students from other schools and colleges," McFarlin said. "I think that this is the only program on campus that does that."

In the spring of 2001,

then School of Communications president Nubia Henderson began the Black Face Award Show as way to honor black entrepreneurs in the entertainment industry as well as recognize those African Americans who portrayed other African

Americans in positive images.

The first two recipients of the awards were Spike Lee and Debbie Allen

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please send emails to blackface2003@aol.com.

Interest in Volunteering

VOLUNTEER from A2

Fraternity - an organization that encourages community service; Big Brothers Big Sisters-a mentoring program; Turning the Page - a nonprofit corporation dedicated to enriching the development of D.C. public schools; PhoneFriend - a confidential telephone support and crisis intervention establishment for children who may be home without adult supervision; AmeriCorps KidPledge-an

after school program aimed to increase student's literacy skills; National Civilian Community Corporation - a 10-month national service program specializing in five service areas: education, environment, public safety, disaster relief, and unmet human needs; and N Street Village, Inc - a center that provides continuum services to meet the immediate and long term needs of homeless women and low-income families.

Organization representatives were very excited to be at Howard, including alumni Maxie Hollingsworth of [Turning the Page] and Yashika Okon [AmeriCorps Heads Up]. Both agreed that it had been a struggle to get Howard students to volunteer but there was a need for them.

"Most of our participants are predominantly Latino and black and they need to see successful faces that look like them," Hollingsworth said. "Our responsibility lies in our

community, but we've been letting other people do our job."

The two alumni and other participants were also pleased with the turnout and said weather conditions caused the planning committee to reschedule the event twice, which may have slashed attendance among students and organizations.

Some students were not as impressed with the turnout.

"I expected more," transfer student Kurt Stiehl said. "Nothing has caught my eye yet and now I'm stuck with limited options."

Ronald Goodlett and

Sheteka Ross, both third-year students agreed with Stiehl. Both Goodlett and Ross were looking for more opportunities but commended the committee on their initiative.

Junior Kamaria Smith was also disappointed and expected more students to attend, primarily because of the new housing requirements that include points for community service.

Senior Johnny Jones agreed, but emphasized that the importance of giving back regardless of whether it will increase points for housing.

Liaison Officers Appointed for GLBT Students

GLBT from A2

Hilltop was not able to get in contact with either officer by press time.

Irene Schwoefferman, HUSA's political action committee coordinator supports Smith's decision to appoint liaisons.

"Anytime we protest something, it's not just to show we're mad. We want to try to win concrete solutions to perceived problems," Schwoefferman said. "In this situation, [the liaisons] will be beneficial to students who don't feel safe on campus."

However, Schwoefferman doesn't feel campus police has the capacity to ease the ten-

sions that might exist between gay and straight students. "Attitudes can't be changed by an institution. I encourage our peers to do that themselves."

Sterling Washington, president of BLAGOSAH as well as its co-founder, said, "it's just a safety net on campus for GLBT students. One of the big issues I hear from students is that they were reluctant to talk to Campus Police in the past. Either they were ridiculed or nothing was done."

Washington admits that while this is a significant improvement, more change needs to come. "We're just getting started. We're beginning to make progress but a lot more needs to get done."

The change progress includes adding an informational piece about GLBT issues in freshman orientation, being able to distribute condoms at the ground level of the Blackburn Center as they did last year, as well as making sure women's health issues, particularly lesbians, are addressed by the Health Awareness Coalition of Howard University (HACHU).

Washington makes it clear he is satisfied with the administration's response to BLAGOSAH. But wants the administration to "keep the lines of communication open." Although changes have been made, the students have not been properly informed, according to Washington.

"I don't quite understand why [the administration] is taking steps to improve things on campus but is not telling the students about those improvements."

BLAGOSAH member Desiree Brandon, a junior biology major, is happy about the appointment. "It's very good thing because a lot of gay students don't feel comfortable discussing issues with campus police. My freshman year, my door was defaced and if I had a liaison it would've helped tremendously."

Another BLAGOSAH member, graduate student Damien Carter is also pleased with the recent appointment. "I think it'll be a legal tie for us. We would actually have advocates in our favor with-

out biases. I think it's a good start."

Chris Newsome, a junior anthropology major, feels the liaisons may not be enough.

"I hope [Officer] Howard was not appointed as a placation. To unify the campus there has to be effective policies that address issues openly to form linkages."

Currently, the members of BLAGOSAH are working on holding a town hall meeting in conjunction with the mayor's office as well as student leaders from other district universities in order to address the issues and rights for GLBT students.

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ETHICS from A3

her neutrality is part of her professional responsibility.

Richardson said she makes sure the office is always a neutral place where other candidates are welcome to come in. But the campaign manager for Howard Smith, Byron Stewart, agrees, "its hard to get a fair shake in the election when the elections chair is biased for a particular slate."

The first grievance was

ruled against and the Co-chair of Local Elections Spencer Chenier said that, "favoritism is a miscellaneous claim and it was thrown out. There has to be explicit proof that there was actually favoritism, and there isn't."

The second grievance was filed against Woody and Henry for handing out two event flyers along with campaign flyers in a Blackburn that read "Free For All."

General Elections Chair

KICK from A3

mittee must be mediated through campaign managers. This practice has proven problematic for some candidates who contend that everyone may not be fortunate enough to have a campaign manager with experience and information is often misconstrued or lost in trans-

lation.

Candidates discussed ways to eliminate the current separatist practices of student organizations and governmental bodies. Thus reversing past precedents and building allegiances while actively abandoning the bitterness and split that surrounds elections. The candidate's brainstormed ways to work from together in the post election era regardless of elec-

tion outcomes.

"Regardless of what happens we should work to build up one another and not tearing each other down," asserted Undergraduate Trustee candidate Jacques Purvis. "We are all about doing things that will translate to our relationships after Howard and we can accomplish more working together than we ever could divided."

Some candidates simply

Series.

"It's not fair for them to hand out those flyers with their campaign flyers because all of Arts and Sciences helped coordinate those events," Stewart said. "Woody and Henry are trying to imply that Arts and Sciences is endorsing them, which can sway voter's opinions."


Henry defends her slate and says she "sent out an announcement via e-mail to UGSA representatives and

struggle to understand the politics of campaigning. HUSA presidential candidate Ja'Ron Smith shared in the sentiments of many students as he expressed his foreignness to the politics governing Howard University and Power Hall.

"I am a stranger to running a campaign on Howard's campus," Smith said. "I think that the Elections Committee, comprised of

dynamic people who can inspire groups of people to get involved should use their energy to get people involved and do the work that candidates are prevented from doing."

Despite the hitches in carrying out the forum due to scheduling problems, the coordinator was pleased with the outcome.



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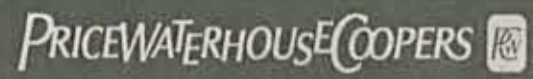
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Jozen's Jargon



Surviving Howard

By Jozen Cummings
Life and Style Editor

If there was one thing my Drew Hall R.A. guaranteed freshman year was that I, or someone living in the dorm, would be robbed before graduation. When I heard this, I didn't laugh, but then again I wasn't shaken. Even before I came here, I've seen friends get robbed, even shot, so this indeed was nothing new to me.

I told myself that I wouldn't let the possibility of getting robbed get in the way of what I needed to do. If I was hungry at 12 a.m. and no one wanted to walk with me, well, I would just make the trip up to Howard China myself.

Early Saturday morning, a group of Howard University freshmen and their guests from George Washington University were faced with a similar situation. After being told by the Drew Hall security guard that they couldn't wait in the lobby for a cab, or outside in the courtyard, the group walked up to the corner of Gresham St. and Georgia Ave. to try and get their transportation.

While waiting for a cab, a white van pulled up and a man jumped out. He grabbed one of the girls by the throat, pointed a gun at her, and demanded that the GW student give him all her money.

Meanwhile, the other members of the group fled. In their attempt to run for safety, two of the guys from Drew Hall were shot.

The assailants drove off in the van with only \$40 and a smoking gun.

When incidents like these happen, I am reminded why I was told to be careful. But I'm also reminded of why I get so frustrated with my school.

Inside of the gates, we are as safe as any college campus can be. No one walks around in fear, but once we step outside, things change. A few blocks up the hill or a few blocks down the hill, can cause a safe world to morph into a crime-riddled "hood."

For some of us, the environment outside of Howard's gates is not a new one. For others, they've never seen the kind of people who congregate down by the Shaw-Howard University metro stop.

No matter which group you're in, the situation we're thrown to at Howard is not a fair one. Since Howard owns much of the property where criminal activity occurs, they should be doing more to secure the area. It's unfair that students are forced to adapt to these conditions. I don't necessarily know all the ins and outs of how to stop these random robberies and shootings from happening, but I certainly wish I could see some change.

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The Black Alternative

Some Blacks Have a Different Beat

By Kamaria Moir
Contributing Writer

Ryanne Dennis is a junior at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute High School in Baltimore. Her near-shoulder length hair is in a ponytail and she is dressed in a black blouse, jeans and sneakers.

Boarding an MTA city bus with several of her schoolmates, she leaves school and heads home. Like many of her middle class, African American peers, she is concerned with her grades, likes hanging out with friends and occasionally going to the mall, when her schedule permits.

But the music blasting through her headphones is very different from her peers. Dennis listens to the Mexican rock band, At the Drive In, while a passenger across from her plays Ashanti. Dennis is also the bassist in an all-Black, all-female rock band, covering songs from alternative rock bands as well as playing original music. While her musical tastes differ from the majority of her peers, who listen to artists like Ashanti, Dennis has plenty of company in her world.

In the documentary, "Afro Punk: The Rock and Roll Nigger Experience," director James Spooner follows six black youth who are involved in punk music

scenes across the country. With interviews with black punks (used interchangeably with Afro punks), Spooner tries to show how blacks like Dennis differ from the majority of black portrayed on television and in magazines.

More than the Music

Punk music is certainly more than music to those in the rock community.

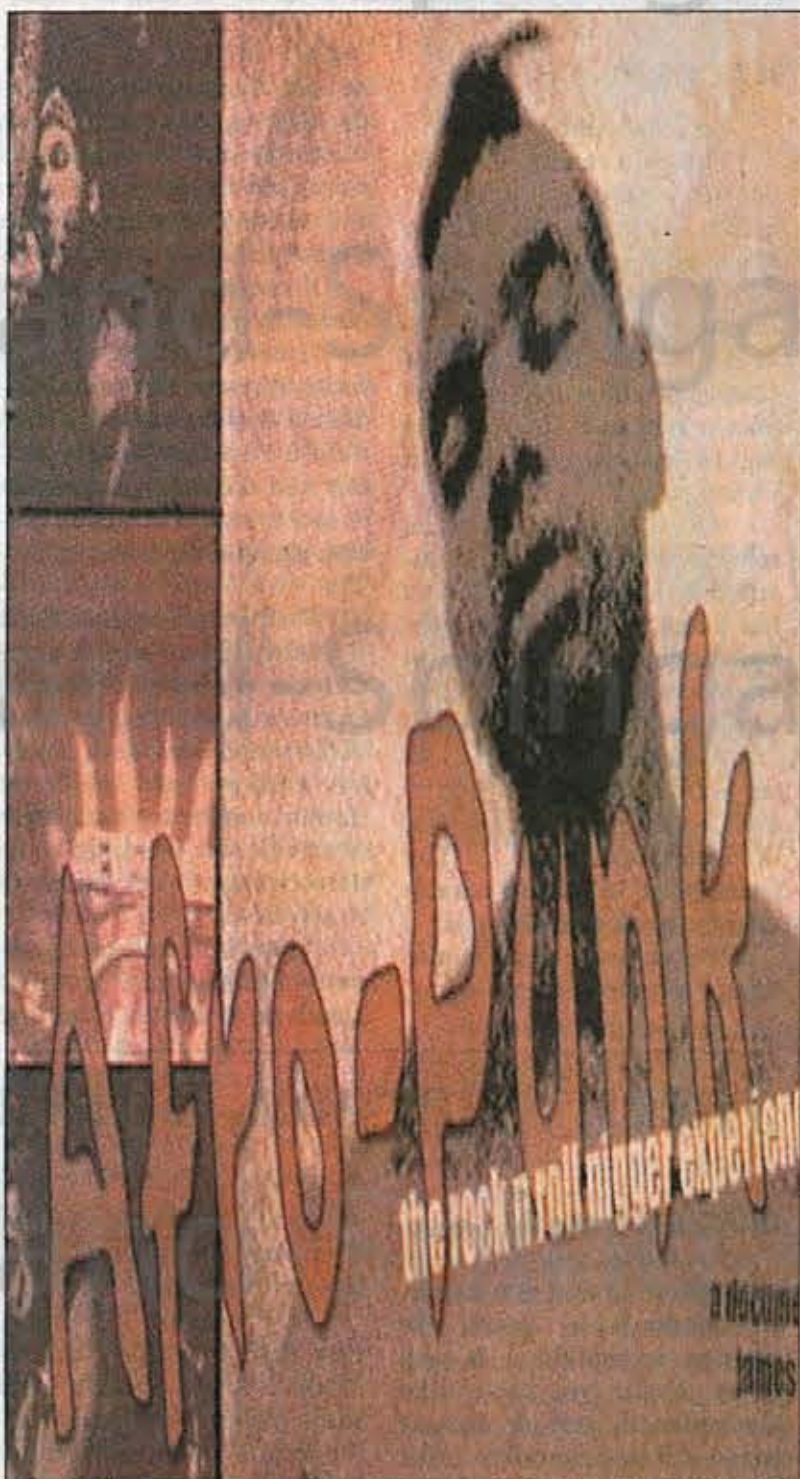
"I don't consider myself a black punk," Dennis says. "Punk itself is a lifestyle, a mentality. I just like the music. I would like to be called a punk incognito or a closet punk."

"I just look like the typical black female," she continues.

"But my CD player's blaring the Clash instead of 50 Cent."

The word "punk" arose in a 1970 journalistic essay on music as a means of describing the high-energy sound of this form of rock and the youth embracing it. Early black punk bands include D.C.'s own Bad Brains who formed in 1977. With the attention grabbing earmarks of punk, such as the Mohawk hairstyle (a shaved head with a track of hair remaining in the middle of the scalp), multiple and visible piercings, the attitudes of the youth and certainly the loud frantic sound of the music, punk is a qualified culture to many.

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The poster for "Afro-Punk," a new documentary about African-American's who live the rock-n-roll life. Musicians such as Cody Chestnutt, right, have embraced such a life style.



Exclusive Interview

True Hip-hop Authority: Talib Kweli

Interview by Lionel Issacs
Contributing Writer

The news of the coming storm did not stop fans from packing Willie's Music store on Georgia Ave. in hopes of seeing one of hip hop's most influential artists.

Talib Kweli stepped on to the rap scene in 1998 as one half of the duo Black Star with fellow rapper Mos Def. The year 2000 brought Kweli's first major label solo album, "Reflection Eternal," on Rawkus records and his sophomore album "Quality" was released in November 2002.

In an interview with The Hilltop, Kweli talked about a wide range of issues, from the state of hip-hop to his own career objectives.

H: Do you use music as much more than a means to financial gain?

T: "You can spread messages through music, and as a function of music."

H: How do you feel about being called a role model?

T: I'm comfortable with handling my responsibility, I have been given that.

H: How do you feel about the way women are depicted in



FILE PHOTO

Talib Kweli, during one of his performances, takes his work as an artist very seriously.

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H: But don't you think the boxes make people understand you better?

T: It's not fair to the consumer who may not hear the music and may think that it's one thing because it's what the box says, and it's not fair to the artist because I can't grow and expand.

H: What do you feel about artists being accountable for what they say?

T: You can't put that responsibility on people's shoulders. So, you know it's not fair to [say] because you make music, you're somehow more responsible than other people in society. Though it's true ... but most people don't know that. It's hard to hold [other artists] responsible for what they don't know. It's like being mad at a baby.

H: What about the relationship between you and your former partner Mos Def? Are things rocky?

T: He makes me strive to be a better MC, a better artist. When I went on the road for the first time, Mos had been on the road before, so you know I had to step my game up to share a stage with that man. [Our friendship] has definitely been a blessing for me.

H: How do you feel about

your career thus far? Are you happy where you're at, at this point?

T: I'm blessed to have a career that still allows me to build with regular people, do what I want to do for a living, [and] make the music I want to make. That keeps me down to earth. I'm not isolated from the people. I don't know any other way to be.

H: What's your stance on the current state of hip-hop?

T: Hip-hop is going to be wherever the people are. The artists who are popular are popular because that is what the people are demanding. If the people demand better, then the artists will get better.

H: Many fear white artists like Eminem will be the down fall of the industry, do you see race being an issue?

T: Personally I don't care if there white, pink or green.

H: Ultimately, what are you trying to accomplish through your music and do you feel you've accomplished these goals?

T: I just tried to make quality music. I just tried to make music that felt good, and yeah I think I succeeded.

420 Almost on Time

By Edith Sodolo
Contributing Writer

Grade: B-

Can You Feel 420 Lauda? Instead of sweeping the stages of "American Idol," "Star Search" or "Making of the Band," 420 Lauda has

decided to embrace their hometown of DC as a stage to where they display their musical talent.

This hip-hop neo-soul band combines elements of jazz, rap, and go-go to produce a sound unique to popular music. Darel Hancock, Marcus Richardson, Vincent Richardson, Jordan Ringo,

and Tim Steele are the five members of 420 Lauda. Hancock and M. Richardson are the lyricists and vocalists, V. Richardson is the pianist, Ringo is the bass player, and Steele is the drummer.

Hancock loves poetry and has gotten inspiration for his lyrics from poets like Pablo Neruba and E. Ethelbert

Miller who is the director of the African American Resource center at Howard University. M. Richardson writes poetry, shorts stories, and has a passion for spoken word. V. Richardson trains under Dr. Raymond Jackson, an internationally known classical pianist at Howard University. He also composes

piano pieces. Ringo has played with a Grammy nominated vocal group and performed at the jazz scenes in the Midwest before he found himself in D.C. Steele has been playing the drums since he was two years old and he incorporates a variety of musi-

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There's no letting go of the microphone reggae artist Wayne Wonder holds in his hand. Above, Wayne Wonder warms up as one of his cohorts enjoys what he's hearing.

Exclusive Interview

Wayne Wonder

By Jennifer L Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Got somebody / she is a beauty / very special / really and truly." Sound familiar?

The smash single "No Letting Go" has one of the catchiest beats and heartfelt lyrics of any mainstream reggae song to date. In short, Wayne Wonder, the smooth voice behind the song, has single handedly brought emotion back to dancehall.

In terms of mainstream staying power, there is no denying the power of the "Reggae Explosion" which has brought acclaim to artists such as Sean Paul and countless others.

Reggae artists' songs are now getting regular airplay on major radio stations, a practice that was not common only a few years ago. The runaway success of "No Letting Go" has both pleased and excited Wayne Wonder.

"I want to make music for everybody, so everyone can appreciate it," Wonder says. "If it is getting mainstream attention, then that is good."

Wayne Wonder, who was born Von Wayne Charles on July 26th, 1972, has been influenced by music since he

was very young.

"In the early days, my mom sang, and that was an inspiration," Wonder says.

Wonder also cites musical icons like Mahalia Jackson, Al Green, Bob Marley and old school dancehall records as influential players in the formulation of his distinct musical style.

Make no mistake. Although the recent runaway success of "No Letting Go" may make some believe that Wayne Wonder is new to the industry, this is not the case.

Wayne began recording music in the late 1980's in Jamaica, and he made a name for himself doing covers of popular songs. However, the success was bittersweet for Wonder, who yearned to be recognized for his original material.

"Them producers really didn't want to hear my original material" Wonder reflects. "It was very frustrating."

This frustration caused Wayne to make a vow to himself that he would only record original material from that point on. Judging by the winning combination of heartfelt lyrics and catchy beats and rhythms, it seems Wonder

made a brilliant decision.

Wayne Wonder's "No Holding Back" is an album that required a lot of time and energy on Wonder's part.

"The album took two-and-a-half months to finish, and at the end, I had 30 songs, and I had to cut it down to 17."

Challenging as the task was, the 17 tracks that comprise clearly showcase Wayne's best work, full of silky smooth lyrics and a variety of dance floor-ready beats. From the bass driven, soulful "Friend Like Me" to the vintage dancehall-tinged "The Mood Is Right," Wonders' range is as dynamic as his talent.

In conclusion, Wayne Wonder's music is as romantic as it is rhythmic, a combination that is guaranteed to earn him success and longevity in the music industry. As an artist who is devoted to making feel-good music that all can relate to in some way, Wonder is definitely one to watch for in the upcoming months.

Wayne Wonder's latest album is in stores today.

Some Blacks Have a Different Beat

BLACKS from B1

Spiritually Different

This alternative lifestyle doesn't stop at music. Spirituality is also a side to the black alternative perspective rarely explored. D. Brown, another black punk and a freshman at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, was once a Wiccan before converting to his current belief in Christianity.

Wiccans follow the Wicca religion, which is largely influenced by Masonic and Celtic teachings, and is an earth-based religion. Those who follow Wicca are often referred to as witches.

Worship of nature and respecting "The Great Spirit" are large parts of Wicca, according to Brown. "The Great Spirit" in Wicca is considered the spirit of all things.

"Wicca was more something I practiced on my own,"

he says. "Some things that I did do [during my time as a Wiccan] were invocation of spirits, casting protective spells and making offerings to 'The Great Spirit.'"

Brown says he was unconcerned by popular opinion.

"I never felt like a part of society anyway. So the discrimination I would have felt, I didn't feel. I lived my life as an outcast and even though I'm part of society now, I'm still an outcast, just in different ways."

Their People Against Them
Other blacks on the alternative scene have not been as fortunate in avoiding the sting of discrimination. Josh, a junior Anthropology major at Howard and former lead singer of a punk rock band, finds the stereotyping of black culture to be corrosive.

"There is a tendency to create this imaginary cultural agenda as to what is black and

what is not," he says. "Which needless to say, perpetuates a social division between blacks and whites."

Sadly, this narrow representation of the black experience in the media also causes a division among blacks. Hopefully people like Josh will feel welcomed by his whole black community and not just a portion of them.

Dennis, thinking about the attitudes in the black community toward this alternative lifestyle, shares her desire for a change in the way blacks see themselves and each other.

"I just want people to know that not all blacks are into hip hop," she says. "I love what I listen to, and I don't really care what people think of it anymore. Black people helped create [punk culture] with people like Hendrix and Little Richard. Instead of shunning it, people should embrace it."

Jozen's Jargon, Surviving Howard

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Then again, our neighborhood isn't going to change overnight. It can even begin to look like Georgetown, but it doesn't mean it'll be crime-free. All I know is some GW student's perception of our school will be forever changed because

of what happened to her right on the perimeter of Howard's campus.

Just because the situation didn't happen on the football field, doesn't mean she's going to disassociate the crime from the school. For her, Howard University is probably going to become just like that place her moth-

er told her to never go to when she was little.

And who can blame her? I work on George Washington University's campus, and I know I'm safe. But I go to Howard University and like everyone else here, I can only hope.

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cal elements into his performance.

420 Lauds has played in many of the popular venues located in DC including Kaffa House, State of the Union, and Club Daedalus. They have also been musical guests at schools such as Howard University, University of Maryland, and Banneker High School. Their debut album will be in stores soon, but they have a demo tape of four tracks that display their versatile sounds.

"Can You Feel This" is the groups first single and it's the first song on the demo tape. This slow tempo song has dominant drumbeats and add elements of go-go to it. It appears to be recorded live so

the sound quality is poor. The demo tape only gets better after the first song. "When the Bass" has a soothing mellow jazz instrumental. It starts with the bass solo, and then all of the instruments follow complementary. The pure feminine voice of L. Robinson starts the song by singing the chorus "when the bass..." and the lyricist smoothly takes over the track by poetically reciting rhymes. The song ends with Robinson scatting. Her voice is reminiscent of R&B singer Amel Larrieux.

The next track is "Anthem" featuring Deborah Bond who has been a musical guest at Howard University. This song has similar go-go elements as the first track, but the beat is a faster and funkier jazz. The song slows down

when Bond has her solo and when the lyricist raps. This technique accentuates her soulful voice and his lyrical message. The last song is a bonus track and it is untitled. The instrumental uptempo jazz groove driven by the drums, piano and chimes allows the composition to be complex, powerful, and beautiful.

420 Lauda's experience and education in music is obvious through this demo. They still have room to grow and learn more about music in the aspects of production, lyrics, and sound quality.

For more information on 420 Lauda log on to www.420lauda.com



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Local group 420 Lauda takes a break from one of their studio sessions. The group is currently shopping their demo.

SPORTS

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HU Basketball Prepares for Conference Tournament

By Thomas Savage, Jr.
 Sports Editor

The men's basketball team is getting more and more excited as they finish their conference schedule. With just a few more games left to play before the end of the regular season, Howard is making a run for it.

The Bison, led by MEAC player of the year Ron Williamson's average 22.8 points a game, are currently fifth in conference standings.

With a record of 9-7, Howard is still looking to make a run at the fourth and third spots. The MEAC conference gives five first round byes to the top five teams in the conference. The remaining nine teams play each other. Howard hopes to get one of the top five bids for a number of reasons.

Receiving a bye will allow the Bison to get an extra day of rest and have the ability to scout some of the teams that they will see later in the tournament. Also, a bye will allow them to play a lower seeded team, helping them to build momentum as they take on the likes of South Carolina State or Hampton in the conference championship.

The Bison have had a late season spark winning six of their last seven. It seems like the men have finally settled into a groove and all of the players are starting to better understand their roles on the



Seye Alukopictured above fends off two defenders as he goes up strong for a rebound.



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team.

With the constant and steady contributions of Kyle Williams, averaging 15.6 points a game, he has been able to put his name in the record books, becoming the ninth all-time leading scorer in Howard's history. With the help of freshman guard Louis Ford, who is currently second in MEAC in assists, the Bison have moved the ball around much better

Games of the week:

Men

South Carolina vs. Hampton
 Delaware St. vs. Howard

Women

Delaware St. Howard

the second half of the season. Seye Aluko has stepped up his game this year scoring just under ten points a game

and grabbing seven rebounds a game. Mac Wilkinson has been able to contribute tremendously by scoring in double digits his last four games.

If the men continue on the path that they are on, they will certainly make a lot of noise in the conference tournament. If the tournament started today, Howard would face Coppin in the second round. With the tournament being close to home, the

men are looking for strong fan support as they look to grab this year's MEAC title, improving on last year's second place finish.

The Lady Bison are currently tied for third in the conference with a record of 9-5. Led by first team all-conference forward Courtney Kirk and second team all-conference guard Asia Petty, the Lady Bison are looking to beat out FAMU for the third spot going into the tournament.

With the scoring and rebounding of Kirk and Petty, the Lady Bison have strong leadership and experience that should carry them a long way through the tournament. With a bye in the first round, the Lady Bison are almost guaranteed a third round appearance, and hopefully the experience will kick in, helping them to step it up and move into the championship.

Shauna Ruglass is averaging 7.1 rebounds and 9 points a game. Simone Agee is averaging just over 11 points a game. Kirk and Petty have almost identical stats as they each are averaging just over 16 points and about 6 rebounds a game. The focus for the end of the season and the tournament for the Lady Bison will be to keep everyone involved and come into every game ready to play.

College Basketball Player Turns Back on American Flag

By Robert L. Anderson, II.
 Contributing Writer

As college students have recently organized a National Rally against the United States' involvement in the Iraqi War for Mar. 5, one college basketball player has been leading the way with her silent protest all season.

Manhattanville College (NY) senior player Toni Smith has constantly refused to face the flag during the pre-game playing of the national anthem.

The sociology major has declined to be interviewed by the press several times. Her only legitimate response for these actions thus far has been a 250-word statement outlining the reasons for her protest as "the inequalities that are embedded into the American system," and "the war America will soon be entering."

"I think it is about time that she had the courage to do what a lot of people have only thought about doing," sophomore electronic studio major Michael-Jakim Thomas said. "It definitely would have been better to see students at Howard leading the movement against the war like in the past, but I'm glad that she is doing her part."

Not all feel the way Thomas does about Smith's actions. Jerry Kiley, a 56-year-old Vietnam veteran from Rockland County, N.Y., was ejected from a previous game as he ran onto the basketball court, presenting the United States flag into the face of Smith as she lined up while another player prepared to shoot free throws. "She has disgraced herself and she has disgraced the flag," Kiley said after promptly being escorted out of the arena by security forces.

The objections against Smith have taken place long before Kiley's individual protest. At an away game versus Mt. St. Mary's

College in Maryland, the student government was allowed to issue small U.S. flags before the game.

Over 500 students filled the gymnasium, constantly jeering at Smith and sang "God Bless America" at every possible opportunity. During another away game at the U.S. Merchant Academy, students continued similar protest while directing chants of "Leave our Country" to Smith.

Prominent women's basketball head coach Geno Auriemma, whose University of Connecticut Huskies team is holder of the nation's longest winning streak at 67 games, says if Toni Smith were on his team, she wouldn't be for long.

Auriemma told The Hartford Courant: "The flag is a symbol of what we stand for. Anybody who does [what Smith has], they have the right to do it, but to me it's disrespectful and ... I would have the right not to have that person on my team. Then they can sue me and say, 'You're denying me my rights,'"

Manhattanville first-year coach Shawn Lincoln has declined talking about whether or not a basketball arena is a proper place to hold political protest; however, school president Richard Berman has been extremely supportive of Smith's right to express her ideas, regardless of whether or not anyone agrees or disagrees with her views.

Smith has showed no signs of ending her protest, as they should continue until the team's final game of the season, but spectators have also showed no signs of ceasing to voice their opinions as Stacey Jacobson, a regular at Manhattanville home games stated, "I firmly believe she has the right to do what she wants, but she's doing it on Manhattan's dime.

Williamson Named MEAC Player of the Year

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A 6'1" senior guard from Columbus, Ohio, Ron Williamson had a phenomenal season. He averaged almost 23 points per game and scored more than 30 points in six out of seven games.

"I am honored to be voted player of the year," said Williamson. "I think I was more surprised than anything. It is a great honor and a tribute to my coaches and teammates."

Williamson scored a school-record 52 points against North Carolina A&T and at one point during the season, he scored 30 or more points in six out of seven games. Williamson ranked among the best in the conference in several categories including scoring, free throw shooting percentage (88 percent), three-point field goal percentage (45 percent) and three pointers made (3.82) per game.

During his 52-point performance, Williamson hit on 11-of-14 from three-point range while also adding career-high eight assists. Williamson had another noteworthy accomplishment when he scored an unbelievable 16 points in overtime during a win over Norfolk



FILE PHOTO

Ron Williamson wins MEAC Player of the Year.

State. Williamson, who was not selected to either the first or second pre-season All-MEAC team, received 73 out of a possible 95 votes.

NOTE: Kyle Williams was voted to the All-MEAC second team after averaging almost 16 points despite playing most of the season with a sore knee. Williams, a

6-6 senior guard/forward from Burlington, NJ, ranked in several statistical categories in the conference including scoring, three-point shooting, rebounding and steals. He scored in double figures in all but two games this season and led the team in scoring in eight games this season.

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SPORTS

Local High School Star Stands Above Rest

By Thomas Savage Jr
Sports Editor

There is a lot of debate as to who will be this year's top choice for the NFL draft.

USC quarterback Carson Palmer is projected to be the first pick, becoming the best quarterback on the worst team, the Cincinnati Bengals. This year though, more than one quarterback is considered to be in the top ten of the draft, and one of them happens to be from Washington, DC.

Byron Leftwich, a 6-4, 240 lb African American is projected to be the second quarterback drafted this year.

Leftwich was born on January 14, 1980, in Washington, DC. He attended H.D. Woodson High School, where he lettered in three sports, baseball, basketball, and football. After his senior

year, he was selected to the all-metro team, and received offensive player of the year honors.

Leftwich went on to play at Marshall his freshman year in college and was the number one backup. Learning the system quickly, Leftwich was looked at as a contender for the starting job the following year.

He played in just three games before injuring his ankle. Receiving a medical red-shirt, Leftwich had even more time to learn the Marshall system and physically prepare himself for the pain of being a Division I starting quarterback.

Leftwich returned to camp the next season better than ever. Immediately chosen as the starting quarterback, he had a remarkable season throwing for over 3,300 yards and over 20 touchdowns.

The incredible season

Leftwich had that year only got better as the season went on. Leftwich threw only 9 interceptions, making his touchdown-to-interception ratio the lowest of all quarterbacks in the country with at least 400 passes.

Also Leftwich ended the season throwing 138 passes without an interception. Leftwich led the MAC in seven offensive categories, including most total offense, most passing yards, and touchdown passes.

The next year proved to be no different as Leftwich totally dominated the MAC conference, putting together the best single-season year for a quarterback. He was named MAC player of the year, and listed in the top ten for the Heisman by most media outlets.

Leftwich met or broke five conference records his junior year, total offense (4,224), total

touchdowns (41), passing attempts (470-tied), completions (315), and passing yards (4,132).

Leftwich was able to throw for 400 yards in four games, including three straight. He improved his accuracy by having the second best touchdown to interception ratio nationally (5.4-1). Leftwich ended his junior year throwing for 576 against East Carolina in the GMAC Bowl, to lead on the greatest comebacks in college bowl history.

After hearing suggestions of turning pro early, and becoming a definite first-round draft choice, Leftwich decided to return to Marshall for his fifth and senior year, hoping to get more experience and looking to break all of the records that he fell shy of. During his senior season, he threw and completed more passes than

ever before, while still improving on his completion percentage.

Leftwich ended this last season with his name at the top of most of the NCAA offensive records and most of the MAC offensive records.

Leftwich is considered by many to be the greatest football player to ever come out of the DC metropolitan area. Leftwich was a Heisman trophy finalist, Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Candidate, and a Walter Camp Player of the Year Candidate.

"Byron Leftwich may be the best quarterback in America. He has everything you could ask for - a quick release, a strong arm, accuracy and leadership. He is, no doubt, the best in America," said Mike Gottfried of ESPN.

Leftwich has publicly stated that he was hoping to avoid

playing for the Bengals, and it looks like the Bengals have no interest in choosing him first overall in this year's draft. Although there are several teams that may be looking for a quarterback, Chicago seems to be the most likely team to draft a quarterback with a top ten selection.

Chicago's current starter, Jim Miller, is certainly not getting the job done. Many analysts say that Chicago will pickup Cordell Stewart as a free agent, get rid of all their quarterbacks, and sign Leftwich with the fourth overall pick. Leftwich looks like he will be a very good starting quarterback in the NFL.

As a Bear or a Bengal, or even a Redskin, Leftwich will definitely be one of the best quarterbacks in this year's draft class.

Column

Let's Get Ready To Rumble

By Keith Sneed
Contributing Writer

For a long time now, the sport of boxing has somewhat lost its excitement. If it weren't for the creativity of Mike Tyson's facial tattoo or the announcers trying to prolong his interviews, then the entertainment factor of the sport would be virtually non-existent.

However, there is still one exciting boxer left, and his name is Roy Jones Jr.

Throughout Jones' career he has been criticized for the lack of skill of his opponents. He has dominated the light heavy weight division for some time now and there just doesn't seem to be a worthy opponent out there. Is that his fault?

From playing exhibition basketball games the morning of a day he is scheduled to fight, or having heated interviews via satellite with other boxers in the dressing room prior to entering the ring, Jones has the confidence and cockiness of no other.

Saturday Mar. 1 Roy Jones (193 lbs), quieted the critics by defeating John Ruiz (223 lbs), convincingly in a 12-round unanimous decision. The scorecards were lopsided having Jones winning 11 of the 12 rounds.

With his unique gamecock fighting style, Jones focused on the T-zone of Ruiz's face. Because Roy is trademarked for his quickness, many felt as though he was too light and not strong enough to beat a heavy-weight opponent. That talk has been quieted, but only moderately.

Even though Ruiz was the WBA titleholder he is still not considered to be a great fighter.

By watching this fight it was plain to see why Jones is considered to be the best pound for pound fighter to step into the ring. By not allowing Ruiz to attack his body, Jones was able to stick and move while constantly frustrating Ruiz with his jab, not to mention his taunting. Although it seemed as if Jones was not able to knock out his opponent with one shot he did make a target of Ruiz's nose, which bled for about eight rounds.

Now that Jones has 1/3 of the heavyweight title people are starting to talk about whom he will fight next. Many speculate that Mike Tyson will be his next opponent.

Now, it is known that Roy might be the best at what he does but let's be realistic now. Iron Mike is not only 32 lbs heavier, he is built like a brick wall, his punches feel like a hammer hit you, he may be just

as quick as Jones, and he is crazy. It is no wonder why they call him Iron.

Jones may not know what he has gotten himself into. Tyson is attempting to climb back to the top of the ranks and he will probably fight anyone he can with enough popularity to get him back to the point where he can have his rematch with Lennox Lewis. Now that he has defeated Ruiz it is only natural that people believe that Tyson should fight Jones.

Don King is probably licking his chops right now because if he can pull this off this could be one of the most anticipated fights since the "The Rumble in the Jungle."

But is Roy trying to become the undisputed heavy weight champ? It is highly unlikely because the 6'6" Lewis is too much of a Goliath for Jones and they don't allow slingshots in the ring.

Jones stated that he made the jump to make history and he has once again succeeded. We can all dream about Mike Tyson vs. Roy Jones but we may never see it. Until then Roy Jones has just given everyone another reason not to forget.

Jonathan Ogden and Howard Legacy: Raven Rests in Football Family Tree

By Melanie M. Clarke
Hilltop Staff Writer

Jonathan Ogden got his position on the World Champion Baltimore Ravens' offensive line when he responded to a classified ad: "Wanted: 6'8" tall, 350 pounds, fast and light on the feet. Needed for protection of expensive investment from monstrous combatants. Long hours of exhaustive work, little recognition."

Returning from a West Coast golf course in 75-degree weather Ogden remarked, "People just don't understand how hard we work from July to December."

After seven January trips to the Pro Bowl, Ogden's season hasn't ended in December since his rookie year. He made Art Modell look like a genius for choosing him as the Ravens first draft pick, above Ray Lewis, when the franchise began.

This year, Ogden traveled to Hawaii with his younger brother Marques of Howard University, who was invited to Maui to play in the Hula Bowl, his first Bowl appearance. "We were warming up and I was looking for [Marques]," Ogden said, "I think he did a good job out there and it was good to see... that all his hard work is starting to pay off."

Marques admits Jonathan's guidance and experience have benefited him. "My brother [is] more of a support group," he said, "When it comes to me, he's more of an advisor."

Jonathan admired his younger brother's attitude while having his big brother's shadow on him. "I know it's tough on Marques trying to live up to what I've done. He can be a solid NFL player if he keeps working hard," said Ogden, "He comes from a good family, so he'll be alright."

Though their father was unable to travel due to health concerns, the sons were able to have their mother, Cassandra Sneed Ogden, make the trip. "It really felt fabulous ... I tried to be a real cheerleader," she remarked with enthusiasm and anxiety

at seeing both sons in a Bowl game, adding, "Football moms spend a lot of time in prayer."

When Jonathan left UCLA as a multi-sport athlete, his first decision after being drafted was whether to accept his invitation to the Olympic trials as a shotputter or to NFL training camp as a rookie. In January of 2000, as purple and black confetti rained on his head after the Ravens won the Super Bowl, he knew he made the right decision.

"That was the best day of my life [in football]. We knew we were going to win games ... we just rode the wave all the way to Tampa. That was a great year. That was a lot of fun."

His father Shirrel watched football on Saturday and Sunday afternoons for nearly a decade before he got to hold the Lombardi trophy and Super Bowl ring. One conversation tells that his All-American and All-Pro sons have brought him even more pride than when he played football at Howard University.

"There's not many things in your life [that] give you the feeling that you get when you see one of your children achieve something like that," Shirrel Ogden said, "You're much happier for them than you could be if it happened to you."

When asked about their father's days at Howard, the sons speak with an ambiguous admiration. "I heard he was good," Marques commented with a knowing smile. "I didn't know a whole lot," remarked Jonathan, "I think he was trying not to force us in any direction. Whatever we accomplish is up to us."

The senior Ogden was

encouraged to play for Howard by the coaching staff who saw him around campus. "He was an eye catcher at the time," said Marshall Emery, Assistant Coach during the early seventies when Shirrel Ogden played, "We had to be assertive with him and get him to understand he had great ability...a future in football."

Though he was nicknamed "Tiny," the expectations were as large as the guy who walked onto the field at 6 feet 3 inches tall and over 300 pounds. "The challenge to him was, 'you gotta' work hard,'" remarked Emery, "One of my big problems was...finding a uniform to fit him."

Marques decided to attend Howard University in 1996 to remain near his father during recovery from kidney failure. With that, the Bison football legacy was revived.

Isaac Darden, Director of Operations at Burr Gym, pointed out of the front window toward Washington Hospital Center and recalled, "Marques used to walk from here to the hospital to see his father."

"I'm just happy for the ... family to see that people are looking at the cornerstone," said Emery, "Being a good father and a good family and keeping them focused on what life is about."

With over thirty years at Howard, Darden was able to know the legacy players as well as Jonathan before he went to UCLA. "When his sons were younger, [Shirrel] used to bring them ... and they would stand up against the fence and look onto the field," said Darden, "Little did we know they would grow up to be what they are today."

Lacrosse Team Falls To Niagara

By Michael T. Lyle, Jr.
Contributing Writer

After finally getting their first game of the season under their belts, Sunday afternoon's performance against Niagara University will be one that the Howard women's lacrosse team and head coach Melinda Vaughn will truly want to forget.

Despite a second half rally in which freshman Brittany Merritt tallied a hat trick in the last two minutes, the Lady Bison dropped a 15-8 decision to the Purple Eagles in game that took a few days to make up.

"It was a lack of focus today", said coach Vaughn. "There were too many breakdowns in the first half. We didn't play up to their skills level."

The contest was originally scheduled for a 4 p.m. start at Greene Stadium last Thursday afternoon. But the recent snowstorm that pounded the district and the bad field conditions at Greene forced both teams to compete at George Washington University's Mt. Vernon Athletic Field.

Either way, the long vacation added to Howard's (0-1) struggles in their first 30 minutes of the season and they eventually

took a rare blowout.

Niagara, who was beaten by George Washington on the same field day before, opened the contest on short goals by Meg McNereny, Ashley Baker and Marris Muldon for an early 3-0 advantage.

But senior Kathy Theodore answered for Howard with an unassisted goal at the 11:00 mark, bringing the Lady Bison to within 4-1.

Two more goals by McNereny and a tally from Sandra Gallegos in a four and a half minute span put the "home" team in a huge deficit at halftime, 11-2.

The Bison, who were undermanned on substitutions, caught the Purple Eagle defense napping on a few occasions and easily took advantage of a couple of fast break opportunities. The result was goals by Eva Okereke and Jezelle Estrado, making the score 13-5 with 5:42 left.

Estrado had another chance for a Bison tally with 5:20 remaining, but her shot just went wide left of goalkeeper Michelle Nucci. A minute later, Gallegos took advantage of the miscue with her fourth goal and a

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14-5 advantage.

After a quick three-goal burst by Merritt cut Niagara's lead down to six and forced Purple Eagle coach Kevin Krause to take a timeout, Gallegos ended the threat with her fifth goal to complete the scoring and gave Niagara (1-1) their first victory of the season.

In the win, Grosso dished out four assists and Gallegos added two more.

Merritt, who paced the Lady Bison with those three goals, would have rather seen her efforts contribute to a victory.

"I found my game in the second half", said Merritt. "It's really disappointing because we didn't play with the effort like we do in practice. We're a much better team than this."

Estrado finished with two goals and Elisha Newsome added another in a losing effort.

The Lady Bison will next battle Stony Brook University on Saturday, March 15 in an 11 a.m. start at Greene Stadium.

Learning How to Play the Tax Game

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be aware of in the tax process than these things.

Avoiding schemes by tax opportunists is a very important problem for the taxpayer to be aware of.

The IRS has written a list

entitled, "dirty dozens," which lists twelve popular schemes performed during tax season.

Identity theft is one of the twelve on the list and the IRS said one way to prevent this is by selecting a trustworthy tax professional.

"African-Americans get a tax refund," ranks at number five on the "Dirty dozens," list. This scheme has occurred in the past when tax professionals stated that reparations for slavery could be received by filing a separate tax return. The tax pro-

fessional would then request an additional payment to file an additional tax return that does not exist, thus profiting from the excess money.

Research is the most important aspect of avoiding schemes as well as getting the correct tax return.

"It is important for people to have tax knowledge because tax laws change every year, said Montague. "If you miss or leave something out, the federal government does not care."

Business Profile: Howard Delicatessen

DELI from A6

been the choice of students an faculty, but the choice of celebrities as well.

Colin Powell and the Four Tops are a few of the celebrities who have visited the deli. All of their pictures sit in frames on the store's white shelves.

Pictures of celebrities are not the only ones worthy enough to be displayed in the store.

Tons of pictures of Howard and Baneker students paint the walls of the deli.

The delicatessen also provides publicity for the

Howard football and basketball team by hanging their pictures up as well.

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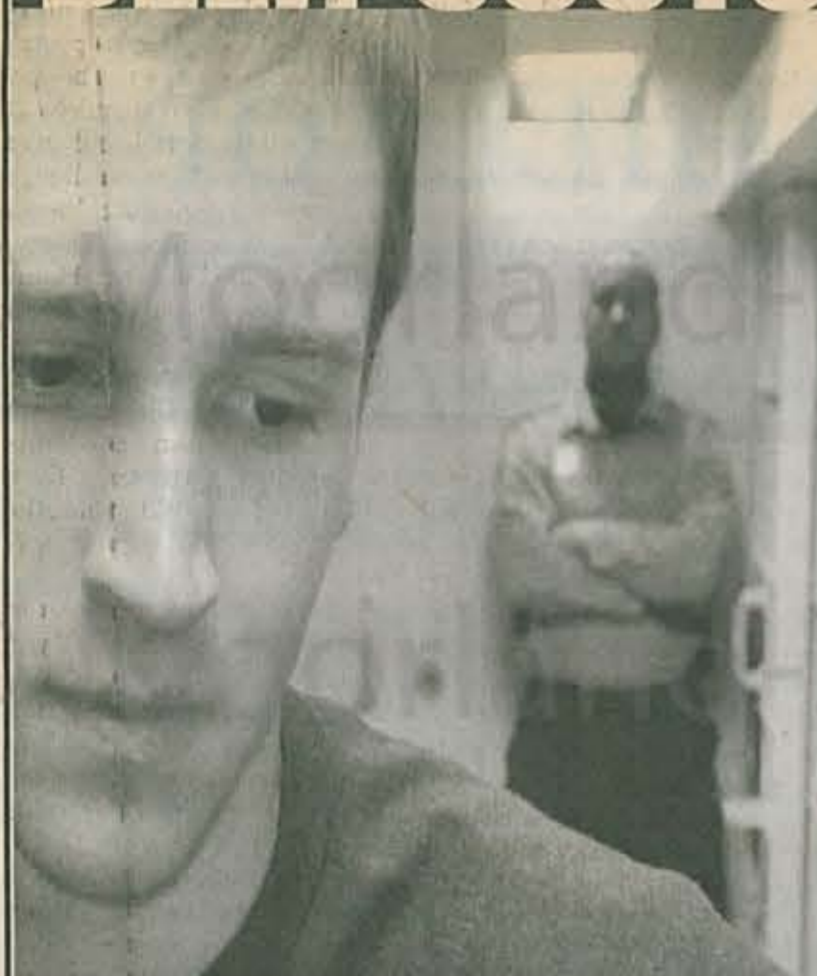
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General Assembly Should Take Some Blame

The elections have been getting much negative attention as of late, largely because of the lack of speak-outs and consequential unawareness of the candidates and their slates, along with individuals who have dropped out of their respective races.

Remember going through four consecutive elections last year before having a HUSA president? Well, those of us who were here remember how

would pay careful attention to elections this year and try to make things run smoothly, starting with their elections chair. It is the job of the General Assembly to oversee the elections and keep disorganization and corruption from occurring.

Our View:

The General Assembly is largely responsible for the poor way in which elections have been going.

It is not fair to the candidates and it is not fair to the student body at large that our leadership is sitting back complacently and not doing their job.

On Thursday, students will make their way to cast their votes in an election that has been solely based on campaign advertising.

Hopefully, students will do their best to make informed decisions despite the lack of leadership that has been the norm in this year's elections.

Though the problems that have surfaced in this year's elections are primarily the fault of the Elections Committee and Corey Cunningham, The General Assembly inherently has some responsibility for not holding Cunningham responsible for the things that have taken place. The General Assembly is to blame for much of the disorganization that has plagued the elections process this year and last. What have they been doing to keep things

pitiful the whole thing made the elections process seem. It actually caused disinterest in school elections on behalf of the student body. In light of this past experience, one would think that the General Assembly

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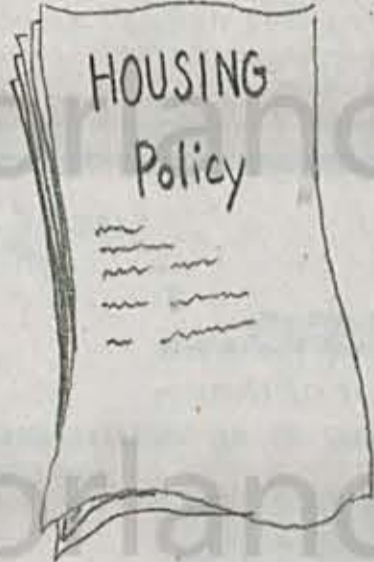
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No Letters, No Housing?

Last Friday, Howard University students could be seen scrambling around campus, frantically trying to obtain the necessary letters required for the new RSVP housing policy. Though many students had decided to give this new policy a chance, all hopes of it being a fair system have now been crushed.

In addition to GPA, the new RSVP policy awards points to students for campus and community involvement, as well as employment. In order to be awarded points for these criteria, students were to submit letters of proof of employment, organization membership, and community service involvement. The already-controversial policy took a turn for the worst on Friday when the ill-organized nature of this new policy was revealed.

The greatest problem was the fact that many students did not find out that the specified letters were due until The Hilltop's

cover story reported such on last Tuesday. Residence Life said that we would be given one and a half weeks to get letters together. This turned out to be two days. This

Our View:

The new RSVP housing policy was poorly organized and poorly planned.

was not adequate time for those who had to obtain letters from employers or community service project chairs.

Moreover, of the 118 student organizations on campus, not all submitted lists of members and their identification numbers. Those that did literally had to throw lists together at the last minute, risking the omission of many members' names.

Many student organizations,

including The Hilltop, were not included on the list of campus organizations from which members would be awarded point. If we were not on the list, there could very well have been several other organizations not given the opportunity to turn in names for members to receive the much-needed points.

Besides these inconsistencies, there is also the issue of how fair this process was. Residence Life first mandated that all letters be on official letterhead, but later accepted e-mails. How was it ensured that these e-mails were official?

The entire process should have been better thought-out and clear-cut. We can only pray that the disorganization does not result in unfair housing placements, or lack thereof.

Waiting for Campus Police to Serve and Protect

Think back to when you first came to Howard University. You looked forward to all the new experiences that you would encounter here at Howard - the people, the organizations, the parties, and all the new things you would learn. The last thing you would expect to experience is being shot.

As shocking as this may seem, two residents of Drew Hall were shot last weekend.

The outrage that an incident like this generates is not just due to the distressing fact that we live in an area where

crime is commonplace. The thing that shocks us most is the fact that this could occur so openly when we have a full police force, specifically for the purpose of patrolling this campus. Our question is: Where were the campus police when these two young men were being robbed, chased, and subsequently shot?

Reportedly, the students were waiting for a taxi cab in the lobby of Drew Hall and were made to wait in the courtyard because they were too loud. We

Our View:

It is the responsibility of the Campus police to patrol certain high crime areas around campus.

believe that if the students were going to be sent outside, there should have been campus police accompanying them as a safety precaution. They should not have been made to wait outside alone.

We believe that the solution is an obvious one. It is no secret that there are certain high crime areas on and around campus. For

some reason, there seems to be low police presence in these areas. We have all heard the horror stories of people being robbed en route to Slowe Hall or Carver Hall, or around Drew Hall. Also, the area around the School of Business is secluded and prone to danger. Since these are known facts, Campus Police should patrol these areas with intensity.

While we are not blaming this incident on the Campus Police, we still believe that things like this are preventable if security is heightened.

We came to Howard University to prepare for leadership in America and the global community - not to be innocent, unprotected victims of shootings.

PERSPECTIVES

Can WE "Just" be Friends?



Courtney E. Nelson

Why Men and Women Cannot be Friends

First of all, in order for a relationship between two individuals of the opposite sex to work, they must have common interests and values. Within a so-called "friendship" there is at least a mental attraction present, because the two individuals "vibe" or feel the same way about certain topics. This intern causes the two to want to spend more time together, not necessarily for physical reasons, but simply because they share the same interest. In doing my own personal research, in books, online articles and surveys within many of my classes, I have composed my own theory.

C.O.U.R.T.: "Courtney's Opinion (on) Understanding Relationship Tension"

Men and Women are genetically composed of hormones that attract them to one another. It's human nature. - When these two sexes are continually spending time together, regardless of any physical attraction in the beginning, there personalities have already "clicked". As time progresses, a mental attraction

occurs, and you begin to see past physical features that may not have appealed to you in the beginning because of the closeness you may feel to them mentally. Secrets may be revealed; goals, expectations and other personal feeling will eventually be shared. Once this barrier is broken, another level of connection, or bonding is reached. At this point is where most "friendship" lines become unclear, or the point where "Tension" arises. Because we are only human, this tension becomes something that is unavoidable, you start to wonder if your "so-called" friendship can go further and become a relationship, or an individual begins to have stronger feelings of love and/or lust towards the other person.

Exceptions to the Theory, that are NOT acceptable...

You may say... what if...

1. Both individuals are involved in other serious relationships?

However if the other relationships are in fact serious where does the need come in for a relationship with another person of the opposite sex?

*While in a relationship, your partner becomes one of

your best friends, and by all means fulfills your need of a friendship with the opposite sex. In a marriage, you are marrying your best friend.

2. Lovers that just did not work out?

There will always be uneasiness in speaking of current relationships, and maybe even a yearning to get back together, or the question of... what if...?

1. Childhood friends? When Harry met Sally, Love and Basketball, Brown Sugar...shall I say more?

The One acceptable exception:

Homosexuality, you are a female only attracted to females or you are a male only attracted to males. Example: Will and Grace * (However, if you are a faithful Will and Grace fan, you know that before they became best friends they did try dating, then soon after, Will realized he was gay!)

I am still researching and if you have any opinions you would like to share with me, or helpful resources, please feel free to email me at nubi-essence2001@aol.com

Campus Police Still Won't Do Their Job

Josef Sawyer

In the midst of the two students getting shot Friday Campus Police still has NO intentions of doing their job and it's sickening!

On Sunday night after spending twelve hours in The Hilltop interviewing candidates and working on the magazine issue the last thing I wanted was a dispute with campus police.

A 4 a.m campus editor Stephanie Crouch and staff writer David Johns I decided to call it a night.

All three of us live outside The Towers and the only logical way to get home is to call the student shuttle service. A service that can be credited to Cornell Williamson and his administration; a service operated by students to transport people like me who NEED to be on campus at night.

Last year campus police complained that performing late-night escorts was impeding their ability to protect students and now with the student shuttle service it has only allowed for security to be lax as ever.

Although the white caravan came quickly our laughter about finally going home and David loosing his cell phone soon turned to horror.

I have used this service with no problem since it's inception last semester but tonight proved to be different. Tonight instead of the usual smiling student who drives the van it was a disgruntled campus police officer who did not look excited about doing late-night escorts as the student driver usually is.

First she told us we needed to call campus police again to report a third passenger was coming along since the original report only listed two. We obliged and the responding officer said that they were not allowed to take students to personal residences and that was firmly against "policy," But I could be dropped off at the nearest dorm.

I have used the service countless times and no one ever said a damn thing about taking me to my residence on Euclid Street which is in spitting distance of the School of Business.

I could've walked but considering two students got shot less than a block from my house I didn't want to chance anything and having a gun pointed at you is not like how it's portrayed in the movies and I say that from experience.

An argument ensued between the officer and I and she off course did not want to deal with the situation and

transferred me to her boss who like an idiot told me I had dialed the wrong number. I then told the driver I was not leaving the van until I got escorted and I was not going to accept the fact she wanted me to walk from Cooke Hall to my residence at 4 a.m. She then called for backup and surprisingly four officers responded to her call and I wondered if the two students that got shot received equal attention.

Eventually an Officer Lockhart who responded to the call took me home and on the way back said as a mother she could not let me walk home. I commend her but it should not take seven officers to show they care about student security. That means one in seven campus police officers gives a damn if I live or die as a student and that alarms me.

No one comes to college hoping to get shot and as students we should feel safe in our environment and we don't and as of now it seems Chief Reginald Smith head of campus police has done nothing concrete to rectify the situation that has been the same since my freshman year. As students is campus police telling us we need to do their jobs ourselves because they are too lazy and lack the dedication to protect us?

Elections Allegations Are True

Nell Bradley

Hopefully you have never experienced being at a job that you love only to have staff members play snood all day in the office, while you work diligently rumors about your termination and not being compensated your work are tossed around. When asked for an explanation, all I got was I do not know.

This has been the routine for the past few days in the General Elections office as I, worked as the Public Relations Director, made flyers and planned an event to make the staff look better to the candidates, to the press, and the student body.

Corey Cunningham, the General Elections chair, has not made a statement to me regarding my position. Instead he has forced the Vice-Chair to tell me that I will not be compensated for my hard labor. The only way I knew that I was no longer working with General Elections was by noticing that someone else has already assumed my job. Despite attempting to contact Corey on several occasions, I would have had better luck

finding Bin Laden.

Supporting my grievance, regarding my wrongful termination, is 21-counted pages of hard evidence. I am waiting to hear back from the parties that have received my grievance.

I am writing this perspective specifically because neither Corey nor the General Elections have given me notification of termination nor do they have any reason to deny me compensation for my work. This is not a matter of compensation but a matter of respect, integrity, and professionalism. I did not want to write a perspective but am forced to because too many times I have gotten no response.

I still do not know what I have done to be terminated or not compensated. Corey had plenty of time to terminate me and it seems ironic that he would do it a few days before elections. Maybe he needed somebody to blame for the article that recently ran about him.

Whatever the reason there comes a point in a woman's life when she has to stand up for herself, and this has nothing to do with being bitter but rather wanting answers instead of embarrassment, shadiness, and trifling behavior. In return,

I only want to know why I am not being compensated and why I am terminated in the form of an apology from the Elections Chair addressed to me. In addition, I would also like for Cory to write an apology to the candidates for his nonchalant behavior, cancellation of speak-outs, and not explaining the guidelines in detail.

Please do not let my perspective interfere with your voting on March 6th. This should give you more encouragement to vote, so the same thing does not happen again. Because this is a cycle in which people are elected solely based on cliques not qualifications. Therefore, you need to vote for the best candidate, not to the person that just looks good. And when candidates are elected into office please select people such as myself that have a passion for what they are doing because if you do not they will just be wasting the office's computer space downloading songs from Kazaa and using your dining dollars to get food in the Punch-Out while you get properly scrutinized in the local paper.

The Hilltop is on Your Side!

If you are against the new housing RSVP policy, here is your chance to get your letter read by members of the Board of Trustees. Tear out this letter and drop it off at The Hilltop office located on the Plaza level of the West Towers. Or mail letters to 2251 Sherman Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: The Hilltop, or submit online at www.thehilltoponline.com. Letters will be submitted to the Board of Trustees.

To the Howard University Board of Trustees:

I am a Howard University student and I believe the newly implemented housing policies are unfair and unjustly implemented.

The Howard University Student Association has attempted to work with Interim Dean, Franklin Chambers and Residence Life on certain issues concerning housing, but alas the students' concerns have not been taken seriously and numerous policies have been implemented with little regard for the interest of students.

I believe all freshmen and sophomores should be guaranteed housing. Howard University attracts students from across the nation and the appeal of the university extends internationally. It is unreasonable and absurd for underclassmen to be forced to find off campus housing while adjusting to university life and the rigors of academe at Howard.

Additionally, the residents of the West Towers should have 24 hour visitation privileges reinstated. There have been no major incidents that would justify the continued abandonment of this privilege.

Moreover, Residence Life has imposed a new RSVP policy that awards selection privilege to students with higher GPAs and student involvement. I believe the policy creates a caste system. It has also been poorly organized and planned, as demonstrated by the equal point distribution for full-time employment and participation in student organizations.

As a student at Howard University, I demand that the aforementioned policies are revoked.

Furthermore a committee should be established to oversee the implementation of Residence Life policies and insure that student voices are heard and the interests of students are protected with future policies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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