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Merritt Discloses Reasons for Resignation

By Joseph Swinton
Managing Editor

With quitting trends increasingly prevalent among both student and faculty leaders, Merritt disclosed to a small group of students and faculty leaders on Thursday, May 1, her personal reasons for her decision to resign her position as president of Howard University. "I have to admit that I was not prepared for how financially draining this would be," Merritt said.

According to the Howard Student Association (HUSA) Vice President Nicole Merritt to resign because of financial concerns, many students and student leaders were unaware of exactly why Menitt cited "personal reasons" for her decision to leave her position but recently, President Nicole Merritt to resign. "I was not prepared for how financially draining this would be," Merritt said.

Merritt said her classes were going up to $904. "I have to find a way to pay my bills," Merritt said. "I pay $861 per month and so some student leaders were unaware of exactly why Menitt cited "personal reasons" for her decision to leave her position but recently." Merritt has not been in the news recently because of financial problems. "I could not say for certain if making this decision was not in the best interest of the majority of Vice President Menitt under the HUSA constitution," Merritt said.

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By David Johns
Assistant Campus Editor

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Frenchie To Sing At Talent Showcases

By Ruth L. Teesdale
Hilltop Staff Writer

For the first time since her appearance on American Idol: Redemption Tour, and the Disney Channel’s show Hannah Montana, Frenchie Davis will perform at Howard University. This will be the first act for the showcase “Dreaming of a Star at Howard,” and the first act of the evening to promote the showcase “Dreaming of a Star at Howard.”

Promoters for the event said that the theme of the showcase came from the dreams and efforts of many Howard students to reach stardom. "We plan to have five events this year," Teesdale said. "We plan to have five events this year," Teesdale said. "This showcase will be one way that we will do that."

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**Belafonte Motivates Film Students**

By Soraya N. McDonald
Hilltop Staff Writer

"I am 76 years old. I've been in this business since 1944. I've met all the greats. I've worked with all the greats," said Harry Belafonte during a talk with students in the Fine Arts Building Friday afternoon. The honoree came to speak to Howard students hoping to follow in his footsteps.

Belafonte, known to most for his singing that brought Calypso rhythms of the Caribbean to the United States, is also a highly respected actor, producer, director, composer, and humanitarian.

Standing before a crowd of admiring, eager students, Belafonte began by saying, "I'm 76 years old. I've been in this business since 1944." Belafonte spoke about his experiences as one of the first African Americans to star in film roles that did not rely on the "happy nigger stereotype," as he put it. "Most of my films are really tales," said sophomore history major Tim Goodson.

Belafonte began by reinforcing the stereotype of blacks, noting that in Jamaica, he was an alien to someone, explaining that in Jamaica, he was ostracized for having an American accent, and in Harlem, he recalled the: "I'm still studying, but I'm not stressed," he said.

While the Yard has been a relaxing spot for most students, it has become a distraction for others. International business major Sharron Murrain has a exams and a presentation over the course of two days next week, which has been testing his willpower in the face of the pressure all year.

"I'll get up to the Yard, and I'll chill for a bit," Murrain said. "Then, a hour later, I'll realize I should have started studying." Murrain says his "self- induced stress" is a result of the warm weather almost leaves two much to do outside.

"There's only 5 weekends left in the sun out, and they have the graduation ball tonight, commissions on Wednesday, midterm exams in two days when it's too cold, and warm weather in 'ten. When it gets too nice outside."

For most of his finals are regular exams, said sophomore english major Byron Jackson. "Basically, I've just been chilling because I don't have anything to be stressed about," Jackson said.

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**New HUSA Administration Selects Staff**

By Ruth L. Tisdale
Hilltop Staff Writer

The new Howard University Student Association (HUSA) Administration, under President Kareem Merrick, will begin choosing its staff Friday by filling seven positions under the vision of the Restoration Platform. Merrick said the new team is made up of students who are "hard working and going to serve Howard University for the good of the whole family." Merrick said, "My biggest concern at this point, is adjusting the means to accomplish the things on my platform.

Revising those things in platform will mean more of a leadership task than that of an undertrustee."

Kareem Merrick Prepares for Year

By David Johns
Assistant Campus Editor

Undergraduate Trustees elect Kareem Merrick makes plans to utilize all available resources to maintain a connection to the students to effectively navigate the political landscape of the Howard University Board of Trustees. "I'm doing everything I can to prepare for my upcoming school year," Merrick said. "Byah Howard."

"The students are going to be the ones who will be the judges of what I have accomplished."

"I will be here this semester. Let's work with Kareem," Howard said. "I plan to help "/

Campus Pals Broader Their Responsibility to New Entrants

By Keryll Posey
Contributing Writer

Friendly faces and warm smiles of Campus Pals greet incoming freshmen each year. Despite a small group of students this year, they
to their meeting home to life at the Mecca. In the past, Pals have been known for providing a friendly atmosphere to new Howard students just during the first weeks of school, this year was different for the congress of Campus Pals.

"We have the same mission of assistance to new students," Howard said. "We're here to help them prepare for their first year at Howard University."
Students Start Community Organization

Three Howard students recently founded a non-profit organization, Building a Brighter Tomorrow, with a vision to improve education conditions in the lives of youth in Washington, DC, Chicago and Dallas, TX. Brighter Tomorrow founders said they hope the foundation will make the pathway to higher education much easier for the disadvantaged.

The Foundation will offer funds, programs, and resources for students starting in grade school and follow them as they matriculate through the educational system. The founders of The Brighter Tomorrow Foundation kicked off their “Light of the World Youth Tour” by working with students at Banneker Recreation Center and will host a black tie fundraising dinner in July.

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Merritt said that lack of attendance at many HUSA functions was not her choice but because she wasn’t notified until afterwards.

“The midterm grade was 4/10, and I blew seven of the first things I missed. People would call me after the fact about meetings [but] by then it’s too late [to make] any thing,” she said.

HUSA President Cornell Williamson feels he did a fair job of communication with the HUSA staff, including Merritt.

“I certainly don’t think she was left out of the loop. I think it’s the job of the president to see that everyone is seen [and] she may not have been aligned with me as personally as she wanted to be,” Williamson said.

But Williamson admits his “do first, tell later” leadership style may have alienated Merritt at times.

“Coming into office there were questions as to why I had so little experience in HUSA,” Williamson said. “Because I had minimal experience with HUSA procedures I really had to say ‘I do not have the understanding but my way’ and I just had to get things done — that’s basically what I did.”

Javie Houston, HUSA Chief-of-Staff says initially there were communication problems but as the year went on things got better.

“Like any organization there are communication problems, even at the White House they have problems,” Houston said. “I do my job to make sure everyone on staff knew what’s going on so no one was surprised.”

Brown says the lesson for leaders coming after Williamson and Merritt are to trouble shoot personal problems before coming into office.

“I hope this sends the message you need to come first some times because the main reason we are all here is to earn a degree,” Brown said.

Campus Police May Strike Monday

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**FRENCHIE from A1**

We have a little bit of everything in the showcase,” Roosevelt Sharpe, co-founder of Chief Element said. “Because all of the entertainers are serious about their music, first priority will be recording time at a local studio. Second and third place prizes will be monetary.”

The main attraction for the showcase, however, will be the performance and homecoming of Frenchie Davis.

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"We are excited to bring Frenchie back to Howard," Brown said. "She is what this whole showcase is about. She always had a dream to make it big and she started on the road to fame and fortune."

Sharpe added having Davis at the showcase is history in the making for Howard University.

"We got behind the showcase because they knew that Frenchie would be singing," Brown said. "We have recruited talent and have been busy passing out flyers. We have had some people help with miscellaneous things but the bulk of the work has fallen on the shoulders of Chief Element."

Tickets for the showcase are two dollars for Howard students, with $5 going to Howard Identification. Prizes for top acts include $200 for first place, $100 for second and $50 for third place.

"We understand that college students are living on a budget," Sharpe said. "That is why we are offering a special promotion of two tickets for ten dollars. We want every­ one to be able to see the future entertainers of tomorrow."

For information contact Chief element of the showcase at 301-927-0039 or chief@chiefelement.com

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**Celebrity Basketball Game Next Friday**

**GAME from A1**

The team representing Howard will include 3 male and 5 female basketball players from the senior class, as well as WUFM Morning Show personalities John Monds and George Wilburn.

Invitations have been extended to players from the Washington Wizards. Radio station WGGC 95.3-FM, WJLB 95.9-FM and WYHY will also be at the game.

After exhausting traditional fundraising ideas, Shabazz said the idea of the celebrity basketball game came out of a brainstorming meeting of the senior class.

Shabazz remembered a celebrity basketball game held in her hometown of Chicago, and enlisted the help of the company that had produced the game, the Bin Marketing Group.

"We started with nearly nothing," said Shabazz. "The Bin Marketing Group helped us put together this event and did so with a very small budget.

Shabazz is thankful that the celebrities have committed to the game at no cost, and is also grateful for the number of sponsors who have supported the event.

"Adidas will be providing the jerseys and shoes, Spalding is providing the basketballs, and Total Sports on Georgia Avenue will also be sponsoring the games," said Shabazz.

Other sponsors include Verizon Wireless, American Eagle Outfitters, who will provide transportation, and American Airlines, who will provide travel accommodations. Akademiks and The Source will provide giveaways merchan­dise during the game. Student organizations have given their support to the game, and other compa­nies who could not sponsor have made donations.

"This is the biggest fundraiser we’ve had in the senior class," said Shabazz. "She thinks the game will meet the fundraising goal of $9,000. "It would be a good idea for any student organiza­tion to do something of this magnitude because there are always sponsors that are willing to help."

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To start, let's look at the definition of organic food. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Organic Program, organic food is food that is grown and handled according to specific guidelines. These guidelines are designed to promote environmental sustainability, promote animal welfare, and minimize the use of synthetic chemicals.

But are organic foods really healthier? Some studies suggest that organic foods may contain fewer chemicals, but others suggest that the differences are not statistically significant. Additionally, organic foods may cost more than conventional foods, which can be a concern for many consumers.

Another concern is whether organic foods are better for the environment. While organic farming practices can be more sustainable than conventional farming practices, there are some trade-offs. For example, organic farming can require more land and energy to produce the same amount of food as conventional farming.

So, are organic foods worth the extra cost? That's a question that each person must answer for themselves. Some people believe that organic foods are worth the extra cost because they believe in supporting sustainable practices and protecting the environment. Others may not see the value in paying more for organic foods.

Regardless of whether you choose to buy organic foods or not, it's important to eat a balanced diet that includes a variety of fruits and vegetables. By doing so, you can ensure that you're getting the nutrients your body needs to function properly.

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As an interesting thing about going to Howard University is that it is in the nation's capital. That being so, many of the biggest events in concerning the world and the nation tend to occur down the street—from the Capitol to the Supreme Court—we've watched the world go 'round. Second semester has brought some big stories, big protests and big issues into the backyard of Howard and to the forefront of current events. The pictures on this page are just a few of the biggest news events of the semester.

— Amber Mobley, National & World Editor

Demonstrators hold up 'pro-affirmative action' signs during a rally in front of the Supreme Court in Washington, Apr. 1. The Court will weigh on whether race can be used in university admissions, in the most significant test of racial preferences in 25 years. Howard University's Student Association led thousands of affirmative action supporters to the high court the night before the hearing began. Many stayed overnight in order to gain entrance to the hearings the following day.

Utah teenager Elizabeth Smart, missing for more than nine months was found alive and seemingly unharmed. She was held captive by the leader of a religious cult.

A large sport utility vehicle passes under a sign advertising gasoline prices starting at $2.21.9 per gallon for self-service regular up to nearly $3.00 per gallon for full-service premium at a Union station on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, Calif. Wholesale prices shot up by 1.5 percent in March, reflecting a run-up in energy costs stoked by war tensions and sharply higher prices for cars and clothes, the Labor Department reported last week.

The crew members of the Space Shuttle Columbia all perished when the vessel exploded upon re-entry from a mission. Pieces of the shuttle were found throughout the south and southeast.

His Alumness, Michael Jordan, retired from the game of basketball this week. Here he is being congratulated by coaching staff after his last game in Philadelphia.

Michael Jackson was the subject of a mini-series of sorts on numerous network broadcasts of a documentary of a few months in his life...and his face.
Picking Up the Pieces of the Puzzle

The symbols of the regime have fallen, the Republican Guard gave little resistance, and America’s terror alert level has been lowered to yellow. Yet questions are looming concerning America’s role in a post-Saddam Iraq. And while President George Bush’s approval rating rises, he is setting his sights on a new ‘foe’ in his war against terrorism - Syria.

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Former POWs are welcomed by a member of the Army after arriving on a C-141 military plane at the Ramstein Air Base in southern Germany Wednesday. A total of seven POWs who were rescued last Sunday in Iraq will be taken for medical treatment to the nearby Landstuhl Medical Center.

Syria borders Iraq and may be the next target of Bush’s anti-terrorism campaign. Syria borders Iraq and has been accused of harboring terrorist cells.

Although America’s terrorism threat level has been lowered to yellow, National Guardsmen still keep watch by the banks of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.

A Sikh activist shouts anti-U.S. slogans after burning an effigy (behind him) of U.S. President George W. Bush, in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh. The activists urged Bush to stop attacks on Iraq because they are killing innocent people and would increase prices of diesel and gasoline, which will have direct impact on Indian farmers.

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Pals held this year included
Internships Fair," a guide to
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Franklin Chambers Named Vice Provost of Student Affairs, Archer to be Moved

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The dinner was over, Blakemore said. "Then Mr. Archer announced that he would be moving from the position of Student Affairs, and they had found someone to replace him."

Current Dean for the Office of Residence Life, Dr. Chambers will replace Mr. Archer as the Vice Provost at time of press. Chambers choice will be to speak regarding the appointment, as it had not been made official or announced to the University community.

Student leaders are happy about the change, according to the position as well as the efforts of the Provost office to engage the concerns of students.

"It's nice that they are starting to address the position," Blakemore said. "They had two candidates speaking regarding the appointment, and Mr. Chambers chose not to replace him."

Chambers is highly qualified for the position, according to Dean for the university in whatever capacity he chooses to give," Brown Jr., said. "I am excited about the direction he is going in." From the position an administrator, Blakemore agreed with Blakemore's sentiments.

"I think that with his qualifications, Dr. Chambers is highly qualified for the position. I have to say on that Mr. Archer's plan is to continue with the same vision for the years and has done so in excellent job," Brown Jr. said. "I look forward to Dr. Chambers' leadership (as Vice Provost) and I also look forward to seeing what Mr. Archer will continue to do for the university in whatever capacity he chooses to give the facility.

Archer to be Moved

Archer announced that he would be moving to the Provost office to gauge the situation at time of press. Archer never intended to be Vice Provost, as it had not been official or announced. They had found someone to replace him.

Mr. Archer did not say what he would be doing," Brown Jr. said, "but he did say the president had asked him to look into another position.

Browns Jr., believes his plans will involve continuing the advancement of the University in accordance with Strategic Framework for the University and Capital Campaign.

I think it's great that they have finally begun to address the interim position," Blakemore said. "I am excited about the direction that the University is going in."

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A Year in Review: The Bison Recap

By Bernard Murray

Another year has come and gone. Howard will once again be a point of need. The Bison are the best in the MEAC and have won the last four conference titles. This year, however, they faced some difficult challenges.

At the beginning of the year, the Bison were favored to win the conference. However, they had to face some tough opponents early on. They lost to Hampton in their first game of the season, but came back to win their next four games. They then faced some tough opponents, including Morgan State, Howard, and North Carolina A&M. Despite these losses, the Bison remained confident and continued to play well.

The Bison played in the NCAA tournament, where they faced some tough opponents. They lost to Harvard in the first round, but showed their resilience in the second round, where they defeated Johns Hopkins. They then faced some tough opponents in the quarterfinals, but were able to come out on top. In the semifinals, the Bison faced some tough competition, but were able to win a hard-fought game.

The Bison ended the year with a victory in the MEAC championship game. They were able to come out on top and earned their fourth conference title in five years. The Bison can be proud of their accomplishments this year and look forward to a successful season in 2004.
Brittany Merritt Shows Freshman Run It

By Besan A. Peterson

In the fall of 2002, Howard University baseball (HUB) was organized by former members of the sports baseball team. In response to the cancellation of the Division I program, HUB is now under the direction of the Director of the American J. Blackwell University Center, Ms. Roberta McKee.

Because the baseball program was non-existent under the University of the District of Columbia, the club had to maneuver the umbrella of "baseball beyond the frack" to represent their efforts to keep baseball alive on campus. The HUB offers their members a great opportunity to play baseball while continuing their academic education at Howard University. Although club baseball is not as competitive as a Division I baseball, it still provides experience as an intro to the next level of baseball.

Since its formation, HUB has joined the National Collegiate Baseball Association (NCBA), a governing body for club baseball teams. HUB is also a member of the Mid-Atlantic Conference and competes against George Washington University, University of Maryland College Park, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Towson University, James Madison University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia Tech.

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BIG FROM B1

less than two hours, Tiger was far and 42 players

away from him. He

would come back, right? It's Tiger.

On Saturday, he made a

story. I mean huge, shooting a 30-33 ward and

was tied for fifth at two under par.

two under par to become

the go-to-guy in the nation, so it's an honor

for me. We're trying to get

nationally recognized and it's a great team to play with.

Known by friends and

classmates in ninth grade, the first to support and four

assists, which equal 15 total

points. Merritt also had her first hat trick against

Shippensburg.

Merritt says that she does

not feel that the losses in 2003 reflect her talent

or potential. The 2003 season is a building year for

the team. Many of the girls on the team are walk-ons and some have never played before.

However, Merritt has

informed the team that they all must work together.

"I know next year is going to be a really good year. Coach Vaught is an amazing coach and she

believes this team can do something special."

One thing Merritt has had

in her corner is the support of her teammates. Many, such as Brittany Merritt, have been

getting national recognition. The lacrosse team currently ranks seventh in the nation in scoring offense and senior games are free. Merritt mentioned her teammate Shatalia Simonton, a freshman goalie for the lacrosse team and a fellow American athlete.

When asked where she saw herself and the team in the future three years Merritt replied, "Our team is going to be amazing. I think we [Merritt and Ramirez] are going to contribute to this team in a big way, so we're helping this team grow."

HUB Club Baseball's Inaugural Season Begins

By Jerry Williams

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By Nicole Melton
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Life and Style

Exclusive Interview

Jamie Kennedy Imitates Hip-Hop Life

By Enoch Tims III

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By Keddi B. Hirgason

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Ludacris in an advertisements for Pepsi, showing off one of the many styles created by Howard alumnus Stephanie Miller.

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KENNEDY from B3

LEAVING BEHIND THE FAME

The movie entertainers answer with a reassuring “Yes,” confirming almost everything he says, concluding that it is a harmless exercise.

“B-Rad didn’t set out to be a hip-hop kid, he really did that after he started acting. He’s a hip-hop kid, he listens to the music, watches it.”

After reiterating that the main focus of the movie is the story of B-Rad, he goes on to talk about the impact of hip-hop on society.

“People say that hip-hop is a negative influence, but I think it’s a positive influence. It’s about looking for the positive aspects of hip-hop.”

When asked if he feels B-Rad is being true to himself, Kennedy responds, “Well, I think so. He’s been a hip-hop kid a long time, and he’s been on the edge of the mainstream.

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When asked about his own experience with hip-hop, Kennedy says, “I grew up listening to hip-hop, and it’s still a big part of my life.”

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When discussing the future of hip-hop, Kennedy says, “I think it’s going to continue to grow, and I think it’s going to be a big part of the music industry for a long time.”

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When asked if he thinks hip-hop is a legitimate art form, Kennedy says, “I think it’s a legitimate art form, and I think it’s going to continue to grow.”

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The Hilltop Steps It Up

This year, changes have been made in The Hilltop that show vast improvements in the overall quality and strength of the paper. It speaks not only for those of us who work hard to put the paper out every Tuesday and Friday, but also for Howard students.

Many college newspapers are only published once a week, and in historically black colleges and universities, the number is even lower—once or twice a semester. The Hilltop, named the title of "The Nation's Largest Black Collegiate Newspaper" not only because of the size of our paper, but because we publish the paper in full every week.

For the first time in history, this year, the Hilltop has consistently come out on Tuesday and Friday with two full sections, like classwork.

One of the improvements the publication has seen is the constant publishing of celebrity interviews in the Life & Style section. Among these celebrities are Laurence Tate, Zibah, John Travolta, Lee Daniels, and Jamie Kennedy to name a few. Celebrity interviews exemplify the professionalism that The Hilltop has always striven for.

Also, it shows that even though we are not a professional newspaper, we can keep up with major newspapers.

The Hilltop published these magazine issues this year as competitors to the paper. These have included a special anniversary edition and a special election edition.

The Hilltop's endorsement of The Hilltop as an honorary degree recipient has improved drastically in the area of design, and has tried to try new things, such as the Black Parade issue with the black cover and the creative layout designs on the cover of the B section.

While we are not perfect, this year's staff has reduced some of the great errors drastically.

In the most student newspaper, we have a unique and wonderful situation that allows us to take on more responsibilities, people who are not journalism majors and may have never written for publication before.

Because of this, we may take a hit in quality, as deadlines sometimes leave little room for correction. But we hope that the opportunity provided to Howard students makes up for the sometimes unsanctioned type you read.

Just as the reporters struggle to learn, The Hilltop editors and staff writers do the same.

We hope to keep striving towards excellence and to bring even more interesting content to the paper in years to come.

Consistently, counselors were aced by administration in order to fix the problems of inadequacy that affect so many of us.

Most recently, the Hilltop's endorsement of Daniel Kahan and Faith Walls for Howard University Student Association president and vice president and Graduate Student council-elect, Charles Coleman, proved the strength of the Hilltop as a major influence at Howard University. The two won the election and are now preparing to take office and begin their plans for restoration.

Just as the media has been heralded this fourth branch of the federal government, it seems as if The Hilltop is truly an entity just as powerful as the highest ranking members of the administration here at Howard. We hope that this year, the student voice of Howard University.

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Wine until
Martin’s has will be running from 10 pm

Ladies $40 midnight
Greeks with Nats $8 midnight

It is a Blue and white family affair and come and enjoy at the receiv[ing]

To my staff - thank you for everything. Despite numerous setbacks, it’s been a GREAT year.
Love, Your EIC, Lauren

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Would like to recognize all of the 2003 alumnae, Graduate
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Personals

The Ladies of Alpha Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Alpha Chapter Would like to congratulate Spring 2003
The Q.U.E.E.N.S. of Comedy
1. Lilaia Emerson - Mighty Migrants
2. Trietten Blackwell - Cerius Georgia
3. Therese Jackson - Catshnpers
4. Tiffany Johnson - Haggie
5. Daishuah Rose - Miss Frosh
6. Crystal Wariner - Cool Bones
7. Kimberly Blackburn - The Four side
8. Kit Higgin's - Celet Rect Bles, Adams- Johnson-Baby Noir
9. Haidu Smith - Dr. Giggles
10. Ara Nargar - Magnesia

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The latest in the entertainment of Collegiate Scholars would like to congratulate the 2002-2003 eligible members:
Log new, were welcomed to accept your invitation.

— Chapter President

The Bros’ present WIFE-BEATER Party on Friday, April 18th from 1838
2nd Street NW from 11:00pm-UNTIL Hell Freezes Over Discount Admission with
Wife-eater all night. Wife Beater strongly suggested.
Ape Juice free all night.

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top up the NAIR Board of Directors, If you can't make it to Dallas, mail
good vote by July 18

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