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HUSA Wraps Up Term, Reflects on Achievements

By Kerry-Anne Hamilton
Campus Editor

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Voices & Views

Are you satisfied with the housing system after having to register?

Last week, the School of Architecture (above), went through intense reviewing for accreditation purposes.

School of Architecture Up for Accreditation

By Ruth L. Tildale Hilltop Staff Writer

A team of accreditation members visited the School of Architecture from the National Architecture Accreditation Board (NAAB). The accreditation team members met with students and faculty on Wednesday to discuss their findings.

One of the board members said that although they could not assess the entire graduation, they could tell the students and faculty that gathered some of the different

Plans for Howard Homecoming 2003 Ongoing

By Amie McBain Contributing Writer

Ready, set, go. The newly appointed Homecoming Committee on the move. Chairmen, Stephan White and Terrence, Labelles administrators are nothing quite to ensure that things will go well, and other Homecoming-goers will be satisfied with the homecoming. 2003. "Rugby League" on, "We're so happy to have another Homecoming," White told the audience.

In addition to having weekly meetings, the 2003 Homecoming Committee administered questions toToolBar to find out how future Homecoming dates order to start earlier this year.

William Pitt is a chairman.

"It's the typical team. I worked on, so it's really different," he said.

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By Danielle Sawyer Hilltop Staff Writer

"We'll be a time to mix and mingle because many students aren't aware of what is a Homecoming legacy," Walker told the audience.

Walker and Robinson are making early plans for this weekend. "The second act showcased the problems he encountered. He also recounted how

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Hilltop Editorial Sparks Controversy Among Advisors

By Danielle Sawyer Hilltop Staff Writer

"Unfair." "Not true." "There are some of the terms used by some counselors and administrators to describe last week's editorial, "Counselors Just Can't Get Their Right." The editorial maintained aca-

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By Kellie Foster Contributor

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Political Action Director Brenda Schwennemann, a senior political science major, helped coordinate the postcard drive and the letter writing campaign.

"The HUSA was the Morris campus' chance as an organiza- tion to help a student," Schwennemann said. "If there is another need, HUSA will again expand our support."

Schwennemann began the year in September helping to organize students of the Bisexual Student Association in a successful letter writing campaign. The campaign was done to promote awareness of the Bisexual Student Association and to encourage potential students to join.

Participants will include students who have been exposed to community violence and have experienced a variety of stressors. The event will provide an opportunity for students to express their feelings and gain support from others who have experienced similar situations.

Doctors at the College of Medicine look forward to the event and are encouraged by the progress that is being made in the area of mental health diseases. They believe that this event will raise awareness of the importance of mental health diseases.

"Many times private physi- cians do not have the background or the knowledge to properly diagnose and treat mental health diseases," said Schwoeffennann. "If there is any way I can, I will be involved in the drive and will also use patients I may have access to.

The Historically Black College Task Force at Howard University's Task held at Tennessee State University was also marked by Williams' historic visits. Williams was invited to speak about his experiences as a student at Howard University, as well as his views on the current state of higher education.

"I want students to know that Howard University is the best place for black students," said Williams. "Not only will you have a high GPA or community service, but you will also have the ability to plan your platform into the postcard drive and the letter writing campaign." 

The transition has not been easy, according to HUSA president-elect William H. Williams, who began his term in October. "We had a very successful and enthusiastic response to the idea of the postcard drive, but we have had some challenges in organizing the letter writing campaign. The staff we have in place, equipped with the vision laid out by the sponsoring organization, are working hard to continue the momentum set forth by the previous administration.

For years students have demanded that the Pacific Out-look be expanded to include the 2000-2003 HUSA adminis- tration, saying that the majority of the time was spent working on the 2000-2003 administration. After the trial period of the Bison campaign, the postcard drive was successful and the extended hours of Dining Services was implemented. The majority of the time was spent on the 2000-2003 administration.

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School of Architecture Up for Accreditation

Board members cited many other problems that the school must change immediately. Better advising, a more student-focused administration and better evaluation in the library was one of the changes cited.

Students and faculty members alike want to know when some of these changes were going to be implemented.

"I do not want surgery to be unaffordable," Felden said. "We talked to the Board, Provost, Dean and Director. They were very clear that these changes must be made immediately or face severe repercussions." Felden said that he would personally make sure that the school changes and carries through with these plans.

"The School does not have another five years to solve this problem," Felden said. "If these things are not fixed immediately the Board will be forced to take action.

Students were also concerned about the lack of participation they had in the accreditation process. They wanted to make sure that the school had coordinators and seminars to teach the students what it means to become a licensed architect.

"Because the School of Architecture is in conjunction with other disciplines this only serves to help make better architects,

Blickenstaff said. "When you talk to a computer science major or go to the yard and meet business students it shows you the students are able to get a better education in the library.

The official report of the accreditation team members will send its findings to the university in May for final review, and the final accreditation will be sent to the NAAB in June.

Advisors Address Accusations of Poor Services

The Hilltop: Bringing you the news of Howard University since 1924...
From Here?
By Ashley Kelly

I had just met the新生儿 of the RSVP
process, said Vance, "I didn't know how
to fit into that crowd." Vance, a junior
broadcast journalism major, said
she's had no problems. "I had no
problems," commented Detra
Baker, a junior. "I didn't have to
look for anything.""
PRSSA Extends Open Hand

FASHION from A3

"Most of the guys were just because they had a tie, " sophomore chemistry major Rachel Hillman said. "It's not a bad thing, if it's that's what you came for, but it was kinda like they just threw them in the show as the girls could have time to change." Camille McDonald, a fashion event planner/stylist and CEO of A New Generation in Fashion felt the show was well put together. "I thought that the show was very sleek and cutting-edge," McDonald said. "The trend was definitely anxiety, the looks were not just silver and crossed, and the pace of the show was moderate, however the selection of clothing could have been a bit more diverse."

Blakemore, but not before Donald Brown's office in the Journalism Department of the School of Communications and to pick up a brochure and a membership application. For any other questions about PRSSA stop by Dr. Tillery-Larkin's office in the Journalism Department (room 133).

For ticket information call the Hilltop Box Office at 205-806-5950.
April 4, 2003

Dear Students:

It is with a great sense of appreciation that I write to thank each of you for your role in organizing and supporting the series of activities reflecting our position on affirmative action. I want to especially acknowledge and thank the Howard University Student Association President, Cornell Williamson, and Black Tuesday Coordinator, Ms. Andrea Van Dorn.

Thanks as well to our faculty for nurturing and encouraging our students, to our Campus Police for their work in coordinating the Black Tuesday march with the Metropolitan Police Department and the U. S. Park Police thereby assuring the safety and well-being of our students. Thank you also to the student activities staff who remained with the students throughout the overnight vigil and all others who helped make the activities successful.

In addition to Black Tuesday, the April 1 march to the Supreme Court, our efforts included:

- A panel discussion hosted by the Department of Political Science on Thursday, March 27, featuring a cross section of interest groups
- A very successful town hall meeting co-sponsored by the Howard chapter of the American Constitution Society at the School of Law on Friday, March 28
- A rally on Monday, March 31, in Burr gymnasium attended by more than 2,500 Howard students and other students from around the country followed by an overnight vigil at the Supreme Court
- A town hall meeting in Cramton Auditorium sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus Tuesday afternoon following the march

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The U.S. Tightens Its Grip over Baghdad

Continuing Coverage: War in Iraq

Diplomats Removed from Pneumonia Outbreaks

By Edith W. Nourse

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North Korea has warned that any sanctions imposed by the Security Council would be viewed as "an act of war." Strong said this was "a serious breach of the non-proliferation treaty" and that North Korea would "reactivate" its nuclear program. He added that North Korea would "view an attack on its territory as an act of war," and that its military would "inflict maximum damage" on any attacking force.

North Korea has demanded that the Security Council "reflect North Korea's standpoint and acknowledge its rights and interests," and that the council's decisions be "based on the principles of the United Nations Charter." North Korea also rejects the United Nations' right to "intervene" in its internal affairs, and that the council's decisions be "based on the principles of the United Nations Charter." North Korea also rejects the United Nations' right to "intervene" in its internal affairs, and that the council's decisions be "based on the principles of the United Nations Charter." North Korea also rejects the United Nations' right to "intervene" in its internal affairs, and that the council's decisions be "based on the principles of the United Nations Charter." North Korea also rejects the United Nations' right to "intervene" in its internal affairs, and that the council's decisions be "based on the principles of the United Nations Charter." North Korea also rejects the United Nations' right to "intervene" in its internal affairs, and that the council's decisions be "based on the principles of the United Nations Charter."
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Look beyond the numbers.
By Jozen Cummings

The actor Larenz Tate has come to be known in two words: "Sensitive thug." From his debut as the gang-busting "O-Dog" in Boyz in the Hood, to his role as the title hero in "Menace II Society" to his role as the maverick cop in "A Man Apart," Tate has been seen by critics and audiences alike as a force to be reckoned with in the world of contemporary cinema.

In remembrance of a talented actor who has left his mark on the film industry, The Hilltop will explore the life and career of Larenz Tate, a true trailblazer in the world of acting.

**Dying for the Cause**

Jozen Cummings

Many students might have heard of Larenz Tate, but few would know the true story behind the actor's rise to fame. Born in Philadelphia, Tate began his acting career at a young age, appearing in several small roles before landing his breakout role in "Menace II Society.

In a recent interview, Tate spoke about the challenges he faced on set and the importance of staying true to his craft.

**Exclusive Interview**

**Larenz Tate: A Jones for More Love**

By Jozen Cummings

"As a child," Tate said, "I always knew I was destined for greatness. I watched my father work tirelessly to provide for our family, and I knew that one day I would follow in his footsteps."

Tate's journey began in the late 80s, when he landed his first major role in the film "Menace II Society," a story about the harsh realities of growing up in South Central Los Angeles. "I was scared at first," Tate said, "but I knew this was my chance to shine."

Over the years, Tate has continued to push the boundaries of his craft, taking on a variety of roles that have earned him critical acclaim and a place in the hearts of audiences worldwide.

**Ginuwine's First Artist Set to Make Debut**

By Eddy Simpson

Ginuwine's new single, "I'm Just Takin' It All In," is set for release on May 15th. The singer, who rose to fame with his标志性 album, "The Senior," is currently promoting his latest project, "The First Class Experience, Vol. 1: Yours Truly.

In an interview with The Hilltop, Ginuwine discussed his inspiration for the new album and his plans for the future.

**Debbie Allen Shines in ‘Knight’**

By Glenn Feliz

Actress Debbie Allen has received critical acclaim for her role as the matriarch in the stage production of "The Knight," which recently opened in New York City. Allen, who is also a noted dancer and choreographer, has been celebrated for her ability to bring a sense of authenticity to her performances.

In a recent interview, Allen discussed the challenges of bringing a complex character to life and the importance of connecting with the audience.

**New R&B Singer Kahill, Playing it Cool**

By Eddy Simpson

Kahill, the up-and-coming R&B singer, has been making waves in the music industry with his smooth, soulful sound. The singer, who recently released his debut album, "The First Class Experience, Vol. 1: Yours Truly," has been praised for his ability to connect with listeners and his dedication to authentic pop music.

In an interview with The Hilltop, Kahill discussed his musical influences and his plans for the future.

"My goal is to make music that speaks to the heart," Kahill said. "I want to create music that will endure in this ever-changing industry."
TATE from B1

Tate feels it’s his job to give strong audience, “he says. “I see him in good movies, rather of a crutch than words of pride, can’t do any wack, movies man, term “black Hollywood” is more for me where I have a black people an outlet to per-
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through original musical numb-
ers that showcase many dif-
fent styles of dance and music.

There’s swings, rhythm and blues, rap, gospel, pop and even a step show lazy sequence that seemed endless whistles and bellow from the 70s. The fluid choreo-
graphy of Debbie Allen, who together the various dances from a boogie-woogie general
dancing trip through Harlem. Allen even breaks loose in one number herself and she can still do the

Dewey Allen in “Knight”

KATI A H from B1

Her gorgeous voice is completely unprepared it’s no shing out of Jerld Franklin or Jerld Franklin — people she names as some of her favorite

Music.

Kaliah, born and raised in Jersey City, NJ, didn’t start

hit for the labors pains pro-
terique. Her foot faster to a drug addiction at the age of two and her mother at the age of five, who also drug free doesn’t remember much about her father, rather than the fact he was a star football player for his high school. Her mother had finally dropped her drug habit but her background was unstable and ultimately stand to it now.

The miraculous part is that, Kaliah, who claims to have not been able to “sing a lick” before her mother’s death, began singing like a snatched song soon after. A song
bird wanted her happy to be alive, both Kaliah and her grandmother, because she wouldn’t stop singing and

“All performances are

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Undergraduate Trustee Almost Makes the Mark

It is difficult to accurately assess the performance of anyone in a job that we are unable to see in action most of the time. This is the case with grading our Undergraduate Trustees, John Howard.

While Howard has obviously shown consistency and forward-going the goals of his platform, F.O.c.u.s. (Flexibility, Opportunity, Cooperation, Understanding, and Service), there has been a notable lack of communication between Howard and the student body.

The position of Undergraduate Trustee is one that is considerably different from the office of HUSA President. Unlike Cornell Williamson, John Howard does not hold a board in which there are many voices that ultimately come together in one. In other words, when we hear the final decisions made on behalf of the Board of Trustees, we may be able to find the principle that motivated a decision. We cannot necessarily see the decision’s origin or time-sensitive nature.

Howard grade represents the good name with the bad. While we know and understand this factor in Howard’s position as Undergraduate Trustee, we do not understand why there seems to have been a veil of secrecy present during his entire term. As stated by Howard, he has been an effective representative of the student body in many ways.

The question here is: why there has been a general lack of knowledge among students as to what happens on the Board. The most salient issue to illustrate this point occurred when the students of Howard University appeared to have been told by the Board of Trustees about the possibility of an increase in tuition.

In his credit, Howard has had notable achievements in terms of long-term accomplishments. Most importantly, he helped to reduce the tuition increase from 8 percent to 5.5 percent for undergraduate students.

The first issue to publish an “Undergraduate Student Voice” was the Hilltop in 2002. This type of program will surely encourage academic improvement.

While Howard has done a good job in Undergraduate Trustee, his greatest flaw is one that would prohibit him from being more accessible to the student body and the student body collectively.

As an outstanding example is one that many students don’t know about this year.

Upon seeing the frustration of John Grace, the father of Matthew Grace, who was recently shot on Oct. 1 at a campus of Howard University, look matters into his own hands.

While his performance was one that we may not have known about this year.

In addition, Howard has also been successful in lobbying for one of the most visible HSA Presidents to remain in his position. He has been more involved in the student body as a whole, and has proven that he truly cares about the students of Howard University.

Throughout his term, he has been a positive leader rather than a negative one. He, too, has been a part of the underclass men’s community, and has helped to lead the student body to greater heights.

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A Different World

Chivalry is Dead: Better Yet, It Never Existed

David Johns

In all fairness, the reliance on the chivalrous approach is dead. In today's world, the dichotomy is nonexistent. Women are able to stand up for themselves, and the idea of women being subservient to men is nonexistent. The notion that 'maybe their mothers just aren't raising them right' is dead. The idea that black women do not have the right to refuse service is dead. The idea that black women are not entitled to the same rights as white women is dead.

While important, within the scope of the black community, there are things that are necessary. The notion that Newsweek and Ebony can do things such as refusing to let her sit on the bus or another man refuse to let another woman in line at a McDonald's is dead. There are things that are necessary to question the cause of the problem, asking 'what, exactly, is going on with the brothers today?' and hypothesizing the root of the problem might be in the success of black women and those individuals claiming for independence or the notion that someone's name's just aren't raising them right.

This all comes after Newsweek published a cover article (April 8, 2003) in which they raised the question 'maybe their mothers just aren't raising them right.'

In the words of William S. Heineman, "The weak nations of the world are controlled in some way by the stronger nations, either financially or through military intimidation. Often they are kept ignorant of the doings of the governments which they, the sovereign citizens, put in place to protect their rights and those of their fellow citizens."

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This is all after the Newsweek article, in which the question is asked 'maybe their mothers just aren't raising them right.'

I look forward to returning to Howard. Congratulations to the class of 2003! Don't forget what we are doing over here. Sacrifice is the ultimate gift. Remember you people in my prayers and thank God for your blessings.

Your classmate,

Jason Smedley

A letter from Kuwait

March 18, 2003

Dear Howard Students,

My name is Jason Smedley. I am a student (at Howard) currently in Kuwait under "Operation Iraqi Freedom." The weather is hot with cold nights. We sleep on dirt, eat two hot meals a day and show love to each other. We may be invaded from this day. I am with civil affairs unit that is attached to the infantry so I will probably be one of the first to see if we are ever invaded.

I am a transfer student who has been at Howard for only one year and half. Being out here has had me realize how much I look forward to returning to Howard. The professors and students from all over the nation and beyond have all played a vital role in my life. I ask that every student take advantage of this opportunity. So many African-Americans here would have to be in your shoes.

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Your classmate,

Jason Smedley

What Happened to Sovereignty?

Lynval Gray

The conclusion of my 4 years of undergraduate studies was just about ended. As I approach this seemingly important juncture, I realize that I am far confused and ignorant than I was my very first year of college.

Four years ago I entered into the realm of higher education, fully aware of my ignorance. I have read all and more than my required readings, completed my required assignments, volunteered with various organizations in my field of study, which is Political Science, not all my professors and other professors from other departments, and the more I have learned about government and its duties and responsibilities to society, the more I examine the underlying truths and the actual application of government to society, the more I longed for those first few years when I believed in my ignorance. The more I study the more I realize that ignorance is bliss.

The concept of sovereignty is said to be the quality of being independent, and in charge of the conditions you face. As I examine society at present, I am forced to question if I have taken a thing as a sovereign nation or people? What seems to emerge is a system of domination and subjugation of the weak and the empowered by the strong. As such, I have come to realize that I am insignificant, that the reality of which the government is founded, the forms which are revolutionary from whence they first written to present day is ordained. It is with these realization, that I, and many others, now face the world with even more uncertainty. We are forced to examine the deterioration of people's rights, which, just by the virtue of being humans, are all entitled to.

As society faces its first frontier, people must continue what is a democracy? And when does democracy cross the line into tyranny? Or is democracy a utopian ideology that we cannot reach but strive for always? There are also questions of intercontinental consequences that we as a society, and societies globally must contemplate when is it right, if it is ever right, for government to infringe on the lives and rights of their own citizens? The 'weak' nations of the world are controlled in some way by the stronger nations, either financially or through military intimidation. Often they are kept ignorant of the doings of the governments which they, the sovereign citizens, put in place to protect their rights and those of their fellow citizens.

The words of William Graham Sumner in "The Conquest of the U.S. by Spain" the concept of imperialism is against the very founding principles of democracy because freedom is not guaranteed. There is no longer a democratic government that does not derive its authority from the people for which it governs. This is an affront to the concept of sovereignty. Progress cannot be fostered under the thumb of the strong of society and society will not advance until we see people as human beings and not by their economic status. Thus, I am overwhelmed. I look around and all I see is a multitude of issues, bases that are not supposed to be according to the theocracy, but yet they are. I see government micromanaging the lives of its citizens and citizens of the world. I see people and nations being attacked, "I see family, I see war, I see plague and I am forced to ask myself where does one start? How do we go about fixing a system that propagulates inequality and indifference to human sufferings? How do we open the eyes of our leaders to the cry of the people? How do we show the government the sick, the hungry, the broken down bodies that are suffering because of their policies, their actions, or their inactions? It is with this realization; it is with this confusion that I venture into the world abroad, afraid for myself, afraid for my future, young people's future, and the future of humanity."

Where does sovereignty lie?

Lynval Gray is a senior political science major.

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