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Ladner restructures University work force

Balancing budget is a difficult and painful process, Interim President says

By Derrick M. Dennis
and Octavia Shaw
Hilltop Staff Writers

After a summer of budgetary soul searching, newly-appointed interim President Joyce Ladner is making some tough decisions for Howard University.

Namely, Ladner has gained the approval of the board of trustees for a University-wide restructuring that, if successful, will go a long way towards bailing Howard out of approximately \$25-40 million in outstanding debts.

"We're really not dealing with a one year deficit," Ladner said. "These are debts that the University has accumulated over time."

The plan includes the elimination or consolidation of departments, units, programs and positions affecting non-faculty and administrative operations and workers. According to Ladner, student services, securities and benefits will be spared.

"Over the summer, we were able to shave off a million here and a million there, but there is still much more that needs to be done," she said. Ladner explained that the closing and selling of both Sutton Plaza and Eton Towers dormitories was a direct attempt to save the University money by bringing in new revenue from the sales.

"I've already had to make some painful choices ... but we're dealing

with the survival of an institution," Ladner said. "I don't believe our children would forgive us if we let Howard fail."

In a public meeting held Sept. 2, in Cramton Auditorium, Ladner informed, shocked and tried to satisfy several hundred University employees by dispelling the rumors of massive lay-offs and discharges in order to decrease the deficit.

"The board recognizes that we have to close this deficit. We can not go on," said Ladner to a standing room only crowd in Cramton as well to those watching her on closed circuit TV in the overflow accommodations next door in the Ira Aldridge Theatre.

According to Ladner, Former

President Franklyn Jenifer told her that after freezes, and no capital expenses, the university was still left with a \$25-40 million deficit.

"The schools that will survive into the next century will be those that can solve their own problems. Yale University, the University of Pennsylvania, Duke University, the Marriot, Bell Atlantic, and many others are doing it (restructuring). We've probably waited longer than we should have," Ladner said.

"But whatever we do, everyone needs to understand that administrators, faculty and staff are here to provide an optimum environment for student development...everything else is secondary."

Ladner's remarks drew applause and praise by audience members.

"Things she said made a lot of sense. We really work hard, but we're not always appreciated. It makes us feel good to know that we are appreciated," said a worker with the Department of Environmental Services.

Even though Howard University is the fifth largest employer of this area, Ladner believes that in order to make things better, everyone has to make sacrifices. "We can't cut the deficit without cutting positions."

"This is a good move. There needs to be a cut. People are making money and not doing

anything. Faculty members that are teaching out of their field, and no background, and no Ph.D don't need to be here because it's harming the students," said one faculty member who refused to be identified.

Several other University employees either refused to be identified or comment at all - leaving Cramton Auditorium with facial expressions ranging from anxiety to amusement.

Ladner says that a newsletter will be developed to keep all employees informed and to answer questions.

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THIS WEEK

DORMITORY DISASTERS

Dormitory closures create confusion and hassles: Lack of construction permits and lack of funds close dorms unexpectedly, leaving students without housing. **CAMPUS, A2**

DENNY'S SETTLES DOWN

Denny's Restaurant prepares to pay up: Washington Lawyers' Committee files claims for more than 20,000 African-American patrons of national franchise. **BUSINESS, A10**

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THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Noted Tuskegee scientist George Washington Carver was presented the Spingarn Award in 1923 for distinguished research in agricultural chemistry.

Howard Law School Alumnus John Smyth, who served as Minister Resident and Consul General to Liberia in 1878, died in 1908.

Artist and author Romare Bearden was born in 1914.

Heated mayoral debate addresses issues impacting District citizens

By Elaine Lana Myada
Hilltop Staff Writer

The tension built up and the heat was on as seven mayoral candidates expressed their views on the media, education, crime and many other problems that plague the district and its government in an open forum debate in the School of Business Auditorium.

The debate, which was sponsored by the Undergraduate Trustee, the Undergraduate Student Assembly, the Howard University Student Association and the Graduate Student Assembly wanted to provide a chance for students to hear from all the mayoral candidates in order for them to make an informed decision for the September 13th primaries.

The candidates who participated in the event included Marion Barry, Don Reeves, Curtis Pree, Don Folden, Otis Troupe, Aaron Ruby and Otis Thorpe.

In his opening remarks, Don Reeves came down hard on the media for not giving coverage to all the mayoral candidates.

"The media is spoon-feeding the public telling them there is only 'the big three' and in seven days, 600,000 people who don't know

the other candidates because of not enough media coverage will go out and vote uninformed. Separate but equal is exactly what this election is about," Reeves said.

Other mayoral candidates applauded uproariously in agreement with the comments Reeves had made.

In fact, throughout the evening other candidates pointed out the media's constant rejection of their campaign and what they had to say.

Candidate Don Folden brought up the point that the cameras "rolled only when Barry spoke" and then, when the cameramen were packing up to leave after Barry had left in the middle of the debate, Folden stood up and waved goodbye to them.

Barry took the opportunity to come down hard on Sharon Pratt Kelly and John Ray in his comments.

"I am part of the big three, but I respected you enough to show up here. The problem with the current administration is she has not risen to the task. She means well but she is in way over her head, and the other person running for mayor doesn't even know how to get in the water," Barry said.

Pree, the youngest contender for

mayor, stressed education in his statements at the debate.

"I think it is time your generation received the tools to compete in the real world. This campaign is all about educating and inspiring young people who are more afraid of living than dying," Pree said.

Folden also reminded the audience that Barry, Kelly and Ray were not doing all they could for the city.

"There is nothing that Barry, Kelly or Ray are telling you right now that they can't do right now, you been took," Folden said.

Troupe, who was the city auditor for 13 years, approached solving the city's problems through economic development.

"I propose that we transform RFK Stadium from an old, worn-out, junk heap into a state-of-the-art, renovated 18-deck, 18,000 job park. We have all the tools we need there: transportations, parking lots and so on, all we need to do is build," Troupe said.

Ruby, known as the socialist worker's candidate, urged people to vote for good leadership in the city.

"People usually vote for the lesser of two evils, but instead vote for all good in the city," Ruby said.

The night was also highlighted

by Thorpe's name-calling.

"You've been robbed, cheated, lied and failed by a man who is dumb and can't stay off drugs and out off jail," Thorpe said.

In addition, all the candidates spoke about helping the children, getting drugs and guns off the streets and holding government workers responsible to the public for their actions.

Maisha Sabir, a sophomore majoring in accounting, was satisfied with the debate and said that it made her more informed and even helped to change her mind.

"I did not realize there were so many candidates, and from what I have heard I have changed my view. I was going for the big three but now I have a better understanding than what the media gave me."

However, Rodney Mickle, a political science graduate student, felt that this debate showed just how the mayoral race was divided on race.

"The debate was clarifying because it showed the callousness of Ray and Kelly because they did not even have the decency to show up. It shows just how much the candidates value the white voters," Mickle said.

Permanent president sought while Trustees, faculty, students ponder University direction

By Derrick M. Dennis
and Shonda Huey
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While members of the Howard University Presidential Search Committee agree there are no saviors in higher education, there are some basic character requirements for the University's next president.

Strong leadership abilities, excellent interpersonal skills and a genuine respect and appreciation of all levels of the University are at the very minimum, according to Secretary of the University and of the Board of Trustees, Artis Hampshire-Cowan.

"We are definitely going to take our time and carefully screen for the person that we believe can lead Howard University into the future," said Hampshire-Cowan.

"Unfortunately, the really good candidates already have good jobs.

In our case, we are probably going to have to talk someone away from another appointment and into the presidency at Howard."

According to Hampshire-Cowan, there are a number of new innovations being implemented to insure a fair, comprehensive and open presidential search including campus "town meetings", a university-wide committee of voting members, the use of a professional search firm and the willingness to investigate suggested candidates.

"These features are all good for the process," Hampshire-Cowan said. "But more importantly the result will be that it keeps everyone honest, open and involved."

Selection Committee Chairman and University Trustee Harry Pierce believes the extra steps the committee is taking will go a long way towards hiring the right leader for Howard University.

"This search will be one of the most important tasks we will face all year," Pierce said. "Howard has too much to lose and everything to win."

Pierce added that although he does not wish to put a definite timeline on the completion of the search, he expects the search to continue through "the remainder of this calendar year."

Interim President Joyce Ladner, rumored to be the leading candidate of the search told The HILLTOP that she has not yet made up her mind.

"I want to spend some more time working in the position before I decide," she said. "I'm not being coy either, this is one of those decisions that you just don't consider lightly."

But aside from the excitement surrounding a presidential search of such importance, there are some concerns over inclusion and just

how the final selection will be made.

"This issue has, for the first time, brought students, faculty and staff together under one common mission," said Professor Richard Thornell of the Faculty Senate. Members of the faculty Senate have been outspoken critics of the University administration especially sensitive academic issues.

Sophomore Business major Albert Calloway feels the best presidential search will be one that lives up to the inclusive spirit that committee members envision.

"Students must have a say in the selection of the next president...after all we are the ones that truly make up the university; we are the ones that help pay the salaries of all university personnel," Calloway said. "It's time for our (students') voice to be heard."

The Hilltop, friends and family mourn the loss of Senior Shira Keich Scott, who died August 27. Shira Keich, which means "Brave and Intelligent One," was a criminal psychology major from Boston.

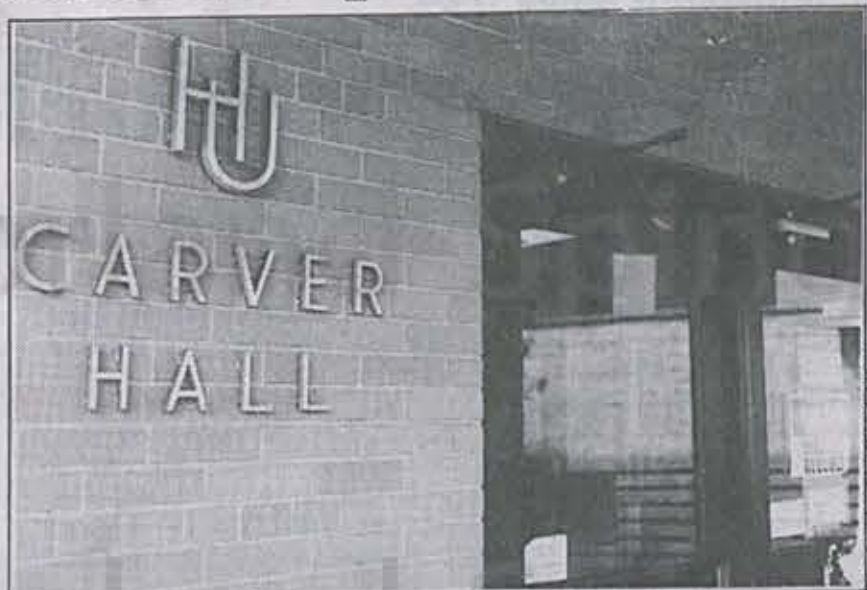


CAMPUS

Dormitory closures create confusion, hassles

D.C. Inspectors shut down Carver, lack of construction permit cited

By Marvin C. Bryan
Hilltop Staff Writer



Photos by Leslie Alleyne

Carver Hall will be closed until renovations are complete.

"When I looked inside Carver Hall and saw it was closed, I was disappointed because I did not know where to stay."

These are the words of Chris Tian, a senior majoring in Fine Arts. He was just one of many that echoed his disappointment in the "chaos" that resulted due to Carver Hall not opening in time for continuing students.

Carver Hall was scheduled to be renovated in time for the Fall 1994 semester but the University ran into difficulties.

"The renovations include new plumbing and air conditioning," according to William Bryant, Residence Counselor for Carver Hall Dormitory.

The renovations were stopped during the summer for six weeks because the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs discovered that the University was renovating the dormitory without a building permit.

Recently a permit was received and the renovations have continued.

"The delay in getting a permit was the reason students were not able to move in during the current semester," Bryant said.

Students that came to Howard expecting to move into Carver were redirected to Howard University

Inn - an added inconvenience that drew complaints from both parents and students. "We couldn't use the phones unless we paid \$50 dollars for the duration of our stay," said Tian.

Jordan McKnight, a displaced undergraduate student said, "People had much of their belongings and had little room for storage at the Inn."

Students also expressed regret that after winning the assignment of their choice in the Housing Lottery and after paying \$100 deposit, their rooms were assigned to underclassmen.

At a meeting held on August 25, students gathered to get some answers concerning the status of

their housing. But according to several students who attended, the meeting did little to solve their problems.

"It seems that Howard was confused. There were a lot of things Dr. Favors couldn't answer at the meeting," Tian said. Steve Favors, Vice-President of Student Affairs, was the only member of the administration that attended.

"All I can say is that this whole deal was unnecessary," McKnight added. "It was definitely unprofessional the way the University handled things."

Students suffer from planned sale of downtown residence halls

By Vivica Brooks
Hilltop Staff Writer

As Eton Towers Dormitory residents arrived at Howard University this year ready to move into their new homes, financial difficulties at the administrative level changed their plans.

The co-ed, apartment-style dormitory, located on 12th Street, N.W., was closed abruptly over the summer due to a lack of funds, according to Dean of Residence Life, William V. Keene.

Frustrated students were re-routed to the Howard Plaza Towers only to sit and wait for hours as their new housing assignments were finalized.

"It was chaos," said Tamaira Green, a sophomore physical therapy major from Brooklyn, NY. "I was really ready to just pack up and go back home."

Over the summer, Green received a letter from the Office of Residence Life saying, "Due to severe budgetary restraints, the University is forced to close Eton Towers for 1994-95... you have been re-assigned to Howard Plaza Towers." The letter was signed by Keene.

Keene said the decision to close Eton Towers was not among his plans for the coming year.

But when Green arrived at the Towers at 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 18,

Not having a room there caught her by surprise as well. She said it took University officials until 7 p.m. to tell her that she did not have a room in the Towers.

"We are relocating you to the Howard Hotel," Mr. Larry Frelow, Howard Plaza Towers Building Manager, told the room full of angry students and parents. And after driving four hours from New York, this situation posed an enormous burden for Green and her parents.

Green pointed to the unexpected cost and inconvenience of ordering take-out and living out of a suitcase. Two weeks later she was assigned a room.

Excited and ready to move, Tamaira and her friends carried suitcases and boxes across Georgia Avenue only to find that she would not have furniture for 3 more days.

Green did state that the Howard University Hotel staff and assistant manager, Andrea Pinkney, "were more concerned about our welfare than residence life, keeping us informed about our situation, and trying to arrange for us to receive meal cards at half the cost so all of our money did not go toward eating out."

Green was among several students that experienced housing problems resulting from dorm closings and off-schedule

residence hall renovation campus-wide.

Sutton Plaza, another downtown dormitory located on 13th Street, just around the corner from Eton Towers was the only scheduled dormitory closing, housing officials said. But in light of a \$25-40 million budget shortfall, Interim President Joyce Ladner made the "surprise" decision to close Eton Towers as well and put them both up for sale.

But for University students who received housing assignments in these dorms, Howard's financial woes were the least of their concerns.

Sophomores Regina Green, from Manhattan, NY and Twanisha Peterson, from Timmonsville, SC found themselves lugging kitchen pots, pans, silverware, and microwaves (items they had originally purchased for their apartments in Eton) to Bethune Hall. Both were disappointed by the size of their rooms and unsure about how they were going to fit an apartment's worth of items into a single room.

When Greene and Peterson asked Frelow if it would be a temporary situation, both said he responded with "you will live in Bethune for the entire year, you have to stay there because you have already received housing."

Contract negotiations continue for new shuttle bus service

By Donya Matheny
Hilltop Staff Writer

Because of complaints against Capitol Entertainment Services, Inc., the University has hired a new company to transport students to and from off-campus dorms.

"The quality of services suffered a little bit... and the cost were the basic reasons," Rev. James Coleman, Assistant to the Dean for Special Programs, said of the change.

According to Rev. Coleman, the new service, Gold Line Bus Company, is negotiating with Howard University on "fiscal details" to finalize the business agreement. The company is currently operating on a 45-day contract which will soon expire and has students wondering how they will get to and from the main campus when the temporary contract expires.

"The drivers kept harping on it," Kenya Murray, a music engineering student said, adding that one bus driver told the students they "may have to walk" if a contract wasn't signed by the end of that day, Aug. 29.

Just to be sure, Murray asked Rev.

Coleman, who told her "don't worry about that until you hear it from us." He added that the 45-day period had a "week and then some" left before the time expires and that a final contract should be signed by then.

According to Rev. Coleman, the University has used Gold Line before and was pleased with the results.

"I'm very optimistic about the service adequately meeting student transportation needs," he said.

But some students aren't quite as optimistic. A student waiting for the shuttle one day had both a complaint and a complaint.

"I like the new buses, but they don't come on time," Russian major Tara Vise said, adding that it can take up to 30 minutes to get to a destination.

Rev. Coleman said that the situation



University students line-up regularly to ride the shuttle bus.

sounded typical of the Orientation Week bus schedule, which he described as "a courtesy service" that was uncharacteristic of the regular schedule, when the buses run on 15- to 20-minute intervals.

Some of the new entrants who must

ride the shuttle bus have problems with the bus schedules.

"Sometimes it's late, and on the weekdays it's crowded and sometimes you have to stand up," Therese Wright, a freshman living in Meridian Hill Hall said.

Under the new system, students will have the opportunity to voice complaints, concerns and questions in periodic meetings with the bus drivers and the company operators throughout the academic year.

Even though the 45-day period is not yet over, students have already been stranded because of a mix-up in weekend bus schedules. Murray said a driver told her the buses would stop at 10:00 on Friday night, but they really stopped earlier. She and her friends had to walk from the main campus to Park Square at about 9:30 Saturday night when a shuttle failed to appear.

"My friend called the escort service and this guy told us the shuttle stopped at 7:30. We had to walk through D.C. at night. I was highly upset," the Philadelphia native said. She also commented that the escort didn't walk them to their destination either because the service had not been implemented this year or was not in operation at that time.

Gold Line Bus Company could not be reached for comment.

Upset about the \$.23 per call phone charge?

FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

☐ I support the new \$.23 per call campus telephone system.

☐ I don't support the new \$.23 per call campus telephone system.

Please return completed questionnaire to the Office of

Student Activities, Blackburn Center Room 117 or the Hilltop Office located in the Howard Plaza Towers West, Room P-14.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!!

Itemized phone bills upset students

By Shuni DuBose
Staff Writer

After numerous complaints from students about the new phone system, Howard University Student Association president Chidiadi Akoma, is taking action.

Akoma, and several members of his staff sat down last Tuesday with executive board members in an attempt to "discuss, propose, and rearrange" the current phone system.

Information Systems and Services, Executive Director Charles Moore presented HUSA with charts, graphs, and figures which indicated a \$666,000 deficit from last year's phone system. According to Moore, "something had to be done."

Moore's suggestion was to absorb some of the cost of telephone services into the cost of room and board which could be identified at the time of registration.

Telecommunications Manager Alisia Billups, devised a more equitable system which would guarantee that each student would pay their fair share. The original cost was estimated at .35 per call until call forwarding was removed

and the price fell to .23 per call.

However, when Akoma presented his composition of numbers and figures, he pointed out that if each student made up to 10 local calls a day at .23 per call, the cost could eventually add up to almost \$700 per year. Akoma also mentioned the fact that many students interact with the metropolitan area while other students aren't on the meal plan which may constitute for local calls

"I might as well go to a pay phone out on the street and pay now instead of waiting to pay later."

-Flai Livingston

made to surrounding restaurants.

Akoma's proposal was to get rid of the .23 charge and charge one flat fee. In addition to dissolving the local charge, Akoma's detailed proposal allowed for all late phone fees to be added to the student's accounts.

Despite these compromising attempts, many student's concerns still went unaddressed.

According to Flai Livingston, a senior in the School of Communications, it's like having a pay phone in your room.

"I might as well go to a pay phone out on the street and pay now instead of waiting to pay later," stated Livingston.

Natasha Muhummad, a junior majoring in Legal Communication, pointed out that one major disadvantage to this system is the inconvenience of dialing a 9-the number and then the 9-digit access code. According to Muhummad, the other disadvantage is the issue of credit. "With the influx of credit cards and phone cards on this campus, we don't need anything else billed to us at the end of the month," Muhummad said.

Allison X, an assistant to HUSA, blamed last year's deficit on record-keeping.

"Set up a safety net to minimize potential debts," X told executive members. She suggested they charge each student a small fee at registration in order to protect the school from massive debts such as the one acquired last year.

Another meeting will take place to allow executive board members to work with HUSA to devise a new plan to appease both the student body and telecommunications.

CAMPUS II

Alpha week of service and tradition continues

By Stacy Berry
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Chapter are keeping with the rich tradition that Greek-letter organizations were founded upon: "scholarship, manly deeds and community service."

And it is these same traditions that fraternal organizers of Alpha Week are seeking to exemplify.

This year's Alpha Week will be held on September 11th through the 17th. Some of the programs include: a seminar on male/female relationships, a jazz and poetry session, a call to chapel, a gospel night and a canned food drive.

"Alpha Week was started as a annual program to showcase all the talents of the Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.," said fraternity member Colin Thompson. "All of the brothers had a hand in the development of at least one program," Thompson added.

"This year Alpha Week is going



The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Chapter

to give everyone at Howard and in the local community a chance to play a part in strengthening the African-American community," said Desmond Dunham, chapter president. "We want to show that fraternities can do more in the community than just have parties and perform in step shows."

Beta chapter, founded at Howard University on December 20, 1907, has a history of commitment to community service on campus and in the District of Columbia.

"Our programs this year are not as academically based as last year; we are attempting to reach a more diverse group of people this year," Dunham said.

Last year's Alpha Week, which included a seminar on religious diversity in Rankin Memorial Chapel, was hailed as a success by those who attended. "Basically, I thought that it was a powerful program; it was really informative," senior finance major Rob Byrd said.

South African issues and the

challenges that President Nelson Mandela face will be discussed in the School of Social Work on "South African Awareness Day." The Alphas will showcase their stepping talents on the yard next Friday at noon.

"Since we are at the Mecca, and since we are members of the first Black Greek-letter organization, we consider it our goal to re-educate," fraternity member Julian Gaither added.

"We are really looking forward to Alpha Week," Gaither added. "This is a time of the year that we really take pride in."

The brothers of Beta Chapter are inviting everyone from the Howard University community and the D.C. area who may be interested in the programs and other events to attend.

The Alphas are inviting all interested volunteers to meet in front of the Howard Plaza Towers West at noon on Saturday to assist in both the canned food drive and the clothing drive.

HILLTOP moves to new office

By Crystal D. Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

With several changes including two new sections and a new office, the HILLTOP, Howard University's student newspaper, is once again ready to start the presses.

And not unlike many Howard students, the HILLTOP suffered from its share of housing problems as well, which almost prevented the staff from publishing its first issue. Over the summer, the HILLTOP moved from its first floor room on the west side of the Howard Plaza Towers to another room in the same building.

Housing for the HILLTOP first became a problem in 1991 when construction workers tore down its Fourth Street office along with several rowhouses to make room for the Bethune Annex. The HILLTOP was then moved to a room in the Towers that was initially intended to be a daycare center.

Last year, however, School of Education Dean Portia Shields decided to turn the room into a kindergarten facility for staff and faculty members' children, and the HILLTOP had to move again, this time to a room down the hall that was supposed to be a computer lab.

"Last spring, [the School of Education] had a presentation with the HILLTOP to discuss the space," Shields said. "We worked

very closely with them, and they agreed to move if they were given a new space with the same setup. I thought the HILLTOP cooperated beautifully."

Portia Bruner, editor-in-chief of the HILLTOP, on the other hand, had initially hoped that the paper could move to a storefront office in Wonder Plaza. "As the largest Black collegiate paper, it's important that people who are passing by Wonder Plaza can say, 'Oh, look, there's the HILLTOP!'"

The move, which was only supposed to last until mid-summer, wasn't completely finished until last week. In the meantime, staffers struggled to publish the orientation issue with only one production computer and three Macintoshes from the yearbook office.

"We couldn't even publish our first issue from our new office," Bruner stated.

She added that the move couldn't have been possible without the help of Dean Raymond Archer of Student Life and Activities, Belinda Watkins, the director of Student Activities, and HILLTOP advisor Leslie Harriel-Lewis.

"It's been... difficult with so many unexpected obstacles, and it's been frustrating for staff members to be without computers and phones," Bruner said. "But it's been a learning experience, and it shows that we can function even with adversity... We're rolling now."

Mixed reactions to Bethune Annex

By Rois Beal
Hilltop Staff Writer

As continuing Howard University students (especially sophomores) scrambled to submit housing applications to the Office of Residence Life last semester, many were thrilled by the prospect of living in the brand new Bethune Annex dormitory.

But its opening this August also left some students angry, as first-time residents found glitches in the check-in process.

Sophomore COBIS major Paul Frazier was frustrated by the administration's handling of room assignments. Frazier received and signed a contract for a single room last spring. But when he arrived on Aug. 20 ready to take possession of his new room, he was told that it had been "given away." After threats, pleas, and beaurocratic

wrangling, he finally received his room on Aug. 25.

"When I first got here, there was no desk, no chair, no dresser," he stated, glancing up ruefully from the mattress on the floor that serves as his bed. "It was a real hassle just getting into the room."

But Frazier's experience may have been the exception rather than the rule. Most students are glad to experience the relative comfort of the 'Annex,' one of only two co-ed dormitories on-campus.

"It's a big improvement," said sophomore chemistry major James Smith, who lived in Drew Hall last year. In his new dwelling, he noted the conspicuous absence of "rodents, roaches and filth" and hopes fervently that the dorm "stays that way."

Junior Andre Mitchell was especially thankful to have gotten into the Annex in the University's

Room Selection and Verification Plan, also known as the housing lottery last spring. Having lived in Drew, Carver, and Meridian Hill Halls, he can appreciate new carpeting, air conditioning, and the in-house cafeteria that the Annex provides.

"It's the best dorm I've ever been in," Mitchell said.

Freshman biology major Steven Eason echoes the sentiment. He especially appreciates the 300-seat cafeteria located on the first floor. "It's convenient," he said.

Graduate Assistant Anthony Roberson is enjoying the Annex as well. "Just look around you," he said, gesturing to the spotless gray walls and spiffy maroon couches decorating the lobby. "It's beautiful."

Besides the beauty, there are mixed feelings about the recently-instituted visitation policy. Visitors

are allowed from noon to midnight on Sunday through Thursday and noon to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Upperclassmen mostly feel it would not be wise to give freshmen 24-hour visitation. But at the same time, they regret that restrictions on the freshman will translate into restrictions on them. Even freshmen, like biology major Tonyka James concede that the policy is "unfair."

There is a strong sentiment among upperclassmen that freshmen should not have been allowed to live in the Annex. Frazier describes them as "basically immature and destructive." He feels it is unfair to the upperclassmen who as freshmen were initiated into the Mecca living in older and less attractive dorms. As Mitchell stated, "They'll never be able to appreciate it."

Sophomores remember freshman year

By Donya J. Matheny
Hilltop Staff Writer

As the myriad of minivans filled with Howard University students arrived on campus this August, an anxious anticipation of the college adventures that lie ahead filled the air.

Dorm life, class tests, football games and parties may have been on their minds as they unloaded their cars and moved into their new homes. But as each student looked around, other anxious faces greeted them with beads of perspiration dripping from their heads wondering if they may be looking at a future friend.

"For all of the freshmen living in the Harriet Tubman Quadrangle, if you don't have a fan, get one now," sophomore Kecia Addison said.

But there are lines to stand in and boxes to move. And as the year goes on, problems will come and go, but second year students have faith that the incoming freshmen will emerge victorious.

"Don't sit and complain half the year about something, because a lot of other people had to deal with it before you and they got through it," sophomore Aubaine Woods said.

As the year progresses and freshmen begin to develop the



Students waiting in long lines is a common sight during registration

circles of friends that may or may not remain life-long pals, personalities will clash. But, according to Woods, the solution is simple.

"Don't worry about what other people are saying about you. That'll slow you down a lot," said Woods, a journalism major from Indianapolis.

Along with living away from home comes a limited amount of financial independence as well. But some believe in the age-old warning: "Let the Buyer Beware."

"Don't get caught up in credit

cards," warned sophomore Frank Johnson.

Another one of the amenities of college life at Howard University is living in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Many of the country's best kept secrets are at your fingertips with easy access to the Library of Congress and Smithsonian Institution. In addition to the joys and wonders of the country's capital, students caution that the city, like many others, has its sorrows.

"Watch out for D.C.," Johnson said, adding that it can be a

dangerous city when people are not careful.

"But don't let what people say about the area scare you, it's really not such a bad place to go to school," Addison said.

Other popular pieces of advice to incoming freshmen include warnings not to buy into the party scene as part of the college experience. "You've got all four years to have fun," Addison added.

Tidbits of advice from Howard's new sophomores could go on forever, but Chariessa Evans, a marketing major offers this final

Vendors offer alternatives to campus store

By Hasina D. Harvey
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Welcome to the Howard University Campus Store. How may I help you?"

"How much for that jacket?"

"\$90.25"

"What? \$90.25!"

"How much for a sleeve and a button?"

Nestled in the back rows of the Howard University campus store is indeed a "100% cotton sandwashed fabric for a gently faded look and a relaxed feel" jacket for \$90.25.

Prices like these have driven many Howard students into the arms of the independent vendors that line 6th Street near the School



Campus vendor displays merchandise

of Business and Cramton Auditorium.

With prices ranging from \$5 (for a cap) to \$20 for a sweatshirt, campus vendor Stanley Presley, said, "There is no comparison between them and the campus

store." According to Presley, his "lightweight close knit weave, keeps you warm and cool."

But Margo Vickers, Executive Director of Auxiliary Enterprises, suggests that you "can't compare prices without quality." Unofficial 1993 Homecoming T-Shirts being sold by a vendor last year spelled the name of a headlining concert performer's name phonetically instead of correctly.

At close inspection, though, one will see that most items offered by both the vendors and the bookstore

are of the same basic material cotton.

A number of the items in the bookstore are of the "Gear" designer label. Though a sales associate in Neiman Marcus' leisure department assured that the "label will not be showing up in the leisure section of Neiman Marcus any time soon," perhaps the label is the cause for the high cost.

Nobody I spoke with suggested the label as a cause for the campus store's high prices. Vickers did add that the bookstores have to pay a lot more than vendors. Lights, rent, and sale associates all cost money.

When asked why the prices are so high, the manager of the campus store (who asked to remain anonymous) said he "was told not

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CAMPUS PLUS

Homecoming aims to please Howard family

By Danette S. Gerald
Hilltop Staff Writer

Many Howard University students, especially upperclassmen, have been unhappy and dissatisfied with recent Homecomings. But, besides complaining about unreasonable prices and the inconvenience of traveling to off-campus events, many students have done little or nothing to improve future Homecoming festivities.

However, Tamara Haye is not your typical Howard University student.

After having experienced three years of Homecoming events that Haye said could have been better, she decided to apply for the chairperson position of the Homecoming Steering Committee. Believing her ideas would breathe new life into the annual fall event, Haye was successful in her quest and now vows to keep her promise of initiating change throughout the 1994 celebration.

Haye said this year's theme,

"Meeting at the Crossroads", reflects upon African-American slaves who met at the crossroads and made the decision to escape to freedom, knowing this was the only way they would have control of their lives. Likewise, she said people from all over the world meet at the University, and while here, they make choices and decisions that will impact their lives. She feels Howard University is for many students, a passport to freedom. The education they receive here allows them to control their destinies.

Haye said, "this is what Homecoming is really all about. Students and alumni coming together in celebration of the future, while acknowledging those who made such a celebration possible."

The Homecoming Steering Committee has been busy planning events that will involve the entire University family. Students, alumni, faculty, staff and the Washington D.C. community will each play a

major role in making this year's Homecoming the best that it can be. Many of the usual favorite events, such as the Ms. Howard Pageant, the fashion show, the R&B Concert, The Gospel Concert and HowardFest will remain part of the Homecoming itinerary. The gospel

these programs may feature some unexpected talent.

The fashion show, which usually spotlights the clothing of female designers, will be comprised primarily of creations by male designers. Fashion Show Coordinator Sherin Hairston said

"I'm very confident that everyone who takes part in this year's Homecoming will have an enjoyable experience..."

-Tamara Haye

concert will feature such local groups as the Metropolitan Baptist Church Choir, as well as performances by University choral organizations. However, many of

this year an equal amount of attention will be given to women's and men's clothing.

"Another new addition to this year's fashion show will be an all-

male scene where the gentlemen will have total control of the runway," Hairston said.

Some new additions to the 1994 Homecoming celebration include a game-day tailgate party at RFK Stadium October 8 and a Homecoming Cabaret. Haye said the tailgate party, which will have music provided by WHUR, will provide students, faculty, staff and alumni the opportunity to interact with one another. The Homecoming Cabaret, which is to be held on Sunday, October 9, will serve as the official closing of Homecoming 1994. It will take place in the Armour J. Blackburn Center Ballroom with a partial amount of proceeds going to AIDS research.

All of this year's events, with the exception of the football game and the step show, which will be held at the D.C. Armory, will be on campus. This decision was made to make it easier for students to attend all of the planned programs.

"All of the Homecoming events will either be free of charge or very inexpensive," Erica Watson, executive secretary of the Steering Committee, said. "This is possible because outside promoters are not used this year."

The cost of most of the events will range from \$6-\$8.

Haye encourages everyone to become involved. She said, "we are relying very heavily on the help of students because volunteers are an essential part of each Homecoming's success."

Although the Homecoming Committee has been working under tight budgetary constraints, Haye said the staff is doing the best they can with what they have.

"I'm very confident that everyone who takes part in this year's Homecoming will have an enjoyable experience, and will benefit from the changes that we [the Steering Committee] have implemented," Haye said.

Campus Pals give new entrants first glance of Howard

By Angel D. Lloyd
Hilltop Staff Writer

If you are not familiar with the names Al, Lesli, Odell, Kisha, Ernest and Ed, then you are definitely not a freshman or a Campus Pal.

These are just a few names of the Howard University students who offer their help, advice, and time to new entrants through the Campus Pals organization.

The Campus Pals were first organized on Howard's campus in 1946. Their job is to assist the new entrants in their transition from high school to college through planned activities, such as the campus tours, variety show and the call to chapel. Tonight, the 1994 Campus Pals Orientation comes to a close with the annual Blackburn Party. The party, which will be held at the

Blackburn University Center, will begin at 10 p.m.

Considering first-day confusion and Howard's infamous registration lines, the freshman probably wanted to pack up and return home; however, the Campus Pals were on hand to alleviate their problems.

Many of the freshman said they were helped by pals other than the ones assigned to them, which came as a surprise. During the trip to King's Dominion, Donnie Scantlebury, a new entrant, said his campus pal found him walking alone and invited him to join her and her friends. "The Campus Pals were very outgoing and friendly to the freshmen," one student said. New entrant J.R. Session agreed, saying, "I didn't meet any Pal that wasn't talkative."

By far, the trip to King's Dominion was the freshmen favorite. They also enjoyed the ice cream

social, mainly because it gave them a chance to meet each other and socialize.

Ayisha Gordon, a freshman from New Jersey, was thankful to the Campus Pals and the events they planned for the new entrants.

"The Campus Pals made the beginning of my Howard experience good; they got things started for us," she said.

Although the Campus Pals made orientation week exciting for the freshmen, some new entrants had a few suggestions for next year.

Several freshmen, like Diedre Golbsen, never got to meet their Campus Pals. Golbsen recommended that there be more interaction between the freshmen and their Campus Pals because after the initial meeting they hardly get to see each other. However, it is hard for the

Pals to see all of their new entrants one-on-one. Ramonica Rice, chairperson of the organization, said there are 20 to 25 freshmen for every Campus Pal.

Other freshmen thought there should have been better organization for the King's Dominion trip, as far as handing out tickets and departure times.

Despite their concerns, overall, the freshmen were very thankful for the help and expertise of the Campus Pals. Freshmen agreed that getting acquainted with the University was a lot easier because of the Campus Pals.

"The Campus Pals organization is a very good idea," Donnie Scantlebury, a new entrant said. "Usually freshmen feel unwelcome by the upperclassmen, but the Campus Pals made us feel comfortable and welcome at Howard University."

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As the school year progresses, what are you hoping for?



"I hope to become a better student, improve my grades and get the best education I can get."

Marcus Matthews
Glenarden, MD
Freshman



"I hope to learn enough, so that in four years I can get a good job that pays major cash, while still having fun."

Elton Loud
Oakland, CA
Freshman
Business

"Basically, I hope to become more academically astute and I also plan to become more acquainted with some of the many FINE men here at Howard University."

Hope Kemp
Oakland, CA
Sophomore
Business



"I want to chill, get a better GPA, attend more parties, talk to all the women, get in closer with my boys and attain more recognition in the School of Business."

James Jones, Jr.
Chicago, IL
Sophomore
Finance



"I hope to become more spiritually stable, more involved on campus and to develop relationships that will endure beyond my years at Howard."

Piper McKeithen
Baltimore, MD
Junior
Political Science



"I hope to meet a lot of new people and to get more involved on campus. I really want to embody the Howard spirit."

Dame Forbes
New York, NY
Junior
Chemistry

"I want to find out what it is I exactly want to do here and to have a little fun."

Desta Wallace
San Demas, CA
Freshman
Political Science



"To become more independent. I'm looking forward to making my own decisions and getting a good education."

Desiree Haynes
Lakewood, CA
Freshman
Nursing



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LOCAL

Alumnus Curtis Pree campaigns for mayor

By Miguel Burke II
Hilltop Staff Writer

Politics, Howard University, frustration with the administrations of past government officials as well as a desire to resurrect the District's innercity from its wasteland status have all played an important part in Curtis Pree's decision to run for mayor—a decision which he regards with the utmost seriousness.

"I believe strongly that it is time for my generation to have the opportunity to solve today's problems. It's our turn to step up to the plate. For too long we have been forced into the shadows and it is our input that can have a profound, positive impact on today's problems," Pree said.

Pree, a 33-year-old Howard

University alumnus, has a long history of being a politically active soldier on a never-ending quest to improve the government.

He became politically active at 13, helping to make Lionel Wilson the first Black mayor of Pree's hometown, Oakland, Ca.

By the age of 17, Pree was already a student member on the Oakland Board of Education, the youngest commissioner of the Alameda County Commission for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency and the president of the Oakland City Council which represents some 56,000 students throughout the city.

Pree was active as a student at Howard University from 1979 through 1983 as president of the California Student Association,

heading the university elections and running for and working with the Howard University Student Association President.

"As a freshman changing the University Housing Committee, I remember bringing vending machines and microwaves into Slove Hall," Pree said.

He said that Howard University played a big role in molding him for his present challenge.

"Politics is something that has always been part of my life. I see running for mayor as the greatest opportunity Howard has prepared me for, Pree said. "Howard has had a profound impact on all the decisions I have made and it has provided me with a great deal of knowledge and exposure that allows me to run today."

Pree also added that if it had not been for the guidance and nurturing of Professors like Ron Walters, Alvin Thornton, Pal McCormick and Dr. Carl Anderson, he does not think he would be running for mayor today.

For Howard University students with interest in politics, he offers this advice.

"Keep your head high, continue to follow those dreams and believe that you can make a difference. Never concern yourself with the criticisms of being different. Chance favors the prepared mind," Pree said.

Pree's campaign deals with changing many of the political and community aspects that affect the people of Washington D.C.

David Jones, a member of the

Pree campaign, explained some of the issues they plan to tackle.

"The major issues that we're going to look at are the size and scope of the city's budget process, long-term strategic planning for the city, Management Information Standardization and incorporating performance management into the budget process," Jones said.

"The image of the District needs to be changed drastically. The people seem to have lost hope, so we need to change the way people think about D.C.," Pree said.

Pree plans to develop programs to require teenage parents depending on government support to attend sessions in which they interact with older citizens residing in senior homes. These sessions would be an effort to teach the teens

some parenting techniques to better raise their children as well as an opportunity for the elderly to "share their history and knowledge with our younger generations."

He also plans to develop productive relationships with Capitol Hill and the private sector and build a bridge between the business community and the non-profit business organizations.

As an advocate for education, he is involved in such projects as trying to get computers and various learning tools into the public schools.

Pree is looking for interested students to offer their help and contribute their ideas for the betterment of his campaign. Interested students should call (202)457-6563.

Annual Black Family Reunion to highlight peace

By Rashida Crayton
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Ninth Annual Black Family Reunion hopes to focus on the "historic strengths and traditional values of the Black family." This year's theme for the event is "Another Family For Peace."

The Black Family Reunion, which was organized by the National Council of Negro Women, will be held this weekend, September 9-11, on the Washington Monument Grounds.

Though this event, which was conceived by Dorothy L. Height, president of the NCNW, the organization hopes to provide a "positive culturally-based event."

The event offers a variety of activities, but the two free concerts attract the largest crowds.

Saturday's R&B concert starts at 6 p.m. and will feature Tisha Campbell, Raven Symone and El DeBarge.

Princess Weaver, one of events main coordinators, hinted that there might be some surprise appearances at the concert.

Sunday's gospel concert also begins at 6 p.m. and will showcase several gospel stars including Vickie Winans. Both concerts will be held at the Sylvan Theatre on the Washington Monument Grounds.

In addition to the two concerts, there will be many other forms of entertainment such as a motivational speech by Les Brown, which will take place on Saturday at 2 p.m.

A.J. Productions in association with WKYS are also sponsoring a talent showcase that will display a

wealth of undiscovered local talent on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

Though the Reunion offers a great deal of entertainment, it is also geared toward providing information and services for the community. The Black Family Reunion will house several pavilions where event participants can get oral and written information on a wide range of topics such as health, eldercare, work ethics, NCNW, family values, sports and fitness, environment and spirituality.

The health pavillion will provide not only information, but health services such as child

Black Family Reunion Schedule

Saturday, September 10th

Noon- 6 p.m.

Black Family Reunion Celebration
R&B Concert- Tisha Campbell and Raven Symone
Sylvan Theatre- Washington Monument Grounds

Sunday, September 11th

Noon- 6 p.m.

Black Family Reunion Celebration
Gospel Concert- Vickie Winans

immunizations.

The family values pavillion, which is a new addition this year, will focus on this year's theme. It will offer town hall discussions and information on how to promote peace within Black families and communities.

The Black Family Reunion offers great shopping and snacking opportunities. There will be several

craft and refreshment and ethnic food vendors as well.

For those students who plan to attend the event, Weaver advised that they wear comfortable shoes and clothing, pick up an event program upon arrival to help pinpoint individual interests and to plan to spend the day since there will be a lot to see and do.

Benjamin Chavis firing receives mixed reactions

By Ruby Mays
Hilltop Staff Writer

Since Benjamin Chavis, Jr. was fired from his post as the executive director of the NAACP for abusing his power and conducting unethical procedures in handling a crisis situation, the Black community has had to once again deal with mixed reactions within the Black political ranks.

Chavis had a NAACP membership following of 500,000 people, and from the moment he accepted his position, communities looked upon and counted on his expertise and leadership.

Some find it hard to believe that a man like Chavis who has dedicated a lifetime to the civil rights movement, has advanced degrees in theology and philosophy and comes from a family with four generations of college education could resort to concealing his private use of NAACP monies to silence a sexual discrimination complaint by a former employee, Mary Stansel.

"Being accused of sexual

discrimination is damaging for a public figure," Mr. Ricky Steward said while he posted campaign signs in Northwest D.C.

"Look at Michael Jackson, Mike Tyson.... Chavis was used as an example," Steward says he doesn't agree with the firing. "I don't think he did it."

On the other hand, there are a few in the Black community who think he deserves everything he got and more.

Leroy Lynch, a District resident's reaction to the allegations of Chavis was simply, "Shoot him!"

Lynch did go on to say, "What the foundation builds up reaps the fruit the tree will bear."

Full-time student and dancer Njeri Jarvis of the District, however, is very upset with the publicity the Chavis firing is creating.

"I don't like African-Americans airing dirty laundry," Jarvis said. "As Black people we must remember that we are on display and we are all affected by negative publicity."

Jarvis said that this case is similar to the Clarence Thomas in which the alleged victim could have avoided a situation by simply resigning and moving on. She feels that to sue at this point is as bad as someone "killing somebody they care about and suing for money because the greive."

Local businessman George Hill noted that Stansel was hired via friendship to Chavis said, "At a certain level you shouldn't be playing around...I don't think he should have paid her."

Hill said the board can't afford to lose funds from big organizations like the Ford foundation because they it to operate and therefore, he feels the NAACP's actions were justified.

Graduate Student Eugene Glanton Lee felt that Chavis should have confronted the issue of sexual harassment.

Shaking his head Hill said, "he should have gone public and addressed the allegations when they happened...Chavis would still have a job."

D.C. schools opening late

By Elaine Lana Myada
Hilltop Staff Writer

Keisha Morris thought she was going to be starting school on Wednesday and had even picked out her best new outfit for the day.

But on Monday, when Superintendent Frank Smith announced that school openings would be delayed until Monday, Sept. 12th because of fire code violations that had not been corrected, Keisha was heartbroken.

"I was really looking forward to going back to school and seeing all my friends," Morris said. "It's getting boring around the house."

Morris is just one of 82,000 students attending the public schools and adult education centers in the District. The delayed opening has students and parents experiencing mixed emotions over what to do with the extra time.

However, D.C. Board of Education President Linda Moody (Ward 8) feels it is in the best interest of students to open on Monday.

"I don't have any problems with the late opening because it allows us an opportunity to dwindle the number of schools down that have fire code violations," Moody said.

Moody suggested the delayed opening because it would "be more orderly if there were fewer schools to worry about."

School officials still expect five schools will not be ready to open on Monday because they need extensive repairs. The schools are Keene Elementary, Garfield Elementary, Noyes Elementary, Paul Junior High and Langley Junior High.

But according to Moody, the school board hopes to ask for exceptions on minor problems that may still need to be worked on but won't endanger student safety.

Micheal Mosley, a parent, is just hoping that the repairs will be complete.

"I just hope that the repairs will not be shabby so that it is safe enough for my child to return to school and I do not have to worry," Mosley said.

Judy White, who was hoping to send her son Jason off to school on Wednesday, is upset with the school board's decision because now she has to worry about paying for a sitter.

"It's going to be a little tight as far as money because these extra few days of paying for a sitter were totally unexpected," White

explained. "But I am hopeful that everything works out and they get the schools fixed up so he can start school on Monday."

However, it is not hard to believe that students would be more than happy to have an extended summer break, especially with such good weather. That is part of the reason Jason does not seem to mind staying with the sitter for a few extra days.

"It is so hot that I don't really want to be in school. I just want to play basketball and have fun," White said.

School board member Wilma Harvey (Ward 1) is looking forward to the school's opening on Monday.

"It is my hope that we will be able to open all schools on September 12th. If we are not I am hopeful that the contingency plan are educationally sound, the instruction program will move forward and that the buildings are safe for students, teachers, principals and all the support staff," Harvey said.

Forty of the District's 165 schools still have to be certified but school officials met yesterday at 2 p.m. to give reports on the 40 schools that are not certified.

Islamic Convention stresses educational advancement

By Nikki Credic
Hilltop Staff Writer

Bahiyah Martin came all the way from Little Rock, Arkansas and felt it was worth it to attend the Twelfth Annual Islamic Convention because she found the convention to be very informative.

"The workshops were very educational because the teachers encouraged us to use our minds and seek knowledge," Martin said.

Martin was among more than 9,000 Muslims that converged on the District last weekend to educate the public on their faith, find ways to create a definite public profile and dismiss rumors of association with Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam.

The convention, which was held at the Washington Convention Center, was headed by Imam W. Deen Mohammed, son of the late Honorable Elijah Muhammad, founder of the Nation of Islam, whose followers number among approximately 1.5 million Muslims in the United States.

The group is not well known and Yahya Abdullah, leader of the

mosque in Dallas-Fort Worth, Tx, feels it is because the press ignores the group.

"They [the press] push Imam W. Deen Mohammed to the side because he's not controversial. He is basic. He deals with the problems of America. That doesn't seem to get printed or any reaction from the press," Abdullah said.

W. Deen Mohammed is trying to raise his profile to become a leader in mainstream American religion. He was the first Muslim leader to offer morning prayer in the U.S. Senate in 1992 and he was also invited to participate as the representative for the religion of Islam in the Inaugural Interfaith Prayer Service during President Bill Clinton's Inaugural activities in 1993.

Mohammed's organization practices unity and equality and does not condone the militant activities of the Nation of Islam. In fact, Mohammed encourages "militant-like Muslims to shake off the unIslamic practices of the Nation of Islam and begin to practice Islam according to the Holy Qu'ran and the life example of

Muhammed the Prophet."

To accomplish his goal of informing the public about his organization's purpose, he centered the convention around education. "Education: The Main Influence Behind Progress" was the theme of the convention and emphasized Mohammed's desire.

The convention included over 40 workshops, numerous competitions, sessions, lectures, sports activities and banquets. All these activities were intended to create relationships among Muslims across the country as well as around the world and ensure positive development of the Muslim community.

Because of its concentration on the youth, the convention was an overall success. Arnesah Dawan, a future Howard University student, said that it was a positive experience because the workshops she attended were informative.

"The workshops gave me more information than previous conventions, and there was more interaction between the speakers and the participants," Dawan said.

What's Happening in D.C.

September 10

National Black family Reunion "Families For Peace"

March 10:30 a.m.

March starts at Freedom Plaza to Constitution Avenue side of monument grounds at 11 a.m.

September 13

Literary Friends Lunchtime Authors Series

Noon Eugene Jeffers,

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Martin Luther King, Jr Library, Main Lobby

Compiled by Elaine Lana Myada
Hilltop Staff Writer

NATIONAL

Oppression plagues Black students in Alabama

By Linda Jones
Hilltop Staff Writer

WEDOWEE, Ala. — Randolph County High School has been the focus of national attention since Hulond Humphries, principal of 25 years, threatened to cancel the prom if interracial couples attended.

No longer the center of attention, Randolph County High School was torched on August 6, fueling an already racially hostile environment.

"Everyone is a suspect, they are even looking at me. This incident has attracted a lot of radicals and militants. The Klan, Skin Heads, Black Panthers, everyone is a suspect," said Charlotte Clarke-Frieson, President of the NAACP local chapter and the only Black member of the Randolph County Board of Education.

The FBI has made no arrests. Humphries was removed from his position as principal and found guilty of violating the Civil Rights Act.

Black residents of Randolph

County have complained for 25 years of the inequalities perpetuated and instituted within the school system under Humphries. Disgruntled parents blame the School Board for the inequalities Black students faced because it continued to employ Humphries.

The NAACP maintained extensive records of the grievances filed against Humphries and the school system. The Justice Department and the Department of Education used these records to investigate Humphries.

"I know that the majority of Whites feel the school system is fair because they have not been affected by racism," Clarke-Frieson said.

"The quality of education for Blacks is inferior because they have not been encouraged to pursue secondary degrees. Very few Blacks go on to college and upgrade their level of life. They will work in factories or drop out," Clark-Frieson said.

The high school offers two degrees, a standard vocational diploma and an advanced college

preparatory diploma. According to Clarke-Frieson, pupils are grouped into programs, with a disproportionate number of Blacks steered toward the vocational diplomas. White students are guided by counselors to seek advanced diplomas, preparing them for college.

Promoting higher education for Whites while encouraging labor-oriented fields for Blacks maintains the division of classes. The Black youth, descendants of sharecroppers, continue to work for the white land owners in this small agricultural community.

"With the absence of a Black professional staff, and the absence of a critical mass, the people in Randolph County must depend on outside groups to intervene," said Dr. Alvin Thornton, Howard University associate professor of political science. Thornton is a graduate of Randolph County High School.

"To change society, to transform a county, we must eliminate the artificial differences which are a

function of the economic disparity that children bring from home based on economic differences. But, this is where the role of the American public education system fits in," Thornton said.

Lucille Burns, the newly appointed assistant principal, has been in the school system for 21 years and is the first Black person to serve in an administrative position in a long time. She said students take basic competency tests in the third, sixth, seventh and ninth grades.

The test results are used to place the youth in the appropriate academic programs. Those students who do not test on the same level as their peers are given remedial work so they can catch up with the students in the same grade.

"That is what they are suppose to do, I'm not sure they are," Burns said. "But I will make it my job to find out."

Blacks in Randolph County only comprise one-third of the population. A large portion of the students enrolled in the Special

Education program are Black. Black students are suspended at higher rates and disciplined more severely than White students according to district records.

"There is a lot of unprofessionalism in terms of discipline in the school. If you use your most drastic form of punishment the first time the child makes a mistake, what is next," Clarke-Frieson said.

While Clarke-Frieson's and Burns' positions within the school system are encouraging, many African Americans feel there are still not enough Black people in administrative and teaching positions to have a significant voice in the decision making process of the Randolph County School system.



Dr. Alvin Thornton
Department of Political Science

Rosa Parks robbed

By LaWanda Stone
Hilltop Staff Writer

DETROIT—Repulsive body odor and the stench of alcohol on his breath were all Joseph Skipper had to show for a long day of panhandling to support his crack-cocaine addiction. Instead of heading back to the alley in which he lived, Skipper prowled over to a quiet house in his all-Black neighborhood.

On the eight occasions before this night, Skipper intended to rob a nameless elderly woman. But on this night Skipper's victim happened to be the grandmother of the civil rights movement.

Rosa Parks was punched and robbed last Tuesday in her Detroit home.

Joseph Skipper, 28, confessed and is now being held on \$50,000 cash-bond pending a preliminary hearing in the District Court of Detroit on September 13.

According to Detroit police officials, Skipper did not know it was Parks' home he broke into until he confronted the frail old woman on her stairway and said, "You're Rosa Parks aren't you?"

Skipper demanded money from Parks. When she produced \$3, he punched her repeatedly.

"He said, 'you're going to make me hurt you if you don't give it all to me,'" Parks recalled. Skipper fled with \$53. Parks called a neighbor who then phoned the police.

"He knew who she was, but he needed that crack," said one police official.

Skipper's mother and sister were instrumental in helping police locate him. However, it was

neighbors who finally turned Skipper in.

"A group of people were holding him and as a scout car drove by they yelled, 'he's the one you want,'" armed robbery Investigator Daniel Budz said.

Parks told reporters that this was the first time in her life that she had been struck by a man.

"I hate for anything like this to happen to anyone," she said. "Of course, in these times, none of us seem to be safe from this kind of treatment and violation."

Parks has moved to a high-rise apartment building with 24-hour security.

"I'm doing pretty good. I want to get back to my job," Parks said. Wearing a pacemaker, she runs an institute to aid troubled youth.

Detroit police found Skipper's footprints on Parks' back door.

"We have her back door and his shoes," Budz said.

Parks initially identified another man in a lineup, but two other women who said they were assaulted picked Skipper. According to Budz, shock could have been a factor in Parks' mistake.

"In the dark and at night, it is a traumatic experience for an older woman to face," Budz said.

In 1955, Parks refused to give up her seat in the front of the bus to a White man in Montgomery, Ala. Her actions prompted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to organize a 381-day bus boycott. The successful campaign was the start of the ongoing civil rights movement.

"Many gains have been made, but as you can see at this time, we still have a long way to go," Parks said.

AROUND THE NATION

President Clinton signed the King Holiday and Service Act of 1994, linking the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to a day of national service. Clinton said the new law will mark the civil rights leader's birthday every January 15, not with a day off, but with a day dedicated to anti-drug efforts, tutoring children, helping the homeless and making neighborhoods safer.

South African President Nelson Mandela has accepted an invitation to make a state visit to the White House Oct. 4-6. Clinton said he is looking forward to meeting Mandela and that he believes the visit will be an occasion for all Americans to rejoice in the birth of new South Africa.

Reverend Jesse Jackson said he may challenge President Clinton by running in the Democratic primaries or as an independent in the 1996 election. Jackson faulted Clinton for falling far below expectations on a range of issues. Jackson was especially critical of the crime bill, which he called "a wolf in sheep's clothing," and the welfare reform plan. Jackson said, "Two years and off for the mommas and 'three strikes and you're out' for the children is not an urban policy."

NAACP National Field Director Earl Shinhoshter was named interim executive director by the board. Other possible successors: Mary Frances Berry, National Coalition of 100 Black Women president; Jewell Jackson McCabe; U.S. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC); and Bill Gray, United Negro College Fund director/Clinton advisor on Haiti.

Top five colleges and universities with the most Black graduates accepted for medical school in '93: Xavier University- 49; Howard University- 48; Hampton University- 36; Cornell University- 31; Spelman College- 29.

Blues and jazz legends will be honored with commemorative stamps due out Sept. 17. The U.S. Postal Service will feature Billie Holiday, Muddy Waters, Ma Rainey, Howlin' Wolf, Jimmy Rushing, Mildred Bailey and Robert Johnson.

US Air 737 Boeing jet travelling from Chicago exploded over a house near Pittsburgh Airport. 126 passengers were on board. There were no survivors.

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Bill provides funds for crime prevention

By Jonathan L. Wharton
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The United States Senate and House of Representatives passed what is being considered the toughest Crime Bill addressing the nation's violence problems. Under the agreement reached Aug. 21, the \$30.2 billion crime bill will include authorizations to hire new police officers, build state and local prisons and institute other crime prevention programs.

The bill authorizes the use of \$8.8 billion to hire 100,000 new police officers over six years.

Construction grants for prisons and boot camps total \$7.9 billion. Of the money, 50% will be distributed to states that adopt tough truth-in-sentencing laws that require repeat violent offenders to serve at least 85% of their sentence. In addition to construction grants, \$1.8 billion will go toward reimbursing states for the costs of incarcerating illegal aliens who commit crimes.

Six point nine billion dollars will be authorized for programs that aim to prevent crime, including formula grants to needy communities for crime reduction measures.

This package includes \$1.6 billion for the Violence Against Women Act, a package of federal penalties and grant programs designed to reduce domestic violence and other crimes against women. One billion dollars are included for drug courts, which seek to rehabilitate first time or nonviolent drug offenders with intensive treatment and supervision rather than incarceration.

As the legislation made its way through Congress, many constituents voiced strong opinions to their representatives in favor of the proposed law. Still, few understood the special provisions of the federal legislation.

Black members of Congress were especially concerned with the Crime Bill. It contained 60 new crimes leading to capital punishment, such as carjacking and drive-by shootings. Many Black lawmakers strongly believed this capital punishment amendment was racially biased, particularly in the inner-cities.

"I don't think anybody in this country could agree with any credibility that Blacks and Hispanics will not be affected," Rep. Melvin Watt (D-NC) said.

The modified bill cut \$2 billion from programs that aimed to prevent crime. To make those cuts,

Congressional Black Caucus Crime Bill vote breakdown

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Bishop, Ga.	Blackwell, Pa.	Brown, Fla.
Clayton, N.C.	Clyburn, S.C.	Collins, Mich.
Collins, Ill.	Conyers, Mich.	Dellums, Calif.
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Ford, Tenn.	Hastings, Fla.	Lewis, Ga.
Jefferson, La.	Johnson, Texas	McKinney, Ga.
Meek, Fla.	Mfume, Md.	Owens, N.Y.
Payne, N.J.	Rangel, N.Y.	Rush, Ill.
Thompson, Miss.	Towns, N.Y.	Wheat, Mo.
Wynn, Md.	Franks, Conn.	

NAYS

Clay, Mo.	Hilliard, Ala.	Scott, Va.
Stokes, Ohio	Waters, Calif.	Watt, N.C.

conferences adopted a 10% reduction in prevention programs and eliminated \$900 million in job training for youths who agree to avoid crime and drug use.

Money going back to selected congressional districts considered "pork projects" concerned Black members of Congress as well. One pork project was a \$10 million dollar grant for a crime prevention center at Lamar University, the college of Congressman Jack Brooks (D-TX).

The Crime Bill passed with a ban on assault weapons. Many Republican members and the National Rifle Association strongly opposed the ban on guns. The manufacture and possession of 19 assault weapons and copycat models will be banned for 10 years. The measure will exempt more than 650 semiautomatic weapons and allow gun owners to keep guns they already own legally.

Under the modified bill, convicted, violent sexual offenders and people who commit crimes against children will have to register their addresses with state law enforcement agencies. The police will be permitted to notify the community into which a sex offender is to be released.

The death penalty will be authorized for dozens of existing or new federal crimes, such as murder of a federal law enforcement official, treason or kidnapping that results in death.

The "three strikes and you're out" provision, mandating life imprisonment for a third violent felony, will be adopted. The release of inmates sentenced under this provision who are over 70-years-old and have served at least 30 years will be allowed.

Juveniles, 13-years-old and older will be tried as adults in the federal court system for certain

violent crimes.

Finally, the burden for funding programs will begin with federal money, and later be handed down to localities.

Congressman Charles B. Rangel (D-NY), whose district is located in Harlem, was pressured by President Clinton and the democratic party to vote for the bill.

"President Clinton was selling his presidency, the party and the fact that we will not get a better bill than this. I don't think anyone challenges that," Rangel said.

"Parents will breathe a little easier. Police officers will no longer be threatened by gangs and thugs with easy access to deadly assault weapons designed for war. Violent criminals are going to learn quickly that the revolving door on our prisons has been locked and bolted shut," President Clinton said.

Simpson courtroom marred by obscenities

By James Bolden
Special to The HILLTOP

LOS ANGELES—In a show of frustration after a series of severe blows to the defense of his client this week, Robert Shapiro, lead attorney for football superstar O.J. Simpson, found himself apologizing for an obscene word he uttered as prosecutor Bill Hodgman was addressing the court.

"I apologize to Mr. Hodgman, it was unprofessional of me," Shapiro later stated in court. "I meant no ill by it."

Shapiro's remark came as Hodgman explained to Judge Lance Ito how "substantial" compliance was made by the prosecution with respect to the reciprocal discovery process.

His response was no surprise to courtroom observers. The well-dressed veteran criminal attorney was noticeably unhappy with Ito's latest

ruling with less than a month remaining before his client is scheduled to stand trial for the murders of ex-wife Nicole Brown-Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

On Monday, lawyers for Simpson shifted attention from blood samples to the four Los Angeles police detectives at the scene of the June 12th murders. At issue: The personal files of LAPD Detectives Phillip Vannatter, Tom Lange, Ron Phillip and the defense team's main target Mark Fuhrman.

Ito denied the defense's motion to view the files for "Possible complaints that might detail allegations of incidents where the detectives failed to follow policies and procedures." Special attention by the defense was placed of Fuhrman, who defense attorneys said had a history of resentment toward African Americans and Hispanics.

Fuhrman, according to a motion filed by the

defense, once attempted to get a police disability pension by claiming he could no longer control his anger toward Blacks and Hispanics. Fuhrman, the motion continued, also had problems with regard to the races during his stint with the United States Marine Corps.

"His credibility is in question," Simpson attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. III contended. But after hearing the arguments of Fuhrman and lawyers for the city of Los Angeles, Ito disagreed.

The detectives were at the Bundy Avenue condominium of Brown-Simpson collecting a majority of the evidence that will be used against Simpson.

"If you don't like the message, slay the messenger," said Fuhrman's attorney Robert Tourelet. "The police officers on the scene did not murder Nicole Brown-Simpson and Ronald Goldman."

INTERNATIONAL

Debate lingers over Guantanamo Bay refugees

By Arthur O. Mantle
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President Clinton reversed a Cold War policy of accepting all Cuban refugees and started to ship them to the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba last month.

Not since the Mario boatlift in 1980, when Fidel Castro permitted refugees to leave the communist island had there been so many Cuban boatpeople risking their lives in shaky rafts to cross the Florida straits in search of the "American dream."

Thousands of intercepted refugees placed in detention—as minimum security prisoners at the base would rather brave possible hunger, civil unrest and breakout of infectious diseases than return to Cuba.

Another alarming threat is that the base can only house 40,000 refugees. To date, there are about 28,000 refugees from Cuba and Haiti, and the number is increasing rapidly with each passing day.

Bryan Adams, the coordinator of the D.C. "Hands Off Cuba"

Coalition, a local grassroots political organization that lobbies for changes in the U.S. foreign policy toward Cuba, believes that many Cubans are fleeing the island because of economic deprivation and not political repression.

"The U.S. should live up to its 1984 visa agreement which promised to take in 20,000 Cuban annually, not by boat, but with visas on planes. However no more than 2,000 have been legally admitted to date," Adams said.

A spokesman for the Clinton administration said recent talks in New York were aimed at raising the immigration quota but Cuban representatives are attempting to shift the talks to address issues surrounding the economic embargo.

The talks also attempted to settle possible unrest at Guantanamo Bay where refugees are threatening to go on hunger strikes if their demand for political asylum is not met.

A recent poll conducted by Time Magazine and CNN shows, 74% of Americans do not want the refugees to come into the U.S., where only

18% were in favor of granting them political asylum. Panama, however, has agreed to take in refugees for up to six months.

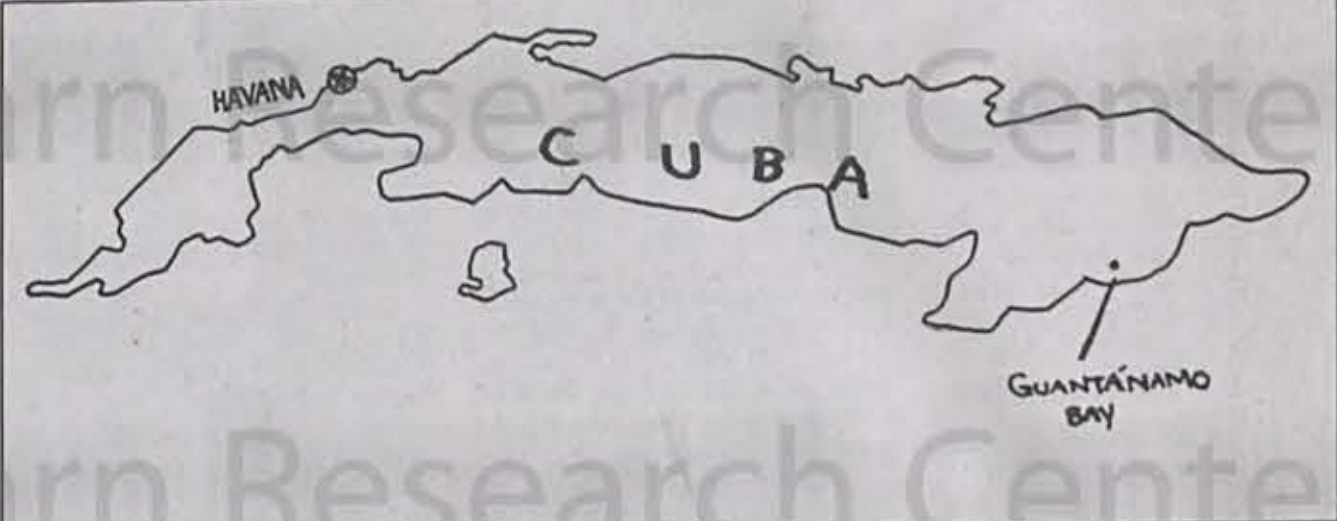
On campus, students have mixed views toward the Clinton administration's policy on Cuban refugees.

Prudence Layne, president of the Caribbean Student Association, believes that Clinton's move is long overdue.

"U.S. foreign policy should not be dictated by political ideology or race. It would be interesting to see where Clinton is going and what he hopes to achieve," she said.

She expressed this view in light of what she feels is a double standard on the part of how Haitian refugees are treated.

Denise George, the executive secretary of the Howard University Student Association, has family and friends living in Cuba and said that she supported the refugees. She also works for the U.S. Department of Immigration and pointed out that she has seen cases where immigrants were deported for no legitimate reason.



"The U.S. policy towards Cuban refugees, as with any other foreign crisis, operates only in the "national interest" and only attempts to seem like they really care, but there is not a sincere effort to help the refugees," she said.

George added that Clinton is taking advantage of the media coverage of the crisis to distract the American people from local problems.

As the international community

ponders over the fate of a nation where communism has its last stronghold and scrutinizes the U.S. foreign policy, the crisis has had a disruptive impact.

In Key West, Fla., the tourism industry has suffered. Nationally, the American people are uncertain about the effect granting political asylum will have on the distribution of limited resources for social and economic reform. Supporters of all refugees are upset with what they

see as a bias toward the Cubans.

While more talks are scheduled, more refugees will risk their lives in troubled waters, more demonstration will be organized and more media attention will be placed on this issue.

Critics hope the refugee situation will not be pushed to the back burner to make room for another crisis to take the spotlight for the sake of "national interest."

Haitians suffer human rights violations, casualties

By Leslie Harris
Hilltop Staff Writer

Clothed in a simple white dress, the sleeves failing to hide the black scars on her arms, Alerte Belance, a Haitian woman, told an audience at the Washington



Alerte Belance
victim of Haitian military abuse

Peace Center on August 24 about how she was attacked with a machete by anti-Aristide soldiers.

The attack left lacerations all over her body, a half severed tongue, and an arm so mangled that it had to be amputated. Her only crime was her husband's participation in the election of Bertrand Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected president who was overthrown in a military coup in September 1991.

"I thought that because I was a woman they would leave me alone. But they came into my house and dragged me into a car. They took me into some bushes, threw me on the ground and hacked me with a machete," she said as she started to cry. "The others in the car asked if I was dead and the soldiers said that I had to be dead."

Miraculously, she survived this ordeal and is able to tell others about her experiences. She is one of the thousands of Haitians who were victims of such attacks because they supported Aristide.

According to Lionel Lavolette, the cultural attaché for the Haitian embassy, people are still being killed, including prominent Catholic priest Rev. Jean-Marie Vincent.

"There are two categories of victims. The first category is comprised of random victims, who the Haitian military chooses to give civilians a good scare. The second category is made up of victims who the Haitian military carefully selects. They are usually leaders of grass roots organizations or of the community," he said.

In agreement with Lavolette, papers distributed by McKinney and McDowell Associates, a public relations firm registered with the Department of Justice as an agent of the Haitian government, cited

numerous examples of human rights violations.

The following were some of the cases listed: Jan., 1994, Oman Desanges, president of a political group called the Young Progressive Association, was found dead with his eyes gouged out near the Haitian International Airport; May, 1994, the bodies of four Haitian political activist were found in Cite Soleil, Port-au-Prince; July, 1994, the bodies of twelve young men, covered with bullet holes, were found in Morne-a-Bateau.

Local residents said the massacre, led by the Haitian military regime, resulted from a World Cup soccer celebration turning into a pro-Aristide rally.

According to a United Nations figure, 3,000 people have died at the hands of the de facto government.

Lavolette believes the only way to stop the vicious cycle of human atrocities is the restoration of democracy and the return of President Aristide.

Recently, the United States won the support of several Caribbean nations for a possible invasion of Haiti if the economic sanctions do not work and if the leaders of the military regime will not voluntarily step down. The Caribbean nations that pledged to assist the U.S. were Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados and Belize.

Unlike Lavolette who does not believe that an invasion would be the answer, Stephen Noerper, executive director of the Haitian

Reconstruction Fund said that there is no question that military intervention will be necessary.

"The only thing that will move [the military regime] is military force. The question remains will the intervention be an ousting of the military junta by force or will it be a peace enforcement and nation building operation," he said.

Noerper added that military intervention would hopefully stop the human rights abuse.

"The human rights violations have been atrocious for the last three years. There have been 3,000 murders, a large number of disappearances and according to a UN figure, there have been 60 rapes between January and June of this year. This is part of the reason that the military intervention is needed," Noerper added.



Belance and her three children

Refugees fear home

By Patricia Hardin
Hilltop Staff Writer

Although the number of refugees leaving Rwanda has decreased, hundreds are still evacuating their homeland in search of safer areas.

In neighboring Zaire, thousands of refugees, mostly Hutu, have taken up residence in overcrowded camps, bringing the total number of refugees in Zaire to nearly 800,000.

Because of the overwhelming population in Goma, the country now mandates that all entrances into Zaire must be made at one border checkpoint in the city of Bukavu, where new camps are now being established.

The plight of refugees stems from a massive fear that the new Tutsi-dominated government will retaliate against the Hutu for the thousands of Tutsi lives lost during the war which erupted last April between the Hutu government and the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front.

"The two parties (Hutu and Tutsi) should sit down and see the disaster being caused," said Howard University Chemical Engineering Professor, Mobolaji Aluko. "This event did not occur overnight; it was bound to explode. The superpowers should have analyzed the event, then tried to stop it," Aluko said.

Despite appeals made by the United Nations for the refugees to return home, many Rwandans feel that it is not safe and will not go back.

"After people leave, it is not enough to say come back—it's safe. There should be some type of security from the UN and the Rwandan government. The government is responsible for providing safety," says Boniface Karani, Acting Chief of Missions at the Rwandan Embassy.

According to Karani, major efforts must be made in order to ensure that the people can return

peacefully and be able to live.

"There exists two ethnic groups in Rwanda, and there should be some type of platform where the two groups can cooperate," said Karani. "I think in order to create a comfortable environment, the two groups must work together."

The war began April 6, when an airplane carrying Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana, a Hutu, mysteriously crashed. Hours later, Hutu forces began massacring anyone believed to oppose the government.

At the same time, Tutsi-led forces relaunched a war previously in existence before the two groups signed a peace agreement.

Howard University associate professor of economics and international trade, Mary K. Perkins contended that the problems which existed between the Hutu and the Tutsi tribes are deeply rooted in economics and will be a difficult crisis to solve.

"The economy in Rwanda is predominantly an agricultural one. Both the Hutus and the Tutsis are involved in agriculture. The Tutsis are more into raising cattle, such as cows, goats, and sheep.

The Hutus are mostly farmers, growing grains and different types of crops. It's probably because of that difference that the whole crisis began," said Perkins.

According to Perkins, a theory known as racial determinism brought about the wave of killings in Rwanda.

"When Belgium controlled Rwanda, they believed the Tutsis to be more intelligent because they raised cattle and also because they perceived the Tutsi to have European blood.

Therefore, Belgium gave the Tutsi control over the Hutu," explained Perkins. "As a result, what we now know today to be a tribal rivalry is really more of a class struggle between the haves and the have nots."

Mandela strives for peaceful climate

By Celestin Bekrou
Hilltop Staff Writer

In April, Nelson Mandela became the first Black president of South Africa, a country once known for its institutionalized discrimination against its mainly Black population. He now faces the immense challenge of governing this country—a country drained by decades of economic sanctions and centuries of ethnic confrontation.

However, the numerous electoral promises given by the African National Congress do not offer much hope in tempering the people's demands in the post-electoral era. These electoral promises had once raised some suspicions about Mandela's capacity to attain his mandatory objective. Several political observers, including western experts believed that the ANC's inexperience in running state matters might cause strong, popular dissatisfaction as well.

Also, ANC voters had to realize that Mandela is no more a mere political activist striving solely for the betterment of his people. He is a statesman who has to face national as well as international issues. The new president of South Africa has to improve the welfare of his fellow country men and women and, at the same time,

he must position his country as a regional superpower in the southern region of Africa.

During the presidential campaign, Mandela's agenda essentially addressed the concerns of the Black majority electorate. His 10-year plan intended to generate employment for 2.5 million people through extensive public works programs, providing running water, flushing toilets and electrified housing to millions of families.

At present, these promises are taking the shape of a national reconstruction and development plan known in South Africa as RDP.

President Mandela's post-electoral attentions are selectively, but reasonably so, focused on the dispossessed and the disenfranchised South Africans regardless of race and ethnic origins. He reportedly is planning to provide free medical care for children under six and all pregnant women as well. Mandela's administration is looking forward to implementing a more reasonable taxation level to satisfy the white Afrikaners and other South Africans involved in business.

The most important achievement of Mandela's administration, however, is the social climate of peace that has prevailed since last May. Despite the tension between the automobile workers and their authorities, no serious ethnic

confrontations have been reported on South Africa. Many attribute the current situation to Mandela's skillful political move in appointing Chief Buthelezi to command the ministry of home affairs and former South African President F.W. DeKlerk as deputy president. Another wise political choice, critics say, was the appointment of Winnie Mandela, his former wife, to the ministry of arts, culture, science, and technology. The appointment of Winnie Mandela represents a tribute to the South African women who played a major role in the liberation process.

In total, many appointments made by Mandela were seen as controversial. He had to respect the agreement made before elections that stipulated the winner of the election would nominate members of all parties who obtained at least five percent of the vote to his cabinet. As a result, the present cabinet is comprised of people who are ideologically diverse.

Mandela will have to display patience to maintain a cohesive government. For his action will not be judged on the sole basis of South African domestic issues but he will be assessed on his foreign policy as well. Then will come the time when South Africa will have no excuse not to intervene in continental crises because of the fragility of its democracy.

A GLANCE AROUND THE WORLD

By Steven Remy
Hilltop Staff Writer

PUERTO RICO

San Juan

Throughout drought ridden Puerto Rico, households have been subject to water rations since June of this year. As a result, people are unable to take baths, cook or clean. Government officials blame the drought on the water crisis, while critics of the government said that the water crisis was the result of neglected water reservoirs and the water utility company's squandering of resources.

Environmentalists explained that the severity of Puerto Rico's water shortage is multiplied because the government refused to "ration construction permits." Construction on the arid land causes the topsoil to run into the reservoir, which causes the sedimentation of the reservoir which is now inoperable.

Government and water utility company officials said that they will hopefully rehydrate most

homes by as early as 1996.
(Washington Post)

JAPAN

Tokyo

Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama's Japanese Socialist Party has repudiated its longstanding pacifist policy which opposes war and violence. The prime minister said he hopes to carry his party's policies into the political mainstream and wants Japan to hold an obvious, but nonthreatening military role. He said he views Japan's military as "the minimum necessary working organization for self defence."
(Washington Post)

SOMALIA

Mogadishu

The tumult in Somalia has escalated so much that the United States is closing its embassy there. Three years since the collapse of Somalia's nation-state, government peace-keeping forces have not come any closer to forming a new

government.

"If they don't want to have a nation-state, that's their right. The world cannot force people to constitute a government," said U.S. Ambassador Daniel Sampson. Experts say that the most the world can expect to see evolve from Somalia is a collection of city states.
(Washington Post)

ENGLAND

London

The prime ministers of Great Britain and the Irish Republic met once again to urge Protestant rebels to uphold the peace initiative started by Northern Ireland. On Monday, Sept. 5, Britain declared that no further steps toward maintaining the initiative will follow until Britain is confident of a permanent truce between the two areas. The IRA has tried to uphold the truce, but on Sept. 4, a car bomb detonated and caused minor damage to Sinn Fein headquarters in Belfast.



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BUSINESS

Chevy Chase Bank to invest money in Black communities

By Shenikwa Stratford
Hilltop Staff Writer

After allegedly violating the federal Fair Housing and Equal Credit Opportunity Acts, Chevy Chase Federal Savings Bank announced plans on Aug. 22 to invest \$11 million in Black neighborhoods in Washington, D.C. and Prince George's County.

The United States Justice Department claims that the bank's failure to establish offices in predominantly Black communities was discriminatory.

"To shun an entire community because of its racial makeup is just as wrong as to reject an applicant because they are African American. Some neighborhoods may not even have banks to which Blacks can turn," United States Attorney General Janet Reno stated in The Washington Post.

Chevy Chase's agreement to establish additional automotive teller machines and convenient

branch offices in Black communities could mean a sharp increase in profits for the area's largest thrift bank if Blacks are willing to disregard alleged discriminatory practices.

However, many African Americans have been insulted by the redlining incident and have chosen not to invest their dollars in Chevy Chase Bank.

"They never would have come to the Black neighborhoods if the Justice Department had not filed a suit against them. It's a form of segregation. They tried to be a 'Whites-only' bank," Sophomore LeVan Wright said.

Film major Steven Ramey plans to boycott Chase because "[the bank's] lending practices are obviously not sincere and just an enforcement of the Justice Department. I would rather bank at a Black bank that would be more sensitive to African American needs."

Many African Americans



Doyle Mitchell, President, Industrial Bank of Washington

anticipate the coming of Chevy Chase to their predominantly Black neighborhoods because of the convenience and its widespread name recognition.

Others have opted to join area Black-owned banks such as the Industrial Bank of Washington, Independence Federal Savings, or the United Bank of Washington.

"I want to help keep the Black dollar turning over in the Black community. I am currently seeking to transfer my Citibank membership to a local Black bank after learning of the discrimination charges filed against Chevy Chase," sophomore Karry Ann DaCosta said.

Doyle Mitchell, President of the Industrial Bank of Washington, stressed banking at an African-American bank helps to keep money inside the Black community.

"The Industrial Bank of Washington offers the same services and products as Chevy Chase, while helping to circulate dollars back into the Black community," Mitchell said.

Chevy Chase denied all allegations of redlining Black communities, although 97% of its loans from 1976 through 1992 were underwritten in predominantly White communities.

Denny's to settle race lawsuits

By Dorothy J. Brown
Hilltop Staff Writer

A landmark race discrimination lawsuit against the Denny's Restaurant chain has been settled. In light of the settlement, the Washington Lawyers' Committee (WLC) is now processing applications from over 20,000 people who feel that they should claim part of the settlement because of what they felt was discriminatory behavior on behalf of employees at Denny's restaurants.

According to Corrine Hensley, Claims Administrator for the WLC, in order to take part in the claim, a person must have been discriminated against between July 1, 1987 and May 24, 1994 at a Denny's Restaurant anywhere in the U.S. except in the State of California. Hensley explained that only Blacks and companions dining with them may file a claim. If the person subjected to the discriminatory incident is a minor, then a parent can file on the minor's behalf.

Thus far, people have been reporting to WLC that Denny's required them to either prepay for their meals, pay a cover charge before being seated, or required to pay a tip. Others have said that they were subjected to derogatory remarks from Denny's employees or that they were denied service all together.

In light of these findings, representatives of the Denny's

Restaurant chain have enacted several policies to make their employees more sensitive to their Black customers. For example, every Denny's employee must sign a consent decree of nondiscriminatory policy. In addition, all non-management employees must complete a training program, which includes viewing the video "What Color am I?"

Students on Howard University's campus have mixed feelings about the discrimination case.

"I haven't eaten at Denny's since I heard about the settlement. Even if they were to implement new policies, I still wouldn't go back because they're only doing it to bring back money from the Black community," said senior finance major, Jeanette Edwards.

"I have eaten at Denny's in the past, and I didn't experience any bias or prejudice. Personally, I feel that there will be a lot of false claims filed, but if Denny's did discriminate then they should pay," freshman management major, Kevin Edwards said.

If you believe you have been discriminated against on the basis of race or color at a Denny's Restaurant, and if you would like to be considered for a share in the settlement as a class member, then you must file a claim by September 30, 1994.

For complete information call toll free 1-800-836-0055.

Working from home becomes option for many U.S. workers

By Shaune Jackson
Hilltop Staff Writer

With unemployment on the rise, many people are finding that there is little, if no, job security. This instability led hundreds of people to the Washington Renaissance Hotel last Wednesday and Thursday to participate in a two-day Home Business and Technology Conference.

The conference, which was sponsored by the Financial Freedom Report (FFR), META Institute, Apple Computers and the American Home Businesses Association, featured speakers from across the nation who provided information on how to make a profitable living by working from home.

"There is a price to pay, risks to take and changes to make. You can't sit back wishing that you had other people's wealth," said David Craig, who has developed several multimillion dollar companies.

According to Link Resource Corporation, a home business begins every 11 seconds in

America, and nearly 30% of America's workers operate out of their home today.

FFR, which has been in business for 18 years, has held more than three thousand such conferences, and has worked with more than one million entrepreneurs. Originally starting in real estate, FFR has branched out to include other home businesses such as vending machine operations, 1-900 lines, travel firms, math and reading programs for students and tee shirt companies.

Gordon Haton, who hosted the two-day conference said the success rate for home-based businesses is 85%, however, these endeavors should not be thought of as 'get-rich-quick' schemes.

"You must put in your best effort. It's not something where you can just add water and expect a lot of growth," Haton said.

The Sept. 1993 issue of Entrepreneur Magazine reported that the average start-up cost for a small business is \$27,000. This initial startup cost does not guarantee success. In fact, 90% fail over a five-year period. However,

the "Six Months to Success" program offered by FFR guarantees an 85% refund of initial investment if funds do not double after six months. Many feel that this type of program gives a lot of incentive to people trying to get started in a home business.

Of course, getting started is not going to be the easiest task to undertake. Geneal Nelson, a client care representative for FreeCom Communications Inc., said the FFR greatly helps entrepreneurs in getting their feet in the door by supplying manuals, providing counselors, customer service representatives and other business services.

"FFR does their part, but sometimes people give up too quickly. They expect money to come in a month, when many times it takes a year," Nelson said.

There are risks in establishing a home business, but many people feel that the advantages can be rewarding.

Aisha Richardson, a sophomore majoring in legal communications, said she would consider working out of her home after she graduated.

"Working from home would allow me to have my own freedom, set my own business hours and be closer to my family," Richardson said.

Another advantage of having a home business is freedom from the pressures of a supervisor, according to Liz Saunders whose mother worked from her home as a licensed daycare provider. Saunders, a junior majoring in television production, said her mother, Shirley Blackman, enjoyed being self-employed.

Many Americans are catching on to the notion of home-based businesses because they are creating vast wealth for millions of people, and are giving them a sense of self-satisfaction.

"Home-based businesses are definitely growing. They are becoming more popular and will continue bringing people success and wealth in the near future," Nelson said.

For more information on getting started in your own home business, call FreeCom Communications at 1-801-272-3500.

Co-op makes students more marketable

By Beth Gonzales
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University's Cooperative Education Program provides students with the opportunity to obtain paid professional work experience in their academic fields of study.

"There are two types of programs. In one you work 40 hours a week. [In the] second, the parallel program, the student works 20 hours a week. Co-op is different from work study because you go off campus and work in a professional setting," Gloria Prentiss, coordinator of the co-op program for the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Communications, said.

The co-op program, which is administered through individual schools and colleges, has a curriculum that usually extends to five years. Prentiss suggests that students be sincere when they register for co-op because of the time commitment. She also suggests that students work closely with their academic advisor and

the Co-Op staff to get their individual program properly planned.

The co-op program gives both undergraduate and graduate students exposure to office management and other business skills.

"Co-op is a good program. This summer I got to work

with a company as a computer specialist assistant and then moved to [the position of] financial analyst, which I preferred. I applied my information skills and focused on stocks and the stock market in particular," Kirk Williams, a computer information system major, said.

"Most people feel the co-op program is meaningful because it



Gloria Prentiss, Arts and Sciences Co-op Coordinator

gives them an edge over other students when trying to get a job after graduation.

Many students haven't worked in their profession and it takes more than a four-year degree to get a job.

"Co-op is a recruitment vehicle that gives the experience most employees are looking for," coordinator of the co-op for the School of Engineering Marilyn Lanier Nolley said.

According to Karen Graves, coordinator of the School of Business's co-op program, in 1993, 110 business students participated in their co-op program. After graduation, 10 students were placed in permanent jobs after.

"This year about 110 [students] are participating and 23 were placed with jobs. Everyone involved is doing well," Graves said.

Because the program takes time, Prentiss does not encourage seniors to become involved because there is not enough time for them to participate and take advantage of the whole program.

Co-op is available in all of the schools and colleges throughout the University. In order to participate in the program, undergraduate students must be full-time students, have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and have completed at least 30 credit hours.

Graduate students must have at least a 3.0 GPA and must also attend school full-time. All interested students must fill out a co-op application and be financially validated.

To learn more about co-op, check with your school or college or call 202-806-5672. You can also visit room 109 in the North Faculty Building.

Lower prices increase personal computer sales

By Shaune Jackson
Hilltop Staff Writer

A recent drop in costs has many people rushing out to purchase personal computers.

Consumers are discovering that certain computer models which were once too costly are not only more affordable, but their extra components are less expensive as well. These extra features include CD-ROMs, stereo sound, and sophisticated software programs.

The price reduction resulted from computer manufacturers cutting prices on older generation models in order to reduce warehouse stocks, thus making way for newer ones.

The introduction of the Power PC chip made by Apple Computer Inc. in conjunction with Motorola and IBM is the latest technology, and it has other rival computer companies racing to keep up.

This new Power PC microprocessor chip enables computer systems to operate with more power and speed. For example, a computer functioning at 44 megahertz is now able to increase to about 66 megahertz with the Power PC chip.

Compaq and Macintosh are among the many computer firms who are trimming their prices in a bid to remain competitive.

Since the recent slash in prices, local computer retail stores have seen an increase in sales. Al Payne, the assistant supplies buyer for the Howard University Bookstore, said the store's computer sales have increased 120% from last year alone.

Ron Jones, who heads the computer department at the Tysons Corner Circuit City, has seen customers flood into the store looking for lower priced units.

"The increase in sales has been quite phenomenal and sales will definitely continue to rise as we prepare for the back-to-school season," Jones said.

The drop in computer prices is also a real advantage for Howard University students who are working with lower spending budgets.

Hayden Nedd, a junior psychology major and computer owner, thinks these new low prices will allow more students to buy a personal computer for their dormitory rooms.

Nedd, who owns an IBM-386, paid about \$2,000 for his unit in 1992. This model, and other models similar to it are now selling for \$1,000. He felt that the price was good at the time of purchase, but now he said, "cheaper is better."

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MODEL CALL

Prospective models 'work it' during Homecoming '94 fashion show auditions

By Melinda Spaulding
Hilltop Staff Writer

Over 200 Howard students made their way to Cramton Auditorium last week to put their best look forward and present their most impressive "walk" in hopes of being selected for this year's Homecoming fashion show- "Vive Noire"—Black life.

Varying in shapes, sizes, gender and skintones, each anxious contestant aimed to please the select panel of judges by performing the "walk" that was earlier demonstrated by co-coordinator Nickoria Hicks.

As she took her place on the auditorium stage, Hicks, a professional model, displayed her own "walk" which consisted of an opening pose, a stroll down to the middle of the runway complete with two half turns, a pose at the end of the runway with another half turn, and a "press" or walk back to her original position. She concluded with a closing pose and exit.

Unfortunately, all of the contestants did not perform up to the desired standards of Hicks or the show's other coordinator, Sherin Hairston.

"Ladies and gentlemen, will you please be energized!" stated a disturbed Hicks before asking the first five contestants to make their way back to the runway and try the "walk" again.

Attitude. That is what the judges were looking for. As well as "runway style, expression, stage presence and technique," according to Hairston.

As the first group made their way back to the stage and to the runway once more, signs of improvement were evident. The boring walks and bland facial expressions were replaced with new mobility, vitality and attitude.

From that point on, the real competition began. Hips started to move, arms began to sway and faces became alive as the rest of the contestants tried to prove that they could "work it" on the runway and were worthy of a spot in this year's show.

Although the overall confidence of the contestants improved, many were still nervous about being examined under the bright lights of the auditorium.

"I'm kind of nervous, but I've modeled runway before," said Keisha Sumner, a 19-year-old sophomore majoring in chemical engineering.

As the night progressed, and the scores were tallied, the judges discussed the confirmation of the "call-backs" for the next night.

The Homecoming Steering Committee is anticipating a great show for this year, much different from the somewhat obscurely themed shows of the past.

"This year's show is following an exact theme. It will be a peek into different lifestyles and various aspects of Black life," added Hairston.

In an effort to simplify the show and still dazzle the audience, the coordinators and this year's select group of models will endure up to four nights a week of practice and hours of preparation to ensure that "Vive Noire" will be a success.



Dangerously Over the Limit

Students learn disadvantages of hastily applying for credit cards

By Rashida Syed
Hilltop Staff Writer

Students, beware! Credit card companies are here and they are after you.

Their portable offices have been spotted on campuses across the country. Howard University students have been vanguarded by these companies that seem to target anyone who might happen to pass their stands.

Eye catchers such as candy bars and 32 ounce cups lure many students to the tables. And credit card companies intend to do just that. But what most card companies do not do is give students the complete facts about the responsibility of owning a credit card.

Many students stop to fill out these applications simply to receive the free gifts that the credit card companies offer, but others are more cautious.

"I would never apply for cards at one of those stands because they look too shifty. Why would they make themselves so accessible to us? We're already in debt. It shows how desperate we can be. You sign your name on the dotted line and get a free candy bar. That's tacky," said Vanessa Versailles, a junior majoring in speech pathology and audiology.

According to Albert Crenshaw, a business news reporter for The Washington Post, "some schools are more restrictive than others about allowing [credit card companies] to be on campus. But many credit card companies have marketing arrangements with student organizations... where the organization gets a contribution."

What most credit card companies neglect to tell students is that there is a thin line between convenient spending and unbearable debt. Some company representatives do not inform the students of their annual interest rates, monthly fees and consequences for late payments, etc. Students who do not inquire about this information can easily find themselves over the limit.

Ruth Susswein of Bank Card Holders

of America, a credit card consultant group, is concerned that credit card companies are being unfair to young college students who are solicited without being told the truth.

She explained, "We're not opposed to students having credit

cards. We're opposed to the heavy-duty marketing tactics that are used without providing information about the responsibilities of having credit. When you get out of school and really need credit... if your credit report shows a lot of negative information or even a decent amount of negative information you can end up jeopardizing your chances of getting that apartment, that car, and even that job."

had to switch my account over and tie it into my checking account," said Andre Harvey, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering from Cleveland, Ohio.

The problems that many college students inevitably face due to credit card

freshman to inform and warn them of the credit card trouble that may lie ahead.

"Everyone, schools, credit card issuers, parents and students, should educate themselves... know what they're getting into before they accept these cards. We testified before Congress... that credit card issuers should be required to provide seminars on campus about credit before they pass out these cards," Susswein said.

But the credit card companies know that with knowledge about credit, many students would not apply so quickly.

Chris Green, a sophomore majoring in pre-pharmacy, thinks students should pay attention to advice from fellow students.

"I suggest that students read all of the information first before you sign your name," he said.

"There's a good reason that credit card issuers target college students... Students tend to be loyal to the first credit card they receive... They expect that people's parents will pay that debt, but if students are old enough to enjoy the benefits of having credit, then they're old enough to deal with the responsibilities," Susswein explained.

As Susswein advised, it is a good idea to have credit. However it is a bad idea to charge items that you know you can't afford to pay for later, or items that you wouldn't pay for even if you had the cash to do so. It is also a good idea to get a credit card while in college because it is the only time when you don't need a credit history, a permanent job, or a stable residence. The most important thing is to know your limit; if possible use the card only when you have to.

Having good credit means that after graduation you will be considered a trustworthy customer, however having bad credit can mean years of credit prison.

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Source: Representatives from named companies

Some students have received a rude awakening after owning their first card.

"[The credit card company] charged me an annual fee after the first year. So then I

prompts many concerned debt counselors to question what can be done to prevent the use of credit cards by students who are ignorant of the harsh consequences of not paying bills and on time. Susswein and other consultants at Bank Card Holders of America have prompted the United States Congress to take preventive measures, like offering classes to high school seniors and college

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PEOPLE

Alumna Brings Journalistic Guidance and Expertise Pearl Stewart: A Gentle Giant in the World of Newspaper Journalism

By Traci N. James
Hilltop Staff Writer

She had just returned from a meeting with the dean in the School of Communications when she was barraged with problems needing her attention in The Community News offices. The pressure would have sent many screaming from the room while pulling their hair out, but not one single curl moved out of place on Pearl Stewart's short natural head of hair.

As the first African-American woman to become editor of a daily metropolitan newspaper in a major city, Stewart is no stranger to hectic schedules or down-to-the-wire deadlines. In fact, she has learned to handle pressure with graceful aplomb, successfully refuting critics' claims that she lacked the experience to handle her position at the 118-year-old Oakland Tribune.

Returning to her alma mater, Howard University, Stewart's career has come full circle and she could not be more pleased. As the professional journalist in residence, the former editor in chief of THE HILLTOP will serve as the academic advisor to The Community News, the publication produced by students in the School of Journalism.

"When I left Howard in 1971, I had this idea in the back of my mind that my ultimate goal was to come back somehow, but I wasn't sure how it would work. I wanted to be a journalist, not an academician. Working as a journalist gave me the opportunity to come back as the journalist in residence," she said.

Since 1991, a grant from The Freedom Forum has given a professional journalist the opportunity to teach one year at a Historically Black College or University.

Stewart has returned full of ideas

and plans to prepare Howard students for the realities of the competitive world of journalism.

"I want to help students envision what they're getting into and the skills they're going to need in this ever changing business," she said.

According to Stewart, preparing students to meet the challenges of an increasingly technologically advanced society and industry should be placed high on H.B.C.U.'s list of priorities.

"Black colleges have to move to bring the resources to their students. If you want to dispel the myth that Black students can't do the job, they have to have the resources. It's not enough to have bright students. Black students have to have the benefits that other students have," she said.

Students like Donna Huie-Neal, the editor of The Community News, welcome the chance to work with a professional of Stewart's caliber.

"We need guidance and assistance. I know she will make our jagged edges smooth," Huie-Neal said.

Huie-Neal is pleased with what Stewart has accomplished at the paper in such a short time.

"I found her very eager to help us. She comes across soft-spoken and has an easy way about her which eases her into your confidence. It's definitely an asset that she uses to take over," she added.

Stewart's soft-spoken manner belies her tenacious attitude about pursuing her goals and standing by her principles.

Even as a young girl growing up in Rochester, NY, Stewart knew what she wanted and went about achieving her goal with a vengeance.

"She initially wanted to be a



Photo by Leslye Alleyne

writer. She started that dream early," her father, William Stewart recalls.

When most girls were playing with their dolls and dreaming of a prince charming, Stewart and her friends were publishing a newsletter and distributing it to their neighbors.

During the 1960s, Stewart attended a predominantly White all-girl Catholic high school where she excelled, but not without an occasional run-in with the nuns at school.

"The only complaint we had from the nuns was they had a hard time with her when she disagreed with them. She would hold out," Stewart's mother, Robbie Stewart

said.

"Pearl's very kind and considerate, but she's tough as nails when she thinks she's right," she added.

Stewart's strength of conviction stems from her parents who actively fought against segregation by helping to organize sit-ins and boycotts in their own community.

Stewart carried that spirit of activism to Howard University where she participated in the student takeover of the administration building in the late 1960s.

Raymond Archer, the current Dean of Student Activities at the University, was Stewart's classmate

and he remembers her well.

"She was a progressive editor with great news instincts and acute cultural awareness," he told the Black College Communication News Journal.

Stewart began her career in 1972 reporting for the United Press International news wire in the Bay Area. In 1976, she moved to the Oakland Tribune staff as a reporter and worked her way up the ranks to feature editor. The San Francisco Chronicle was her next stop on her way to the top. She spent 11 years there covering the Oakland and the East Bay area.

In 1992, her knowledge of the Oakland area helped her land the position of community affairs

consultant to the president of Alameda County Board Supervisors where she worked until her 1993 appointment to the Tribune.

The confidence instilled in Stewart by her parents and years of hard work helped her make the transition from a reporter with more than twenty years experience editor in chief of the Tribune.

"You have to have self-assurance. I've spent most of my life as a reporter," she said. "You have to feel that you have the capability achieving your goals. If I did have that assurance I would have faltered often."

Vital Statistics

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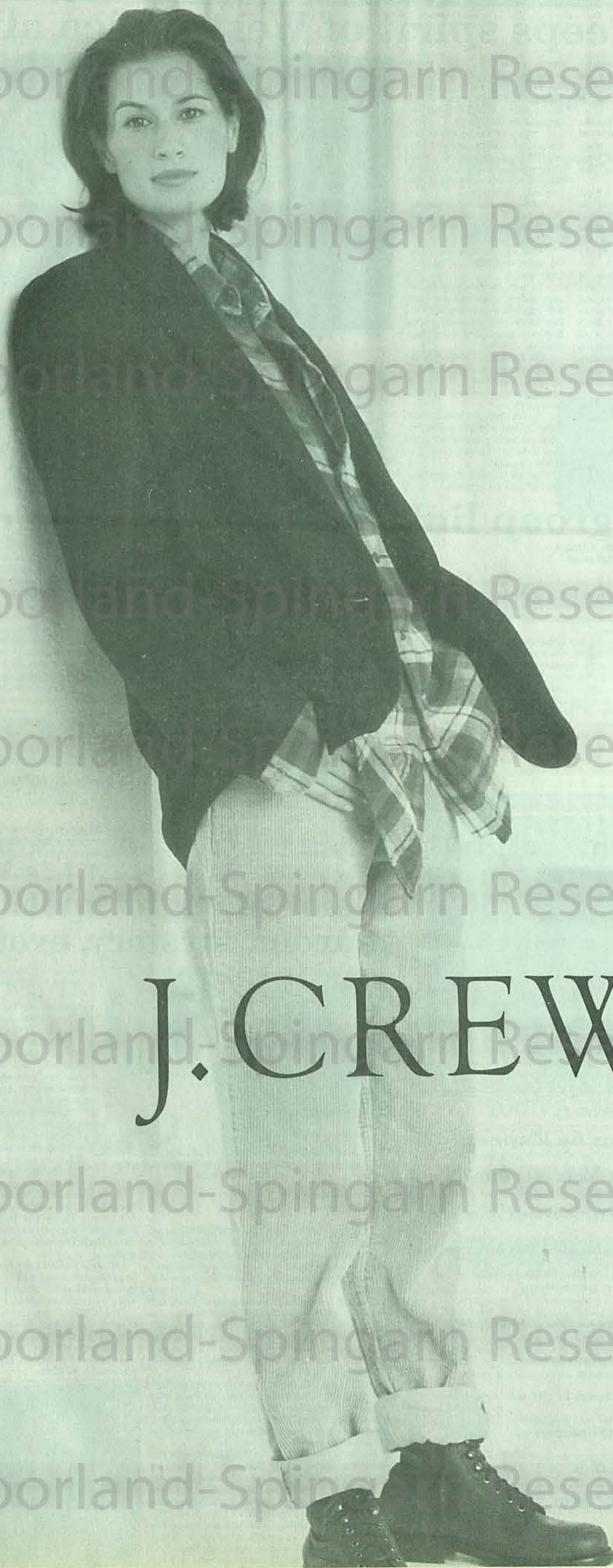


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Kankouran keeps spirit of West Africa alive

By Miguel Burke
and Arnesa Howell
Hilltop Staff Writers

According to the Mandingo culture of Senegal, West Africa, young boys who participate in a manhood initiation celebration are guided and taught a way of life by the spirit of KanKouran.

Thanks to The KanKouran West African Dance Company, the KanKouran and many other sacred cultures of the West African region have been preserved and interjected into the lives of many African Americans who desire to rediscover their heritage.

"The KanKouran West African Dance Company is sacred. It's so rare because it's one of the only traditional African dance companies on the planet," said annoD, an adult community dance class instructor of KanKouran. "They are keeping the spirit of our people alive throughout the Black communities."

Regine Clement, a senior majoring in international business, thought the KanKouran's recent performance, entitled "Visit Casamance," at George Washington's Lisner Auditorium on Sept. 4 was beautiful.

"The performance had spiritual meaning... every dance reflected

the structure of the community," Clement said. "The dancing and the drums symbolized the ending of harvest and the beginning of hunting season."

Clement also said that the performance was a form of celebration because unlike many communities today, the West African culture has a place for everyone.

"There's never anyone left out on the streets without a home," she stressed. "We [United States] shouldn't go to other countries and put irrigation systems in the villages, because it disrupts the balance in that community."

The non-profit, Washington D.C.-based dance company was founded by Assane Konte and Abdou Kounta in 1983. For the past 11 years, they have been training African Americans of all ages in the ancient arts of dancing and drumming. In addition, they have toured across the United States and the Virgin Islands, receiving international acclaim.

Konte, who is the director of the dance company and a professor of dance at Howard University, said the international flavor added by the organization's participants is wonderful.

"I feel very good about it. Every year the company progresses. We

have guest teachers from everywhere," he said.

Janice Cobb, acting business manager and development officer also praised the group for its emphasis on the youth.

"Most of the programs are designed for children and teens. Its mission is to develop the next generation so they can make a positive influence on society," Cobb stressed.

Cobb also emphasized that the KanKouran's programs focus on self discipline, self control and building self-esteem.

"This is achieved by mastering the dance and drum technique," Cobb said.

In order to participate in the organization, Cobb said one must first enroll in a community class, then study as an apprentice and finally be accepted as a company member.

The KanKouran West African Dance Company trains dancers of all ages. According to a dancer's age, they are put into one of three companies.

Senior company dancers are those in their mid-20s and older, while the junior company is for the teen dancers. There's also a children's group.

There are currently 95 members enrolled with the company.



The KanKouran West African Dance Company embodies African tradition through music and dance.

Ex-dancer Lyndon Williams, who had been performing in the KanKouran for 13 years, reflected upon the time spent with the company.

"Being a dancer is like being an athlete, once you've reached a certain level of training, you try to keep your 'chops' up by taking as many classes as possible," he said.

Paula Wright Coleman is a 1970 graduate of Howard University and

a KanKouran dancer as well as the organization's consultant attorney. She said every person joins the company for his or her own reasons.

"Some people come for the exercise because it is very invigorating, and some people come for emotional and spiritual reasons because they see the drums as a healing instrument," Coleman said. "Some people come for the communal element because there's

a nonjudgmental element African dance in contrast to other dance forms."

Anyone who is interested in learning African dance can enroll in classes held on Monday and Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. and Saturday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. For more information call (202) 396-0841 or (202) 737-4941.

International group links service and friendship



Patricia Russell-McCloud
The Links, Inc. national president

By Natalie Y. Moore
Hilltop Staff Writer

United together through sisterhood, The Links, Incorporated, based in Washington D.C., is an organization committed to serving the African-American community through educational, cultural and civic projects.

"We're a group of dedicated women," according to Mary P. Douglass, who has been the National Executive Director of the organization since 1983.

With 9,000 members in 39 states, as well as Nassau, Bahamas and Frankfurt, Germany, this 48-year-old organization was founded in Philadelphia by the late Sarah Scott and Margaret Hawkins.

According to the organization's creed, their vision was, and still is "to increase participation nationally and internationally for a stronger partnership with people of good will and good deeds" and to make an impact on the quality of life for humankind through community service.

The national headquarters, with the support of various chapters across the country, has continued the goals of the founding mothers by raising money for groups like The United Negro College Fund, The National Urban League, Sickle Cell Research and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Each chapter enriches its area depending on the needs

of the geographic region. The four program facets are international trends and services; national trends and services; the arts; and services to youth.

Douglass, who is responsible for the organization's day-to-day operations, was attracted to The Links because of its involvement in the community.

"Some local chapters conduct self-esteem, substance abuse prevention and sexually transmitted disease awareness workshops," she stressed. As a former Vice-President of a public relations firm, her leadership skills helped her to start a chapter in Prince George County.

Howard University Freshman and Radio-Television-Film major Kristina Washington agreed that the organization is a staple in the Black community.

"I saw they were supportive toward helping organizations that needed money," Washington said. "They also assisted in giving scholarship money to needy students."

In order to be a debutante in the Chicago Links cotillion, Washington was required to volunteer a minimum of 25 hours for The Links. She chose to work at a local museum in the children's science center.

"I interacted with kids who had never been exposed to the world of science. It was very rewarding," Washington said. "(The Links) impact positively and are linked together in friendship and service."

Under the leadership of newly elected National President Patricia Russell-McCloud, J.D., The Links are looking ahead globally—particularly in the

Caribbean and African countries. International concerns such as the African Water Wells Project and the Haitian Refugee issue have prompted the organization to send financial aid.

Although membership in The Links is invitation only, young Black women who are interested may participate.

Natalie Rance, a junior political science major, was a debutante in the Minneapolis chapter.

As a debutante, Rance was able "to meet a lot of other intellectual African-American women with same background and career goals."

According to Rance, The Links sponsored activities for the debutantes once a month for a year.

"They had seminars dealing with race and women in society," she stated. "There were fun things like make-overs and exercise workouts. It was a great experience."

There are 13 Links chapters in the Washington Metropolitan area. One of the biggest local chapter events was a health fair last spring that provided prostate, mammogram and glaucoma testing. Douglass stressed that the organization always needs volunteers.

"The D.C. chapters will be more than happy to accept help from those willing," she added.

To those interested in receiving more information or volunteering, contact The Links headquarters located at 1200 Massachusetts N.W., at (202) 842-86

'Color of Night' spotlights murder, mystery, eroticism



Bruce Willis and Jane March play twisted romantics in "Color of Night."

By Myriam Joseph
Hilltop Staff Writer

Director Richard Rush's latest thriller, "Color of Night," is a psychological roller coaster ride that gives its audience a rush that will make them want to see the movie twice. Without a doubt, this psychological whodunit mystery keeps the audience gasping for breath.

The cast is a carefully chosen group of actors and actresses with extensive backgrounds that bring the screen to life. Although there weren't any "traditional" guns or semi-automatic weapons used in this film (as might be expected in a typical Bruce Willis movie) there were many forms of creative violence such as a nail gun as a murder weapon.

Dr. Bill Capa (Bruce Willis) is a psychoanalyst from New York who relocates to Los Angeles. Capa, who is going through his own trauma, sits in on Dr. Bob Moore's (Scott Bakula) Monday night therapy session. Moore is viciously murdered and the members of the Monday night group become suspects.

Hector Martinez, played by international film and music star Ruben Blades, portrays a Los Angeles police officer who thinks Capa committed the crime.

Just when Capa thinks his life couldn't get any more complicated, he meets an erotic seductress who turns all his fantasies into a reality. While Capa desperately observes the personalities of the Monday Night group to determine if any are capable of murder, he falls in love with the mystery woman, Rose (Jane March).

March's character, last seen in "The Lover,"

illuminated the screen yet again with innocence that captivates the audience. She bears "some" in this film, while seemingly shy Willis shows very little. No surprise that the steamy scenes between March and Willis fog up the screen.

The Monday night group therapy was as a dysfunctional family unit for members. Clark (Brad Dourif) plays obsessive compulsive, who, along with Martinez, brings many memorable moments of comic relief to the film.

Lance Henriksen, last seen in "Alien 3," reemerges on-screen as character of Buck, an ex-cop who asks the questions about subjects no one wants to face or answer.

Sondra (Lesley Ann Warren) divorcee and sex addict that can't stop enough. In "Color of Night" she uses sexuality to get everything she wants. Kevin O'Connor ("Peggy Sue Got Married" and "Magnolias") does an excellent job showing his directing capabilities through his role as Casey, a cyborg artist.

Director Richard Rush has continued the success he garnered from his last movie, "The Stunt Man," a metaphysical action comedy that took 10 years to make received three Academy Award nominations.

The "Color of Night" feeds America's need to be a psychologist by keeping the mind of the audience active throughout and after the movie. This thriller keeps all eyes on the screen with its directed use of the camera. Director Richard Rush is a winner on his hands.



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The Washington Book Festival ... A Read In!
BZB International, Inc., the Howard University Press, the Black Review, AT&T and Vertigo Books are sponsoring a multicultural event Sun., Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Freedom Plaza. There will be celebrity guest appearances, book readings, food and more. For additional information, call (202) 332-BUSY.

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Greater Washington Urban League Classic

The Howard Bison will face Hampton University on Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. at RFK Stadium.

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3. Notre Dame
4. Florida State
5. Michigan
6. University of Miami
7. Arizona
8. Colorado
9. Pennsylvania State
10. Wisconsin
11. Alabama
12. Auburn University
13. Tennessee
14. UCLA
15. Texas A&M University
16. Oklahoma
17. Southern California University
18. University of North Carolina
19. Texas
20. Ohio State
21. Virginia Tech
22. Illinois
23. Washington
24. Clemson
25. Stanford

BASEBALL

-At press time, the Major League Baseball players were still on strike. The owners have set a cut-off date of Sept. 15 for an end to the strike or the rest of the season will be cancelled.

-San Francisco Giants outfielder, Barry Bonds, petitioned the courts to cut his monthly support payments to his wife and children from \$15,000 to \$7,500. Although the judge temporarily granted Bonds' request, he later rescinded his decision and required the unemployed Bonds to pay the original \$15,000 a month.

FOOTBALL

-Washington Redskins waived former Howard cornerback, Dondre Owens on August 23.
-Jerry Rice, a wide receiver for the San Francisco 49ers, surpassed Jim Brown as the career NFL touchdown leader with 127 touchdowns scored, including 7



touchdowns rushing.

-New York Giants signed former Howard wide receiver/punt returner, Gary "Flea" Harrell as a free agent. Terms of the contract were not disclosed to the press.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK
ALFONSO "PEP" HAMILTON

Hamilton, a junior from Charlotte, N.C. performed well in just his second start as quarterback on the collegiate level. Hamilton responded by rushing for one touchdown and passing for another while completing 16 of his 35 pass attempts.

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-9/13 at 3:30 p.m. AWAY
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Bison win close season opener, 27-25

By Ed Hill, Jr.
Special to The HILLTOP

Few players at Howard University have been as dominant as Jose White during last Saturday's 27-25 win over Mississippi Valley State University in the Second Annual Gateway Classic at Busch Memorial Stadium in St. Louis, Missouri.

The 6'4", 270-pound senior from H.D. Woodson High School in Washington created havoc for the Delta Devils' offensive line, recording 10 tackles, 2 sacks, a blocked punt and a fumble recovery.

"There cannot be many players at this level who can dominate a game the way Jose did," said Howard Head Coach Steve Wilson, following the game. "He just made big play after big play. The important thing is that he made them when we needed them most."

The Bison (1-0) got on the board early after a nine-play, 68-yard drive that was capped off by a five-yard touchdown run by senior fullback Rupert Grant. Sophomore placekicker Jason DeCuir, who would later figure in the victory, split the uprights to give Howard a 7-0 lead with 6:21 left in the first quarter.

MVSU countered with an efficient, 10-play, 69-yard drive that was capped off by a nine-yard bullet from 6'5", 225-pound quarterback Honoree Britton to wide receiver Steve Booze. The Delta Devils, who were plagued all day by a poor kicking game, missed the first of three conversion attempts on the day and trailed 7-6 with 2:54 minutes remaining in the half.

From that point, the Bison began to take control of the rest of the half, scoring two more times, once on a beautiful 27-yard touchdown pass from Pep Hamilton to James "The Jet" Cunningham (three



1994 Howard University football team

receptions, 54 yards) and the other on a three-yard walk into the end zone by Hamilton just before the half that gave Howard a seemingly comfortable, 21-6 advantage.

"Sometimes you get that in games, particularly the first game of the year when one team gets an early lead," explained Head Coach Wilson of his team's lead.

The Delta Devils recognized it and took advantage when Cornelius Turner returned the second half kickoff 66 yards and set up a quick score by Britton that narrowed the margin to 21-12.

Despite MVSU's spirited second half play, the Bison had at least three opportunities to put the game away. One came after White blocked a punt that gave his team field position. But the Bison failed to convert on fourth and short.

Then White recovered a fumble deep in the Delta Devils' territory. But again, Howard bogged down on offense and MVSU was still in

the game.

But the Delta Devils could not sustain any drives, mostly due to the strong Bison defensive effort. So Howard got a little breathing room when DeCuir nailed a 27-yard field goal with 3:32 left in the third period to up the score to 24-12.

MVSU, feeling the pressure of the fourth quarter, responded by driving 70 yards on 10 plays, the final 20 coming on another Britton to Booze hookup. That narrowed the deficit to 24-19 early in the fourth quarter.

As the game wore on, Grant became more and more of a factor and it was his running (13 carries, 60 yards, 1 TD) and pass receiving (4 receptions, 57 yards) that allowed the Bison to control the clock until DeCuir connected on a 33-yard field goal that increased the lead to 27-19.

On the ensuing series of downs, the Bison failed to move the ball and MVSU took advantage by

using a halfback option pass from Dave Arlington to Arlo Henderson that resulted in a touchdown. The Delta Devils again failed to convert on a two-point attempt and trailed, 27-25.

The Bison's 13-game regular season winning streak appeared in jeopardy when Grant fumbled after a 16-yard gain on a screen pass. But White personally made sure that the streak would remain intact for at least another week. The preseason all-America candidate and a legitimate pro prospect made huge back-to-back plays. MVSU had a third-and-5 at the Bison 39. White broke through and sacked Britton for a 12-yard loss. Then on the next play, a fourth-and-17, White applied pressure and forced Britton into an offbalance throw that ended the drive and the Delta Devils' hopes of victory.

"We needed someone to step up in those situations and White responded," said Wilson. "He is just a great football player."

Other standouts in the win included Hamilton (career high 16 of 35 passing for 213 yards and 1 TD), sophomore wide receiver Marco Ward (career high six catches for 88 yards) and Cunningham (188 yards of all-purpose running).

The Bison take on the Pirates of Hampton University tomorrow in the First Annual Greater Washington Urban League Classic at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m.

The Pirates, who enter the game with a 15-game winning streak dating back to 1992, are coming off a 24-15 win over Morehouse College in their season opener last Saturday at home.

"They are a well coached team with few weaknesses," says Howard Coach Wilson in his assessment of Hampton which will be moved up to Division I-AA next year. "We will have to play well to win."

Women's volleyball team kicks off new season

By Shana Harris
Hilltop Staff Writer

What Howard University team other than the football team were the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Champions last year? What team had a Fab-5 make up of four freshmen and one transfer from junior college?

The answer to both questions is the Lady Spikers Volleyball team. The Lady Strikers are back stronger than before while predicting and anticipating yet another championship season.

Last year, it was expected that the team would be talented; yet with four super freshmen, Brittany Hughes, Shannyn Hollie, Carla Ellis, Ericka Rockwood, and a transfer student, LaMetrica Johnson, blending together and becoming a team was probably a concern.

Obviously the adjustment was not too difficult because the Lady Spikers ended the season with a 20-9 record.

This year, all concerns have been put aside. The squad is in good shape having lost only one player while picking up two talented players, freshman Adrian Lofton and sophomore walk-on, Margaret Nipsey.

"We plan on picking up right where we left off," said junior Stacey Williams.

According to Head Coach Linda Spencer, the team should have success in the MEAC with no problems. Her main concerns are the talented teams that the Lady Spikers play outside of the conference. Teams like Georgetown, American and Towson State offer serious competition.

If the team stays focused and hungry, success will come. "This team can't be overconfident, yet they have to have enough confidence," Spencer says.

According to Spencer, their biggest competition in the MEAC is Florida A&M



1994 Lady Spikers

University. The games have regularly gone to the wire.

"This is a tradition that I want to break," Spencer said.

One clearly reachable set by the team is to improve upon the number of players selected to the All-MEAC team this year. Last year only two players were selected despite the successfulness of the team in the conference last year.

"This year I would like to see at least three to four of my players make it."

The team was strong in so many aspects of their game last year that it might be difficult to find areas of improvement. Last year, the Lady Spikers concentrated on defensive aspects of the game while offense came naturally to the team.

"I want to make a concentrated effort to work more on the offense and run more

plays," Spencer said.

The three captains of the Lady Spikers are seniors, LaMetrica Johnson, Breshawn Harris and Requan Washington.

Harris, a senior setter on the team has duties that are similar to the duties of a quarterback. Much of the offense runs through her. She is also the vocal leader who calms the team and dictates the pace of the game. Harris wants to become an opposing force or threat towards inter-conference and outside teams.

"I feel the team can improve our weaknesses and build on our strengths. Personally I would like to become a better player overall and keep constant communication with my teammates."

According to Spencer, Washington, a senior middle blocker, has grown a lot in her three years on the team. Last year,

Washington earned a MEAC Player of the Week in the MEAC.

"I feel that the real competition is outside of the conference. I also expect this team to be good for quite a while. Hughes, Hollie, and Rockwood will provide the leadership," Washington said.

Brittany Hughes, a member of the heralded freshman class from last year is very confident in the team's ability.

"I know this team is really talented and has the potential for an undefeated season. We can beat anyone and there is no reason why we should lose to any team," Hughes believes.

Last weekend the Lady Spikers participated in the Georgetown Labor Day Classic Tournament and captured third place after losing to Georgetown in three sets and University of Maryland, Baltimore County in three sets, while beating Loyola University in five sets.

"I was satisfied with the results of the tournament because now we know what we need to do in order to beat non-conference teams," Washington said.

The Lady Spikers would like to encourage all Howard students and volleyball fans to come out and watch all home games, which are free. Each home game will be dedicated to a certain organization or group on campus. Tonight at 6 p.m. in Burr Gymnasium, the Lady Spikers play against Robert Morris, and are sponsoring Greek Night.

"We are extending an invitation to all Greek fraternities and sororities on campus to come to the game and show their support of the team and their organizations," Washington said.

"We are trying to increase the number of fans at our games because we want the student body to become aware of the women's volleyball team here at Howard."

Howard University 1994 Football Schedule

SEPTEMBER		
10	Hampton University	RFK
17	Open	
24	Florida A&M University	Away
OCTOBER		
1	Towson State University	Home
8	Bethune-Cookman	RFK
15	North Carolina Central	Away
22	North Carolina A&T	RFK
28	Morehouse College	Away
NOVEMBER		
5	South Carolina State	Away
12	Morgan State University	Home
19	Delaware State University	Home

Bold game is Homecoming.

1994 Volleyball Schedule

SEPTEMBER		
9	Robert Morris	6 p.m.
13	Towson State	6 p.m.
16	Va. Commonwealth Tournament	TBA
21	George Mason University	7 p.m.
23-24	St. Peter's Tournament	TBA
27	Morgan State University	6 p.m.
28	American University	7 p.m.
30	MEAC Tournament	TBA
OCTOBER		
1	MEAC Round Robin (cont'd)	TBA
6	University of Maryland/Eastern Shore	6 p.m.
7-8	Winthrop Tournament	TBA
11	Robert Morris	3 p.m.
13	Delaware State University	6 p.m.
18	University of Maryland/Eastern Shore	6 p.m.
20-21	Howard University Classic	TBA
25	Morgan State University	6 p.m.
NOVEMBER		
1	Coppin State College	6 p.m.
4	Delaware State University	6 p.m.
11-12	MEAC Championships	TBA

Home games are in bold.

1994 Howard Soccer Schedule

SEPTEMBER		
10	U.M.B.C.	1 p.m.
14	James Madison	1 p.m.
17	New Jersey Tech.	7:30 p.m.
21	Navy	7:30 p.m.
24	Mount St. Mary's	2 p.m.
28	George Washington	7:30 p.m.
OCTOBER		
5	Va. Commonwealth	7:30 p.m.
7	American Univ.	7:30 p.m.
12	Loyola University	4 p.m.
19	George Mason	1 p.m.
25	William & Mary	7:30
29	St. Francis College	1 p.m.
NOVEMBER		
5	U.D.C.	TBA

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Around the globe for decades, the possibility of coming to America has dominated the dreams of would-be immigrants. Men and women fleeing wars, genocide, poverty and religious persecution have arrived in this country with more hope than anything else, and have sought to make realities out of their respective American dreams.

Encouraged by pro-United States public relations campaigns on a global scale and anti-communist propaganda, they envisioned the United States as a friendly neighbor that always had room for a few more dreamers. However, recent Clinton administration policy changes and its management of Haitian and Cuban boat people have altered that vision.

Immigration has become America's worst nightmare and the call to close the borders is more widespread and heard with greater appeal than possibly ever before. Potential immigrants from Haiti and Cuba—presently pondering their predicament in a purgatory called Guantanamo Bay—are finding out the hard way that Americans are sickening of the world's jired, poor and huddled masses.

It seems that for immigrants seeking America's shores, the beckoning of the Statue of Liberty's torch has been replaced by a neon "no vacancy" sign. Those fleeing Cuba, welcomed for decades as small victories in a philosophical and ideological war with communism, are no longer met with open arms.

The United States' immigration policy has been labeled racist by those who see a clear difference between the way European immigrants are treated and the way their Caribbean and Latin American counterparts are. As with most things, racism inevitably infects American foreign policy. But the decision to cap the flow of immigrants represents prudent policy, not racism.

Clearly, America can no longer afford to permit a deluge of immigrants to overflow its borders. The resources that immigrants absorb—health care, food and housing subsidies—are desperately needed to address the myriad of citizen's needs.

This is not racism and it is not xenophobia. It is the reluctant realization that America must increase immigration control across the board—and it's about

Crime Bill spells trouble for brothers

In any election year you can bet your life that every politician from senator to alderman is going to turn up the volume on anti-crime rhetoric. This year, of course, has been no different as office seekers of every stature campaigned to make sure their constituents know that if the votes fall their way, criminals will pay.

Congress recently approved the strongest crime bill ever. The polls open in November. Enough said.

Unfortunately, partisan bickering over components of the crime bill during its development dominated news coverage and distracted the American public. It also prevented a closer analysis of what stiffer sentences mean to African Americans when applied to an already racist criminal justice system.

Past election day results have shown time and time again that such "get tough on crime" rhetoric does well with the voters. It is the type of language that eases the fears of citizens who are confronted daily with rampant lawlessness and violence. It is precisely what Willie Horton ads are made of.

That is why crime legislation was second only to health care on the agendas of Capitol Hill lawmakers this summer. It is also why Democrats and Republicans competed so desperately to wrestle ideological control and ownership of the crime issue away from each other.

To these politicians the goal was clear: whichever party (and individual legislators for that matter) succeeded in winning the battle over the toughest crime bill ever would surely win the hearts and votes of the American public.

In the end, the Republicans lost. However, young Black men will be the real losers.

As evidence, the new legislation creates over 60 new crimes for which the death penalty can be applied including treason and carjacking. This means that more Black bodies will continue to fry and in even more lopsided numbers.

In an attempt to soften the deadly blow this legislation will have, the Congressional Black Caucus tried to tack the Racial Justice Act onto the crime package. This addendum would have allowed death row convicts to introduce statistical information on capital punishment in their appeals. This data could be used to depict the racist imbalance in executions and assist the convict's appeal.

Not in my back yard!

Like most Howard University students, I am not a permanent resident of the District of Columbia. But I have spent the better part of three years here and can't help but feel a little attached to this city.

After all, the icons of our national government yield an awesome view from my little room in the Towers. I can't help but live and breathe D.C. politics. I've endured the oppressively humid summers. I pay my fair share of daily taxes to the city. And I've paid more than my share to the District's fine Bureau of Traffic Adjudication.

Thus, I feel compelled to call this dynamic city my home. So like any other resident, I get mad when people trash my home with obscene graffiti. And a few advertisers from FOX Television's "Melrose Place" have done just that.

In an effort to promote the season premiere of the network's prime time hit, the ad crew behind "Melrose Place" have strewn profanity across metro bus stops all over our neighborhood. The ad features the show's blonde-haired, blue-eyed, all-American bad girl star, Heather Locklear. And etched in script just above a prissy smirk reads, "Mondays are a Bitch."

I beg your pardon. I can hardly stand the sight of that word printed here in The HILLTOP, much less in my own backyard!

As if children today don't get their ample dose of profanity and obscenity in music, on television and from expressive t-shirts, now they have one of the most disrespectful misnomers for women clearly spelled out

for their viewing pleasure. Quite a spelling lesson for the young ones on their way to school isn't it?

I can only speculate about the rationale behind this indiscriminate placement of such blatantly offensive ads. Perhaps some creative bunch of clever advertising gurus concluded that the use of such profanity is publically condoned in our community.

Maybe they figured no one would mind since the "b-word" is such a common feature of society's vocabulary. Did they really think the word is so ingrained in our psyche that we wouldn't care enough to respond when it's printed casually on the corner of Georgia and Florida Avenues and every other local bus stop?

Whatever the rationale was, it was totally off base. Every ad has its target audience and I think my temporary neighbors at Howard University, as well as my permanent neighbors in northeast, northwest, southeast and southwest Washington, D.C. should be offended that "Melrose Place" chose to target us this way.

I don't want the young, impressionable kids in my community to have to read that. I don't want the sweet little old women waiting for the bus to have to read that. I don't want to have to read it. But it never fails to catch my eye and subsequently tick me off.

So FOX, I ask that you take your trash to another Place...try that area around zip code 90210. Or did you not want to offend the fine citizens of that community?

capitol. Some of those scenarios will no doubt strengthen your character, while others will seem to weaken your pride. Do not be dismayed by the experiences that life will deal you. Just remember that your futures are being shaped by all your past and present experiences.

Know your past in order not to repeat it. The nature of life is to change. Knowing your past allows you to recognize where change is needed in your present. Howard University has a rich history matched by our even richer heritage. As students of such an illustrious institution, you have a legacy to keep and an image to uphold. In keeping this legacy and upholding this image, make sure that you acquaint yourselves with the people for whom the buildings in which many of your classes are held and some of you reside and named.

We are a family. Our family stretches far and wide spanning the Diaspora. Cherish your family.

Dedicated to freshmen class by Maleika S. Mosley



Letter from the Editorial Editor

To HILLTOP readers,

As Editorial Editor of the 1994-95 HILLTOP I find myself fortunate enough to be in an extremely rewarding position. My post enables me to stay connected with the intellectual and ideological pulse of this magnificent institution which is at once diverse, well-informed and provocative. The scope of ideas generated by students, faculty and others at Howard is expansive and enlightening. Without question, these ideas, plans, thoughts and points of view deserve to be heard and spotlighted.

Contrary to what some would have you believe, Howard University maintains a bountiful cornucopia of varying views and agendas. We are not easily labeled and cannot be lumped together within a singular framework. It is important that we support and cultivate this diversity as it is what makes this institution special.

In keeping with that mission, this year every issue of the HILLTOP will feature a column by one of four student columnists. Between them, our columnists represent varying schools of thought and frames of mind. More than likely, they will incite campus wide conversation surrounding topical issues and student concerns. Read the columns and let us know what you think.

Additionally, the HILLTOP provides a weekly forum that presents the views of our readership. The Perspectives page represents our continued effort to

highlight the issues that affect our community and initiate dialogue from within. This forum provides an arena in which debate is conducted and consensus is built. However, it is largely up to students, faculty, administrators and alumni to keep the conversation flowing.

This newspaper eagerly accepts and encourages feedback from our readers. If there are issues that concern you and you feel others should be concerned as well, write a letter to the editor. If you are enrolled in a thought-provoking course more people should know about, construct a personal commentary delineating its merits.

A myriad of economic, political and social impediments currently block our ascent as a people. In order to address these barriers and attempt to remove them, we must first recognize their nature and their injurious effects. The solutions to our problems are undoubtedly located within the minds of the Howard University family. We must begin to evaluate them and develop a course of action.

Simply put, the HILLTOP serves as a wonderful medium for the exchange and discussion of your ideas and thoughts. What are they?

Sincerely,
Paul Arnold

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PERSPECTIVES

Reclaiming Howard's glorious past

Dr. Joyce A. Ladner

In this first column of mine for the HILLTOP, I would like to say a few words about developments here at Howard since the summer vacation. I will begin, however, by thanking the editor and staff for this opportunity and by welcoming you to Howard for the 1994-95 academic year.

It promises to be an exciting year. What can be more exciting or significant than the appearance here on October 7 of South African President Nelson Mandela! This will be a banner day in the history of this great institution.

"Restructuring," a word which you have been hearing a great deal since your return, is a process in which we are involved that is designed to guarantee many more such days as we move inevitably toward the 21st century. Like many other institutions in American society—business, manufacturing, social services, even government—Howard University is having to confront the economic and fiscal realities of the nineties. To many, such realities, however real, are not comforting.

Howard University is special. It is not merely an educational institution, but also, and more importantly, a national treasure. It has meant much and continues to mean a great deal throughout this city, this country, and indeed, in other parts of the world. This institution must be preserved.

Its importance is such that I have often said that if Howard did not exist, it would be necessary to create it.

Howard University has a glorious history, one on which I need not dwell on in the HILLTOP, which itself has chronicled the rise of many of our graduates into positions of leadership. The University is second to none in the production of leaders of African descent. The names of our graduates are like a who's who of leadership in this country and in various countries abroad. It must remain so.

We must continue to serve, as no other institution can, a deprived constituency. Howard University must continue to be an oasis with a goal of academic excellence and a clear record of unparalleled accomplishment.

In order to do so, however, we must remain strong. And if we do this, we must face the fact that for the past several years, Howard University has been spending more money than it has been taking in. Perhaps in our effort to be all things to all people, we have overlooked a simple fact of economic life—one can not spend beyond one's means and remain solvent.

Compared to other institutions of comparable size, our work force is much too large. There is a great deal of waste at Howard, including duplication of services, for example, supplies, goods and even courses. There has been too little productivity for the money spent.

And there is the lingering problem of the surcharge on foreign students, which has meant a decrease in this population at the same time of a general enrollment decline. Most of all, our federal

appropriation has remained flat, which in REAL terms, taking inflation into account, means a decrease in funding.

By and large, these factors have not been taken into account in our spending. From this point on, they MUST be. We have no choice. Like other institutions throughout the country—the California System, the New York city and state universities, Smith, the University of Pennsylvania, etc.—we must trim spending.

Even our major corporations are not immune—Xerox, IBM, General Motors, all have been forced into a recognition of new and more stringent economic conditions in this country. The lesson is, we must set priorities to begin this process of doing more with less.

As your president, I have set strengthened academic programs and improved services to students as my top priorities. Since becoming president three months ago, I have said—and you will hear me say it again and again—education is our product, and students are our client.

I have seen to it, and I shall continue to insist, that the Howard University budget reflect this philosophy. Thus, in the series of "restructuring" measures we are forced to take to insure survival, student services will NOT be curtailed. Students who are wage employees of the University will be exempted from these reductions.

On the other hand, we have taken several initiatives to improve the lot of students, the goal being to provide an optimal environment in which students can receive

the best and most competitive education possible.

We have opened a new dormitory this year, and several other dormitories have undergone repairs and refurbishing. And although Carver is still under renovations, all students affected by that project have been domiciled elsewhere on campus. A new gender equity program has been initiated. And I have scheduled monthly meetings with student leaders to stay abreast of student concerns. And let us not forget the campus clean-up—a measure sure to improve "the place where we live."

As to the "restructuring," a number of steps have been taken. For example, there is a hiring freeze in force. There is also a freeze on spending. This year's budget is smaller than that of last year.

Even so, other measures must be taken as well. These will include all-out efforts to increase the enrollment, similar efforts to increase productivity throughout the university, the elimination of waste at all levels, the acceleration of automation in our various systems to improve efficiency and effectiveness, the training of employees with the same end in mind, the selling of selected disposable assets, the building of high performance teams at all levels, and "restructuring"—that is, the down-sizing of the Howard University workforce.

Yes, like other institutions, we shall have to eliminate staff positions as a means of reducing the size of our workforce. This, as well as the other measures outlined above, is the first step in a series of budgetary

actions that must be taken if our institution is to survive and prosper through the nineties and into the 21st century.

There is, of course, no joy in this process. But neither is there an alternative.

Howard must be—and must remain—financially strong if it is to be strong as a serious educational institution. We must be free to set our own agenda, to set our own goals, and to work at our own pace in accomplishing the mission of Howard University. We must not allow others to do any of these things that are—and have been for more than 127 years—the responsibility and the privilege of the Howard University family and its leadership.

A weakened Howard is vulnerable to threats from both insiders and outsiders. In this one year of assignment given me by the Board of Trustees, I do not intend that we shall be weak.

Instead, we expect to build on our past strengths and to prepare for a tomorrow that is even more illustrious. That means making the required sacrifices NOW and continuing to live our lives within our means in the days ahead.

I invite you to join me in what is no less than a crusade to assure that we let Howard be Howard!

Joyce A. Ladner is Howard University's Interim President.

Climbing family tree for knowledge

Shahnaz Davidson

Her face brought to mind the faces of the women on the Egyptian parchment paintings that we buy from art galleries and street vendors across this country. Jet black hair, almond-shaped eyes, and a confident strut that conjured up both jealousy and admiration from those who would come in contact with her.

She told the tale of how she left a strict East Indian family and her home in East Africa so that she could find herself and her roots in India. This was no small feat for a young woman of twenty in 1960.

"I knew that I was Indian, but I

never felt 'Indian,'" she said. "I wanted to become a doctor, so with encouragement from my older sister, I attended the University in India."

"What a strong woman," I thought.

Rarely do we hear such stories of strong women in our studies or in our daily lives, especially those about strong women of color. This is the stuff great novels are made of. I couldn't wait to hear the rest of her story.

She went on to detail her clashes with a strict Muslim family who wanted to leave its history behind. They had fallen prey to British colonialists who convinced them

that the relatives they left behind in India were inferior to those in Africa. Their British accents and western clothing were a carbon copy of the colonialists.

I immediately thought of the parallels in the African American community. If we take the time to explore them, the similarities we can find with those of other cultures are amazing.

The woman's name was Nargis Sunderji, a name that did not hide her heritage or her religion, which she was proud of. British influence had not yet penetrated the culture enough to cause names to reflect a denied heritage.

So she studied Biology in India

and eventually travelled to Canada where she met her husband. He was also an East African of Indian descent. He had recently been forced to leave his home in Uganda along with all other Indians on the orders of Idi Amin. Needless to say, he was starting from scratch in his new Canadian home but he was determined to make it. With his strong partner, he would do just that.

Their courtship was a whirlwind of tame but romantic interludes, cross-continental plane trips and probably not enough discussion of compatibility. But in 1994 they are still together, acting like newlyweds. It must have been pre-

arranged by God, Himself. I am a true believer in these things, but then, that's another column.

Nargis and her husband are very proud Africans of Indian heritage who run a successful four star restaurant called Kiliminjaro in Vancouver. You can find East African and East Indian cuisine that will rival that of any restaurant in the world.

The woman with the fascinating history is my aunt. I met her for the first time only a year ago. I never actually took the time to talk with her until this year. After speaking with her, I was both saddened and elated. Saddened because I had missed years of stories and the

influence of such a strong woman in my life, but elated because of the prospect of building a relationship and learning more about myself through her in the future.

The point I am trying to make here is simple. If you do not know much about your family and their history, take time to find out about it. If you are close to your relatives, take advantage of your relationships and learn something. You would be amazed what you might find out. To know our history and our heritage just may be the key to coming together as a people.

Shahnaz Davidson writes a monthly column for the HILLTOP.

Living in a facade of Black Consciousness at Howard

Russell Rickford

She wears no steel girdle. Neither gate nor fence rims her expanse. No wall, no kraal is erected along her perimeters to keep some in and others out. Yet Howard University is a vacuum, a killing floor of consciousness, and her students are alive and well... living in a box.

H.U. students are professional equivocators. They are soap-box radicals turned ultra-conservative darlings. They have shrouded themselves in self-serving rhetoric and wander in a mist of pseudo-Blackness. These giddy members of the race have nurtured a mainstream apathy, a peculiar excuse from struggle that leaves them comfortably numb.

The bulk of H.U. students seem to think that fixing a standard of Blackness—a set of specific criteria by which Blackness is judged—would bar our progress. We chortle that Blackness has no definition, that each brother or sister should have their own interpretation of what it means to be Black. It is impossible, we fret, to assign a fundamental racial analogy to a group as diverse as ours. We declare, simply, that Black is Black.

This attitude is a misinterpretation at best and a gross case of selling-out at worst.

We have allowed the definition of Blackness to become so frayed, so ambiguous, that it can be of no use to us any longer.

There surges no ethic at Howard to fasten all of us to a specific set of ideals. One feels no pressure upon entering this institution to strive for uplift. There is no culture of concerted struggle, no campaign for social research for the

sake of knowledge, no drive towards social engineering for the sake of collective action.

Taken for granted, Howard's distinctly Black identity has also become diluted. So much so that we accept the reality of a dis-jointed and polarized student body. We are quick to applaud our own diversity, not as a challenge for mapping-out common ground, but as an excuse for complacency.

Where are the unwritten rules that collegiate brothers and sisters have to abide by in order to be accepted as positive by other Black students? What regimen of social consciousness must H.U. students follow in order to avoid being excommunicated by their peers? Indeed, there is none.

It is simply too easy to be Black at Howard. I will not stand by and hear brothers and sisters sing songs of self-righteousness because they have created a "do your own thing" ethos here. This is a tired lyric. If you dig drugs, dig alcohol, dig unsafe sex, dig gangstas, dig disrespecting the sisters, dig disrespecting the brothers, dig political apathy, dig toting guns, dig being loud and aggressive, dig wearing your pants around your ankles, dig rape, dig ignorance, dig shallowness or dig filth, you will find a clique at Howard that will dig you. We are not a bunch of long-haired hippies, so why do we tout this tolerance of mediocrity?

If a sister is wearing shorts that stop before her rear-end does, she is not liberated or sexy; she is undressed. When a brother is leaping in and out of near-strangers' beds, he is not a "mack," he is an AIDS case waiting to happen. We must create a protocol, a standard at H.U. which

makes these kinds of behaviors unfavorable, unacceptable, and decidedly un-Black.

Blackness at Howard must not be merely an aesthetic, either—an artistic rendering of one's outward appearance or the colorful twist that one puts in one's speech. Black must not be apathetic, with no substance other than its own glorification, and no plan other than its own indulgence.

If we wear oils and scream through bullhorns and lock our hair and bring back Afros and sag our Girbauds and call each other "God" and wag our hips and pop our fingers and freestyle in front of Blackburn and eat at Popeye's and wear beads, medallions, Kente and mudcloth, and hike-up one pant leg and compose poetry and do "the butterfly" at Quigley's, it is still not enough. Black must be a conscience, too. A conscience that does not delineate uniformity, but does dictate collective action for the sake of progress.

H.U. should not be a haven for listlessness. H.U. should be a place where Black is a qualitative entity, always being questioned, pursued and fought for. A place where brothers and sisters spit bullets at those who are apathetic to their school and to the community. For if H.U. is to remain the "capstone" of Black education, then that capstone must be a pulpit of consciousness, rather than a pedestal of ignorance.

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Activism stifled

David Gaither

Students have always been the heart of mass movements in Black America and throughout the world. Students were the spark of the Civil Rights movement, the Black Power movement, and other revolutions across the globe.

Along with a desire to excel academically, I came to Howard wanting to be a part of the historic presence of student activism on campus. I was disappointed after my first semester because of the lack of consciousness among Howard students.

I was refreshed and overjoyed when hundreds of students rallied together at the beginning of last semester in support of African-American entrepreneurship and a series of other issues critical to this university.

What followed later on in the year was a huge controversy which saw Howard's budget, administration and entire existence hang in the balance.

Now a new year has begun. Howard's budget has suffered. There is a new administration. The reputation has been tarnished. Moreover, the freedom of students has been sacrificed.

Since the induction of Howard's interim administration, many policies have been instituted which have undermined the freedom of students. The most blatantly heinous policy is the current moratorium Howard is under. By prohibiting any group or individual from reserving rooms within the university, the moratorium essentially strips students of the freedoms of speech and assembly.

Not only can no outside speaker come to the university, in many cases it is student organizations that cannot meet. Howard has always been known for bringing the most admired, sought after, and scholarly speakers from around the world to this campus.

If Howard is supposed to be the "Mecca" and most the prestigious historically Black college in the country, then where does this suggest the future of African-American academia is headed?

Dr. Joyce Ladner and the Howard University administration are not the first among those in the position of leadership who have let down their people to gain favor with those outside Black America. Many Black leaders have bowed down and even compromised their missions to appease external forces.

As a young man who is striving to one day be in a position of leadership in the African-American community, it is very discouraging to see such weak leadership.

Fortunately, there are some strong African-American leaders who have vowed never to give in to the pressures of those who do not have the interests of Black people at heart. Two shining examples are Minister Louis Farrakhan and ousted NAACP Director, Rev. Ben Chavis.

In reference to certain organizations—most notably the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith—and others who have bullied Black leadership into repudiating Farrakhan, Chavis said, "Never again will we allow any external force to the Black community attempt to dictate who we can meet with."

Last year, former Howard president, Dr. Franklin Jenifer, refused to violate Howard students and upheld our rights to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. For this and for others reasons, Dr. Jenifer was forced to resign.

Howard's new administration has made the university resemble a plantation rather than an institution of proper education. Howard students need to follow the example of our strong Black leaders and not fall prey to the weak, so-called leadership that does not have the best interest of African Americans at heart.

Students must uphold the legacy of student activism and not allow our university to be made into a plantation. Once again, its time for Black students to accept the challenge.

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Solving tomorrow's problems today

Anika Simmons

Hindsight is always 20/20, they say. Things are always clearer to us after they happen. That's why we know how we should have answered a test question only after we got the failing grade. Or why we see how we could have avoided an accident only after the car is totaled. These are the kind of things that make life interesting. And irritating.

I say irritating because it bugs me the way our society, in general, and the African-American community, in particular, usually reacts after the fact (if at all). Why do we deal with sex, drugs, violence, guns, homelessness and illiteracy only after things have gotten out of control?

We all know these problems are

increasing exponentially around us, yet we choose to ignore them until a statistic about teen pregnancy on the news, or a story about a 13-year-old murderer in the newspaper jars us from our apathetic state. Then we shake our heads in disbelief, wonder what the world is coming to.

For those of you who fit this description, all is not lost. There is a way to fix some of the sores that fester in our communities. What we need to do is to take some preventative measures to build up a healthy community.

This is not an easy task. To some people it may seem impossible if certain requirements are not fulfilled—the most important being commitment from each person in the community.

Personal accountability is essential for without it, we will never achieve unity, and without unity, nothing will ever change.

Imagine how much better our communities could be if every person let go of his or her preoccupation with self.

If unity sounds like a good but farfetched idea, then the second factor—optimism—is crucial for you. Think about it. If everyone doubts that we can unite to become stronger, we won't. But if everyone has faith in our abilities as a group we can. The mind is a powerful tool.

The third factor necessary for a healthy community is an obvious one: personal involvement. Theories formed from group discussions in dorm rooms will not

do it. The whole endeavor is pointless if no action is taken. Check out community outreach opportunities. Tutor. Volunteer at a homeless shelter. Find a child who needs attention and give it. The opportunities to become involved are practically endless. As long as you are touching a life positively, you are part of the solution.

Our world will never be perfect, but there is no reason for it to be in the condition that it is in now.

Shoulda', coulda', woulda'—but didn't—will not suffice now. We can not afford to keep solving problems with hindsight. It is time to be focused, unified and committed. It is time for foresight.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Louisiana Club Meeting, 136 Douglas Hall, September 15, at 5:00 pm. Elections will take place. Financial Officers Workshop, Blackburn Center Forum, Sept. 14th, 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Attendance is MANDATORY.

There will be an important Student Ambassador meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 in the Hilltop lounge. Please be prompt.

This is your chance to showcase your talents. The Bisonettes Dance squad is holding try-outs from September 14-16 at Burr Gymnasium. Please wear dance attire.

Health Professions Club meeting, September 14, 1994 at 5:30 pm in 105 Locke Hall.

The annual Blackburn Party is TONIGHT at 10:00 p.m. Be There!

The William J. Seymour Pentecostal Fellowship welcomes you. Thursday at 7:30. Info. 234-8883

Financial Officers Workshop, September 14, 1994, 4:00pm - 6:00 pm. Blackburn Center Forum. All Student Council Treasurers are required to attend.

Anyone interested in writing for the Campus Plus section there will be an important meeting on Monday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 in the Hilltop Office (West Towers Building).

Any questions, please call Monica.

at 806-6866.

Fine Arts presents Miss Fine Arts Pageant 1994 "The Art of Perfection" Tuesday, September 13, 7:30pm, Ira Aldridge Theatre. Admission \$2.00. Ubiquity is

The H.U. Chapter of the NAACP will conduct a voter registration drive, September 12th - 16th from 9am - 6pm on the ground floor of Blackburn. Come and register to vote!

MHH is HOT, SWEATY, and is about to explode with Old School, Reggae, Hip Hop, Miami Bass, Rap, Open-Mic Session, and a DJ on Friday, September 16th at 10pm at Meridian's Extravaganza Under the stars in Meridians Courtyard. \$3.00 to enter with HU ID. NO HU ID! No entrance. You know nowhere does it like da HILL.

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The Urban League & Coca Cola present the Capitol Classic Greek Step Show at the DC Armory. For information, call 1-800-589-GAME

Thanks Campus Reporters...It's going to be a great year - DD 4th Floor East Annex - Sorry I've been missing in action ...Keep on the lookout for me! Your R.A.

To the Most Gracious Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Your Brothers of the Black and Old Gold wish you the best for the '94-'95 school year. Peace and Love A Phi A

The largest Greek Step Show in America will be held at the DC Armory, following the Howard v Hampton Game. All sororities and fraternities will be represented. Official after party at City Lights featuring Biz Markie. Hosted by Selmo.

Bros, Let's hold the light of Alpha high and make this year

another Ice Cold year.

PS. How about that wild Beta Heat. Ashante III.

Beta Bros. Your light is already shining upon us! Can't wait to be FULLY illuminated - Good luck with Alpha Week. Our Prayers are with you.

If you missed Quigley's on Friday, don't miss Biz Markie on Saturday at City Lights Nightclub (New York and Fenwick N.E.). Five minutes from campus. Shuttle bus will be running all night starting at 11:30 p.m. from the Quad. Ladies \$5 before 11p.m.. For more information, call (202) 529-4820.

Mush,

Hey you, glad you enjoyed your birthday. -Princess

Steph, Kerry, Ronke, Thanks for helping me pull everything off last weekend for Mush. I really appreciated it. -Princess

ΔΣΘ-Happy Belated Birthdays to sorors Denise Spruill (9/4) and Tracey Austin (9/5). OO-OOP!!

CONSTENTINE, HEY MAN, I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I AM VERY PROUD OF YOU. YOU MAKE ME PROUD TO CALL YOU LITTLE BROTHER. WAYNE-TITO 8/13/73 You know, why.... Cause I'm a player! Mudbone Homecoming Steering Committee, Can't we all just get along??? P-H

To all greek lettered organizations, Let's work it out together this year. A Phi A, Beta Chapter.

To the Lovely Ladies of AKA, DST, Z Phi B and SG Rho's and to the Sigmas, Kappas, and Omegas. Together, we can achieve all!!!! 13-Beta-'93

To Dimples, Hey! What's up? Love Stinker.

Niki and Ki: The little house party was okay, but where's my ONYX CD??? Your girl, M.L.

To the Ladies of Alpha chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - "Funkdified" was live (of course!), but we still have quite a "distance" to go! I love you! 30-A-94

Vicki, I see that the skins are at least being consistent when it

comes to losing!!! Monica.

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HARD AND STUDY HARD

OUR LAST YEAR. KB CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING SENIORS OF MAY '95. IT IS FINALLY OUR TIME, SO LETS ALL MAKE IT OUT TOGETHER.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF THE BISON TEAMS THIS SEASON. BRING HOME THOSE MEAC TROPHIES

LET'S HOPE THE REST OF THE YEAR IS NOT LIKE THIS PREVIOUS WEEK HILLTOP-PERS

welcome back everyone. have a safe and happy semester.

I know it's been rough guys, but hey, it just can't get any worse than this. The only way from here is up! So keep up the good work and positive attitudes. The best is yet to come (and so are the paychecks) Thanks to Dijon, the HU Prez, the Office of Student Activities and ISAS for your support. PB

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