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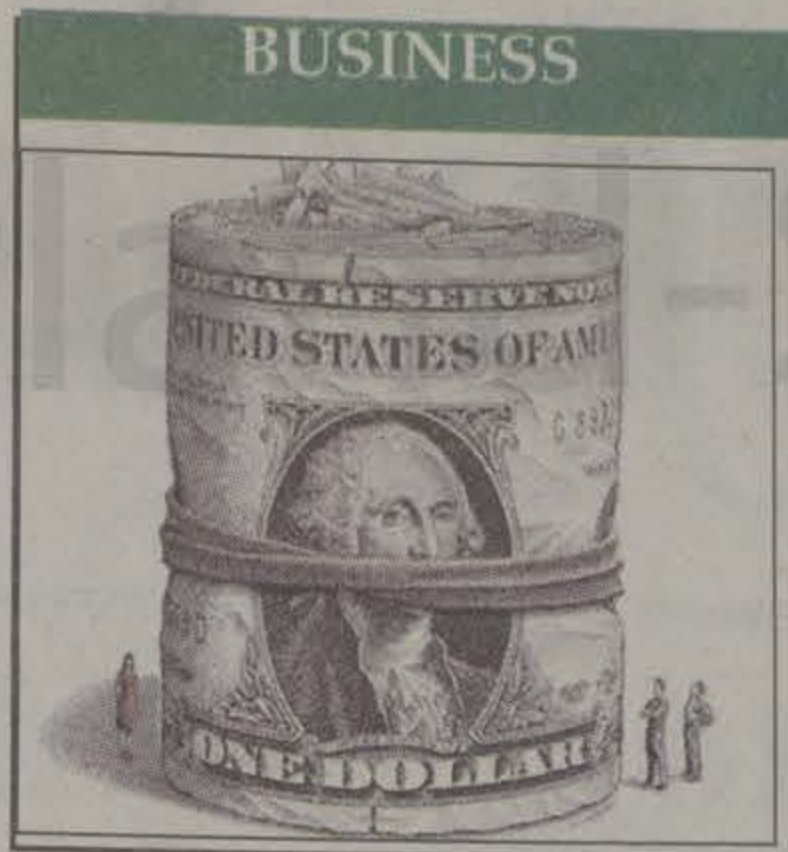
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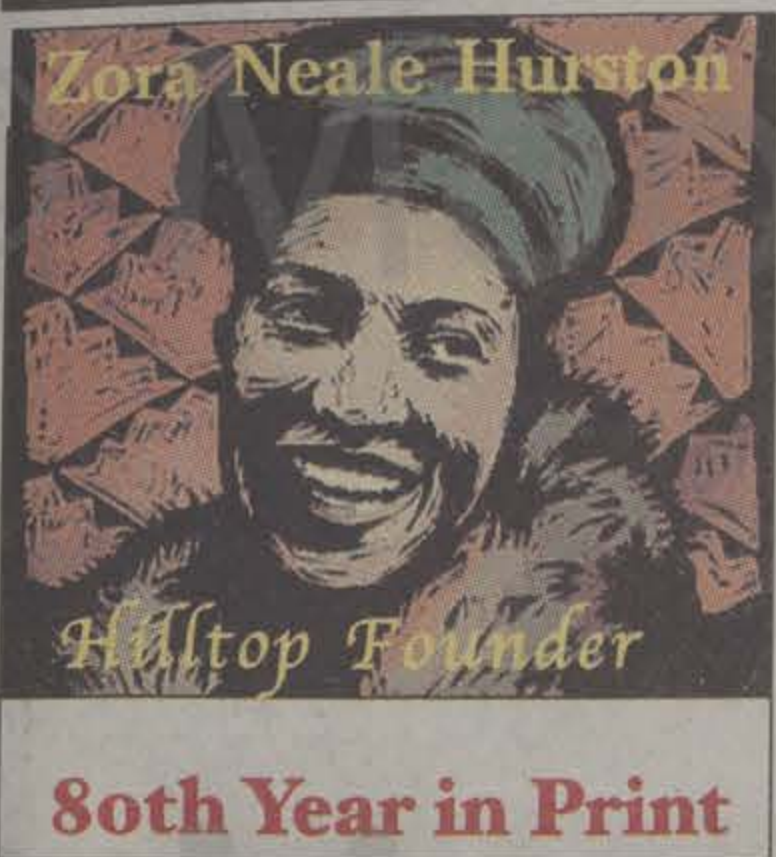
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## Graves: 'Carry the Mantle' of John H. Johnson

By Ruth L. Tisdale  
Campus Editor

The 136th Convocation could very well have been renamed John H. Johnson Day as the tycoon of publishing was honored by having the School of Communications renamed in his honor.

During his invocation, Bernard Richardson, Dean of the Chapel, thanked God for the honorees sharing their gifts as well as sharing themselves with humanity.

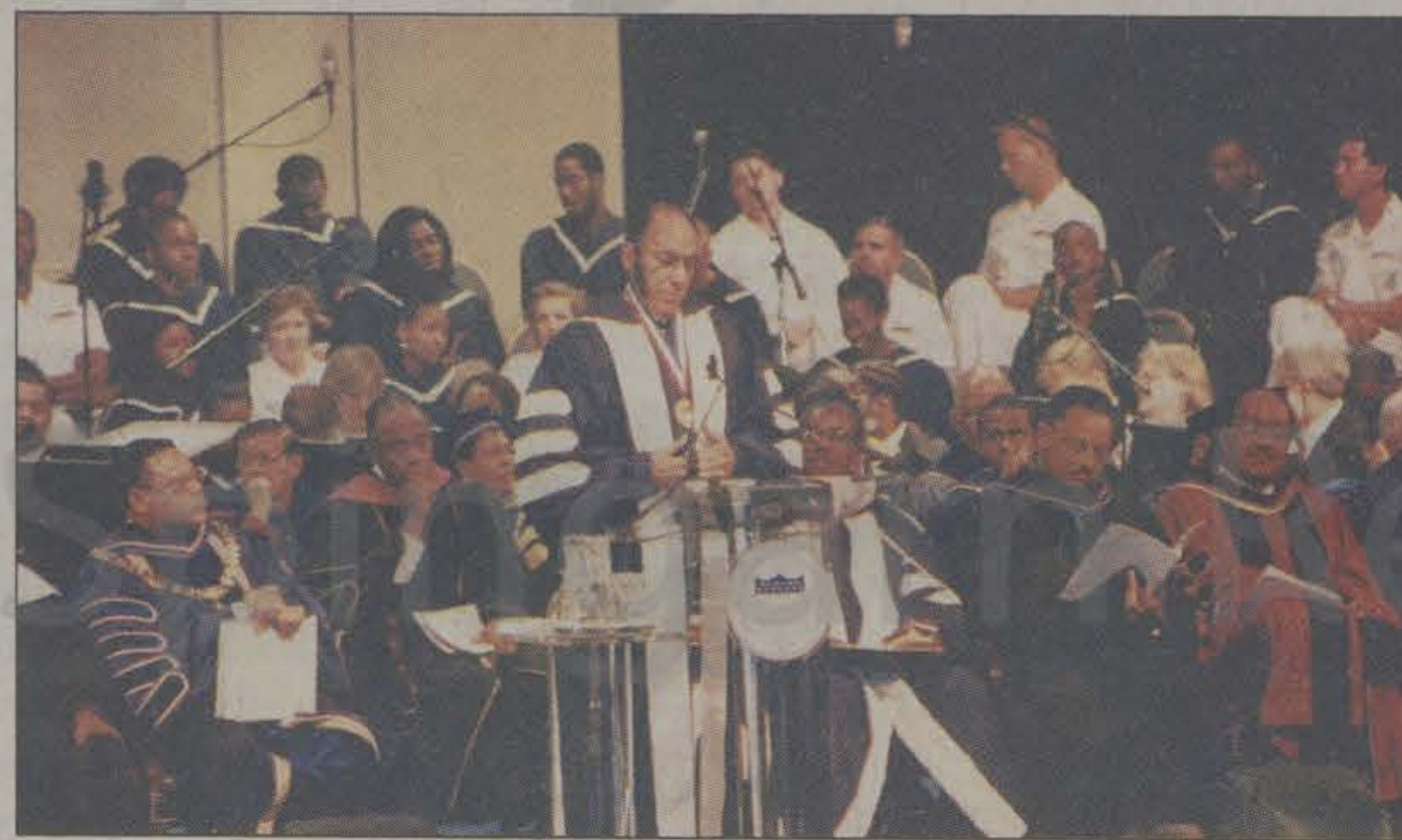
H. Patrick Swygert,

President of Howard University, took the time to welcome the class of 2007 to the Howard family during his welcome.

"This year we have welcomed 1,400 new students to Howard," Swygert said. "Of those students we have 71 National Achievement Scholars."

Swygert also began the program-long tribute to Johnson.

"Mr. Johnson broke all of the barriers," Swygert said. "And became not only an mogul African American busi-



Earl Graves challenges Howard students to live up to the legacy of the past during Convocation Friday.

nessman but also an icon in the business world. Today, we rename the School of Communications in his honor."

President and CEO of the United Negro College Fund William Gray III gave a more formal tribute to Johnson.

"John Johnson was the man who gave us unbiased

views about our community at a time when we did not have those kinds of presentations," Gray said. "I pay tribute to the role that he has played at the United Negro College Fund. He is the longest serving board member of the organization,

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## The History of Past Convocations

By Venus B. Taylor  
Contributing Writer

Every September, on the last Friday of the month, members of the Howard University community gather from all over the world to celebrate the inauguration of this historic institution through Convocation.

Students, trustees, and alumni pack in to Cramton Auditorium, listen to the convocation address, and leave energized, ready to take on another academic year.

The Opening Convocation ceremony, namely the address, is meant to inspire

the Howard family to uphold the motto as displayed on the university seal, Veritas et Utilitas: Truth and Service. Some Convocation addresses have left an impression as the most notable Convocation orations at Howard University.

In the past, the president of the university was the keynote speaker at the ceremony. For instance, Howard's thirteenth president, James Edward Cheek, delivered the dynamic address in 1980 entitled, "If We Do Not, Then Who Will?" at the convocation that

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## Homecoming Runway Walks and Talks

By Charreah Jackson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard is nationally known as a tier two research I institution. In the clubs, streets, and fashion world however, Howard is at the pinnacle of fashion. As Homecoming approaches the student body prepares for the annual fashion show.

Howard began holding its annual Fashion Show in the early 1980s. By 1985, the Homecoming Fashion Show was in full swing as females sauntered down the runway during a time when the perm was becoming increasingly popular, draped in petticoats and blouses.

In 1987, two fashion shows were held to accommodate the student body. That year students paid \$5 to enter one of the fashion show's two showings, which utilized the talent of student designers. The show's theme was 'Metropolis' and the designers were heavily influenced by Calvin Klein and Bill Blass.

As the black man became increasingly exploited in the media, Howard's fashion show committee decided to dedicate the 1987 show to the black man. In congruence with the Homecoming theme for that year, "Bridging the Gap," the show enlisted the modeling efforts of men and children from the community, and even men from Morehouse, that year's homecoming opponent.

The coordinator for the 1987 fashion show "Renaissance" shared with The Hilltop that the Fashion Show of 1987 would stand above the rest.

With a start of a new decade, the Fashion Show of 1990 presented the 'flyest' trends of the time. From the popular "walking shorts" that came just below the knee to the reemergence of plaid, models were clad in the latest styles including big hair and big accessories.

"Vive Noire," the fashion show of 1994 began a new era for Homecoming Fashion shows as more risks were taken and fewer clothes were worn. From the beginning of the show models executed practiced and sensual dance moves all in leather. The show was viewed as extremely creative as it included fashion from the 1970s to the future. As male models strolled down the runway wet and in Speedo-like bathing suits, the crowd's interest perked. The most controversial moment of the 1994 show was 'Notorious' scene as female models suggestively danced together, and many students questioned whether they had just witnessed lesbian images.

The Homecoming Fashion Show of 1998 maintained the show's reputation, as R&B singer Tyrese opened the event and his shirt for the crowd. The show began by paying homage to "The Motherland," as models graced the runway in Nigerian garments.

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## Student Hospitalized in Blackout Party Fight



Fun at the Michigan Club's Blackout party turned sour when a fight broke out between a Howard student and D.C. resident.

By Danielle Scruggs  
Asst. Campus Editor

A fight broke out between at least five or six D.C. locals and Howard student Patrick Ricks at the Michigan Club's Blackout party, leaving Ricks, a sophomore Resident Assistant at Cook Hall, severely injured Saturday.

Ricks, who was released from Howard University Hospital Monday, suffered a black eye, a cut lip, and a cut above his eye that required four stitches.

Ricks said he lost consciousness during the fight and has no recollection of what happened. However, he

too was dissatisfied with the level of security at the party. "Security did a horrible job. They should at least have someone checking for weapons. That was a big problem right there," Ricks said.

"The school didn't respond," Ricks added. "This was something that happened at school and no one has even contacted me about my condition."

Junior Kali Williams, president of the Michigan Club, said the lack of security "upset" her.

"We were promised eight

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## Future PAC Empowers Women in Politics



The founding members of Future PAC, powerful women on the move, pose for a picture.

By Shara D. Taylor  
Hilltop Staff Writer

As throngs of politicians and businesspeople attended events for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation this weekend, another group celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Future Political Action Committee (Future PAC), an organization aimed at financially assisting women who seek elected positions in state or national government.

The Future PAC held its one-year anniversary reception on Friday evening at the XM Radio headquarters. With several hundred guests in attendance, including Congressman Elijah Cummings, economist and author Dr. Julianne Malveaux, Democratic presidential candidate Carol Moseley Braun, and actress Cicely Tyson, the audience received words of encouragement from different speakers.

"Things fall apart when

women don't stand strongly in society," Susan Taylor, editorial director for Essence magazine, said as she spoke about the serious need for an organization such as Future PAC.

Taylor noted that American society today is in desperate need of progressive African-American women who are willing to defend the interests of the black community,

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## Student Leaders Receive Charge of Service at Chapel

By Charreah Jackson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Sunday, Cramton Auditorium was filled with energy during the chapel service, which commissioned chapel assistants, installed student leaders, and swore in Howard University Student Association's (HUSA) president and vice president.

Over 65 Howard students were called to the front of the auditorium to be installed as Chapel

Assistants during service. Many of these students had already begun performing the duties of Chapel Assistant, which included preparing for Sunday chapel service, mentoring fellow peers, and setting a strong example for the entire university community. Bernard Richardson, Dean of the Andrew Rankin Memorial chapel, commissioned Chapel Assistants. All in attendance of Sunday's chapel service listened to newly commissioned

Chapel Assistants together say, "We are grateful and humble to be able to honor and glorify God by serving others."

Sunday's service served as a culmination for the first annual Inaugural Student Leadership Week, "Called to Serve," which was hosted by HUSA and the Chapel Assistants. Vice-Provost for Student Affairs, Franklin D. Chambers, Ph.D. invited to

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President Swygert installs student leaders Sunday during Chapel service.



## VOICES & VIEWS

Why do you think community service is important?



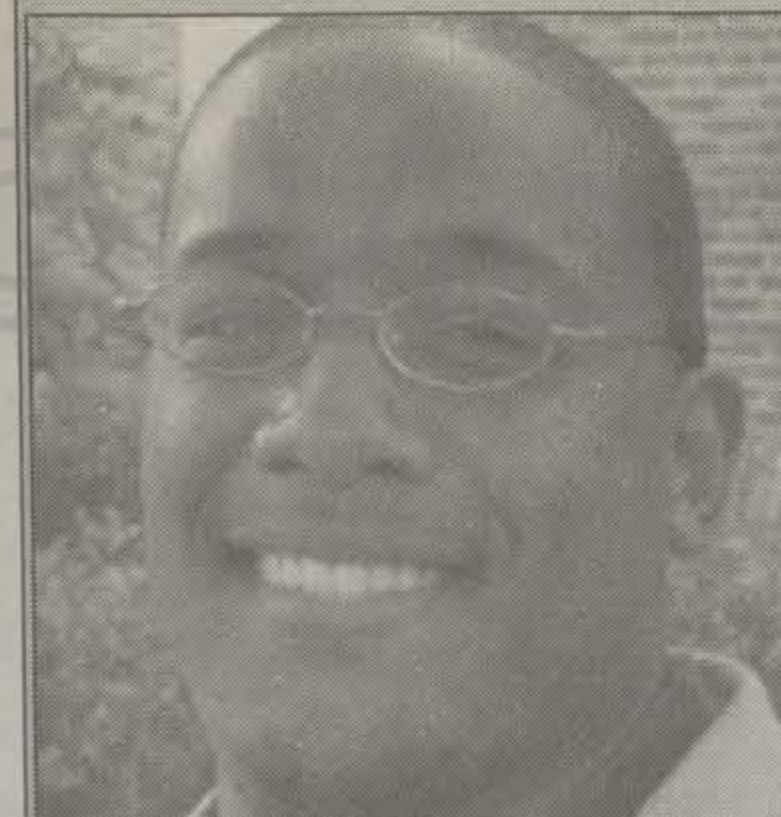
**Jamila Whetts**  
Sophomore  
Public relation

Community service is important because it allows students to give back to the community and get to know those in your surroundings.



**C. Thornton**  
Radio-Television-Film  
Senior

Ain't no use in going to such a prestigious school or university if you don't plan to come back home to share that [expletive deleted].



**Adam Guthrie**  
Junior  
Finance

Community service is important because we are all fortunate to be at Howard we need to give back. We didnt get here on our own.

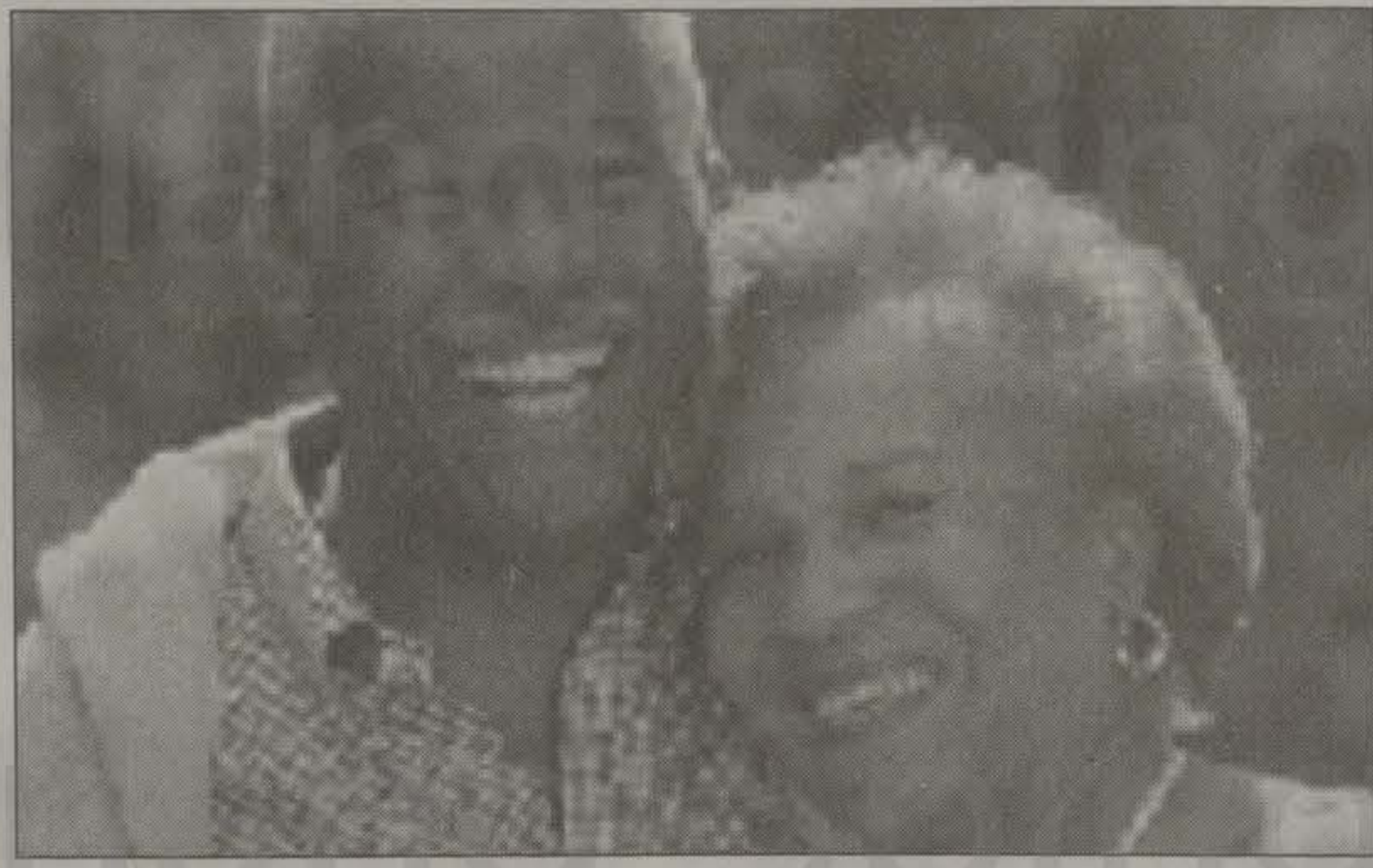


**Stephanie Roberts**  
Sophomore  
Communications

Community service is important because through helping the community you get a sense of selflessness and become a better person.

PHOTO BY MAYA G.

## Arts & Sciences Parents Come to Howard



Grandparents such as these were happy to see their grandchildren during Parent Weekend.

By **Melanie R. Holmes**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Last weekend marked the first annual parent weekend within the College of Arts & Sciences. The college had been exploring the idea of hosting a parent weekend for a couple of years but were unable to fur-

ther their plans due to lack of personnel, according to Linda Jones, an assistant within student affairs within the school.

"Parent weekend was a chance for the parents of students within the College of Arts & Sciences to visit the campus, spend time with their children and get acquainted with faculty," Jones said, who helped to

coordinate the event. "Members of the student council in the College of Arts & Sciences had been stating that they wanted to have a parent weekend, so we've been in planning since about April."

Conrad Woody, vice president of the College of Arts & Sciences Student Council, feels the parent weekend was a chance to build unity on Howard's campus. "It's a time where students and parents can reconnect," Woody, a junior political science major said.

With about 3,000 students in the school, Jones expected most of the families to arrive Thursday night. She estimated that about 200 to 300 parents as well as extended family participated in the weekend's activities.

Friday's Opening Convocation kicked off the weekend for family members attending the affair. Following that, parents were allowed to

tour the campus with their child until the mix and mingle scheduled for later that evening.

"We had tables set up that focused on the different majors and different opportunities students have within the College of Arts & Sciences," Jones said.

Family movie night followed the mix and mingle, in which students chose the movie to watch.

According to Woody, both the mix and mingle and movie night were successful. "A lot of parents were there and it went really well," he said.

As for Saturday, a tour of the Washington, D.C. area and its monuments was offered from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The night ended with an "old school" dance for the parents from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight, chaperoned by the students. Finally, the weekend concluded

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## Community Choir Uplifts Students Through Concert

By **Natasha L. Williams**  
Contributing Writer

Students, faculty and parents filled the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Friday night to hear the heavenly voices of the Howard University Community Choir as they presented their Back to School Joy Night Service.

The service started with two praise and worship songs as the choir made their way to the front of the chapel dressed in all black and Kente cloth. Worship leader Cellina Mlusu then led the congregation in prayer and offered a few words of encouragement and guidance. She emphasized the importance of living a life of righteousness and having faith in God.

"Don't get chocked up by the cares of the world," Mlusu said. "Let God live through you."

A moved audience stood as Candace Smith, of the Living Stones Worship and Arts Ministry, gracefully performed her praise dance to the Yolanda Adams hit "That Name."

After the invocation by Chaplain Joi Toliver, choir director Thomas K. Pierre Jr. formally introduced the speaker for the evening, Pastor Samuel A. Burroughs, of the Outpouring Ministries Church. Pastor Burroughs gave a sermon on the topic "Sex Traps and Mind Games," which he said was "not talked about enough in church."

Pastor Burroughs explained that some Christians grow up thinking that sex is wrong and, consequently, they are afraid to talk about it.

"Sex is a gift from God," Burroughs said. "It is divine and perfect."

Burroughs stated that people talk and think about sex in the wrong manner.

"We need to understand that sex is a ministry when used in the right context," he said. "Too many people are talking about perverted, strange and misogynistic love."

Burroughs also expressed his feelings about today's hip-hop music and stressed the significance of

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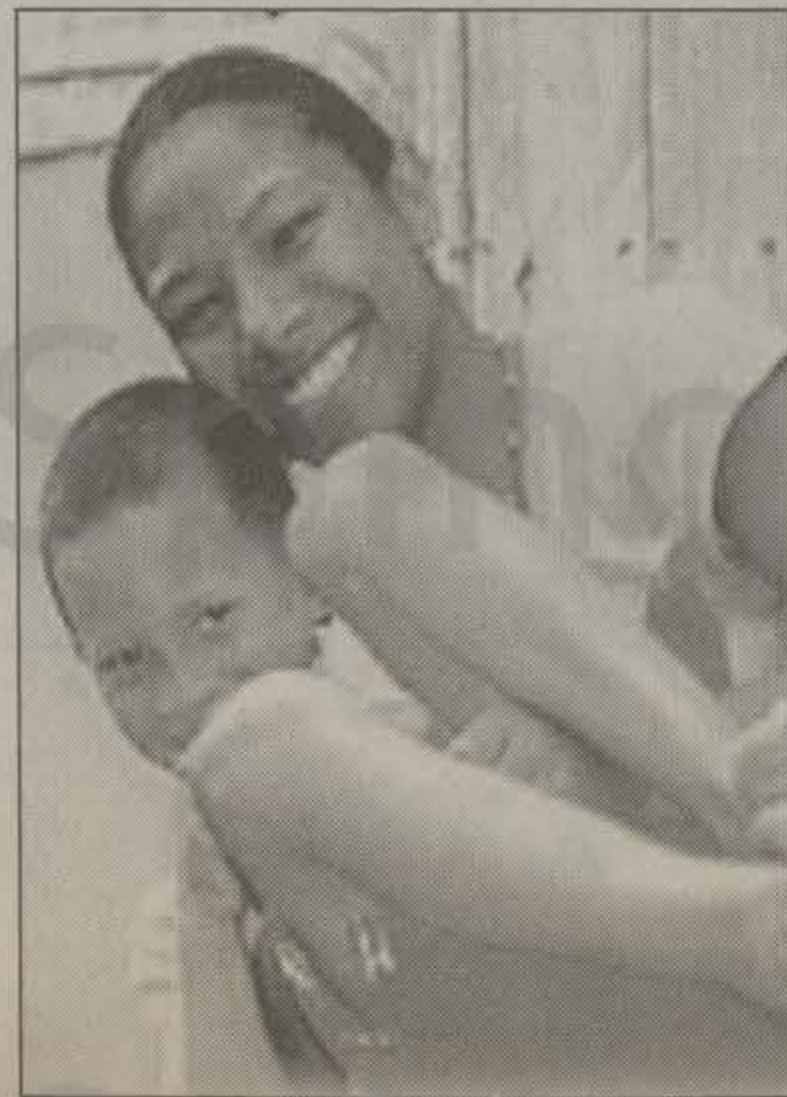
## Circle K Helping Others Through Service

By **Erica Nzei**  
Contributing Writer

With a mission of assisting those in need, Circle K, the largest collegiate service organization in the world, has prompted many Howard University students to continue to carry the torch of service.

Circle K found its home in, and became the collegiate arm of Kiwanis, the international volunteer organization. It offers a co-educational service as well as friendship to its members.

"Circle K is a service organization for organization and schedule opportunities for membership," said Lola Fawoley, the public relations director for the organization. "Members go as a group to per-



Howard students reach out through Circle K service.

form whatever service that can be arranged, such as food drives, annual walks, tutoring, and volunteering."

Fawoley added that the organization has tried to provide a fellowship among its membership.

Freshman community volunteer Kirsten Forest jumped at the first opportunity to be a part of Circle K.

"I wanted to be a part of something that helps the community and reach out to the youth," Forest said. "When I saw their table in [the Blackburn Center], I signed up to join."

Freshman anthropology major Tamisha Mercado, who also participates in community service, did not sign up to join, but he said that he would join the organization.

"I would join if I could fit it in my studies," Mercado said. "I'd have to have more infor-

mation about it, also."

At its inception in 1936, Circle K was a fraternity. However, the founders decided to transfer the fraternity into a service-oriented organization 11 years later with the main priority being assisting those in need.

This mission statement is what pushed Forest to join sign-up for the organization.

"I like helping people and letting people know I'm there for them," Forester said. "What caught my attention was that they were helping people and I wanted to be apart of it."

The organization quickly became one of the fastest growing organization in North America and the largest colle-

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## Prepaid Legal: More than Just a Pyramid

By **Khellia Koonce**  
Contributing Writer

Pre-Paid Legal, Inc. has begun a new era of employment for college students. Team Platinum, which is a group under Pre-Paid Legal, has helped Howard students to become entrepreneurs, participate in the community, make large sums of money, and still have time to enjoy the life of a college student.

Prepaid Legal is a New York Stock Exchange company that has operated for 31 years. They pride themselves in offering the best legal services to middle income families across the United States and Canada, according to their website, pre-

paidlegal.com.

Similar to health insurance companies, Prepaid Legal charges a monthly fee to its clients, which guarantees them legal protection without expensive legal bills.

According to Pre-Paid Legal, they serve over 1 million families and provide legal coverage for as little as \$26 a month.

These legal services extend as far as purchasing a new home and writing wills.

Team Platinum began on Howard's campus when Fard Bell decided to bring together a group of friends on campus after seeing and receiving the benefits of Prepaid Legal.

"I went to a showcase and saw young people earning a six



Team Platinum offers more than legal services to members.

figure income within one year," Bell said.

Students who are in Prepaid Legal said they have benefited from the program.

"You do a lot of personal

development," Kia Jackson, a director in the program, said. "The main thing is that you come out of school with a dif-

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## Mini-Medical School Offers New Courses

By **Diana V. Beauge**  
Contributing Writer

Beginning Oct. 7, Howard University Medical School will be offering a series of lectures to introduce students, no matter what their major is, to topics important to the health of the African American community.

The Howard University Mini Medical School is providing a seven-lecture course structured after a medical school curriculum. Each lecture is taught by a different member of the College of Medicine faculty. Issues that will be covered include hematology, genetics,

immunology, bioethics, infectious disease and many more. The courses will open up and provide an abundance of information about our bodies, our health, and cutting edge medical research that is impacting our daily lives.

The evening classes are conducted once a week in the Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library and Learning Center. A satellite audience will be able to attend as well as participate live and interactively at the Howard University Continuing Education Center located in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Each course will include

the lecture, course handouts, access to reliable health information resources via website, question and answer, conversation and refreshments. Upon completion of the seven week series; participants will receive a Mini-Medical School Diploma during a special ceremony.

"I think the program should be longer so that students and faculty taking the course can get a stronger understanding of the topics," Crystal Woodroffe, a fourth-year clinical laboratory science

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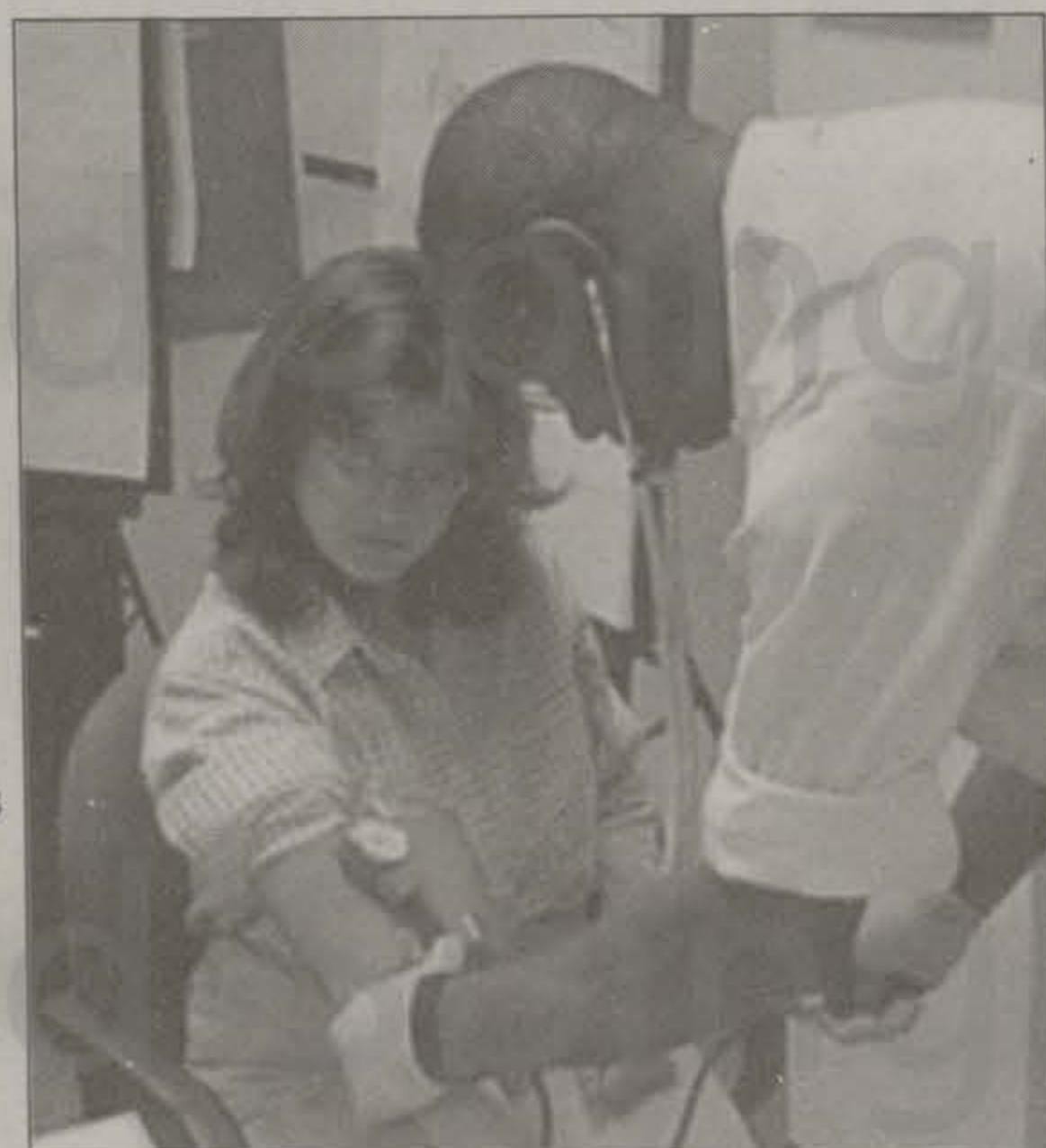


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A physician tends to a patient. Howard's medical school will be offering mini-medical courses to the public.



you accidentally knock  
your roommate's  
toothbrush into the toilet.  
he's not home. what do  
you do? answer the  
question. compare your  
opinions with others.  
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## Budget Cut Leaves Most Students Unaffected

By Chizoba Udeorji  
Hilltop Staff Writer

For the next fiscal year, Howard has decided to reduce the amount of operating funds used by three percent. Fortunately for students, the University said that students would not be burdened with higher tuition any further despite stagnant funding.

"The University of Maryland, the University of Virginia, and many schools throughout the nation have been facing problems," said Richard A. English, Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer. "The University of Maryland has increased its tuition, but we have made an effort to be extremely sensitive to the economic impact of the budget cut on students."

However, many students do not believe that the budget cut won't cut into their pockets.

"Knowing Howard University, and their history with promises, it's a little

unlikely that tuition will not increase," said junior marketing major Vivia Armstrong.

Many students share Armstrong's view, given the fact that tuition slightly rose last year and the year before.

The decision to only cut the budget by 3 percent was discussed by Howard administration, with the plight of the student in mind. "Cutting 3 percent, 5 percent, and 10 percent was all considered. Expenses are rising, but we are keeping the interest of the student in mind," said English.

About 90 percent of the budget cuts will be made in the area of supplies and equipment. There will be no faculty position cuts, but there will be no new additions to the faculty either.

The quality of Howard's educational programs is one of many factors that attracts students from across the nation, but even with the funding cuts, Provost English affirms that the quality of education will not be

compromised.

"We want to enhance teaching and academic programs, but with no increase in faculty," he said.

When asked if one's educational experience could be com-

promised. "I think that the amount will be absorbed in other areas. I don't think that I will be directly affected by that."

According to the provost, the rest of the cuts will come

"We have also asked the budget managers of individual schools to keep cost down and to manage wage spending and employment," said Provost English. "There should be a freeze on non-faculty employment." This is also a year in which there won't likely be any funding for major extra initiatives.

It is unclear when students should expect the budget crunch to ease. "Next year might not be any rosier," said Provost English. The unstable economy and decreasing public funds have been two of many factors in the loss of money for schools throughout the nation. Only time will tell how a sluggish economy and an uncertain amount of funding will affect Howard.

"We are not aware of any other affects of the budget reduction at this time, because it's still early in the semester," said Provost English. "However, we do not anticipate any serious issues."

**"Knowing Howard University, and their history with promises, it's a little unlikely that tuition will not increase."**

-Vivia Armstrong junior marketing major

promised by such a decrease in funds, some students simply don't believe it could.

"No, not by 3 percent," said Brittney Nelson, a psychology

from the monitoring of travel expenses this year. These expenses include trips made to conferences by students and university officials.

## Coffee Cart Draws Crowds

By M. Brandon Howard  
Contributing Writer

Maybe it's the dark cherry wood of the cafe in contrast with the beige walls and floors of the building that makes Jazzman's Cafe stand out as a new addition to the first floor of the administration building.

This year, Sodexo Campus Service has replaced the previous cart with Jazzman's in an effort to provide a distinctly refreshing look, a sense of quality and a name to a once nameless spot.

Only in its first months of operations, Jazzman's Cafe has attracted numerous crowds.

"I think their prices are pretty reasonable compared to Starbucks," said Vage Beasley, a junior physical education student.

Starbucks, located blocks away, is too far away to be viewed as a direct competitor according to Jazzman's management.

"People who are up here don't want to walk down there," said Nickesia Gordon, a Ph.D. student in the School of Communications.

A steady stream of business has resulted from Jazzman's convenient location. From 8 a.m. to 4:30p.m. Monday through Friday, one can usually find a few students running into the administration building between classes to buy an espresso or frozen latte.

"We've had to add a second smoothie machine," said Katrina Hudson, of Jazzman's Cafe.

While smoothies top the list as one of the cafe's best sellers, Jazzman's offers more than an array of hot and cold beverages.

Anyone visiting Jazzman's Cafe can also choose from a selection of muffins, salads, sandwiches, hot soups, and fruit cups.

Currently, Jazzman's has only one location at Howard. However, Kieai Morris, market manager for Sodexo, said that Jazzman's is offered on other campuses.

"You can find Jazzman's at Florida A&M, Hampton, Catholic, Johns Hopkins and a number of other schools," Morris said.

The creation of Jazzman's Cafe is a small part of a greater initiative that President H. Patrick Swygert and Sodexo Campus Service have started to improve the quality of the University's food services.

Plans for remodeling and updating other campus facilities are already in the works.

Said vice president of Sodexo Campus Service Curtis Stancill, "We're working to update the food services for the whole university."

## Independent 529 Plan: Paying Tuition Before Admittance

By Christopher A. Wall  
Contributing Writer

Due to the steady increase in the cost of college, private institutions are offering a prepaid plan for young scholars and lifting some of the financial burden of higher education off parents.

The Independent 529 Plan is a prepaid tuition plan sponsored by a group of more than 200 private colleges.

The overall goal of the 529 Plan is to make it possible for more families to afford the high tuition of private institutions.

The Independent 529 Plan stems from an organization formed in 1998, but it didn't become available to students and parents until August of this year.

Currently there are no undergraduate students benefiting from the Independent 529 Plan as of yet.

In order for the money to be used towards college tuition, it must remain in an account for three years. At the end of two years, there must be a minimum of \$500 in the account.

Any adult resident of the U.S. may open a 529 program account and name a designated beneficiary.

The certificates purchased are in the name of the child, not the school, so they will be useful at any participating college, including those schools that join later.

The Independent 529 Plan hopes to expand and make tuition, fees, and room and board available to parents.

"Most colleges have various room and board plans," said Independent 529 Plan media contact Doug Brown. "One particular college has 29 various room and board plans—how do you prepay for that?"

Parents are content with paying tuition and fees only. They have the opportunity to lock the current tuition cost until their child enrolls at a member college—regardless of how much tuition rises in the future.

"I definitely would have utilized the opportunity to prepay for my college tuition," said Kamilah Royal, a sophomore occupational therapy major. "The money would be there and I wouldn't be as

## New Restaurant Raises Level of Fast Food

By Courtney Williams  
Contributing Writer

Magazine and newspaper articles raving about Five Guys's accomplishments are plastered along the white-and-red-checked walls.

The welcoming setting of the restaurant accompanied by the friendly faces of the employees invites one to sit down and enjoy a burger.

Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries is a hamburger establishment that has been ranked as "The #1 Perfect Burger" by The Washingtonian Magazine five times.

Jerry and Jane Murrell and their four sons established Five Guys in 1986. Murrell and his four sons make up the five guys. His first restaurant was in Northern Virginia. Jerry Murrell and his family decided to start selling franchises of his restaurant soon after its success.

As soon as the new owners of the Georgia Avenue location, Sean and Christina McCarty, found out that owners Jerry and Jane Murrell were franchising their restaurant in the Washington, D.C.

area, they jumped on the opportunity to own one.

"I have been a huge fan of Five Guys for years," owner

Sean and Christina McCarty are no strangers to business in Washington. In addition to



PHOTO BY MAYA GILLIAM

Five Guy's Famous Burgers and Fries located on Georgia Avenue is the first in the Washington area.

Sean McCarty said.

The Georgia Avenue location is the first franchise in the Washington area.

owning Five Guys, they also

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pressed to find funds."

Tiffany Ellison, a junior chemistry major agrees.

"Paying small amounts of money will help you in the long run as opposed to paying thousands at one time," said Ellison.

"Because of my sincere interest in Howard as a high school student, I would have prepaid for my college tuition," said Ellison.

Most of the participating colleges are recruited into the program. Unfortunately, Howard is not one of the private colleges participating in the Independent 529 Plan as of yet.

"I think it is within the best interest of Howard University to participate in the prepaid plan because they [Howard] are always complaining of students not being validated," said Ellison.

Mostly predominately white colleges are participating in the 529 Plan, such as American University, Catholic University, Princeton,

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## Diva Shops for Homecoming Threads

By Ashley Kelly  
Business Editor

Diva's bronze-painted lips shine from her MAC lip-gloss as she walks through the mall. Butterflies fill her stomach, and she cannot help but smile.

It is finally time to go shopping for Homecoming.

As usual, she is dressed sharply with an olive skirt and cream blouse. Her \$200 tan stiletto pumps suck the circulation out of her toes, but she bought them anyway because they were the last pair at Nordstrom's.

By the way, she is currently still paying for this \$350 outfit.

You may be wondering, "Why is she going shopping for Homecoming considering she has not paid for the current threads on her back?" There is one answer to this question.

She has to look "hot" for every homecoming event. Right down to the sparsely attended Homecoming parade.

Diva enters Benetton and heads straight for a tangerine turtleneck. The tag reads \$78. After nonchalantly glancing at the price tag, she searches for the perfect pair of jeans to accentuate her hips.

She spots a pair of dark-denim jeans with orange figures plastered on them. Draping the items across her arm she smiles at the saleswoman as she approaches the counter.

"I am going to look so raw at Homecoming. I can't wait," she thinks.

This "raw" outfit comes to \$198.

After paying she heads to UP Against The Wall.

Diva loves Baby Phat and they have tons of it.

Selecting a pink furry collar Baby Phat jacket, a crimson beaded belt, a white V-neck sweater and forest-green cargo pants she prepares to swipe her Visa card.

"Your total comes to \$325 ma'am," said the salesman in a husky voice.

"Charge it," Diva says with enthusiasm.

An hour later her hands are full with bags from Benetton, UP Against The Wall, Nordstrom's, BCBG and Arden B.

Now that she has spent a total of \$800 on clothes it is time to find shoes to match.

She makes her way to the front of the store with three shoeboxes containing orange pumps, midnight blue boots and tan Manolo Blahniks.

She is finally done.

Diva's merchandise is top of the line, but her spending is simply ridiculous. She could have purchased trendy outfits somewhere else. Somewhere else like Wal-Mart or Target. Wal-Mart has pink, tan, and purple plush sweaters for \$19.86. Besides, if she is really as fly as she thinks, she could still look good in a Wal-Mart sweater. They also carry jeans that go quite well with the

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2003 Howard University Homecoming  
Steering Committee  
Rapture: Legend in the Making  
Schedule of Events

Friday, October 3, 2003	<b>Mr. /Miss Howard Pageant</b> Student: \$5.00 Host: Malcolm Jamal Warner General: \$7.00 Karen White ("Charmaine")	Cramton Auditorium	7 p.m.
Saturday, October 4, 2003	<b>Coronation Ball</b> General: \$10.00	Blackburn Ballroom	7 p.m.
Sunday, October 5, 2003	<b>Call to Chapel</b> <b>Libation Ceremony</b> <b>Gospel Concert</b> Student: \$8.00 Artists: Dorinda Clark-Cole General: \$10.00 Karen Clark-Sheard	Cramton Auditorium Cramton Auditorium Cramton Auditorium	11 a.m. 9:15pm 7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 7, 2003	<b>Comedy Show</b> Student: \$10.00 Comedian: Lavell Crawford "BET Comic View" General: \$12.00	Cramton Auditorium	7 p.m.
Thursday, October 9, 2003	<b>Fashion Show</b> <b>Fashion Show II</b> Student: \$13.00 General: \$16.00	Cramton Auditorium Cramton Auditorium	7 p.m. 10 p.m.
Friday, October 10, 2003	<b>Yardfest</b> <b>The After Hour</b> General: Free <b>R&amp;B Concert</b> Student: \$22.50 Artists: Musiq/Vivian Greene General: \$32.50	Main Yard Cada Vez Cramton Auditorium	12noon 6 p.m. 8 p.m.
	<b>Reggae Concert</b> General: \$25.00 Artist: Wayne Marshal	DC Tunnel	11 p.m.
Saturday, October 11, 2003	<b>Parade</b> <b>Game</b> <b>Howard vs. Florida A&amp;M</b> General: \$15.00 Reserved: \$25.00	Parade Route Greene Stadium	10a.m. 12noon
	<b>Step Show</b> Student: \$20.00 General: \$25.00	Convention Center	6 p.m.

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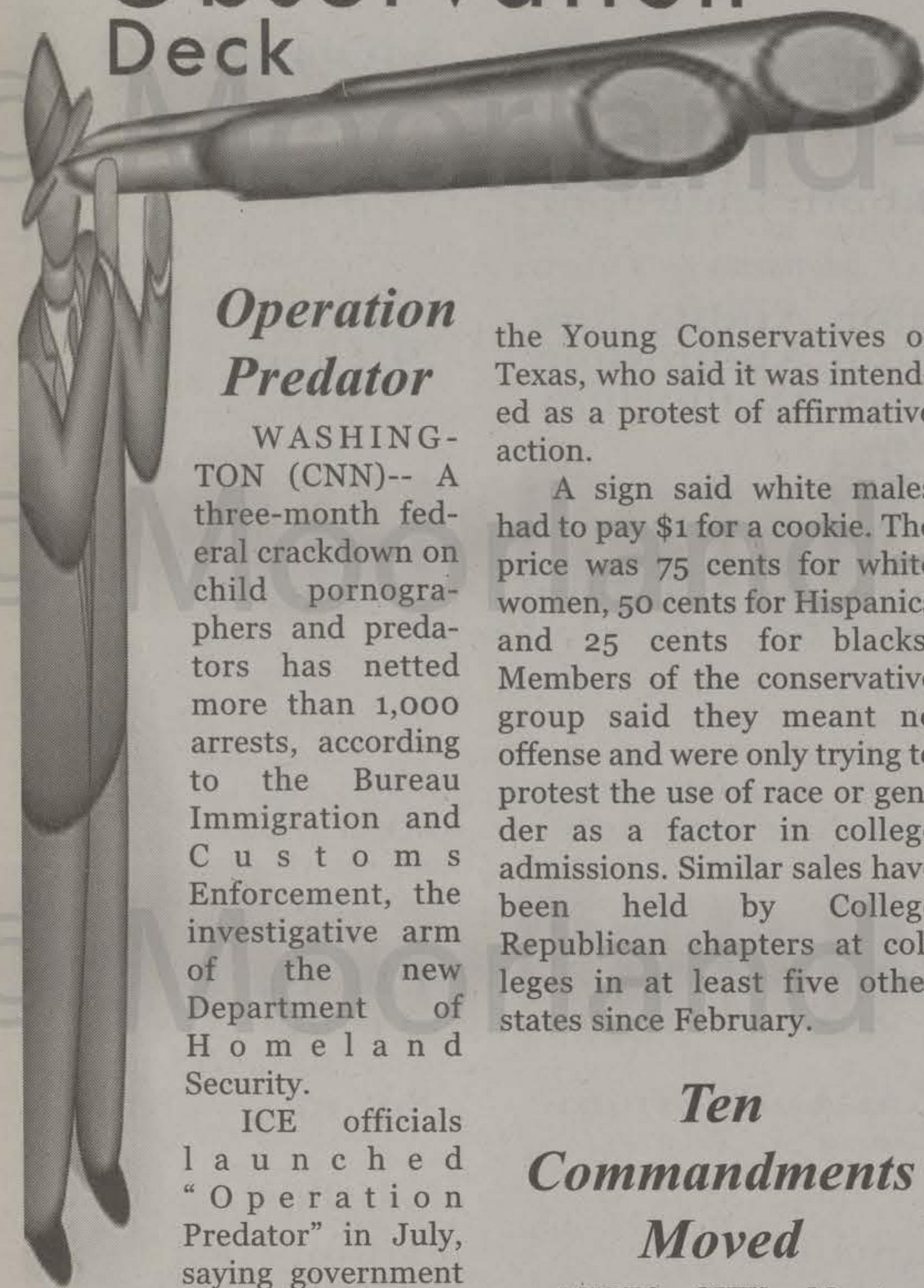
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## Observation Deck



### Operation Predator

WASHINGTON (CNN)-- A three-month federal crackdown on child pornographers and predators has netted more than 1,000 arrests, according to the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the investigative arm of the new Department of Homeland Security.

ICE officials launched "Operation Predator" in July, saying government reorganization had brought together resources helpful in identifying and tracking down child predators.

The tactic allows ICE to identify child sex offenders who are illegally in the country, and deport them on the belief that they continue to be a threat to U.S. children. Officials in the countries they are returned to are notified about their criminal histories, ICE officials said. At the same time, ICE officials say they are cracking down on U.S. citizens who go on child-sex tours overseas.

This week, ICE officials arrested a man in Seattle who allegedly was returning from a sex tour in Cambodia where he was said to have molested two boys. The man is the first in the nation to be charged under the child sex tourism provisions of the Protect Act, enacted in April.

### Couple Sues for No 'Thank You Jesus'

SEATTLE, Washington (AP)- A couple who purchased an inscribed brick for a state park playground are suing because the words "Thank you Jesus" were not included as they had wished. Residents had organized an effort to build a playground this spring at Saint Edward State Park, located on the northeastern shore of Lake Washington.

Money for the project was raised in part by the sale of inscribed bricks to be displayed there for \$100. Dan and Olga Buchanan ordered one with the message: "Thank you Jesus, Daria & Evan Buchanan." But when they saw their brick in the playground's walkway, it read only, "Daria & Evan Buchanan."

On Wednesday, the American Center for Law and Justice filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court on behalf of the Buchanans. ACLJ lawyer Stuart J. Roth said the omission violates his clients' free-speech rights.

### Race-Based Bake Stopped

DALLAS, Texas (AP)- Southern Methodist University shut down a bake sale Wednesday in which cookies were offered for sale at different prices, depending on the buyer's race or gender. The sale was organized by

the Young Conservatives of Texas, who said it was intended as a protest of affirmative action.

A sign said white males had to pay \$1 for a cookie. The price was 75 cents for white women, 50 cents for Hispanics and 25 cents for blacks. Members of the conservative group said they meant no offense and were only trying to protest the use of race or gender as a factor in college admissions. Similar sales have been held by College Republican chapters at colleges in at least five other states since February.

### Ten Commandments Moved

MILES CITY, Montana (AP)- A monument displaying the Ten Commandments has been removed from a courthouse lawn, ending a six-year dispute over a religious display on public property.

Workers in this community in eastern Montana on Wednesday moved the stone to the city's Range Riders Museum, which is privately run. The stone's removal effectively ends a 4-year-old lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union, which contended the monument violated the principle of separation of church and state.

### Man Charged For Killing Amish Prankster

MILLERSBURG, Ohio (AP)- A driver accused of firing a shotgun into a cornfield in an Amish community, killing a prankster who was throwing tomatoes at his car, has been indicted on murder and manslaughter charges. A Holmes County grand jury returned the indictments Wednesday against Marion Weaver, 58, is accused of killing Steven Keim, 23. Keim was hiding in the field with about 10 others, ages 15 to 23, who told authorities they were pelting passing cars with ripe tomatoes- an annual prank in the community. Weaver had driven his car past the field several times, deputies said, and after the vehicle was hit repeatedly with tomatoes, he fired several shotgun rounds blindly into the cornstalks.

### Man Binds Bite with Duct Tape

WASILLA, Alaska (AP)- A hunter attacked by a grizzly bear on a remote trail said he used duct tape to bind his bite wounds, then rode an all-terrain vehicle to his pickup truck and drove himself to a hospital. Bill Murphy said the Sept. 17 attack happened after he surprised a grizzly cub and its mother on a trail about 50 miles northeast of Anchorage where he was hunting for moose and sheep. Murphy said he wrapped duct tape around his shoulder wound and cut up a cloth bag to wrap around his thigh. He hiked out to his four-wheeler, rode about 15 miles back to his pickup truck and drove a half hour to Valley Hospital in Palmer.

## Taking a Stand

### Human Shields Fight the War against War

By Sean Jackman  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Humanitarians are taking a step further in their fight against wars. They are becoming human shields. Their goal is to try and prevent the bombings of certain facilities that are crucial to the inhabitants of areas engulfed by war. They inhabit areas they think are under threat in the hope that the warring nations will observe the Geneva Convention and not knowingly murder innocent civilians. It's dangerous, offers no monetary rewards and can leave the shield open to persecution on returning home.

But before we jump ahead, exactly how does one become acquainted with such a lifestyle? There are organizations out there willing to train volunteers to act as human shields in protest.

Alexander Fitch, a student from Aberystwyth University, Wales, spent two weeks in such an organization, the controversial International Solidarity Movement (ISM) in Palestine. He described his training as mandatory and including

lessons in emergency procedures; team building; methods of non-violent intervention; cultural considerations and trauma.

Of course, a lifestyle like this isn't for everyone. A person would have to be of a particular temperament to become a human shield.

Tom Cahill, an American human shield spoke with CNN's Wolf Blitzer on his conscious decision to become a human shield. He revealed that his reason for doing so was so that he could, "make the strongest possible statement in opposition to President Bush's punishing the people of Iraq for the sins of their leader."

His statements mirror those of other human shields who feel that the war on Iraq, as well as other wars were simply too unjust to support. They feel as if it is nothing less than their civic duty to try to help these people.

These human shields are rarely seen as heroes in their

homeland. On the contrary, even though other humanitarians may praise their actions, they are often persecuted on their return home.

Faith Flippinger, a 62 year old retired school teacher from Florida, became a human shield in Iraq over the spring. According to Faith, the war was, "...illegal, unjust and unnecessary." She stayed in Iraq for three months, teaching in schools; working in hospitals and guarding oil refineries.

Upon her return to Florida, she found a letter from the US Treasury Department requiring that she send information as to her stay in Iraq. Apparently, by going to Iraq and spending money, she broke the US embargo on Iraq that has been in place for several years. It placed her liable for prosecution, with penalties up to a million dollars and up to 12 years in jail.

Up till September 21, the US Treasury Department

intended to go ahead with the prosecution. Many believe that Faith's is just one case where the government is trying to make an example of the human shields in a bid to decrease their effective numbers.

Not surprisingly, the majority of people interviewed for this article, expressed the view that they would not even consider becoming a human shield.

"War is unnecessary. Why would I risk my own death or even persecution when world leaders who cause these wars can't reach peaceful negotiations without causing harm to human life?" says Lisel Forbes, sophomore Civil Engineering major.

"I don't think being a human shield is worth it. I would not become one [human shield]. I don't think I want to risk my life. Maybe for my family but..." agrees Demetrius Carter, Graduate student.

"I would not consider becoming a human shield because I don't believe that it brings any new understanding to the situation- it merely stops an instance of it," said Michelle Lai- Design Engineer at Dolby

*"War is unnecessary. Why would I risk my own death or even persecution?"*

-Lisel Forbes

## Re-igniting the Native Cherokee Tongue

By Ria Marie Davis  
Hilltop Staff Writer

A language once thwarted by assimilation resurfaces in an attempt to save a native tongue. At the Lost City School in Oklahoma, youngsters are being instructed in the language of their ancestors in the hopes of saving an endangered language.

A recent article by the AP read, "the kindergarten teacher instructs 'Yo-na,' or bear, to place his mat away from 'A-wi,' or deer. Soft Cherokee music lulls them to sleep." In Oklahoma, the article said, "less than 8,000 of the 100,000 Cherokees speak the language fluently and the majority of those who can are over 45."

Assimilation had stifled the voices of the Cherokee tongue. Chief Chad Smith, "the father of the Cherokee Nation" said, "If you spoke the language, your mouth was washed out with soap. Assimilation was an effort to destroy the language and it was fairly successful."

Keron Alfred, a senior computer science major, visited the Cherokee reservation in North Carolina last year on a

trip sponsored by HU's Catholic chaplaincy, the Newman Club. "The experience," he said "elevated my appreciation for indigenous peoples and showed me firsthand the effects of history." He said that, "tribal leaders are making a conscious effort to ensure that the language survives, by teaching it to the kids, and through documentation and archival. America now is trying to embrace diversity and promote equal opportunity, which is funny because they are trying to preserve a language that they once suppressed."

The tribe's language projects supervisor in Oklahoma, Harry Oosahwee, said that, "We have our medicine, our plant life, our universe and the language the Creator has given us. Our medicine doesn't understand other languages but Cherokee. All this is interconnected." Rica Charles, a sophomore biology major who also visited Cherokee, NC, said that, "The Cherokee Indians have a very rich cultural history that was all but lost in the Trail of Tears, when Europeans uprooted the Indians and moved them to the reservations. Teaching the

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-Keron Alfred

### Cherokee Conversational Phrases

Hello	O-si-yo
How are you?	to-hi-tsu
I am fine	O-si-quu, or just o-si
And you?	ni HI na hv
What is your name?	ga-TO de-tsa-TO-a
My name is _____	_____ da-wa?-to:-a
Let's meet again (to one person)	DO-nv-DA-go-hv?-i
Let's meet again (to more than one person)	do-da-DA-go-hv?-i
What is your address?	HA-dlv go-hwe-li di-tsa-ne:-sdi
My address is _____	go-hwe:-li di-gi-ne:-sdi
Are you Cherokee?	hi-tsa-la-gi-s
Do you speak Cherokee	tsa-la-gi-s hi-wo-ni (ha)
I speak some (a little) Cherokee	tsa-la-gi ga-yo:-tli tsi-wo:-ni (ha)
Be careful!	tsa-g(a)-se-sde-sdi
No thank you	v-tla, or more emphatic tla-hv

children the language is an important step, but greater efforts need to be put in to ensure that their culture isn't lost."

The Cherokee language isn't the only Native American

tongue threatened by extinction. The article said that "other Indian languages are disappearing around the country as well because the native speakers are dying off. The

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### COLUMN

## Left of Center



## Black Journalists Not the Enemy

By Lauren Bayne Anderson

Last week the Congressional Black Caucus held its 33rd annual legislative conference, drawing the attention of lobbyists, legislators, young black professionals and

students, who for the most part were all working toward one thing: equality and empowerment for African Americans.

Yet as business cards were exchanged and connections made, once again I was reminded of the distinctions

between the world of journalism and the world of politics. And once again I was reminded that journalists are often seen as the enemy.

As editor-in-chief of The Hilltop, last year I was astounded at the inability of most readers to separate the editorial page from the news content.

The editorial pages are opinion and the news coverage should be opinion-less, dominated by facts. I was sure that once I got into the "real world" understanding would abound and I no longer would be judged by the content of the editorial page (something reporters have nothing to do with).

But I was wrong. This summer, I covered politics for the Wall Street Journal—an outstanding newspaper, but one known for its stringently right-wing editorial page. Interviewing politicians

became part of my daily routine. And it didn't take long for me to gauge in advance, the response I would receive. Most Republicans were extremely nice and most Democrats would not receive me well.

Often, the more left wing the Democrat, the harder the snub. In one of the most blatant incidents, I introduced myself as a Wall Street Journal reporter to House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. Before I could finish my sentence, Pelosi rolled her eyes and walked away.

Of course there are exceptions to every rule. But what I've come to understand is that regardless of my personal politics, it's the politics of the paper that I will be judged by. And instead of being viewed as people working with "the system" for change, black journalists (and some white journalists for

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## In Memory of the Supersonic Jet

# THE FINAL FLIGHT OF CONCORDE 20<sub>03</sub>

Passenger capacity: 100  
 Fuel capacity: 94,800 kilograms  
 Overall length: 62 meters (168 ft.)  
 Range: 6,545 kilometers (4,058 miles)  
 Engines: Four, with 17,000 kilograms thrust each  
 Maximum takeoff weight: 185,000 kilograms (84,000 lbs.)  
 Acceleration on takeoff: zero to 360 km/h in 20 seconds  
 Takeoff speed: 360 km/h (223 mph)  
 Cruising speed: Mach 2 (twice the speed of sound)  
 Cruising altitude: 15,000-18,000 meters (50,000-60,000 ft.)  
 Round-trip fare: New York-Paris: \$US 8,720  
 Runway length required for takeoff: 3,590 meters (1094 ft.)  
 Flight time: New York-Paris: 3 hours 35 minutes  
 Landing speed: 300 km/h (186 mph)

By Greg Wallace  
 Contributing Writer

British Airways and Air France made simultaneous announcements that they would be permanently grounding the famous airliner this year, ending supersonic luxury travel after more than three decades.

The airlines decided to ground the luxury service after 27 years because of falling tickets sales coupled with increasing maintenance costs.

A few high profile technical problems, including the crash near Paris of Air France Concorde 001 in which 113 people died, have added to passengers' reluctance to use it.

The Concorde's story began in 1956. On November 5th of that year the Supersonic Transport Aircraft Committee (STAC) was founded to study the feasibility of building a supersonic airliner. It wasn't until 1959 that they recommended design studies for two

supersonic airliners.

On March 2nd 1969, The French Concorde 001 made its first take off run and on April 9th, the 002 in England first flew. Both aircraft were displayed at the Paris Air Show that year. By October, the French model had made 45 test flights, reaching a speed of Mach 1 on October 1. In February 1970 the Olympus 593 engine made a test run and ran continuously for 300 hours, the equivalent of 100 Trans-

Atlantic SST flights. Residents of London voiced the first complaints about noise in September when Concorde 002 landed at Heathrow airport.

The first pre-production aircraft rolled out of the hangar at Filton, England on the 20th of September 1971. In December, the US Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) announced that Concorde was within American airport noise

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## Would you Bet on Terror?

By Ria Marie Davis  
 Hilltop Staff Writer

Placing bets on the specifics of the next terrorist attack may sound a bit outlandish; but according to the AP, the Pentagon recently "abandoned a plan to establish a futures market where traders could profit by predicting assassinations or terrorist strikes in the Middle East."

The plan which was viewed by the Pentagon "as a way to gain intelligence about potential terrorists' plans" was denounced by some government officials, who were outraged at the idea.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said that, "I don't think we can laugh off that program. There is something very sick about it, and if it's going to end, I think you ought to end the careers of whoever it was that thought it up. Because terrorists knowing they were planning an attack could have bet on the attack and collected a lot of money. It's a sick idea."

The Defense Advance Project Agency (DARPA) headed by Tony Tether at the Pentagon, said that, "It was part of a research effort to investigate the broadest possible set of new ways to prevent terrorist attacks. Traders would

*"It is very insensitive to the memories of the victims of the terrorist acts and to their families."*

-Marlon Mejias

have bought and sold futures contracts- just like energy traders do now in betting on the future price of oil. But the contracts in this case would have been based on what might happen in the Middle East in terms of economics, civil and military affairs or specific events, such as terrorist attacks. Holders of a futures contract that came true would have collected the proceeds of traders who put money into the market but predicted wrong."

Tether agreed to disband the program after talks with government officials. But the idea for future markets in terrorism hasn't stopped there. The private sector has taken up where the public sector has left off. According to a CQ article, "a web site, called www.TerrorBet.com, has been taking pre-registrations since the Pentagon project collapsed in July and plans to open its market in December.

While another website, www.TradeSports.com, has been mixing bets on homeland

security threat warnings with its eclectic array of wagers on everything from football games to which Supreme Court justice will leave the bench next."

Chad Noble, creator of TerrorBet, told CQ that, "As soon as I saw the news of the Pentagon doing this, I could see its potential. I thought it was something really worth trying." Internet betting parlors are illegal in the US, but Noble based in London and Trade Sports proprietors in Dublin, said that, "Americans are the top customers of both sites."

Carla-Marie Ulerie, a senior Information Systems and Analysis major, said that "On the one hand, it may be useful in the sense that the intelligence agencies could use the information to determine where the next terrorist attack could be- the information might be very valid. But then again will the identities of these traders be truthful?"

Marlon Mejias, a computer science major disagrees stating that, "I think it is very insensi-

tive to the memories of the victims of the terrorist acts and to their families. It is just inappropriate."

The CQ article said that, "Noble's Web site mentions betting on the location of the next terrorist attack in America as a potential contract, but he said likelier questions are bets on American troop deployments and Department of Homeland Security changes to the threat levels."

Sheldon Thomas, a recent graduate of Howard University, said he believes that, "The terrorists have their own agenda. These polls," he said, "are unlikely to affect their actions and their decisions for the most part won't be guided by public opinion. I do think however, that the idea is a capitalist scheme and is inconsiderate to the memory and reverence we hold for the victims of September 11."

In the CQ report, John Delaney, CEO of TradeSports, said that, "The odds of Osama bin Laden using the market to enrich himself were minimal. Even if he were to bet on his own future, Delaney said, it would be no different than if he used real estate or any other kind of speculation to do so. As for his traders, on that day, he said "they were-through their bets- predicting a 20 percent chance of Osama bin Laden's capture."

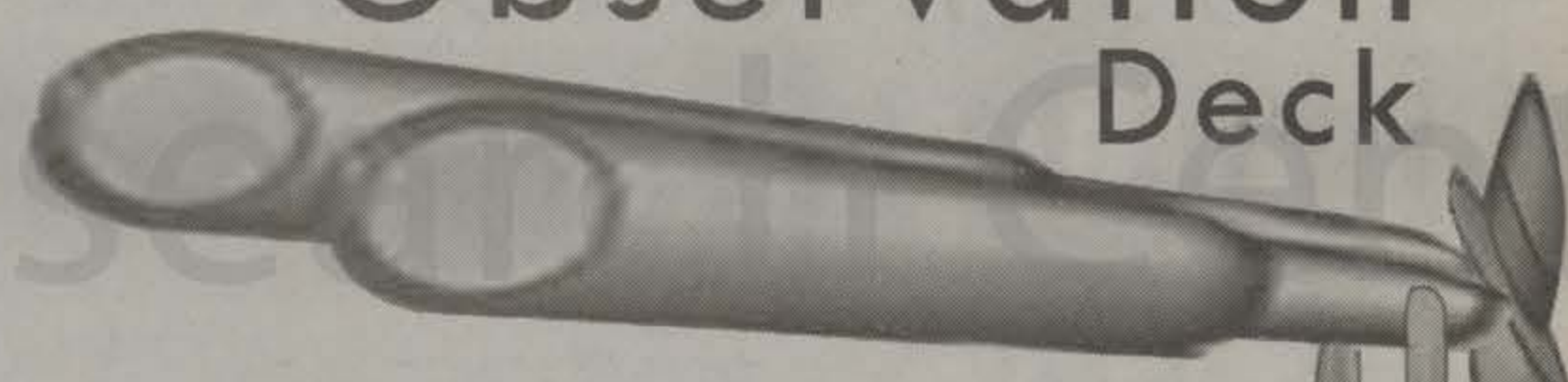
### Cross World Puzzle Clues

- ACROSS**  
 1. Feb. 1945 conference between Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin (5)  
 4. Pope's hometown (6)  
 9. Aka Indonesia (2)  
 10. Useful information acronym (2)  
 11. Chinese dynasty 1122-221 BC (4)  
 12. Mesopotamian river (6)  
 14. Dull (4)  
 15. Indian spiritual leader (6)  
 17. Hectoliter (2)  
 18. Person of Peru before Spanish conquest (4)  
 19. Phillips introduced the first one in 1972 (3)  
 22. Ridge of sand (4)  
 24. Tomb with flat stone laid on upright ones (6)  
 26. English abbr. (3)  
 27. City of Romeo & Juliet (6)  
 28. Switch from this on Oct 26- abbr. (3)  
 30. Irish singer (4)  
 31. Ocean state (2)  
 33. Element named after Poland by M. Curie (2)  
 34. Black Sabbath lead (4)  
 35. Oven for pottery (4)

- DOWN**  
 1. Williams' older sister (7)  
 2. Tight knit pants (8)  
 3. Capital of Albania (6)  
 4. 22 over 7 (2)  
 5. Liquid Crystal Display (3)  
 6. Ampere-Hour abbr. (3)  
 7. Shem, Ham & Japheth's father (4)  
 8. Book of Kells is kept at University of (6)  
 10. In charge of USAs 192 mill. acres of forest and rangelands (4)  
 13. Incorporated (3)  
 16. Statue of Athena made of gold and (5)  
 20. Long coat (5)

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## Observation Deck



### Euthanasia Death in France

A severely handicapped Frenchman has died two days after his mother put an overdose in his drip.

The case of 22-year-old Vincent Humbert who was left mute, blind and paralysed following an accident three years ago has sparked a nation-wide debate over euthanasia in France.

His mother, Marie Humbert, 47, was briefly arrested on Wednesday after injecting him with barbiturates in the northern town of Berck-sur-Mer.

She has now been released into psychiatric care.

Euthanasia is illegal in France and prosecutors are considering whether to charge Humbert with murder or manslaughter.

### Iraq Given Constitution Deadline

The United States is to set Iraq's Governing Council a six month deadline to come up with a constitution that would lead to elections and a new government next year.

US Secretary of State Colin Powell told the New York Times the deadline would be difficult but it was necessary to get the interim Iraqi leadership moving.

The BB's Ian Pannell in Washington says the move is a sharp 'about-face' in American policy- and a concession to critics of the US-led occupation of Iraq.

The announcement comes as the US and members of the Iraqi Governing Council have raised concerns about the United Nations' decision to further reduce its international staff in Iraq because of continuing concerns about the worsening security situation.

### Africa AIDS/HIV Status: State of Emergency

A top United Nations official has warned that Africa is now in a state of emergency comparable only to war.

The executive director of UNAids, Peter Piot, said progress was being made in the battle against HIV/Aids in Africa but much still had to be done.

Speaking in Nairobi at the end of a conference on Aids in Africa, he singled out greater access to cheaper anti-Aids drugs as a major challenge.

He said the tiny number of

Africans on anti-retroviral drugs was a disgrace.

Access to, or lack of, these life-prolonging drugs has been the hot topic of this summit.

A small group of demonstrators briefly disrupted the closing ceremony, chanting and waving placards saying, "Cheap drugs now!" and "You talk, we die!"

### Fuel Shortage in Sydney Airport

Sydney airport was expecting one of its busiest weekends of the year

Thousands of passengers are facing delays at Sydney Airport, because airlines are being forced to postpone, divert or cancel flights due to fuel rationing.

The airport, the busiest in Australia, introduced the measure on Thursday, because low production by Sydney oil refineries and a delayed shipment of fuel meant that the airport could only supply one-third of the normal fuel demand.

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) estimated that about 2,500 people had been affected by mid-morning on Friday, with the number expected to rise later in the day.

The rationing measures are likely to remain in place for at least two more days.

### Nintendo to Break into Chinese Market

Nintendo is to start selling a version of its home video game console in China, becoming the first of the big console makers to break into the Chinese market.

Nintendo and its rivals Sony and Microsoft have steered clear of China until now because of the risk of product piracy.

But Nintendo said it hopes "to see this market grow bigger than Japan, the United States or Europe."

Nintendo also revealed it will cut the price of its GameCube home games console in the US, where sales have been flagging.

(Source: BBC News)

## Nigeria to Launch Mobile Net

By Sean Jackman  
 Hilltop Staff Writer

For years Nigeria has been plagued with communication problems. Nigeria's commercial capital, Lagos, is a bustling city with the unenviable reputation of having the worst traffic jams in the world.

Its land lines have certainly seen their share of troubles. Corruption, underinvestment and the fact that thieves often target the copper wire when it's laid, has made the land phone network difficult, unreliable and expensive. The state owned telecommunications company, Nitel, has only 400,000 lines servicing a population of over 120 million- one of the lowest connectivity rates in the world.

This made mobile phones very popular when they were first introduced in 2001. By the end of 2002, South Africa based MTN, one of the mobile service providers in Nigeria,

had over 609,000 customers. Unfortunately, robberies at some of the base stations have led to frequent outages of service. This has led to a nation wide cell phone boycott, spread by nothing less than GSM text messages, offered as a promotion by MTN.

Now Nigeria is about to undertake yet another communication leap. The Nigerian government plans to make the internet available to as many people as possible. The plan will see the construction of 12 Mobile Internet Units (MIU) across the six geopolitical zones in the initial stages. The MIUs will be Mercedes Benz luxury buses, converted to an internet laboratory with a Vsat satellite communication system mounted on top and personal computers inside.

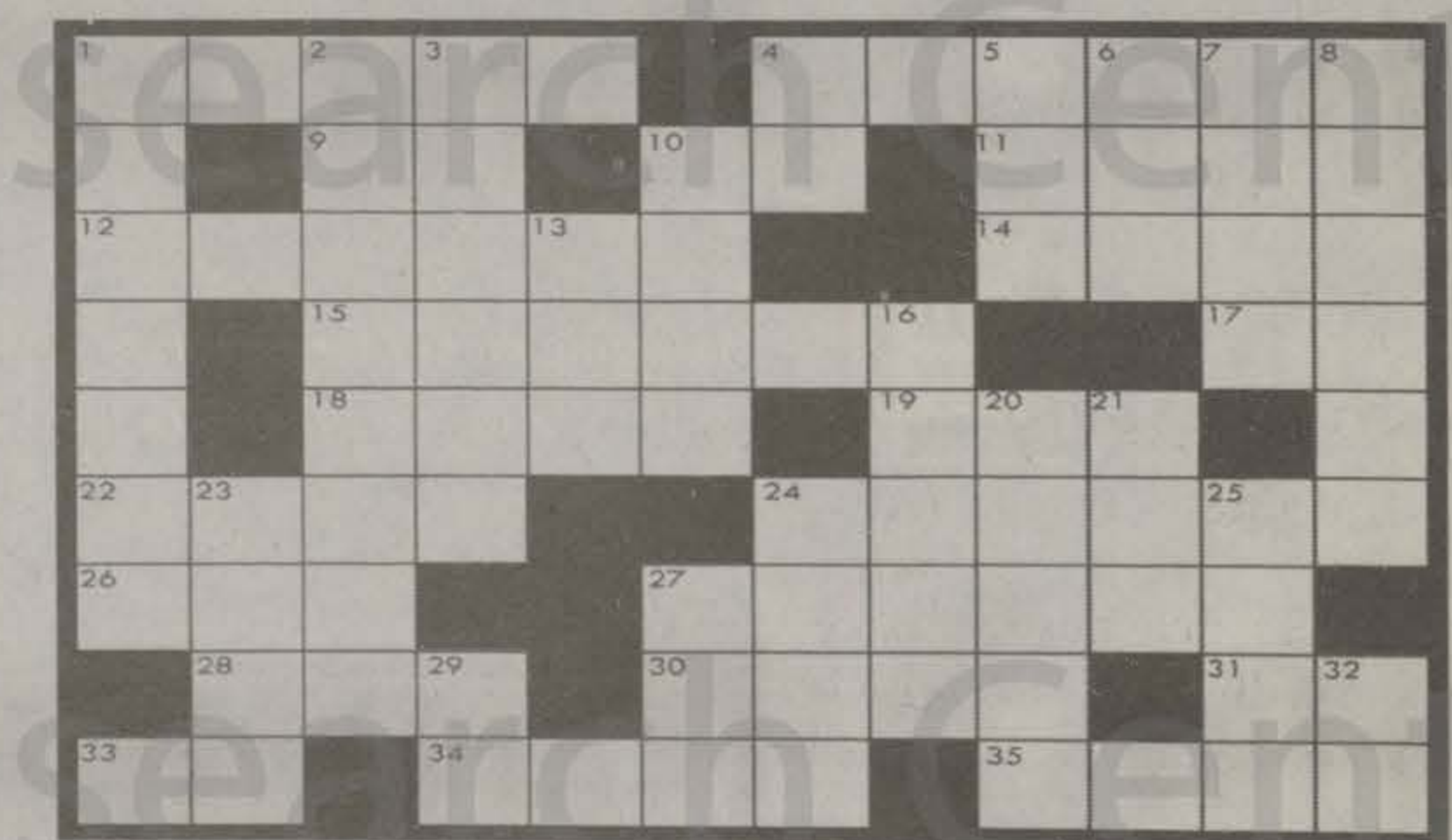
The vehicle will be assembled within Nigeria, with the design being done by the Science and Technology Ministry, and Zinox computers

being used. Zinox computers are the first internationally certified computer made in Nigeria.

Prof. Gabriel Ajayi, Director-General of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), said the project got its final push from the government's determination to provide IT skills to its citizens. The MIUs will employ well-skilled IT personnel who will assist in developing the IT skills of people in different areas. The MIU will remain in a particular location in a geopolitical zone for at least two weeks before moving to another.

One of the first examples of this approach for expanding internet use in rural areas was in Malaysia, where the Malaysian Mobile Internet Unit program started in 1999. Since then, they have won

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## Party Disrupted by Fight

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or more security guards and midway through the party there were only two and that's when the fight broke out," Williams said. "If we had eight or more, I feel [the fight] wouldn't have happened."

Williams also feels the price of service was not equal to the quality of service, which was provided by Campus Police.

"We got charged \$475 for security but we didn't get \$475 worth of security," Williams said. She added that she did not want to have another party on campus.

Vice President of the Michigan Club, Floyd Mitchell, said he is also disappointed in the security that was provided that night.

"I would say for about three-fourths of the party there were only two or three security guards there," Mitchell said, concurring with Williams. He estimated there were about 700 to 800 people in attendance.

"It's not fair to students, who buy tickets thinking it's going to be safe," Mitchell added. "That's because part of the assumption is since it's a party in Blackburn, it's going to be safe. (The Michigan Club) is extremely disappointed in the amount and quality of security. If there was a shortage, we

## School of Communications Renamed in Johnson's Honor

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having served for thirty years."

Convocation Orator Earl Graves talked about the responsibility that Howard students have to legendary African Americans such as Johnson.

"I challenge the School of Communications to carry the mantle of John Johnson and to help others as he has helped you. Do you accept the challenge?" Graves asked. "I challenge the College of Medicine to follow in the footsteps of innovators such as Charles Drew and find the cure for AIDS. Do you accept the challenge?"

Every student seated in Crampton Auditorium stood for the final challenge issued by Graves.

"I challenge you to carry on the rich legacy of achievement and success at Howard University. Do you accept the challenge?"

As Convocation came to a close, civil rights leader Jesse

Jackson gave his only personal thoughts of Johnson and his mother.

"When I needed to a job to support my new family, Mrs. Johnson went to her son and got me a job," Jackson said. "It is the of unsung heroes like Mrs. Johnson that makes the John Johnson's of this world."

After convocation, students of the new John H. Johnson School of Communications also offered honor to their new namesake.

"Thank you for the investment into our future," Lauren Chisholm, student body president of John H. Johnson School of Communications said.

After the student's tribute, the faculty of Howard University offered honor to Johnson.

"Mr. Johnson you have exhibited courage and bravery through your endeavors and the students of John H. Johnson School of Communications will strive to achieve these contributions,"

should have been notified so we could have adjusted ticket sales to accommodate less people. This altercation could have left someone dead."

Mitchell said both he and Williams will be meeting with the chief of Campus Police Friday to discuss measures to improve security.

Sophomore Julius Johnson, Ricks's best friend,

witnessed the events of that night.

"A guy pushed Patrick, we pushed him back, then the other guy pushed him again," he said. "So I grabbed the guy from behind and held him to try to break it up. Then five or six guys rushed Patrick. They were stomping on him."

"No one called the police and the party continued. I identified one of the guys

Jannette Dates, Dean of the John H. Johnson School of Communications said.

Students who attended Convocation were excited and inspired as they left Cramton Auditorium.

"As a Caribbean major to be in a room full of legendary African American was inspirational," Stacia Brathwaite, a junior telecommunications major, said.

Freshman drama major JQ Funchess said that the inspiring words of the speakers were testament to the fact that we can overcome.

"This Convocation made me believe that we can achieve our dreams," Funchess said. "We can make a way no matter what people may say."

Many John H. Johnson School of Communications students were happy about the name change.

"It is more fitting and uplifting to name the school after him," Brathwaite said. "Here is a legend who has invested in our future."

## Mandela Visit Among Convocation Greats

HISTORY from A1

honored Ella Fitzgerald, the "first lady of song."

At this time, current events were packed with news of the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan. Just weeks before Cheek's speech, the wife of Cesar Cauce, a slain marcher, challenged an unfair ruling in favor of the Klan members and Nazis who killed her husband.

In the face of these events, Cheek prompted members of the addressees to take responsibility for the black community and its youth.

Opening Convocation 1987 had one of the largest crowds in history. The "dean of black ministers" Reverend Gardner C. Taylor gave a speech sprinkled with information and comedy. According to the Oct. 2, 1987 issue of The Hilltop, Rev. Taylor's address "left Howard students and blacks across the country with a sense of history and responsibility."

Seven years later, the University honored Nelson Mandela in a special convocation on Oct. 7, 1994. Held on the

same day as the Homecoming committee's annual Yardfest, 15,000 seats were set up on the Yard and spectators needed tickets in order to enter.

Because of its timing, many students were afraid that the ceremony would conflict with the tone of Homecoming.

Homecoming committee chairperson Tamara Hayne felt differently.

"Having President Mandela here during Homecoming is a once-in-a-lifetime event," she said. "Homecoming is one of the few times we all come together and we should gather in more than just a social atmosphere. To have one of the forbearers of justice here helps us accomplish that goal."

On Sept. 20, 2000, Right Reverend Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, gave a moving and motivational speech about being a survivor. Two days after the convocation, Bishop McKenzie delivered the sermon during Rankin Chapel's Sunday morning service where there was standing room only.

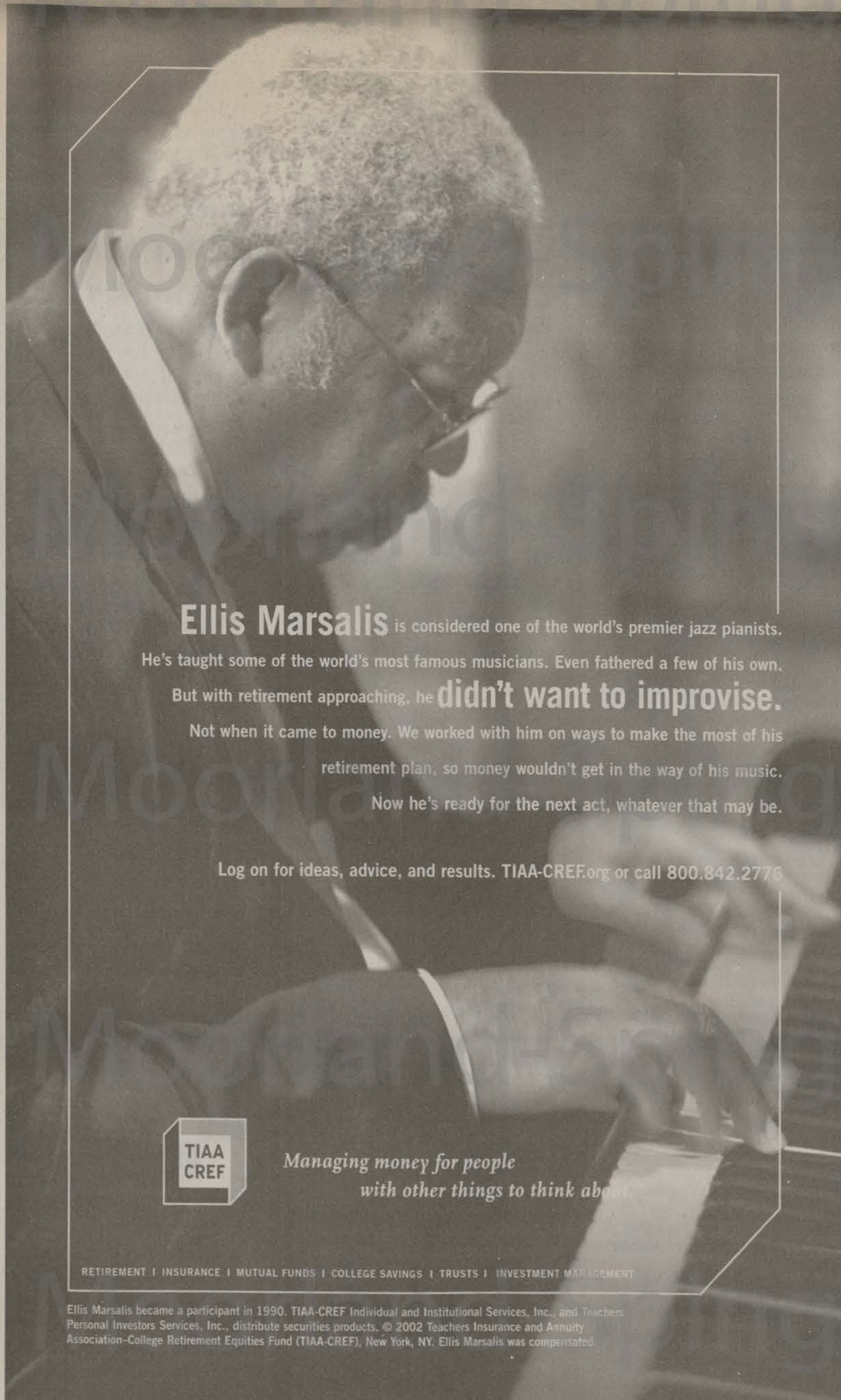
(that attacked Ricks) and the security guard talked with guy and I saw them laughing. He let the guy walk away."

Johnson added, "I don't have any faith in the Howard

University Campus Police at all. (The attackers) stayed in the party until it ended. I don't see how anything like that could go on. They need to make sure people have

proper security...Being understaffed at a party like that is just ridiculous."

At time of press, no criminal charges have been filed.



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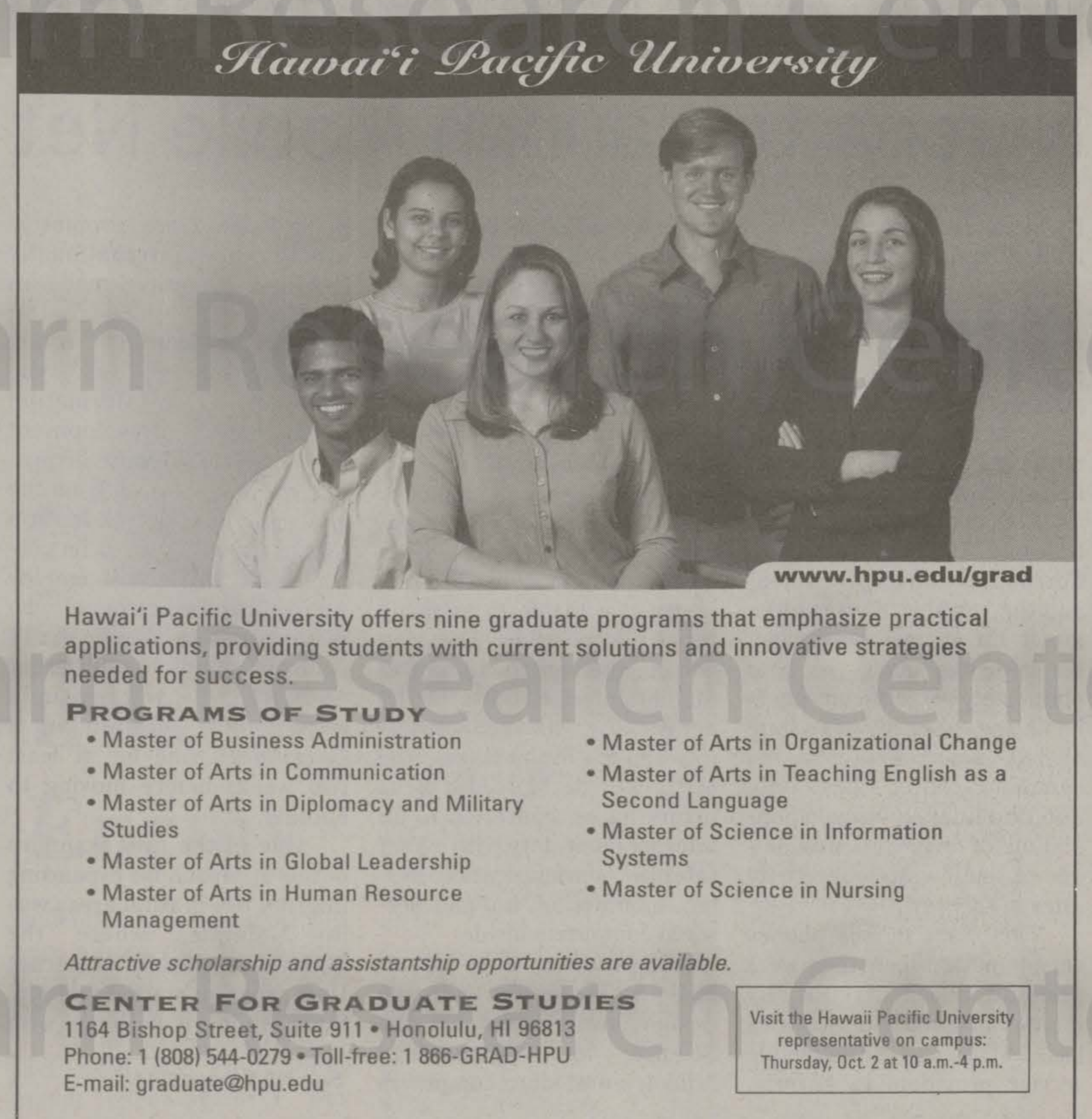
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## Clothes, Designs Make HU History

FASHION from A1

The show, themed "Soleil," quickly progressed to the notorious risqué fashion as female models wore sheer shirts, body suits with thongs, sheer bras and sometimes no bra at all.

To many males in the audience, the highlight of the night occurred as one female model wore a velvet skirt with a matching scarf, which draped her

chest, but as she walked the scarf moved, leaving her fully exposed. The fashion show also incorporated the latest trends as models wore dresses, suits, and blouses all in fatigue.

As the world began a new millennium in the year 2000, the Howard Homecoming Fashion Show began a new era. 'EIKK: Elements 2000' was theme for the year's event, as coordinators sought to bring

high fashion to Howard, taking the show to new heights. The fashion show of 2000 featured ensembles by Jean-Paul Gaultier, Oscar de la Renta, Christian Dior, and others who comprise the fashion elite. Students who craved a more urban look were not disregarded as the fashions of Avirex, Phat Farm, and Sean John were utilized.

## Women Support Each Other in Politics

FUTURE from A1

especially when children are affected.

"If we're anybody, it's because we stood on someone else's shoulders," Taylor said.

Focusing on education and economic development, Taylor also cited that even though America is a "land of plenty," there are still people who suffer needlessly due to the lack of proper resources for educational facilities, job training, housing, and drug rehabilitation. She believes that tax dollars should go toward improving the school system, instead of building prisons.

Echoing Taylor was New York Senator Hillary Clinton, who spoke about the policies and priorities of the current

presidential administration.

She considers female representation in government essential to the future of America, particularly for the issues of schools and health care. Having more women in elected positions, Clinton believes, will bring about positive changes in American society and send a strong message to boys and girls that the face of government is changing.

The Rev. Willie Barrow, Board Chair Emeritus for the Rainbow Push Coalition, said that this is an opportunity for young women ages 18 to 35 to get politically and socially involved in the right thing.

Men such as Derek Douglass also have a vested interest in the future of women in politics because he believes it

is imperative that women have their own platform and agenda that centers around their main issues of concern

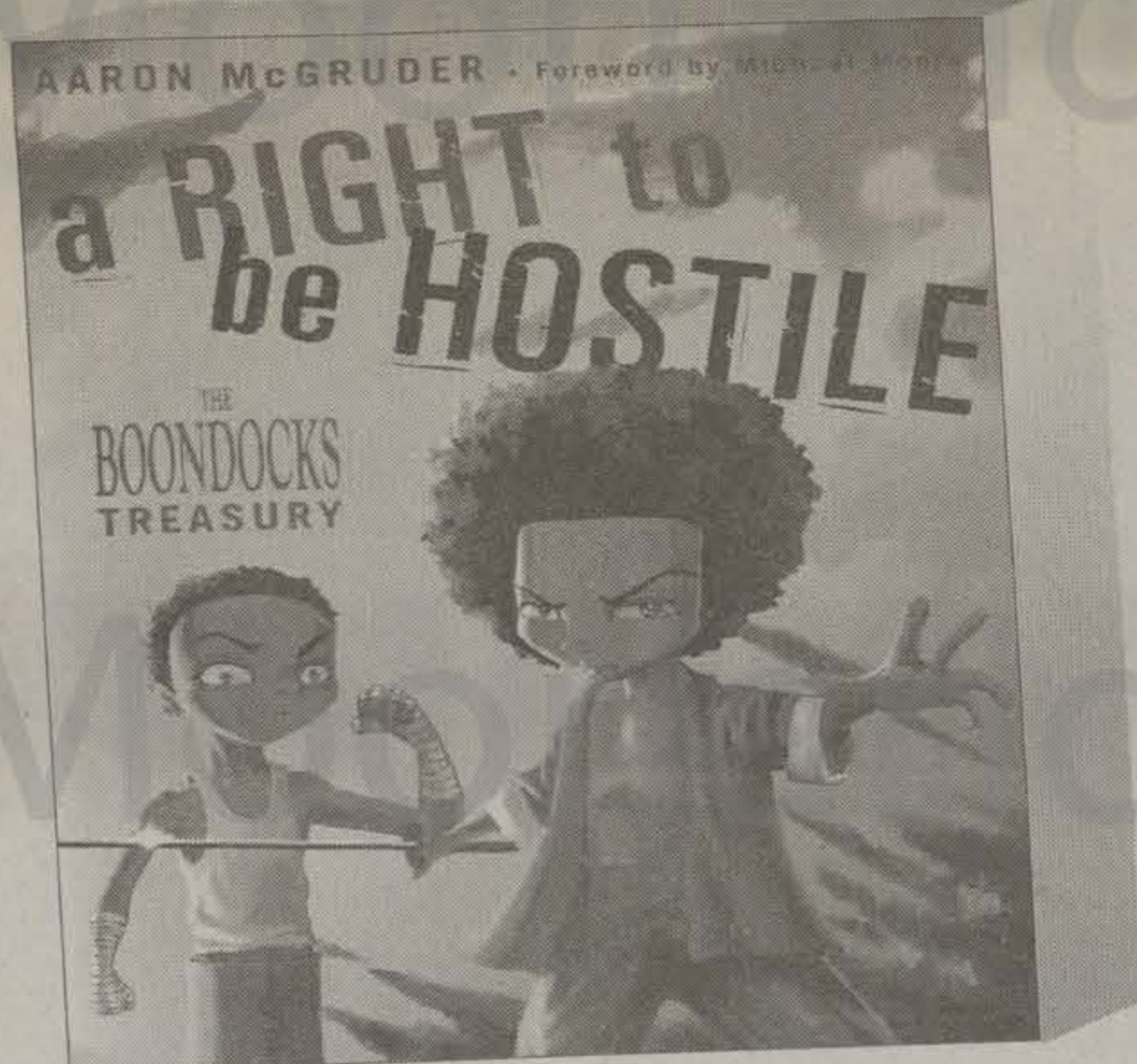
Future PAC vice-chair, Zina Pierre, said that Future PAC plans to tap into the Democratic and Republican groups on various college campuses to spread the word about their efforts.

"Our goal is not just to raise money, but to build leaders," Pierre said.

Pierre added that Future PAC would like to empower, educate, and motivate young people to become involved in politics.

Cora Masters Barry, event chair and former first lady, summed up the ultimate goal of Future PAC in one word: Power.

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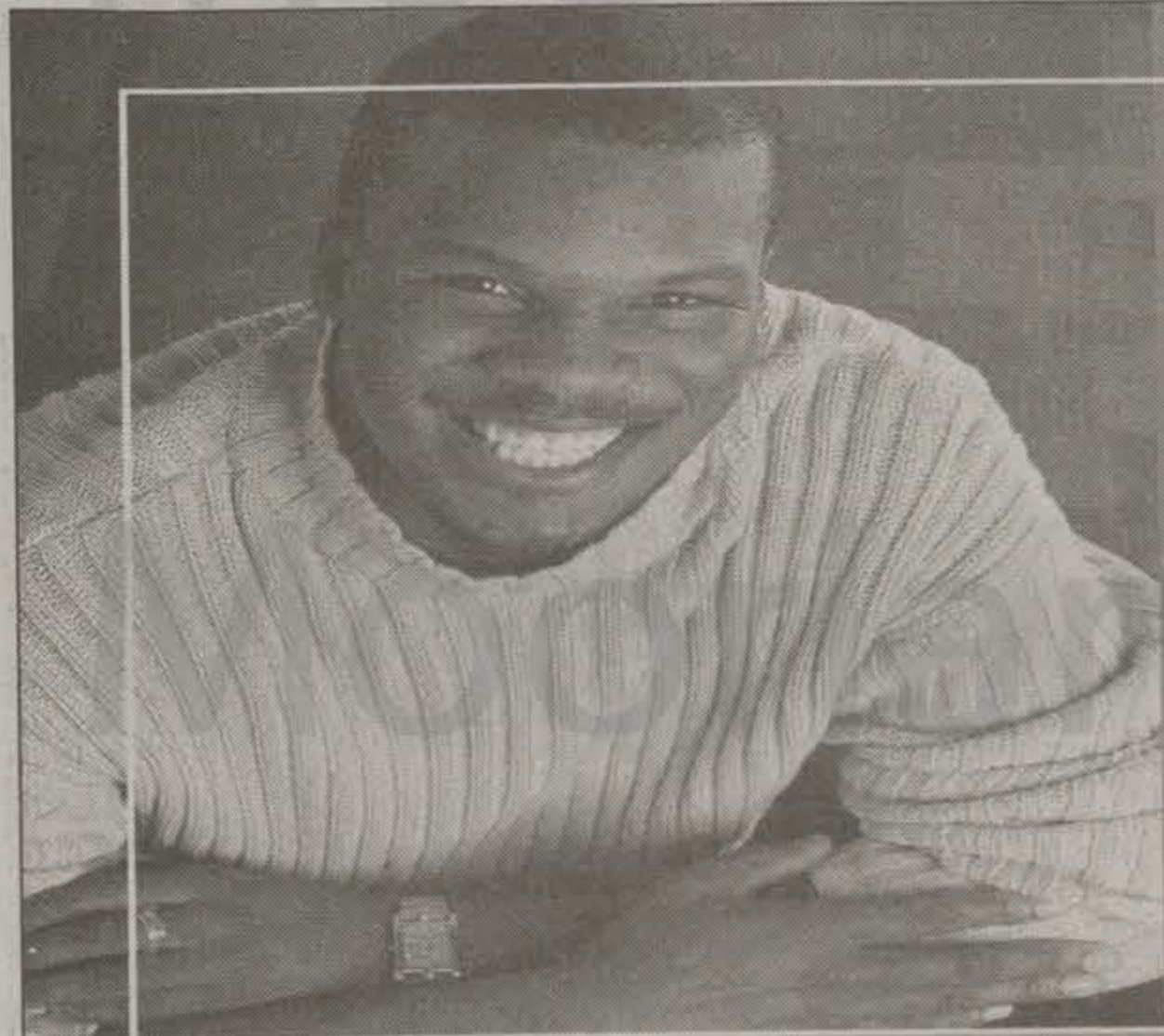


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## Arts & Sciences First Annual Parent Weekend

PARENTS from A2

after chapel service on Sunday, which began at 11 a.m. in Cramton Auditorium. Floyd Flake, the president of Wilberforce University, was the speaker that day.

According to Jones, the parent weekend served as a good public relations program for the College of Arts & Sciences and Howard University as a whole.

"Students and parents are

our best recruiters," Jones said. "We want parents to go home with a positive view of the University."

The idea for a parent weekend seemed to be a hit among students in the College of Arts & Sciences, as many students found the weekend to be a worthwhile endeavor. Sophomore biology major Anise Abernathy said the weekend allowed parents to see how their child is doing first hand.

"I think it's a great idea

because parents got to see how students are doing educationally and how they're communicating with other students," Abernathy said. "Parents also got to see if their child is over-all pleased with the University."

Although the parent weekend recently ended, plans for a similar event are already being discussed for next year according to Jones. Jones believes that the weekend is an opportunity for students to become

acquainted with their parents on a higher level and vice versa.

"I think it's good for parents to see their children in a different environment," she said. "Parents don't get to spend a lot of time experiencing Howard University through the eyes of their children and students don't get to spend a lot of time experiencing Howard University through the eyes of their parents. This is a time where students, parents and faculty can all meet and

## Community Choir Rocks Rankin

CONCERT from A2

being cautious about what we listen to.

"Spoken words are powerful," Burroughs said. "I don't have a problem with hip-hop music. I have a problem with the lyrics." He explained that whether we realize it or not, we are all effected by our culture and what we listen to.

After the sermon, the Howard University Community Choir sang four songs while the congregation clapped and danced in the pews and in the aisles.

The choir performed a diverse performance. The selections ranged from Negro spirituals ("Over My Head") to contemporary hits such as "Awesome God" by A Youthful Praise.

"It was a blessing for all of those who know God and those that do not know God," Tara Moon, sophomore biology major and choir member said. "The presence was definitely felt as it can always be felt at all of our concerts."

Older generation Christians were ecstatic to see

young people on fire for God.

"It was awesome to see kids party with the Lord," Yvette Hughes-Medlow, mother of student Byron Hughes, said. "I would like to see them perform when we have visitors at the school or when the parents come to visit."

Seeing the student body get an uplifting experience with the Lord was the main goal of the Community Choir.

"It was a very uplifting event," Erin Rowsey, sophomore biology major and choir member said. "It was very needed for the school year. It is a great blessing knowing that students can come to one of concerts and get an uplifting experience."

For some students attending the service, the music was like a breath of fresh air.

It was a wonderful service," said freshman Tameka Smith. "The spirit went through me."

Evangelist Nelson, mother of two Howard University students, could only describe the event in three simple words: "Off the hook!"

## Students Join Circle K to Serve the Community

SERVICE from A2

giate community service program in the world.

According to www.circlek.org, the membership currently consists of 12, 288 college students on 507 campuses in 13 nations in North America, South America, the Caribbean, Southeast Asia, and Africa.

"I've always done things to help the community in high school and I just wanted to continue in college," Forester said. "Circle K is a big organization so I figured that was the way to go."

Chuma Ajene, a freshman economics major, thinks the organization is doing a good job and he would also join.

"I would join the organization because of what they do. They are helping others," Ajene said. "I like the fact that they

tion is service-oriented, it also offers a lot of opportunities for its volunteers.

"The students also learn to

Howard's motto make the two a great team.

"I think it fits right in with Howard," Mercado said. "Since the organization has a leadership development component and Howard's motto is leadership for America and the global community, they go well together."

Forester said that she is not hoping to gain anything from the organization, only to help others in need.

"I've heard it can help you get jobs and could be used for networking," Forester said. "I'm not looking to gain anything out of this. I think of myself as a person who can make a change. I just want to give back."

**"I like helping people and letting people know I'm there for them. What caught my attention was that they were helping people and I wanted to be apart of it."**

- Kirsten Forest

have organizations in Africa because Africa needs a whole lot of help and that's where I'm from."

Officials for Circle K said that even though the organiza-

tion is service-oriented, it also offers a lot of opportunities for its volunteers.

develop leadership through different roles members play," Fawoley said.

Mercado believes the leadership development component of the organization and

## Team Platinum Gives Back

LEGAL from A2

ferent mind set."

"It is an opportunity to achieve your dreams and you make ridiculous money," Jackson added.

Team Platinum also does more than provide families with legal services. Bell explained that Team Platinum feeds the homeless every Monday. Team Platinum also holds a Bible study in conjunction with Reverend Harold Gray who heads the Center for Professional Development. Team Platinum is a united youth driven organization that proudly represents how successful Generation X can be.

"I want our generation to be known as the ones who retire our parents," Bell said.

Bell also advocated the potential of Generation X to support themselves, family, and community.

Some students like senior Toccara Dates are leery of what Pre-Paid Legal really has to offer.

"I felt that it was a pyramid scheme, there is someone mak-

ing money off of you," Dates said. "Although they do that in corporate America, something felt shaky about it and I just had to go with my instincts."

The United States Postal Inspection Service website defines a pyramid scheme, also known as multi-level marketing, as a "system of selling in which you sign up other people to assist you, and they, in turn, recruit others to help them."

The site also said multi-level marketing is "nothing more than sophisticated chain letters" and that they violate the Postal Lottery Statute. Multi-level marketing contains all three elements of a lottery: prize (expectation of monetary or other gain from participation in the pyramid); chance (the monetary gain one receives from your participation is entirely dependent on the efforts of those lower in the pyramid) and consideration (the fee one pays to become a distributor).

According to the Pre-Paid Legal website, a large source of income does rely on the recruitment of new members. Employees receive training

bonuses when new members complete their training, override commissions when those on a specific team enroll new members and residual compensation on personal and organizational members as long as the members stay in effect.

Kwaku Gyabaah, an Executive Director with Pre-Paid Legal, disputes the idea that the company is a pyramid scheme.

"We only get paid when services are rendered, not when we recruit people," Gyabaah said. "We get rewarded by the company when someone is recruited. The company will pay the difference between the different salary levels."

"I think anytime people get presented with a brand new opportunity, it's hard to believe, so naturally they relate it to a pyramid scheme, but it's so far from the truth," Alicia Blake, a manager in Prepaid Legal said. "This is something I will take with me wherever I go. It is serious fuel for my entrepreneur investments."

## New Mini-Medical School

Mini from A2

major said. "But since it's the first time this is being offered, they can gauge its success after the seven weeks, and then adjust it."

The lectures, which are designed for the general audience, teach students how to apply the concepts taught in the lectures to real world examples encountered in the news media and personal experiences. The lecturers will introduce the students to "hard science" concepts by humanizing them through humor and related case studies.

The goal of the Mini Medical School is to ameliorate the participants' abilities to become better parents or caregivers and become an expert in

their own physical well being. This will be done by moving along the continuum of self-



education, self-awareness, and self-management. Although the course series is currently unavailable for Howard University credit, a continuing education unit is available for a

\$30 fee to those interested at the end of the series.

Enrollment into the lecture series is free but limited to the first 100 registrants. Upon registering, students must identify whether they would like to attend the lectures on the Howard University campus or at the Continuing Education site.

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Students can register online, by fax or by paper applications.

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## New Restaurant on Georgia Avenue

FOOD from A4

own a Quiznos on Capitol Hill. "I like the [Georgia Avenue] location," McCarty said. "There are a lot of stu-

dents, better parking, very nice people, and the real estate space was available."

Five Guys will only be open a week tomorrow, but many students already feel at home.

"I like the environment, it is unique and new, and I like trying new things," said junior legal communications major Calvin Turner.

Although the well-known

Howard University hangout, McDonald's, is located directly across the street, the McCarty's are not worried about the competition.

"We have better quality

food: hand-cut fries, fresh meat, and produce delivered weekly. No freezers!" McCarty said.

"Fresh food is always good. Five Guys reminds me of In and Out, a hamburger place back home, you actually get full off the food," said junior RTVF major Donneshia Taylor.

Unfortunately there are no student discounts as of yet.

But this has not stopped some students from coming.

"Even though it is a little expensive for a fast food place, I will definitely eat at Five Guys anytime," said freshman biology major Rotoya Williams.

## The Independent 529 Plan

PLAN from A4

Vanderbilt and the University of Chicago.

Clark Atlanta University, Dillard, Morehouse and Spelman College are the only historically black colleges that are current members of the program.

The Independent 529 Plan was created exclusively for private institutions.

"I think all schools should be able to participate," said Ellison. "Public school is no different from private school. College is a big purchase and you still have to pay."

Students will not be at a disadvantage should they decide later to attend a non-

member college, nor are there any penalties if the funds are used to attend a public school.

A representative from American University assures a 100 percent refund of all monies, should a student decide to attend another institution.

"The tuition and fees average a little over \$12,000 a semester," said the spokesperson. "If a student decides to prepay, we ask that the money for all eight semesters be paid at one time. Should a problem arise, the money is refundable."

Although prepaid tuition money is refundable, Ellison still urges caution.

"I would only pay money to a school I definitely knew I

was going to attend," said Ellison. "To me, it's a danger to pay money to a school I might not go to."

"Although there is no preferential treatment to applicants who prepay, there are currently over 200 colleges involved in the program and the money is transferable from one school to another," said Brown.

The Independent 529 Plan is not the first of its kind, but Brown believes in the longevity of the program.

"There are close to 18 states that have prepaid options for students," said Brown. "But they only apply to schools in that particular state. The Independent 529 Plan is nation-wide."

## Expensive Taste

DIVA from A4

sweaters for \$16.98.

Target (for those of you who like neater stores) has a large clothing department and carries anything from socks to pea coats.

All for a reasonable price.

But Diva thinks she is too good for this type of shopping and once again she has fallen into the "dumb consumer" bin.

It is great to look fashionable for Homecoming fellow Bison, but don't be stupid like

Diva.

Stop by Wal-Mart or Target to find that Homecoming outfit.

Ultimately, it is not important what store you purchase your threads from. But what you look like in them.

I'm wearing my \$19.86 Wal-Mart sweater today. Feel free to tell me how it looks.

## Attempts to Save Cherokee Language

CHEROKEE from A6

language cannot compete against English, which is pervasive through television and other forms of pop culture."

Father John Raphael, the Catholic Chaplain of the Newman Club who spearheaded the Cherokee trip said that, "It is a tragic situation where a people's language is taken away from them, driven out of their

culture; a condition which has happened to other unique cultural groups in the US." He said that, "When a language is driven out, part of a culture is taken away as well and even laudable attempts to restore it through the school system, still don't restore full cultural integrity. Nonetheless, such attempts should still be made."

The Lost City School is but

one attempt to save the language. Annette Millard, the superintendent of the Lost City School, recognizes the importance of "teaching the youngsters the language of their ancestors." She says that "the language is going to be gone if we don't do something, and the best people to learn are kids in the developmental stage of kindergarten."

## Saying Goodbye to Concorde

JET from A7

limits. The next year the British Concorde made a 45,000-mile sales tour of twelve countries and China indicated her intention to purchase two of them. BOAC of England ordered five and Air France requisitioned four. The jet had yet to be proved but intense testing and re-design was ongoing.

In a contest reminiscent of the old horse vs. car days, the French Concorde was pitted against a 747 in 1974. The conventional 747 left Boston's Logan Airport en route to Paris at the same time as the Concorde left Paris' Orly for Boston. The Concorde landed in Paris, spent 68 minutes on the ground, and returned to Boston 11 minutes ahead of the 747.

In 1975 British Airways and Air France started taking reservations for scheduled service to Bahrain and Rio de Janeiro starting the following January. By the 21st of January 1977 the

Concorde had been in service for one year and had carried over 45,000 paying passengers. On the 50th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's flight in the 'Spirit of St. Louis' from New York to Paris, a Concorde flew the same route in 3 hours 44 minutes. Lindbergh's time was 33 hours 29 minutes.

By 1982 the Concorde had been in service for 6 years and the British Industry and Trade Committee was concerned with the mounting costs of the Concorde program. The British government informed British Airways that they were no longer willing to fund the cost of the airline. Since then, British Airways took over responsibility for funding Concorde's British manufacturers.

Legena Jack, a junior Mechanical Engineer cited the decline of the Concorde as a "sacrifice in the way of the advance of man" saying that

"the clientele that used to employ this form of transport no longer exists. People are smarter these days and would no longer spend thousands extra when modern aviation, although comparably not as fast, will still give the best return economically."

Joseph Roberts, a senior Systems and Computer major argues that, "With the other types of planes... that are highly more efficient in terms of fuel usage, passenger economy and basic durability, the Concorde will always face an uphill battle to stay flying amongst the clouds."

Although well known, less than 1% of a student survey actually ever flew on a Concorde. Many more know about its history and legacy and understand that with the last flight scheduled for October 23rd the result will be the extinction of an icon.

## Nigeria Increases Internet Access to Population

NET from A7

many accolades and awards for the services provided.

With Nigeria's track record of adjusting to new introduced technologies quickly, and with the large number of people awaiting such an opportunity, it shouldn't surprise anyone if the MIUs become a huge success soon after it is launched.

Ikechukwu Nwaneri, a Computer science major from Nigeria, remarked, "Anything

will work in Nigeria as long as no one tampers with it. We have the money and resources, but some greedy people will rather further themselves than the whole of Nigeria."

Despite the setbacks, "It is commendable that such a gesture is being made towards the technological advancement in this nation," says Jan Murray, Junior Computer Science major.

ANSWERS from A7

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## Service Commemorates Student Leaders

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the front presidents and vice-presidents from all student organizations including fraternities, sororities, religious groups, honors programs, HUSA, and state clubs. University President, H. Patrick Swygert then charged the student leaders and officially installed them.

"As student leaders, you are faced with an awesome task. You have become an active participant in a rich legacy," Swygert said. "Choose integrity over popularity and remember you are elected to serve, not to be served."

Numerous student leaders were in attendance representing their respective organizations. "It was a humbling experience," Executive Secretary for Gentleman of Drew Social Club and HUSA Director of Policy and Development, Tahman Bradley, said. "It is important as student leaders that we remember we are called to serve. This reminded us that first and foremost our responsibility is to the students."

Following the installation charge, HUSA President Dan

Blakemore and Vice-President Faith Walls were officially sworn into office, with their mothers right by their side.

"My title charges to strive toward unity for all people of color around the globe," repeated Blakemore and Walls during their respective inauguration oaths.

Blakemore gave the response for all student leaders and shared some of the goals HUSA plans to achieve.

Pastor of the Greater Allen A.M.E Cathedral of New York, Floyd H. Flake, delivered the sermon for the service, entitled "From dreams to reality."

Flake challenged students to have the strength to come out of their comfort zone and sometimes separate from the people and things that are holding them back from reaching their full potential.

Flake paralleled a Biblical story of Joseph, with Howard students who are striving to achieve big goals. He reminded students that the decisions they make now have a large impact on their future and to dare to dream and not be satisfied until those dream are a reality.

"I went from the cotton fields of Texas to riding in Presidential Airplanes as a United States Congressman," Flake said. "In order to do that I had to separate from some things. I had to separate from Texas."

Flake shared with students that people see you the way you see yourself. In an effort to connect with the students of today, Flake challenged students to "put away your retro jersey" and to dress for the success they want to achieve.

Many in attendance were touched by the words of Flake.

"I cried," Howard Graduate Student, Carlton Campbell, said. "He is the very essence of a true preacher of the word of God. He was tremendous."

Students in the congregation were also touched and inspired by the service.

"It was encouraging to watch our student leaders be installed," freshman psychology major, Jana Homes, said. "It reinforced my ambitions to be a student leader. The service, as a whole, was good and brought about a lot of self-reflection."

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that matter) are viewed as part of "the system."

The irony is that most of us became journalists because we want the same thing they do: to bring attention to injustices and to right wrongs. For our people, we want equality, we want respect, we want not to be judged on the basis of our skin color. We just go about effecting change in a different way. Instead of using politics, we use the power of the pen, the power of the press, to call attention to issues.

While politicians "fight" for equality through the creation of legislation, journalists cover that legislation so people are educated on the issues and understand how the law affects them.

While politicians visit the masses and develop plans on how to mobilize them, journalists visit those same people and tell the world their stories; giving voice to the voiceless.

And the gaps that are often left by cracks in the system, journalists fill. There is a reason journalism is often referred to as the fourth branch of government. Just take the child tax credit for example: When Republicans were passing their bill through Congress,

which left low-income families without a refund, Democrats didn't have much of a say with both the House and the Senate stacked against them. It was a story on the front page of the New York Times that called attention to the issue and sent the GOP scrambling to change its stance.

The same summer I was snubbed for my WSJ affiliation, I was able to effect change for African Americans, from inside "the establishment." I wrote about the lack of black staffers on the various Democratic presidential campaign staffs and covered the lay-offs of the black Democratic National Committee staffers. I covered the lack of access to prescription drugs for African American seniors. I covered African trade relations with Africa. With each of those stories, attention was drawn to our issues. While I didn't advocate for any one stance, I wrote the truth and that truth effected change.

Black journalists recognize that the negative images of African Americans in the media won't change until we get in there and change them ourselves—and we do. We recognize that our issues won't be discussed in the mainstream if

we don't bring them up—and we do. We recognize that often the legislation passed regarding our people won't be properly scrutinized unless we cover it—and we do.

In doing so, often times we put our jobs, our livelihood and sometimes our lives on the line to stand for what we believe in.

With the exception of columnists, no, we cannot take sides. We cannot advocate for the issues we cover. We cannot openly express our own politics and how they may compliment or conflict with those of our newspapers. And if a politician—black or white, Republican or Democrat—is messing up, yes we will write about it.

And in doing so, we will write about the issues that affect us from a fair and balanced perspective and spark change for our people.

So, politicians and journalists, we are not that much different. Often we are working for the same thing, we just don't realize it.

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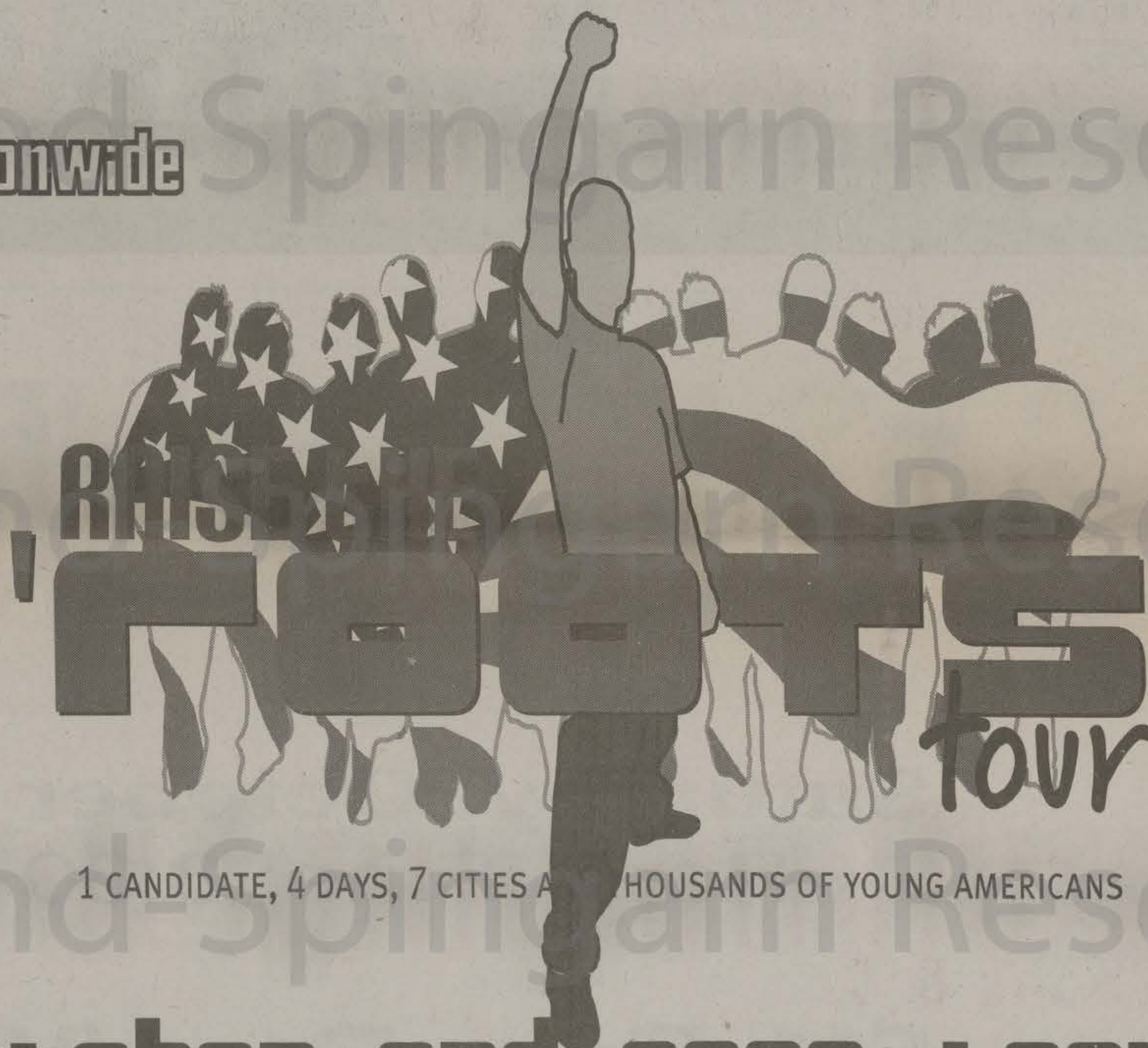
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## The Greater Issue...



### Behold, a lady

**Monica L. Barbara**  
Indulge Editor

There are two incidents distinctive in my mind where I have been shocked by my inaccurate judgment of another's character. The first was at a Homecoming concert last year. Shortly after my best friend and I commented to each other about the good fashion sense of a fellow Howard student, we reeled in awe as her seemingly reserved demeanor morphed before our eyes. The young woman went into her pocket, pulled out a flask and proceeded to wave it in the air as she screeched like a banshee in favor of the performer taking the stage.

The second, more recent incident involved yet another female Howard student. Again with my best friend, I witnessed what was initially a young woman very maturely and eloquently addressing the issue of what she considered poor service. Seconds later I sat stupefied with my mouth hanging open. The young woman had leapt forward and struck the service provider with which she was unhappy.

While these incidents may seem isolated, they are to me reflections of the direction (or lack thereof) our society as a whole is headed. While the runways are filled with trends reminiscent of times when anything less than perfect manners were deemed unacceptable with 20s tweed and boucle all the rage, I can't help but wonder: When will our attitudes regress, in terms of manners?

While I'll be the first to admit that manners aren't among attributes that most in our time possess, I'm more personally concerned with those in my likeness, black females. As if we've been given a raw deal from the start (by not being taught proper social skills and etiquette in our homes) it often seems that we as black females fall short on those virtues associated with being a lady. Compounding the issue is how our society as a whole seems to have run amuck when it comes to social etiquette. But I feel it is a grave mistake on our parts to assume that because no one takes issue with our idiosyncrasies we've become so famous for (i.e. eye rolling, lip smacking, and a quick, unforgiving tongue) or because our sisters of different heritage behave in certain ways that it is in any way acceptable for us to misbehave. To the contrary, our rudeness, masked as a cultural characteristic, is not commented upon because we are not perceived of being capable of better.

Now, I am very aware that my gab about etiquette and manners may sound to some like the nostalgic talk of a geriatric, but I urge you to give my plea some thoughtful consideration before writing

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## FEATURE...

# The Musical Divide: Black -vs- White

By **Joi Gillium**  
Contributing  
Writer

The state of music has changed. More and more, artists are crossing genres and capturing the loyalty of those not necessarily in their original target audience. While some welcome this change as is, others find inequality when it comes to white artists who have an easier time crossing over into the black audience than black artists tend to have crossing over into white audiences.

When tuning into any radio or television station, it is apparent that a number of white artists are very successful performing "black" music. Artists like Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera are embraced by the black audience and even receive as much recognition as their black counterparts. For instance, last year Justin Timberlake received several Soul Train Music Award nominations.



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To many this diversity is an excellent opportunity for the gap between black and white to lessen, but others view this as an attempt by white artists to capitalize on black culture.

"[White people] always have the option to step out, and it's OK," said Meghan

Greene, a sophomore anthropology major. "Black people were never given the option to be diverse. Nothing becomes popular until white people do it."

Freshmen acting major Lauren Whitney feels that artists like Justin Timberlake are exploiting the black culture.

"I like Justin but people put him on the same level because he can dance or wears cornrows," she said.

Similarly, many disagree with white artists getting interviews and airtime on television stations such as BET.

Traci-Amanda Washington, a sophomore psychology major, feels that BET is for black people, and the urban culture. However, she accepts white faces on the channel, due to its current ownership.

"I guess it is OK, since white people own BET, but I think it defeats the whole purpose," she said.

Other white artists such as Eminem are more accepted in the black culture because unlike Justin Timberlake or Christina Aguilera, his interest in urban music was not seemingly sudden. Whitney feels that artists like Eminem are more accepted because they began their careers in urban music also adding that, "they attract dif-



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ferent crowds so it's totally different."

However, several think that when the artist sounds similar to other black artists, it is easier to see them on BET and accept them into the urban culture. Artists like Pink and Jon B. might have had an easier time crossing over into urban music because

many thought they were black artists doing "black" music.

"If you closed your eyes and let the girl sing, you would never have thought Christina was white," said Levon Harris, a sophomore radio-television-film major.

The presence of white people on BET does not initially seem to be bothersome to most. Yet, many think that if the trend continues, there could be a problem.

Harris is one such person. "When I feel their presence threatens what we are trying to do I would have a problem," she said. "I don't like when they take away too much attention from my people."

## Theatre News, Reviews...

# Acting Up: A Preview of HU's Upcoming Play Season

By **Kiesha Carmichael**  
Contributing Writer

It's that time again! The time when Howard's aspiring young actors and actresses converge onto one stage - where some of today's best performers debuted - to display their talents. Each semester, the Department of Theatre Arts produces both classical and contemporary plays.

According to Joe Selmon, new Chair of the Department of Fine Arts, the theme this year is, "We are a family." Selmon went on to say that in relation to the theme of being a family, Howard alumni are directing most of the plays being performed this semester. These plays are performed by students and aid them in receiving first-hand experience as to what to expect in their career choice.

Another aid they have in the transition from the Ira Aldridge stage to the big screen or stage is Professor Witten, a lecturer, graduate of Howard Law School and no stranger to the entertainment world. Witten teaches "Fundraising For The Arts," a required course for all Fine Arts majors. Witten states that although he has "no direct influence as to the directing or selection of the plays," his role is still important because he "motivates and prepares students as to what to expect in the real world outside of Howard's nurturing walls."

This semester, the Department of Theatre Arts has a variety of plays planned, all of which are open to the students and the community to attend.

"Shakin' The Mess Outta

Misery," written by Shay Youngblood and directed by Kim James-Bey, a Howard alum and member of Howard's faculty, is the story of a young black girl's coming of age in the South of the 1960s. Daughter, the main character and 25-year-old narrator, whose mother died when she was very young, was raised by women in the community, some blood related, some not. When she was 12 years old, she began her journey to womanhood guided by these very diverse, nontraditional, older black women. This play has scheduled performances from Oct. 15 through Oct. 18, and again on Oct. 21 through Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

"Cut Flowers," written by Gavin Lawrence, another Howard alum and faculty member, and directed by Eric Ruffin, depicts a day-in-the-life of the cut flowers room in Benson's Flower Shop in Washington, D.C. All seven employees are African-American, and, with the exception of the heard-but-not-seen receptionist, all are male.

Selmon states that, "Cut Flowers is very engaging and quite humorous, but it also contains good principles for young black males." This particular performance will be held from Nov. 12 through Nov. 15 and again Nov. 19 through Nov. 22.

During the week of April 5, the 2004 Howard University Spring Dance Concert, entitled, "5 Women Speak: Dance," is scheduled to run. The dance concert is artistically directed by Sherrill Berryman-Johnson and will include seminars and symposiums.

All of the above performances will be held in the Ira

Aldridge Theatre at 7:30 p.m. The price of admission for students and senior citizens is \$7.50 and \$12.50 for adults,

excluding the concert, which is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students and senior citizens. This upcoming play season

promises to be one not only of entertainment, but also of unity between past alumni and present students.



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The Ira Aldridge Theater gears up for a new season of student and outside plays.



# INDULGE

## Literary Corner

### Dixon reveals world of money, power

By Stella Ukaoma  
Contributing Writer

Life in the ghetto: murder, drugs and dysfunctional families. All the stereotypical makings of a black novel, yet Colleen Dixon redeems *Simon Says* by exposing her readers to a world not commonly depicted, the world of blacks with political power and money.

Life in Shaw left Alexander Baxter with low self-esteem and determination to walk a different path, to avoid becoming "a statistic." Initially slow, *Simon Says* picks up the pace when Ivan, Alex's older brother and hero, is gunned down after a basketball championship game, severing the

almost non-existent relationship Alex had with Gerald Baxter, his only surviving parent. Turning grief into strength, Alex vows to become successful, with local mayor Simon Blake in mind as a role model, and heads off to Hilliard College.

At Hilliard, a predominantly black school, Alex is exposed to a different world; one that revolves around grades, Greek fraternities, good clothes and girls. With the aid of his worldly roommate, Foody, and classmate, Lisa, Alex is able to maintain his scholarship and garner information about social life.

Amidst his journey of self-discovery, Alex falls in love, from afar, with the attached Tiffany Blake. A turn of fate allows Alex a chance for love when he rescues Tiffany from attempted rape by her frat boyfriend Sid and dually wins Tiffany's and her father's affections. Tiffany's father is coincidentally Simon Blake, mayor of Washington D.C., and Alex's role model.

Alex rises through the ranks rapidly as Blake's protégée, and even has a new position created for him on Blake's staff when he graduates from college. In keeping with his ambitious character, Alex pursues a law degree at Georgetown University while working for Blake, who soon after becomes his father-in-law.

The plot thickens dramatically when Alex stumbles upon information that threatens to shatter the once per-

**D.C. Native Colleen Dixon has currently written two books, *Simon Says* being the first in a trilogy.**

fect image he held of Simon Blake. With the help of Fortune, his deceased brother's best friend, Alex uncovers the truth and vows to exact revenge. Enlisting the help of his old college roommate, Foody, Alex risks everything – his life, his wife and twins – to reveal the truth.

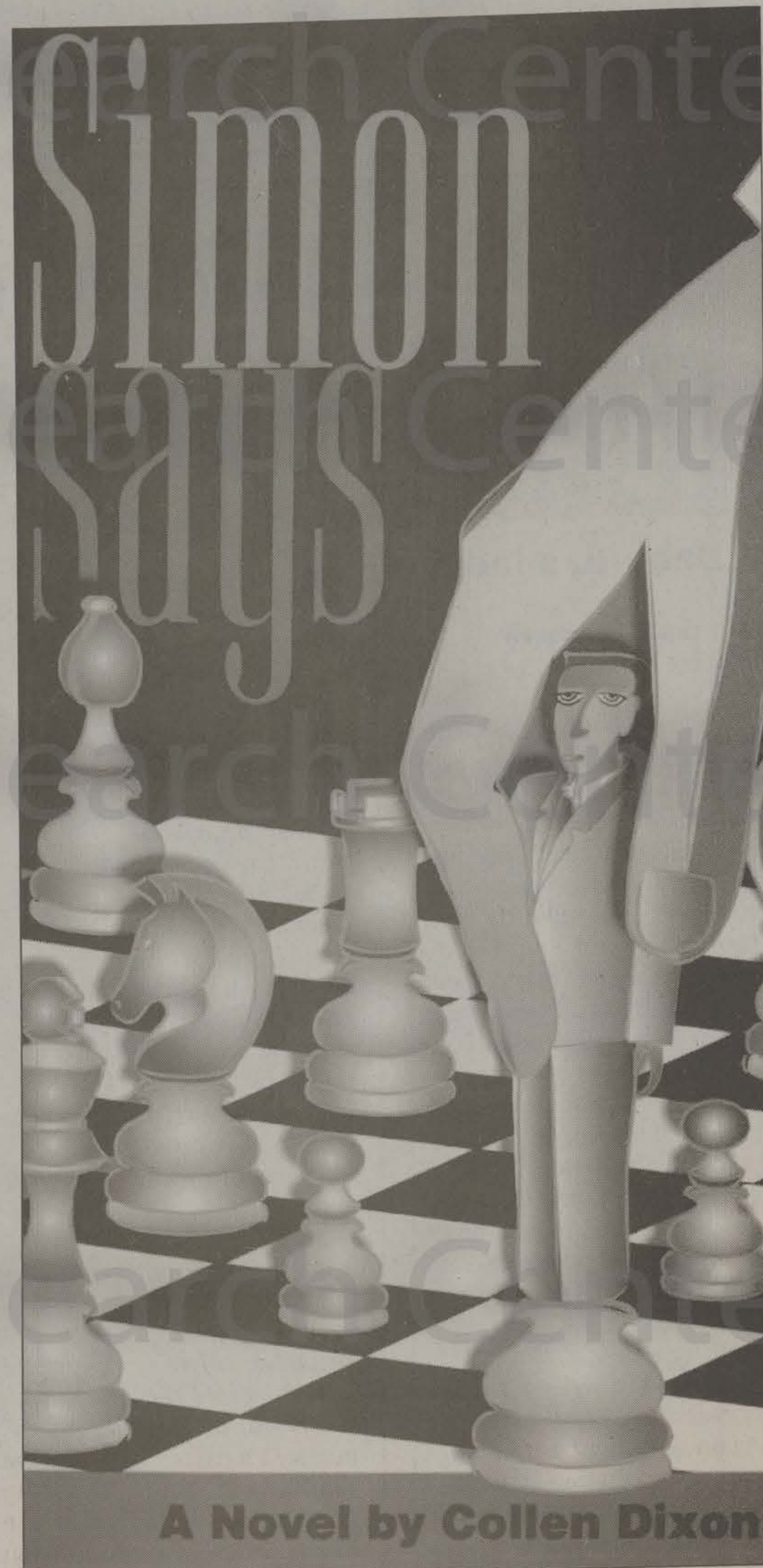
*Simon Says* is an intriguing piece of work. Dixon, a native Washingtonian herself, crafts a web with no loose ends, drawing her readers in slowly to the climax. What this story lacks in plot it makes up for with suspense and dialogue. Dixon commands the attention of her readers with in-depth details of fraternities and sororities unknown to those outside the Greek community while subtly exposing the social ills of the black community.

Dixon has a way with words that enables her readers to connect to the characters, particularly concerning the challenges faced by aspiring young black men. However, the characters fit a little too snugly into their assigned saint/devil roles leaving us with the impression of having read this story before. There is little or no surprise to any of the characters' actions.

Erroneously, in her bid to bond with the readers, Dixon uses far more "Ebonics" than is necessary. While some terms are self-explanatory, others make it difficult to appreciate her work. Conversely, it is this same usage that works in her favour endearing her to readers with a "home girl" appeal. All in all, *Simon Says* is an easy, interesting read, with all the spicy flavour of love, money and power.



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A Novel by Colleen Dixon

## This week at the HUB

September 30

2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Author: Colleen Dixon

Book: *Simon Says* (reviewed above)

October 7

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## This Week in MEAC



### FOOTBALL:



Bethune-Cookman	56
Norfolk State	14
FAMU	15
Delaware State	14
Hampton	24
Morgan State	21/OT
Howard	48
Savannah State	3
N.C. A&T	29
Elon	14
S.C. State	41
Benedict	7

### VOLLEYBALL:



Howard	3
Hampton	0
NC A&T	0
VCU	3
UMES	3
Howard	1
FAMU	0
BCC	3
Coppin St.	0
Navy	3

### SOCCER:



<b>MEN'S</b>	
<b>SOCCER</b>	
Adelphi	1
Howard	0

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Howard	1
Georgetown	9

### CROSS COUNTRY:



Howard	1
Creighton	5

### Mid-Del Invitational

**Top Women Performers:**  
35 Participants  
Tasha Harris, 1st place  
Ashley Vann, 2nd place  
Alicia Melton, 3rd place  
Aisha Franklin, 4th place  
Maya Cadwell, 5th place

**Top Men Performers:**  
42 Participants  
Jonathan Davis, 1st place  
Leon Snyder, 3rd place  
David Winn, 4th place  
Juma Osman, 5th place  
Edgar Sarns, 6th place

# Howard Overwhelms Savannah State For First Win

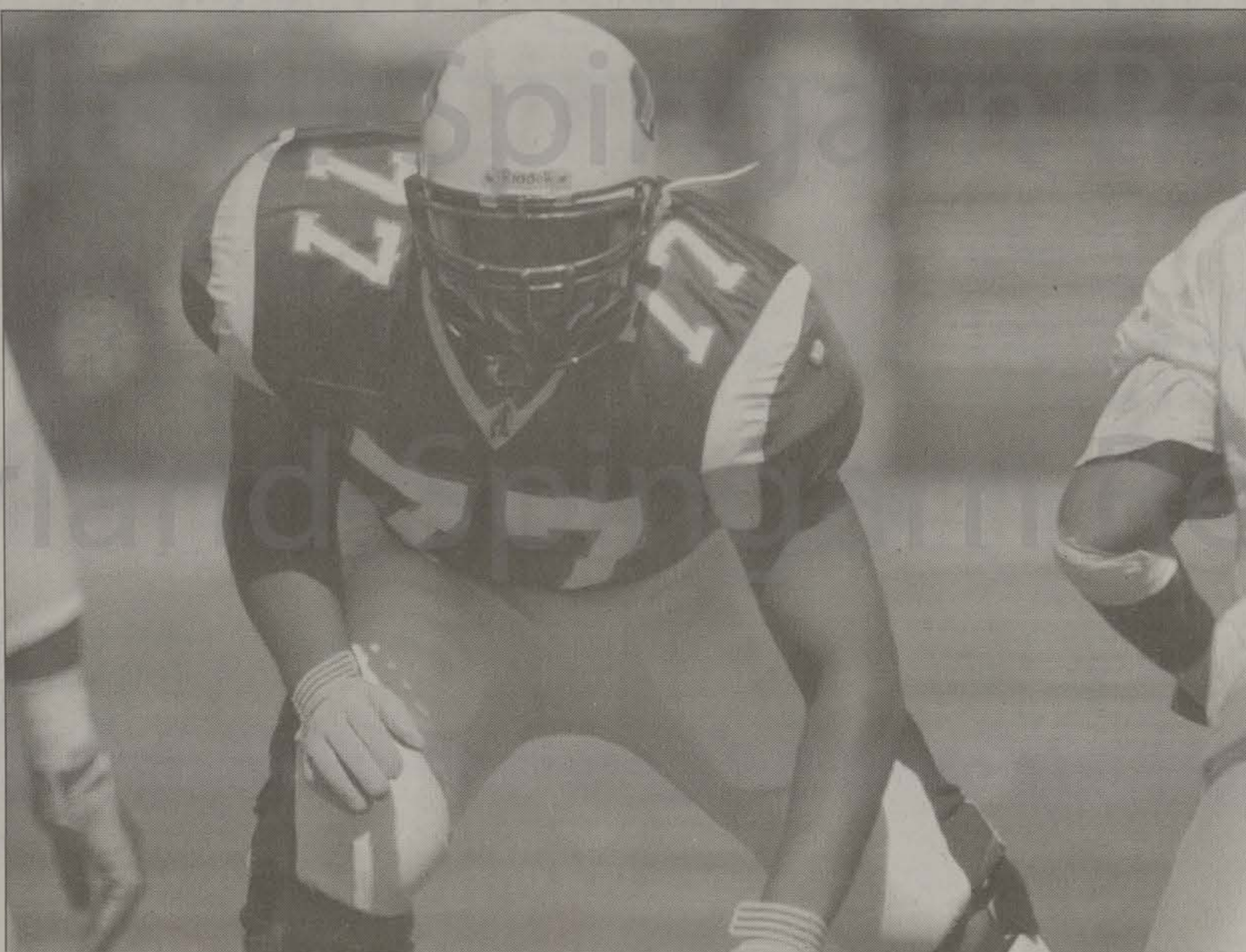


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Junior offensive lineman Brandon Torrey was selected as this week's MEAC Offensive Lineman of the Week.

By Edward Hill, Jr.,  
Sports Info. Director  
Special to The Hilltop

Savannah, GA—Antoine Rutherford rushed for a career-high 206 yards and a

touchdown as Howard University overwhelmed Savannah State, 48-3 in a non-conference game at Theodore Wright Stadium. It was the first win of the season for the Bison (1-3) while the struggling Tigers (0-5) remain winless.

Rutherford, who entered the game as the

## FOR THE RECORD

### BISON LEADING RUSHERS IN A SINGLE GAME

- 1 Harvey Reed, 260 yards (1987)
- 2 Fred Killings, 213 yards (1988)
- 3 Antoine Rutherford, 206 yards (2003)

### BISON TOTAL OFFENSE AGAINST SAVANNAH

**431** yards

fourth string running back, set the tone early when he went 47 yards on his first carry of the game. Three plays later— all rushes by him—resulted in a two-yard run and the rout was on.

"I felt very confident going into this game," said Rutherford, who transferred from Virginia Tech. "The line came off the ball and blocked extremely well. All I had to do was follow their blocks."

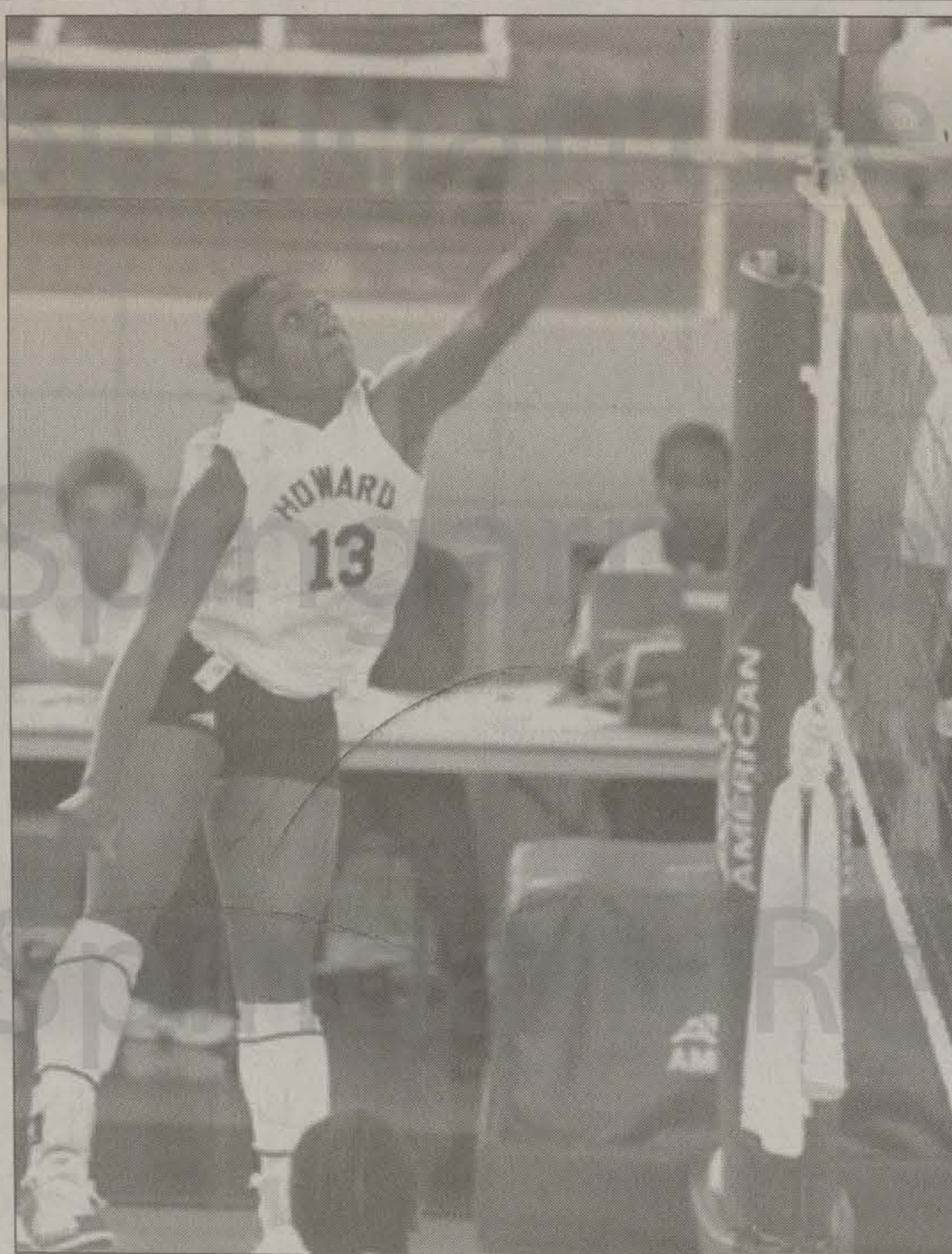
Howard lost starting running back Roland Jay Colbert to an automobile accident before the season started, then lost Keon Coleman to a broken leg in the Hampton game. Finally, Jamar Smith went down with a high ankle sprain, opening the door for Rutherford, who had very few reps in pre-season.

"Antoine really stepped up for us tonight," said Howard Coach Ray Petty. "We saw glimpses last week (63 yards on 11 carries) against Akron, but I don't know if we expected this kind of performance."

The mistake-prone Tigers (5 turnovers) aided the Bison

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## Lady Bison Knock Off Pirates



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Freshman Jenica Leonard goes for a kill in a recent game. Leonard was selected as last week's MEAC Volleyball Rookie of the Week.

## Did you know . . .



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★ The women's volleyball team is coached by Linda Spencer, who played on the first women's volleyball team Howard ever had.

★ Spencer is the winningest active coach at Howard University, with a record of 259-247.

★ Freshman Jenica Leonard was named as last week's MEAC Volleyball Rookie of the Week.

## Walton Breaks Record With 18 Saves

By Kaneicia Brown—  
Contributing Writer

"Perfectionist," was the word volunteer goalie coach Tung Nguyen used to describe sophomore goalkeeper Lindsey Walton.

"Short," exclaimed women's head soccer coach Michelle Street, laughing as she thought about Walton's height.

What Walton lacks in height, she makes up in heart. Street couldn't stress enough how important Walton is to the team.

"Since we haven't been as strong as we would like to be defensively, her ability to defend keeps us in the game," she said. "Walton is truly an outstanding talent."

She's outstanding enough to be nationally ranked for two years in a row. However, being nationally ranked does-

n't concern Walton.

"Being nationally ranked isn't that important to me," said Walton, who had 18 saves in last week's game against the University of Delaware. "I would rather be winning all of our games."

So concerned about betterment of her team, Walton didn't even realize she had broken the Howard record for most saves as a goalkeeper.

The record was previously set by Lauren Pruitt in 2001, who had 8 saves.

"I didn't even know I had broken the record at first," Walton said. "After the game, I got the stats. I gave my goalie coach my stats, and the next day he called me, and told me I'd broken the record. I was really excited and surprised. My dad is more excited than I am!"

In addition to practice

and school, the sophomore broadcast journalism major is making plans for her future. Surprisingly, they aren't directly connected with soccer.

"I would love to be a sports broadcaster for ESPN," she said. "If I do anything with soccer, it would probably be coaching."

Choosing one of the nation's most prestigious journalism programs may help her realize her dreams.

While attending a predominantly white high school, Walton had Howard in mind well before she graduated. Determined to play soccer for the Bison, Walton wrote a letter to Street during her junior year of high school.

"I told her I would playing at the Orange Classic in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and

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FILE PHOTO

Sophomore goalkeeper Lindsey Walton had 18 saves against the University of Delaware.

# SPORTS

## Howard Soccer Teams Face Must-Win Matches

By Zachary Kenworthy  
Hilltop Staff Writer

"It's been a trying year so far," explained Howard Booters' head coach Tucker, "But I feel that we get better with every game we play."

After a disappointing 1-0 loss to a plucky Adelphi side this past Saturday, the Howard University men's soccer team (1-8) is desperate for a win. Moreover, both Head Coach Keith Tucker and Assistant Coach Curtis Landy are still searching for an opportunistic goal scorer who will solidify a developing Howard attack.

"Our defense has been incredible so far this year. I have no complaints there," asserted Tucker, "We just need that individual who can make the best of goal scoring opportunities and find the back of the net."

Indeed, both senior Royce Francis and sophomore Andrew Fortune have been staunch stalwarts in middle defense while mixing fierce aggression with caution. Defenders Justin Phillips and Christopher Serrano have also played a supportive role in keeping many matches close for the Booters, but unless a true goal-scorer can emerge, the Booters' season will be a long one.

"You saw what they did to us today. They got one chance and they put it in. That's what we need to be doing," Tucker said after the

Bison lost to Adelphi.

Nonetheless, the Booters march into North Carolina State this week to take on a potent attack: "Anytime you play a side like this you must defend well. I think the guys will be up to the challenge. We have been looking solid in defense and I like our chances," said Tucker.

In addition to a solid defense,

**"You saw what they [Adelphi] did to us today. They got one chance and they put it in. That's what we need to be doing."**

-Keith Tucker, Men's Soccer Coach

Howard can also bank on a healthy Jason Williams to curb NC State's offense. Williams, Howard's rangy sophomore goalkeeper, is highly respected within the division, and his ability to control the box is key to the Booters' success.

"Jason has also been an asset this year and it is good to have him match fit," Tucker said.

With just one win on the year, Howard is hungry for a victory. However, an inability to score goals makes the task an uphill battle.

The Bison anticipated senior forward Ronald Goodlett being the potent ingredient to act as a foil to Howard's high-octane

defense. There were also expectations for senior Kwesi Graham to be a workhorse in the midfield.

However, both veterans have struggled to find their groove.

According to Tucker, Goodlett and Graham haven't lived up to preseason expectations because of a lack of fitness.

"The guys are finally getting match fit. It takes a while but at least the most important conference games are still to come," Tucker said.

On the other hand, the Lady Bison take on Youngstown State tomorrow, and are hoping that they can bounce back after 9-1 and 5-1 drubbings last week at the hands of Georgetown and Creighton respectively. The losses sent the Lady Booters to a lowly 1-8 record.

For the women, the match will be their fifth at home and starts at 2pm. The lone bright spot for Head Coach Michelle Street and her staff has been the re-emergence of Raneika Bean who has hit form during the heart of the season. Bean, who is just a sophomore, is a native of Alabama and has created a stir with her tremendous goal-scoring ability and outstanding ball-handling skills.

For the Lady Booters, this week's match is a must-win in order to salvage a season outlined by underperformance. The men who travel to NC State this week will be hoping that a goal-scoring opportunist will shine through.

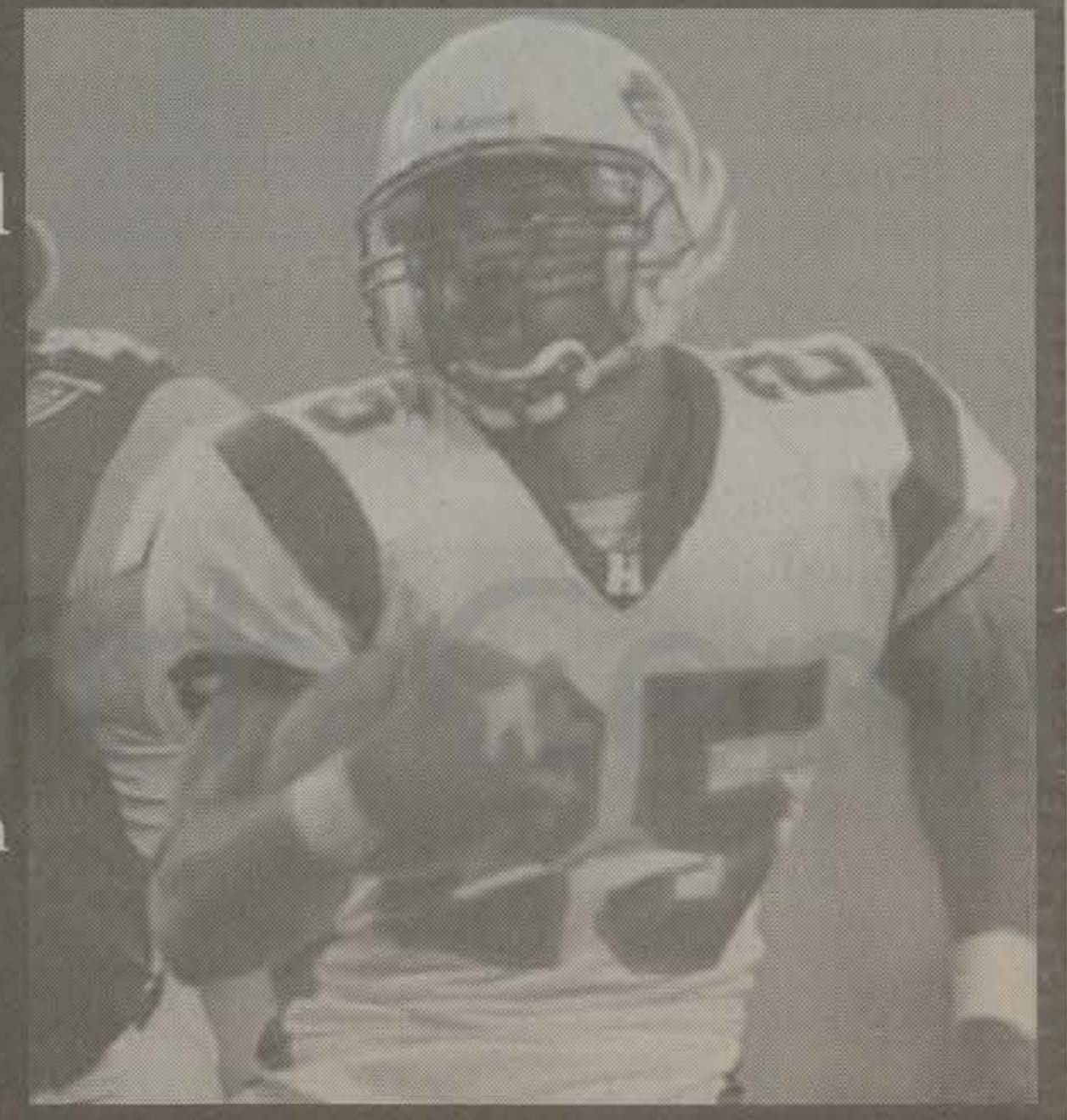
## Bison athletes of the week



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**Name: Shay Edwards**  
**Sport: Volleyball**  
**Position: Outside Hitter**  
**Classification: Senior**  
**Hometown: Houston, Texas**

Edwards is ranked second in the MEAC with 141 digs, and contributed to Friday's 3-0 win over Hampton with 17 defensive digs.



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**Name: Antoine Rutherford**  
**Sport: Football**  
**Position: Running Back**  
**Classification: Freshman**  
**Hometown: Hollywood, Florida**

Rutherford ran for 206 yards and one touchdown in Saturday's 48-3 victory over Savannah State, to help the Bison football team attain their first win of the season.

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## Bison Football Cinches First Win

WIN from B4

cause on their opening possession when an errant pass was picked off by senior line-backer Greg Spriggs and returned 38 yards for a touchdown.

The Bison offense, who had scored only two touchdowns in three games, moved the ball with little resistance from Savannah State while amassing 431 yards and averaging over six yards per play.

The young Howard

defense, which has scored more touchdowns than the offense, added three more to increase the season total to six.

Tariq Amin, a sophomore defensive end and Edwin Piner, a freshman defensive tackle, both recovered fumbles for scores.

"We are playing a lot of young people on defense, but they continue to play well," said Petty. "They keep coming up with big plays."

Even the Bison's kicking game, which suffered another blow when place kicker

Alessandro Marchesini went down with a knee injury for the season, got a fine effort from sophomore Vaughn Waters, who now handles all the kicking duties. Waters connected on two field goals for the first time in his career and averaged 44 yards on his punts.

"This win gives us something to build on with the bye week coming," said Petty. "We can get a chance to heal some of our injuries, work on execution and get ready for the rest of the conference schedule."

## Walton Breaks Record With 18 Saves

WALTON from B4

asked if she could come to see me," she said. "I couldn't talk to her because of NCAA regulations, but my mom told me she saw her. Then, in my senior year, I got an offer."

The Lady Bison haven't been doing as well as Walton would like - currently the team is 1-5 - but she isn't

discouraged.

"We started the season off about the same last year, and we had a turnaround for the better," Walton said. "This year, I hope we have that same turnaround."

At the end of the interview, the 5'3 goalkeeper says goodbye to mentally prepare for the Lady Booters' next game. As a ritual, it's likely she will eat her favorite

Haribo gummy bears, and listen to her favorite pre-game CD, a mix that includes a bit of Jay-Z, Limp Bizkit and DMX.

"Lindsey's number one," chants Essence Coggins and Daisha Hicks, members of the Bison women's basketball team. Walton just smiles and continues her phone conversation.

## Howard Students: Social Kindness is Key

POLITE from B1

it off as my being "old fashioned." After all, what fault can you find in exercising behaviors that were created to maintain social kindness and consideration for others?

My challenge to all, but

especially my female counterparts, is to at least make yourself familiar with the ancient rules of social order, i.e. an etiquette book, and to remember in your daily words and actions that no harm can ever come from respecting others, which in turn means

respecting yourself. Hopefully, when you know better, you do better. My copy of Miss Manner's Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Behavior is always available.

Bests,  
Monica



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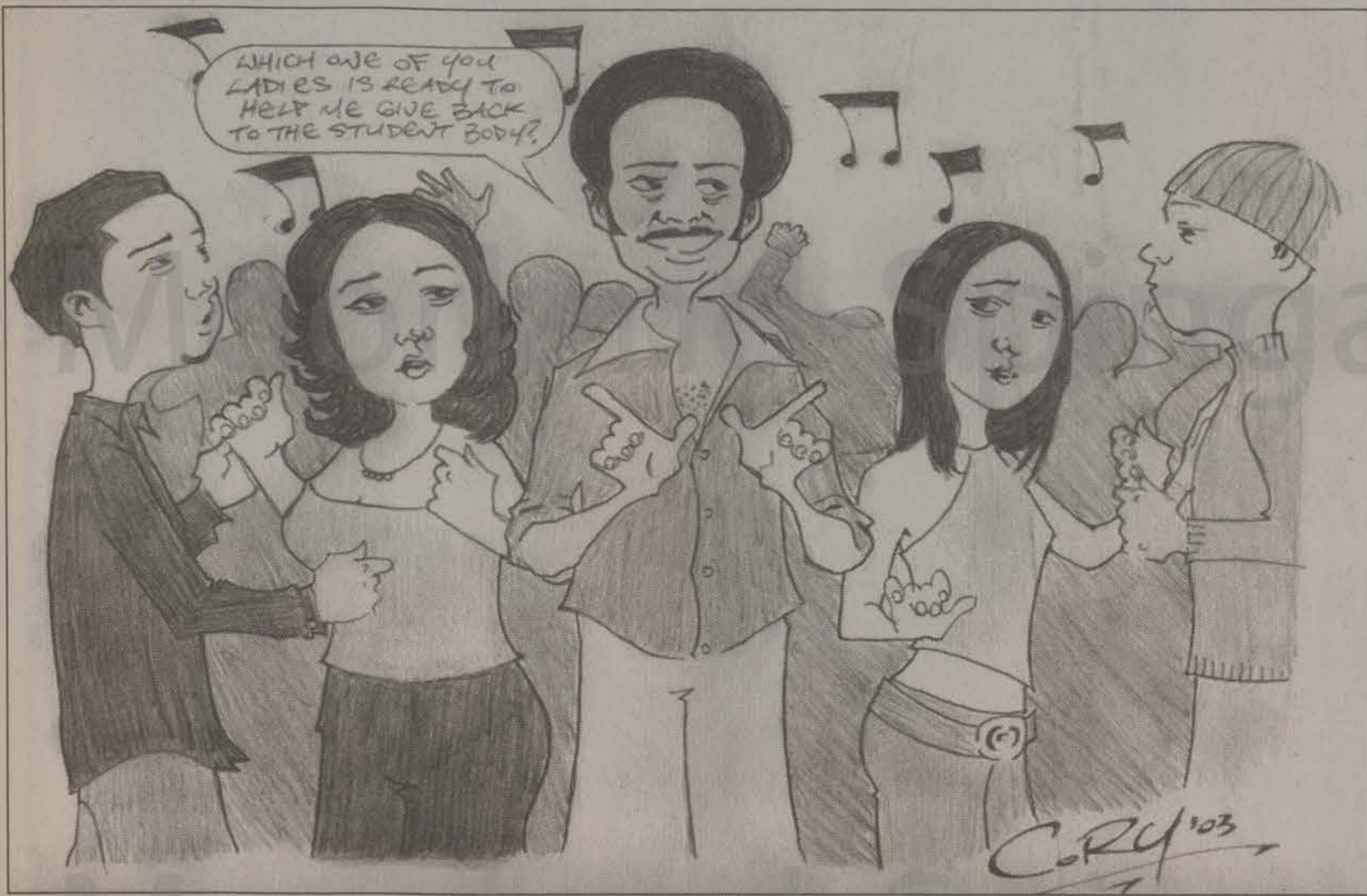
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### Grow Up HU Grads

It is Saturday night. You decide to go shake a tail feather at a party that one of the popular campus organizations is hosting. In the midst of getting your groove on, you see the familiar faces of many freshmen, some sophomores and juniors, and even a few seniors. But wait. Some of the faces here are a little too familiar. You would swear that some of these guys were seniors when you were a freshman.

Sound familiar? Well, for most of us, it is not unusual to see member of the class of '97, '98, '99, and others socializing right along with the rest of us.

It makes us wonder whether or not these people have successfully progressed to the next stage in life. Part of maturity is moving on to things that suit your age bracket. Hanging out on the Yard and

showing your face at every party that is clearly planned with undergrads in mind is a clear reflection of (dare we say it?) IMMATURITY.

We do not in any way feel that these people should com-

#### Our View:

**People who have graduated from Howard should move on with their lives instead of hanging around campus all the time.**

pletely distance themselves from the University. Giving back and coming back to help out are positive things. However, when you cannot get past the social scene and explore new things, there

seems to be a problem.

Howard is a wonderful place with wonderful experiences to offer, both academically and socially. However, when you finish the job you came here for, it is counterproductive to be doing the same things you did for four, maybe five, years straight.

So, to all of our esteemed Howard University graduates who just can't seem to grasp the concept that it is over, do not fret. We are pretty sure that the idea of Homecoming was designed with you in mind. During this time, you can go back and enjoy the

socializing and festivities of Howard for a whole week!

Until then, find a setting and a crowd that will not make you look like you simply do not know how to let go.

### CBC Paves the Way

Some of the most influential black people in America congregated over the weekend for the annual Congressional Black Caucus Conference. Black Congress representatives, doctors, businessmen, attorneys, and others came together in our nation's capital. In addition, this year's conference was more diverse than ever, incorporating more than just black faces in an event that was beneficial to the masses.

The conference hosted an array of educational and informative forums with thought-provoking titles such as "Charitable Choice: Compromising the Prophetic Voice of the Black Church" and "The Underground Railroad: Using the Legacy to Educate Vulnerable Youth Populations."

The event was not just one for the well-off and influential. Many people came and received free testing for glau-

coma, high blood pressure and other diseases that largely affect the black community.

This event is something that the entire community can benefit from. We are glad that the conference only gets bigger and better each year. With

#### Our View:

**Last week's Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference was a tremendous success.**

more media coverage and more appeal to the average person, the conference showed great improvements.

Many issues that were detrimental to the future of the black community were raised, such as economic empowerment and the fight

against cancer and AIDS.

We should all be aware of how much power the members of the Congressional Black Caucus have. We respect these individuals as the front line of the freedom fighters. They are our representatives, our voice.

By participating in the conference, we have the opportunity to see where are representatives stand, and to become more knowledgeable about politics that directly affect us.

It is especially important for Howard University students to get involved and participate in these workshops and forums. As the future leaders of America and the global community, it is our duty to be abreast on these issues and take a stance. Next year, we hope that even more of us will seize the opportunity to be a part of this important conference.

### Race-Based Bake Sales Bash Affirmative Action

Want a cookie? Well, it will be \$1 if you're a white male, 75 cents if you're a white female, 50 cents if you're Latino and a mere 25 cents if you're black.

At least according to the signs posted at the bake sales of conservative groups on college campuses across America.

These race-based bake sales attempt to show how affirmative action is racist, nonsensical, and unfair. They also aim to illustrate what it would be like if affirmative action was applied to all aspects of life.

We think the bake sales only show the continuous need for affirmative action.

It is unfortunate that after all these years, people still fail to grasp the purpose of affirmative action. People view affirmative action as a hand out, a "sigh of relief," an indication

that the hard work is over. This could not be farther from the truth. Affirmative action is not

#### Our View:

**Absurd stunts only show that affirmative action is still needed.**

giving a minority a free ride, it purpose is to ensure that minorities get a fair ride. With out these laws, whites would most likely not be concerned with diversity in colleges and in the work force.

Like anything in life, affirmative action may have its flaws, but the greater purpose of it far outweighs any minimal drawbacks one may point out. In a perfect world, we may not

need affirmation action laws, but our society had proven to be more than faulty. People who say that affirmative action is "unfair" or "unjust" need a reality check. What is unfair is that we live in a society where we need laws to foster diversity and equality. What is unjust is that even under these laws equality still isn't realized.

The conservatives on these college campuses need to realize that the

issue of affirmative action cannot be related to a chocolate chip cookie. It is a complex issue that we are obviously still dealing with today. And the fact that these groups are trivializing the seriousness of not only affirmative action, but the racist attitudes that make it necessary lets us know that we need to hold onto these laws that much stronger.

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# PERSPECTIVES

## Fashion:



### It's Deeper Than You Think

Nicole Marie Melton

Earlier this summer, I was hanging out with some friends from school when we began talking about the previous semester. Some mentioned that they felt their grades could have been better while others seemed satisfied with their final marks. In agreement with the latter, I subtly mentioned that I completed the semester with a 4.0, after which someone heartlessly blurted out, "Oh, that's only because you're a fashion major."

As I allowed this utterance to seep into my thought pattern, the words seemed as if they were a cassette tape in a mental VCR. Play. Stop. Rewind. Play. After being replayed about six times in my head, I finally asked the young man, who is a chemistry major, exactly what he meant by that statement. Flabbergasted by my taking offense to his rude remark, he replied, "Oh, c'mon. You know I was just joking with you," in a quick, yet unsuccessful attempt to redeem himself.

Perhaps if this was the first time that a comment like this had been directed towards me, I would have been able to brush it off. Just maybe, if the comment did not carry with it the weight of sarcasm and ignorance, I would have been able to contain my composure. But this was something that I had too many times before. One student referred to me as a "wimp" while another guy even called me "Legally Blonde." Unfortunately, these simpleminded remarks would not be the last.

I fail to fully comprehend the objective of my fellow Howardites who continuously feel the need to comment on what I have chosen as my course of study. I don't question you about what's so interesting about finding the derivative of a hyperbolic function, do I?

There are so many interesting careers to pursue in today's workforce. Opting to take somewhat of an unorthodox approach to my future, I want to enter the fashion industry. Contrary to popular belief, this job market is not just about glitz and glamour. The fashion and textile industries are vital to everyday life. From the seatbelt you buckle in your car, to the mouse pad resting next to your computer, anything that contains fabric is a result of someone who works in the industry. Fashion surrounds us when we wake in the morning and when we slumber at night.

For instance, that towel you use to dry off after showering and the warm and cozy comforter you sleep under are both products of the fashion industry. And while some Howard grads will easily be able to secure a good paying, full-time job immediately after graduation, it won't be that simple for me. Fashion is one of the hardest industries to break into and no one cares about how many letters you have behind your name. Given our current economic climate, landing a job in the industry will be harder than a rock, which should make standing in my shoes even more respectable.

Fashion is an industry that requires the knowledge and expertise that can only be provided by studying the business, so do me a favor. The next time you're tempted to look down upon someone who has a unique outlook on their future, remember that it takes all types to make the world go 'round. True, I do not wear a white lab coat and goggles to class, but my one-of-a-kind vintage outfit, stiletto shoes, and snakeskin bag to match are just fine with me. Besides, if fashion was easy, everybody would do it.

# Exit Stage Left

Cory Thomas

If looks were actually lethal, there'd be a lot of slow singing and flower-bringing for me after yesterday. I'd have been painfully mourned as yet another victim claimed prematurely by an angry eyeball. It happened as I made my way through the U Street Metro Station. Walking past the bank of farecard machines, my attention was snagged by a couple of young women. They were using their collective brainpower to negotiate the complicated two-step card-vending procedure. Both were pretty, but one in particular commanded my interest.

Now, let me get this established up front: I'm not an ogler. I'm not the type that lecherously leers at women to the point where they feel the need to scrub themselves. Usually my superficial appraisal is innocent enough. Usually. This time my gaze lingered a little longer than it should have, and the object of my scrutiny realized it. That's when I was subjected to her withering death-stare.

Now, I'm not entirely sure what exactly upset her about the situation, but I'm thinking it may have something to do with the fact that she was naked. Well, almost naked. Sure, she had the obligatory strips of fabric covering her danger zones, but most likely that was just a precaution against arrest. The shorts she crammed herself into were two sizes too small and her tank top was about three. I don't know where she was headed for the day, but she seemed determined to get there rocking as little gear as possible. So one



would think she was ready to embrace whatever attention she attracted. Obviously, from her response, she wasn't.

Naturally, I've chosen to ignore the possibility that she was simply repulsed by me personally.

Thinking about the episode later, I went to my dictionary-sized list of things that confuse me about women and saw it right there at No. 1083. Now, my opinion may jeopardize my membership in the Sensitive Males with No Girl Society, but

it needs to be said. Ladies, stop it. Please. Some of you try to have it both ways, but can't. Save me the pleas of innocence and the outrage at being made into a spectacle, when you've put so much work into making a spectacle of yourself. And please save the "I dress this way for me," chatter until you start becoming attracted to your own cleavage.

It takes a conscious decision to publicly expose yourself. Ever since Adam first slipped into his fig leaf underpants and Eve started wearing her hair

long down the front, it's been instinctive for people to cover up their stuff. It's our natural inclination. So, to wrestle against the demands of nature requires an actual effort. It's like going without food for a month or holding your breath until your parents stop arguing. You're braving the streets with your goodies on display because you've chosen to. You're not oblivious.

Like it or not, reality dictates that you'll be looked at, stared at and accosted by louts. I can't defend the last one, but

the first two come with the scantily-clad territory. So, decide already. Either you enjoy being an exhibit or you don't. If you do, I'll keep my eyes peeled, but I'll probably never talk to you. I'm sure somehow you'll survive of the heartbreak of not being hit on by nerds. However, for those of you that don't particularly enjoy being a show, I can only offer you one slice of advice. Close the curtains.



## A Letter from Aaron Bonner's Mother

I enjoyed the article about the rare form of cancer that Aaron Bonner has. I was impressed with the research that was done about the cancer.

But what most people don't know is that because of this cancer, Aaron lost his scholarship. Because of the symptoms and the pain he was in, he had a very hard time keeping up with his studies. As a result, he may not be returning to Howard next year.

I have written numerous letters to the

financial aid office, hoping they would consider giving his scholarship back. Without that scholarship he cannot afford to return.

Maybe if this paper and all of his friends wrote letters to the financial aid office and the president of the college he will be able to return to Howard next year.

Thank you for caring enough about Aaron to write such a heartfelt article.

Sincerely, Robin Bonner-Waldon  
(mother of Aaron Bonner)

## Social Promotion and Howard University

A. Rahman Ford

In many ways, Howard University is not preparing its students for success. Instead, it fosters a culture in which aspirations to mediocrity are not only welcomed and encouraged, but all too often rewarded.

This culture permeates the administration, the faculty and, most perniciously, the student body. Again, Howard University students are not being properly prepared to succeed in a competitive post-Howard environment. Such malfeasance on the part of all parties mentioned above has resulted in the acceptance of social promotion as a viable tool for conferring degrees upon unqualified persons.

During my time here, I have witnessed graduate students submit class assignments handwritten on ragged notebook paper. I have witnessed students and faculty arrive to class late, time and time and time again. I have witnessed inept, self-interested student leadership. I have heard countless excuses from administrators as to why students do not have what they deserve, and why those things are not important. I have

heard mobile phones ring in the library, the call answered and library administration do nothing to ensure that others' right to silence is observed. I know doctoral students who have never published. I have even heard professors assert they should be paid more to help students with dissertations.

Recently, I have had discussions with several Howard

University graduates who harbor resentment towards Howard University because they were led to believe that they were receiving a "Research I" education only to later discover that they were intellectually inferior to their white counterparts with degrees from majority universities. The intellectual inferiority I refer to has absolutely nothing to do with inherent ability or aptitude. Rather, I am referring to the lack of proper academic and professional cultivation received at Howard University.

During the beginning of the semester, there was a three-week period when there was no toner in the i-Lab. I sent an email to President Swygert about the situation and his response was dismissive. I was not surprised because it was not the first time my inquiries to University administration had been dismissed.

However, I was disappointed and dismayed because the students who could not print assignments for class were not only being dis-

serviced, but were accepting of such disservice. Students accept disservice when professors present syllabi that have not been updated in 10 years. Students accept disservice when their student "leaders" receive unwarranted remuneration for failing to attend meetings. Students even accept disservice when their school newspapers have typographical errors.

The unfortunate truth is that the incessant instances of disservice at Howard University act to create a culture of mediocrity and complacency, a culture in which academic ineptitude and professional transgression are so commonplace as to constitute a perverted malaise of normalcy. Sadly, many students, both undergraduate and graduate, are either unable or unwilling to realize that this culture is completely antithetical to that which will be encountered once their tenure at Howard University ends. Thus, many students will graduate bound intellectually by the standard of mediocrity, and subsequently realize that they were ill prepared and in effect socially promoted.

We must all challenge ourselves to transcend our current situation. Students must arrive to class on time. Faculty must keep current in their subject areas. Administration must address institutional defects swiftly. Each party must demand an attitude of success from the others. Students specifically must demand that their rights are being met and must not rely on recalcitrant faculty, administration and student

"leaders" to ensure that changes occur.

In sum, we must emancipate ourselves from the culture of social promotion at Howard University, and this can only be accomplished by casting aside our fears of holding one another accountable for the successful performance of our duties in the Howard community.

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Caribbean Student Assoc.

H.U. Chapel Assistants  
Nsaa Dance Ensemble H.U.S.A.  
B.S.U.C.C.A.S.A.  
Phi Sigma Pi  
Campus Pals  
Arts & Science Student Council

For More Info. Contact Nelson Santiago @ 202.806.2755 or nsantiago@howard.edu

## Personals

*Shermayne & Joi- you guys are the best roommates!*  
-Soraya

**ASSISTANT NEEDED:**  
**\$50 a week for running errands and simple everyday tasks.**  
Contact Maya Gilliam at (336) 414-0567.

Les --  
Let's work together to make sports as tight as we know it can be.  
--Tues. Sports Ed.

82 --  
My condolences about your aunt. You are the bestest best friend ever.  
-- Stick

**HELP WANTED**  
\$10.00 per hour!  
Many students are needed to help decorate the campus for homecoming from October 1 through October 11. Please leave your name and phone number at (301) 613-4088 Or, stop by the staging area beginning October 1. We will be working in the old Wonder Bread warehouse, which is the huge one story building, at the corner of 6th and Bryant streets, right across from the iLab.

Is it us or are you always in our business?

James Moore- I feel like a girl who gave it up on the first night. Now that you don't need me anymore, you don't call, you don't write and I don't see you anymore. You are a user, abuser and heart breaker.  
-SP

Tuesday's Staff- Ya'll did a great job this week, especially Monica, Soraya, and Ruth. Shani, I appreciate your help! Keep up the good work!  
-your M.E. Corey

I WILL eat my hat!  
-SOH

Thanks staff for working hard. Tizzy be strong and let Bigs know. Anna Mae thanks for coming down. SP "Are you just hanging out here" Corey I smell a rat.. Big Momma you are gangsta.. Diva still on point.. Scruggs thanks atso... Nakisha talk to me...  
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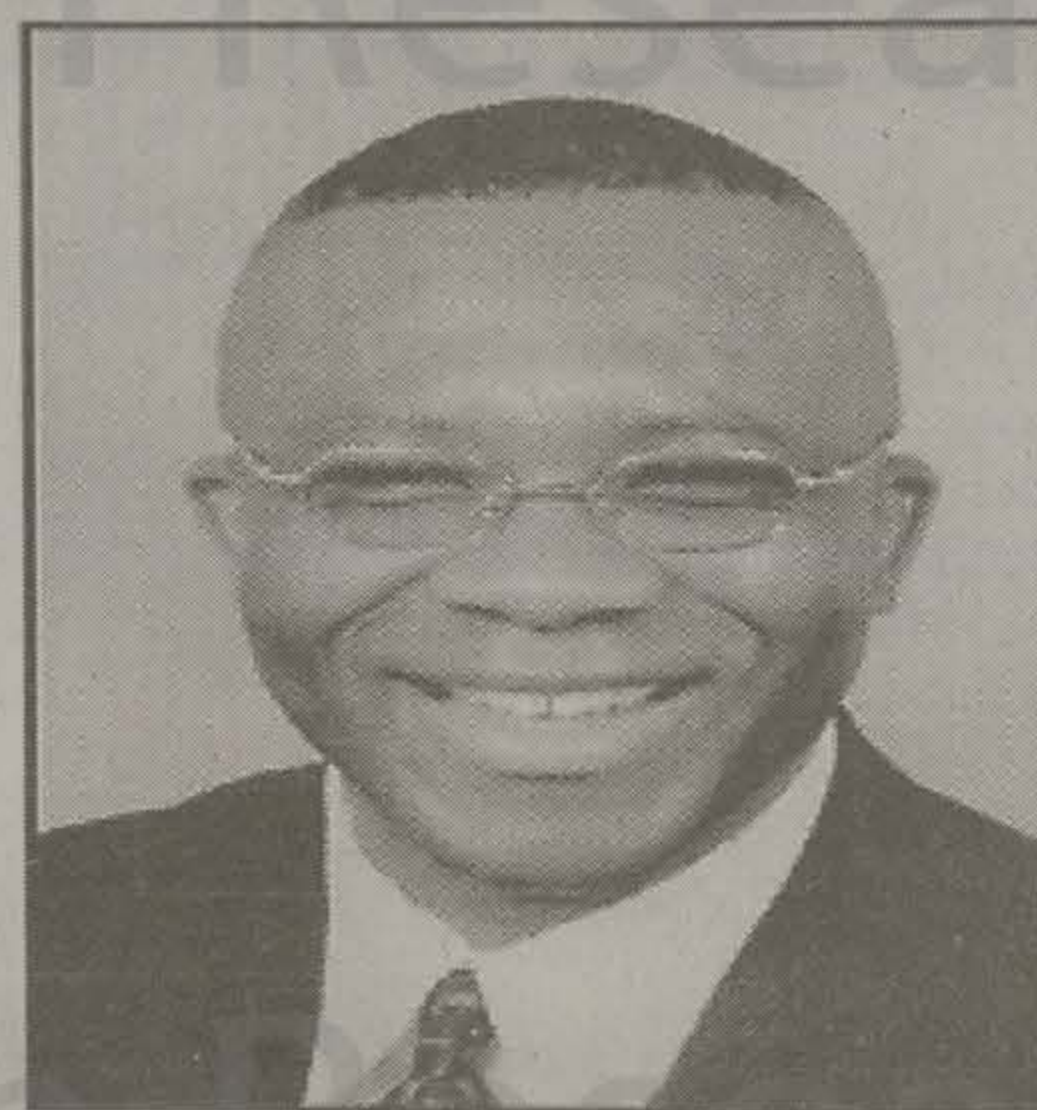
**YOU'RE GHETTO IF**  
Featuring Father Joe & The Kid ...



You got all dressed up for Convocation but woke up late so you had to watch it on the big screen in Blackburn.

In an effort to entertain the faithful reader of the Hilltopics we have created a humorous feature to entertain you. Since we know you all love this page. <----Here is something for you to chew on each week.

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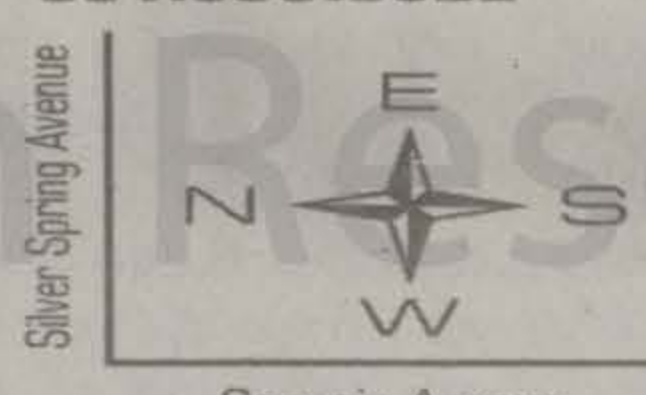
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**Register TODAY!!!**  
**301.585.UMAC**  
Must Register by Oct. 3, 2003  
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**Where to Go?**

8120 Georgia Ave.

**When to Be There?**

Oct. 6 - Oct. 17  
Every Week Night  
7:30pm - 8:30pm

**What to Wear?**

T-Shirt & Shorts

**How to Get There?**

**M** Metro to Silver Spring Station  
Go South on Georgia Avenue to 8120  
UMAC will be on the right side of the street

**BUS** MetroBus  
Take the 70 Bus to Silver Spring  
Get off at Silver Spring Avenue Stop  
UMAC is directly across the street