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## Farakhan encourages march participation

By Alain Joseph  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Students filled the Rankin Chapel to capacity after having to wait over an hour, this past Tuesday, to hear Minister Farrakhan along with community leaders, and Religious leaders addressed the issue of the Million Man March.

"No school, no work, no entertainment! If they say, where were you?... say I was observing a Holy Day," Minister Louis Farrakhan said.

The Holy Day that Farrakhan spoke of was the Million Man to be held on March on October 16 at the capital of the United States. This consecrated day of "atonement and reconciliation" is called to be headed by Black men "from all walks of life in America."

Reverend Wilson feels that the vision of the Holy Day came from God.

It is a "celebration of seeing a smorgasbord of all these religions leaders coming together." Wilson said.

The March calls for all religions

and various denominations to declare the Holy Day where black men recognize and atone for the absence in their role as head of the household, positive role models, and builder of communities.

Referring to the march, Reverend Windgate from the mayors office said there is a need for unity with our people.

"We will walk hand in hand in doing what God wants. For too long we have been pushed to the back burner," Reverend Windgate said.

Farrakhan made it clear that women's role has always been that of carrying burden of the man, and now "we're doing this in Honor of you," he said.

Although Sherri Edwards, a freshmen public relations major was a bit uneasy about the woman's role in the march she agreed that it was a good sacrifice to make.

"If I am to take one day to help inspire dignity and pride in the black man... then I will definitely participate. This may be the beginning of a long awaited Black Revolution in America," Edwards said.

"This Million Man March is something that's happened on time and it's about time. Any time you have a black man [Detroit, Michigan] beating up a black woman to death, where she jumped off a bridge, it's definitely time to come together," Mark Payne, a senior majoring in sociology.

There will be three key issues addressed at the march. 1. The Black family and the community development. 2. Affirmative Action and voting rights support. 3. Corporate America's reinvestment in the black community.

While student did agree that the March is a good idea, some still have one critical question left unanswered in their mind.

"It was not discussed, or explained why they are asking for a donation of \$11.00. It seems as though they are just taking people's money without any explanation. You can not put a price tag on a movement such as this," Jason Guyton, a sophomore majoring in accounting said.

Fredi Milton, a sophomore majoring in Radio, Television, and Film is also skeptical about the



Louis Farrakhan talks about his plans for the October 16 Million Man March.

fee that the march will entail.

"The march sounds like a good idea. I don't know about this registration fee,"

"We believe that it is only when

we are at one—at peace with our selves and our Creator—can we then begin to reconcile ourselves with the creator," Farrakhan said.

Students wanted to be informed

about the mass movement of the Million man March.

"We call others to pray and fast the day before the march," Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis said.

## Swygert speaks at Rankin Chapel Urges students to increase their faith



President Swygert gives sermon at Rankin

By Awanya Deneace Anglin  
Hilltop Staff Writer

are facing many obstacles. Adults, according to Swygert, have the experience and the expertise to teach young adults how to be leaders.

The stone used by David, was paralleled to today's adult generations. David, according to Swygert, picked a stone that was very smooth. This stone was smooth because it withstood nature—erosion, water currents, etc.—over a long period of time.

The stone's endeavors can be related to the endeavors or experiences of adults. Adults have endured hardships and tribulations and now have the duty to relate their experiences to the younger generations.

"As we lead students to lead and to survive, we must have smooth stones... must have what is necessary to succeed," Swygert said. "We have courses and seminars to confront their Goliaths."

Having faith, according to Swygert, is beneficial in the struggle for survival for both young men and women. In his sermon, Swygert made a reference to a gospel spiritual that said, "Lord, you don't have to move my mountain, just give me the strength to climb it."

Public policy also troubles Swygert in his battle to assist young people. It is not a positive sign when "incarceration and non-education are a part of public policy."

"There is not enough equality, justice and freedom," Swygert said.

Swygert understands that many young adults are dismayed about their lives and what life has to offer them. This perspective makes it easy for them to go astray.

"[Many young adults] are filled with frustration and despair. They find it impossible to believe," Swygert said.

Swygert hopes to be a role model and friend to students.

As the fifteenth president of Howard University, he hopes to graduate leaders now and in the future.

"Our responsibility to acknowledge the past so that we can inform the present so that young people can be prepared for the future," a concerned Swygert said.

It is also very important to Swygert that African Americans come together as one. If African Americans succeeded in doing so, they would be undefeated.

"We as a family of army men can defeat the Goliaths of ignorance and despair," Swygert said.

## Let Us March!



Benjamin Chavis, former head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People visited campus earlier this week to encourage students to participate in next month's Million Man March. See story on A3.

## Bison fall to N.C. Central, 37-32

Lose 12-point first half lead to the Eagles. Can they bounce back in tomorrow's match against the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff?



The Bison fell flat against North Carolina Central in last Saturday's contest.

By Marcus Matthews  
Hilltop Staff Writer

After a surprisingly easy victory over rival Hampton two weeks ago, the Howard University Bison looked to be returning to the winning ways of the 1993 season. But after Saturday's upset at the hands of the Division II North Carolina Central Eagles (1-2), the Bison find themselves leaving a lot of questions unanswered.

In front of 8,850 fans at Greene Stadium, the Bison blew a 12-point, first-half lead to fall to the Eagles, 37-32. Although unable to stop N.C. Central's offense at key points in the game, Howard did have a

chance at a comeback but was stopped short. Quarterback Ted White was intercepted on the goal-line at the end of the game.

"They had a lot of big plays. You try and learn from it so next time you don't give up the big plays. When they had an opportunity to make plays, they made them," said Head Coach Steve Wilson, on the loss.

After trailing 18-6, North Carolina Central scored 24 unanswered points to take a 30-18 lead late in the third quarter. The Bison finally woke up in the fourth quarter when White and Marco Ward hooked up on a 29-yard touchdown pass. Then linebacker Curtis Allen blocked a punt and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown

that gave Howard a short-lived 32-30 early in the fourth quarter.

Central came right back and drove down the field to score on a five-yard touchdown pass by Duran McLaurin to Antoine Calloway to retake the lead for good, 37-32, with less than 9 minutes to play. Howard had one final chance to win the game, starting from their own 19 with 2:58 to play in the game. The Bison drove down the field to the Central 15-yard line. Wide receiver MacArthur Johnson was unable to hold on to a pass from White in the end-zone. On the next play, White was intercepted at the goal-line by safety Buddy Crutchfield, sealing the upset.

"We don't look at this as a major setback. It's a disappointing outing, so we've got to highlight the things we did wrong and hopefully correct them," Wilson said.

The loss puts a damper on a great effort by defensive back Billy Jenkins, who had two interceptions and Running Back Steve Willoby, who contributed two touchdowns in his first game back, having suffered an injury to his knee last season.

Tomorrow, the Bison take on the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in the Third Annual Gateway Classic in St. Louis, Mo. The Golden Lions, who are coming off a win against Langston University, are lead on offense by Doug Switzer, son of Dallas Cowboys' head coach Barry Switzer. Kick-off is scheduled for 5 p.m.

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# CAMPUS

## Slowe Hall staff works to improve dormitory

Alain Joseph  
Hilltop Staff Writer

While some students living in Lucy Diggs Slowe Hall praised the dormitory's living standards, others condemned them.

"Slowe Hall is a relatively quiet dorm with mature upperclassmen, Yemi Akisanya, a senior majoring in nursing, said.

"The dorm facilities are in pretty good shape, the housekeeping staff is always on top of their work," Kevin Tolson, a senior majoring in marketing, said.

They also gave high marks to the housekeeping staff. Brenda Gaskin, Wanda Gibson and Albert Smalls are members of the staff and Deborah Bruce is the staff's supervisor.

"We are like a family. We try to solve the problems of the students in a timely fashion," Gaskin said.

But other residents think that living at Slowe can be an inconvenience when basic appliances do not work properly. Kevin Brady, a freshman majoring in psychology, cited kitchen problems as the source of his annoyance.

"Many times the ranges on the

stove don't even work, and we end up having to use the ranges on the second floor."

Slowe Hall has 294 rooms and three floors. There is one kitchen on each floor and residents are limited to using only one microwave and four stove ranges to prepare their meals.

"I see it as an inconvenience not to have ovens, because it is healthier to cook and bake foods in ovens rather than using the microwave," said Zaneta Cousin, a junior majoring in physical therapy.

Dr. Valarie Turner, senior community director of Slowe and Bethune Annex, addresses the problems and concerns of Slowe residents. Turner said she is aware of the kitchen problems and she plans to solve them.

"I do not see the University going through the major renovations to installing ovens in the kitchen, because Slowe is a very old building, and the kitchens were never set up to be full kitchens. In order to install ovens, we have to be properly set up the kitchen to meet fire code regulations. The next time any major renovations are made [for the kitchen] we will look into the feasibility of installing ovens,"

Turner said.

But Turner said problems in the kitchens are the only problems that were brought to her attention. She suggested that residents of Slowe Hall come together and write a proposal making their requests for improvements and repairs known.

A trash pileup also bothers Slowe Hall residents. Dumpsters overflowing with trash outside the dormitory attract insects, making students doubt the cleanliness of their surroundings.

"The trash outside the kitchen is not sanitary," Akisanya said.

Tia Robinson, a junior majoring in nursing, finds the insects annoying and unsanitary.

"The pileup of trash outside attracts bees, and the bees find their way into the kitchen while we are cooking," Robinson said.

The resident assistants, staff and maintenance are all working together to make Slowe a better dormitory.

"To entertain and bring students closer together, we plan to set up a game room in the next three to four weeks. The game room will have pool tables, table tennis, televisions, VCRs, and many other activities to things," graduate assistant Die Blaise said.



Residents of Lucy Diggs Slowe Hall have been complaining of a trash pileup that breeds insect.



Campus police and students made an effort to improve campus safety in a forum Monday night.

## Campus police, students increase safety

By Chana Garcia  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Campus police want to improve relations with Howard students. At a security forum sponsored by HUSA, a panel of six officers discussed some of the problems that have caused the bad blood between themselves and students.

"We want to have meaningful communication with students because our main purpose is to protect them," said Captain Alton Goodwine, administrative officer of the campus police.

Monday's forum was the first of many sessions geared at acquainting students with campus

police and procedures they can follow to increase campus safety. Over the years, Howard's security has received a bad reputation and, as a result, students lack confidence in its efficiency.

"I realize that the relationship between students and security is not the best that it could be," HUSA vice president Kofi Rashid said. "Many students have a very antagonistic attitude toward security. Some believe that they are inadequate but, on the flip side, we have some top quality security."

The security officers agreed with Rashid and added that they treat every situation they face with the same amount of dedication.

"We respond to every call as if it's a life or death situation,"

Sergeant Ruth Cobb said. "No one in our department condones delinquent officers."

At the forum, students were encouraged to report negligent officers so that they could be weeded out. "If students don't report officers then no action can be taken," said Cobb.

Campus police have made many attempts to safeguard students from the criminal element that is present in the surrounding communities and, ultimately, the University. Since they not only patrol the campus, but also patrol the Howard community, investigators in the crime prevention department pushed for the Signet Bank ATM to close at 7:00 p.m. to reduce the number of Howard students who

are getting robbed.

The student escort service has also made attempts to reduce crime on and around campus by offering free escorts Monday through Thursday from 7:00 p.m. until midnight.

The Blue Light System, which has call boxes located throughout the campus, has also been installed and is directly connected to campus police.

Sergeant Ruban Johnson, of campus police, wants students to become more proactive and work with them in a joint effort to make the University safer for everyone.

"To better serve the students, they have to assist us in working together," Johnson said.

## Student robbed at gunpoint in broad daylight

When two students offered her a ride the robber walked away

By Kikora Austin  
Hilltop Staff Writer

A second-semester sophomore was robbed at gunpoint behind the Howard Plaza Towers on September 12.

Kia Carnelus wanted to avoid Georgia Avenue on her way back

gun, pointed it at Carnelus' head and said, "Staci, give me all your money." While she removed her book bag, he stepped closer and placed the gun directly on her forehead.

Two male students drove by and saw the incident. Although they did not know Carnelus, they offered her a ride back to the Towers.

The assailant, with the gun at his side, said, "It was nice meeting you," and walked away.

"I didn't even remember to thank those two guys for saving my life because I was in so much shock. But I know their helping me was truly an act of God," Carnelus said.

"As soon as I got home I got on my knees and thanked Him for being with me. I also want to thank those two guys for being courageous enough to stop and

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**-Kia Carnelus**

from CVS drugstore at approximately 2 p.m. As she took a shortcut, a Black male in a Nautica outfit approached her and asked her name. Carnelus, a radio-TV-film major, replied with the fictitious name Staci.

The assailant then pulled out a

help me like they did. They were risking their own lives to save me."

Carnelus filed a report with campus security and the District police. The suspect was not yet found at Hilltop press time.

## Group's purpose is to organize and unite law students

By Natasha Lindsey  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In 1989 an organization was formed by two law students who wanted to bring together students interested in entertainment law. The organization is known as ELSA, but for those who don't know it as ELSA call them the Entertainment Lawyers Student Association.

Never heard of them? Well by the end of the year ELSA will make sure students know who they are.

"The idea of ELSA is to educate students on Entertainment law and what opportunities are in the area of entertainment law," former president Kwame Anthony said.

"Our purpose is to also bring people who are trying to get into entertainment or sports law together," president, Kim Willis said.

As an alumna of Howard University and graduate student at Howard's law school, Willis has plans to get ELSA off and running.

"Just because we are on west campus, doesn't mean these two campuses can't be joined together. As an alum of Howard and having the connection with UGSA I hope to link the two campuses together," Willis said. Willis' plan to team up with UGSA will result in a celebrity basketball game in conjunction with the Spring Black Arts Festival. Regular seminars a film festival and a fashion panel tentatively set for January. These are just a few of the projects Willis has planned for the year.

The idea's expressed by Kwame Anthony and Kim Willis, is just what got Ali Ryan interested in ELSA. This year Ryan is secretary of the Association and filled with ideas of how to make ELSA better than ever.

"Last year was my first year in the association. When I first got to law school I wanted to be in entertainment

law and my friend Kim invited me to a meeting," Ryan said.

Half-way into the year ELSA took the back seat to all the members busy schedules.

"The problem wasn't a lack of ideas but everyone is really busy so personally I want to better organize to get info out to people," second-year law student Will Reader said.

Reader joined the association the same year as Ryan. Reader has taken the position as Vice President of Sports and like Ryan has plans to make this a big year for ELSA. Reader, like all of the members of ELSA, wants other students to benefit from the group just as he has.

"Elsa has given me a golden opportunity to meet people that I normally wouldn't come in contact with. I've met people in sports and it has me the chance to dialogue with people in the industry," Reader said.

Along with all the activities the association has planned, being an ELSA member has its privileges. As a member of Elsa, not only are there seminars, but also conferences that enable members to mix and mingle with well-known entertainment lawyers in the business and hopefully land internships.

Ryan, Reader and all the member of ELSA are committed to making this year memorable. While they got off to a rocky start last year the association has plans to turn that around.

Internships seminars panels and a conference doesn't hurt either, but in order for this association to execute their plans they must work together to reach their goals.

"It's important for everyone to work together and I think everyone wants to make this work," Ryan said.

"I think last year there were a lot of good ideas tossed around. This year we'll try to implement the ideas and try to make our organization active on campus so people can gain something."

## Consumer association, business owners rally to save Howard Hotel

By Natasha Lindsey  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Usually, the only time there is a crowd in front of the Howard University Hotel is when students flock to Howard for Homecoming or parents come to Howard for graduation.

This time, the crowd of people in front of the Howard Hotel was not

there to hang out or await their son or daughter's commencement ceremony. They were protesting the closing of a Washington, D.C. landmark, the only black-owned and operated hotel.

"We must not let this historical landmark come down!" shouted the crowd that gathered in front of the hotel. Although the number of rally goers was smaller than expected, those who were in attendance made sure that their point came across loud and clear.

"I hope some of the entrepreneurs and Black businesses will come together and save this hotel," said one of the rally goers.

The closing of the Howard Hotel came as a surprise to everyone. While the closing may disappoint

many residents of the D.C. area, the closing will most strongly affect those who have businesses inside the hotel. The owners of those businesses were at the rally to express their disappointment in the hotel's closing.

Liz Nolan's hair salon, Natural Motion Express, has been in business at the Howard Hotel for four years. Its location has been very beneficial for her business and, more importantly, very accessible

Although the number of students at the rally was dismal, those who did attend expressed their concern for the closing of the hotel.

"I don't want the hotel to be sold. Not if it's ours. If it's ours, we should do everything we can to keep it," said Nikanesha Johnson, freshman film major. Johnson was not sure as to why the hotel was closing, but was disappointed that she didn't see any fellow Bison at the rally.

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The National African American Consumer Association (NAACA) planned the rally under the guidance of President Herb Williams.

"We will fight, we will battle, go to war to keep this existence

of Howard Hotel. Don't underestimate the public of consumers," said Williams.

The Howard Hotel opened 10 years ago in place of the Horand Inn. The hotel's closing has caused a number of rumors to surface, such as the idea that the hotel is closing because it was not generating enough money or plans to turn the hotel into a dormitory. Howard Hotel general manager Eddie Isom is unsure of the reasons for the closing, but said it was the decision of the Board of Trustees.

to students. Said Nolan: "I'm very saddened. Just as I get adjusted, it's all coming down. I hope and pray there's a way to save it."

Oliver Bently, manager of Natural Motion Express, was equally disappointed with the closing of the hotel, not only for the customers they may lose, but also for what the hotel means to D.C.

"I feel terrible. Terrible for Black people; this is a landmark, and what is this going to say about Black people?" Bently asked.



# CAMPUS PLUS

## Chavis urges Howard students to support march Howard students unite throughout the community

By Nikki Credic  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Benjamin Chavis, former NAACP executive director, pointed out exactly why Howard students must unite and participate in the Million Man March.

"You've got the people down there at Congress who are seriously contemplating taking away Howard's federal rating," Chavis said Tuesday night in the School of Business auditorium. "Should we wait until the hammer drops?"

Chavis told Howard students they cannot be spectators and let this happen.

"We have to prepare ourselves because they will come and shut Howard down if they see our vulnerability."

According to Chavis, that vulnerability is disunity.

Chavis said the Black race is besieged with disunity, especially regarding financial matters.

He noted that the Black community spends \$433 billion a year.

"If we were our own nation, we would be the ninth richest nation in the world," Chavis said.

Chavis explained that African Americans spend very little of their earnings on their liberation, but

they are funding their oppression. He said the NAACP and the Urban League should not be in financial trouble, yet they are because Blacks are not financially supporting them.

"Other folks are supporting our organizations, and then they wind up controlling our organizations,"

Black consumerism need to be taught a lesson.

"We got a list," Chavis said. "There are some giants on that list, and we're going to slay one of those giants to teach the other giants a lesson."

One of those giants is Nike. A

"We are going to march even if we have to march barefooted," Chavis said.

Chavis said African Americans need to start acting in their own interest and stop letting others dictate what they do.

"We don't want tennis shoes. We

want to own the factory that makes the tennis shoes," Chavis said.

Chavis said that Howard students underestimate their spending power, and they underestimate the people in their surrounding community. He said that he knows that tuition is high

"We have to assume a greater responsibility because we have a privilege. Those who have the most must do the most," Chavis said.

If African Americans controlled the money coming into Howard, tuition would not be so high, he said.

"They keep talking about taking away the federal payment. Where's the Black payment to Howard University?" Chavis asked.

Junior David Gaiter, chairman of the Student Youth Outreach Committee in the District for the Million Man March, said, "If we withhold our money, it would send a shot throughout the world showing that Black America has the power if there's unity."

Gaiter also said there are eight million African Americans unregistered to vote. The Million Man March plans to lower that number.

"Not only do we intend to register one million men in Washington, but people across the country; this includes women," Gaiter said. Chavis wants Howard men to play a leadership role for the other historically Black colleges in the Million Man March.

"We are talking about saving this University. If they close Howard, all the other schools are through," Chavis said.

## Women speak out on being left out of the Million Man March

By Kenyatta Matthews  
Hilltop Staff Writer

On October 16, history will be made. Thousands of Black men from all walks of life will travel across the country and come together in Washington to make a statement to the world.

Yet the absence of Black women at this Black unification event will also make a statement to the world and bring new meaning to the old adage, "A woman's place is in the home."

Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Million Man March, stated the

importance of women staying at home during the march. According to Farrakhan, women have taken responsibilities that are supposed to be handled by men and it's time for men to step up and reclaim these responsibilities. The march is also supposed to unite Black men at a time when Black male solidarity is critical, he said.

Although most Black women on Howard University's campus agree with Farrakhan, their opinions on the exclusion of women at this important event differ.

Some female students totally agree with Farrakhan's decision.

"I don't take offense to women

being excluded because it's for a good cause. The brothers need to get together and work things out. Behind every great Black man is a great Black woman. Maybe this [is] operation one in Farrakhan's plan and operation two will include us."

Janae Grant, a junior majoring in finance, said.

Others feel that the absence of women will do more harm to Black men than good.

"As Black men and women, I think that we need to stick together. I don't think the march is going to be very productive because it's segregation amongst are own people. When the time does come

want to own the factory that makes the tennis shoes," Chavis said.

He said that it doesn't have to stop with owning the tennis shoe factory, but owning clothing factories and food production

representative from Nike called Chavis and said that Nike wanted to donate tennis shoes to the marchers. Chavis told the Nike representative that the Black men marching are not marching for a "trinket."

Chavis asked Howard students to make demands on corporate America. He said that all the Fortune 500 companies that have their margin of profit based on

registration process.

"We are not giving up. We have the support of Mr. Harry Robinson, academic vice president and president [H. Patrick] Swygert," Rashid said. "We want students to demand the right to this information. They should go to their respective student councils and insist that they help access the information to publish the teacher evaluation booklet."

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## HUSA plans to publish booklet of teacher evaluations

By Alla R. Hashim  
Hilltop Staff Writer

At the end of each semester Brandi Harden, a junior in the School of Communications, fills out a teacher evaluation form, the results of which she and her peers will never see.

Now the HUSA wants to change this process and publish how Harden and other students rate their professors in a teacher evaluation booklet. But only the Schools of Business and Engineering are willing to have their student ratings of professors published.

Howard is expected to have the best and brightest professors,"

HUSA president Shawn Barney said. "This is a tool that can identify who is the best and who needs a little constructive criticism."

When Barney and vice president Kofi Rashid decided to run for HUSA, they took a survey in the dorms to find out what issues were most important to students. According to Rashid, 90 percent of the students surveyed favored a teacher evaluation booklet that would be easily accessible to students.

"It would really help. You would know exactly how your teachers are rated—who to take, and who not to take," said Patrice DeHancey, a sophomore majoring in mathematics.

Although students are in favor of the evaluation booklet, the School of Business is the only school that allowed HUSA to publish the evaluations. In the past the school has published the evaluation results in its library.

"Students have the right to this information. The evaluations are designed to aid in the teacher and student learning process," said Barron Harvey, dean of the School of Business.

According to Karima Ameen, a junior in the School of Business, the evaluation booklet is something she will use.

"Since we are paying for our classes, we have the right to know who is the best teacher," Ameen

said. "I won't rely on it completely. I'd also ask my friends about teachers, but I will use it."

"I think it will lead to favoritism but we want to get the best teacher any way we can," said sophomore Eric Kellum.

Dean James Johnson of the School of Engineering said he would not be opposed to publishing teacher evaluations.

"At a retreat I told my staff that teaching is the foundation upon which we build," Johnson said. "If a teacher is here and not concerned about teaching, he or she is in the wrong place."

HUSA is determined to publish a University-wide teacher evaluation booklet for the spring

registration process.

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## Playwright August Wilson reveals secret to his success



Pulitzer prize winner August Wilson

\$10 worth of words, if what you're writing doesn't work just crumble it up and throw it in the garbage."

August Wilson's work has inspired my life," said Malaya, who wanted to be identified by her first name. She is the director and choreographer for the Nubian Theater Company. "He has inspired me to reach for great things. The most important aspect is the content of his plays; they always had vision, and a strong sense of African pride. His characters are always proud to be Black, and you can see bits and pieces of August in most of his characters. The man is phenomenal."

Shannon recalled her first encounter with Wilson's work.

"I read 'Fences' in 1987 and was so moved by the character of Troy Maxson... that I vowed to read everything I could get my hands on that was written by August Wilson," she said.

"I felt that this man had somehow peeped into my own past to reinvigorate a part of my life that had for years lain dormant in my memory."

According to Wilson, his play "Fences" was so well received by theatergoers that Eddie Murphy and the film distributing giant Paramount discussed with him the idea of bringing the play to the silver screen.

"I'm not limiting myself," Wilson said. "But my heart is with the stage. I'd much rather write a stage play than one for the screen."

And Wilson didn't hesitate to let the audience know that if any of his plays go to Hollywood, he wants a Black director in charge of it.

"Did Gordon Parks direct 'The Godfather'?" I'm not saying that White people cannot direct Black plays and vice versa but don't experiment with my stuff. I really feel that the individual most accustomed to that particular environment is also best suited to do the work," he said.

Wilson said he is continuing to use writing as a way of understanding his own humanity.

"I'm still trying to completely know myself so when I'm lying on my death bed, I can say 'Hey man, he was all right.'"

## YSB College Tour stops at Howard, but few attend



YSB magazine kicks off college tour at Howard.

By Mafara Hobson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

YSB magazine started its Campus Tour '95 at Howard University last week, but few students attended the planned events.

The sportsfunk, unisex hip-hop aerobics competition and a speakout called "What's on your mind?" were canceled because of poor student participation, according to Undergraduate Student Assembly (UGSA) officials.

Memone Paden, UGSA coordinator, said the aerobics competition was canceled when student volunteers left after waiting for the coordinators who didn't show up. "It wasn't beneficial to them, but students would have watched it," Paden said.

YSB's advertising was not planned for a school of Howard's size, and as a result word did not travel as fast or as far as was anticipated.

"They didn't plan for us," Paden said.

Emergence magazine's Editor in Chief George Curry conducted the "Good Isn't Always Good Enough" professional development seminar.

Although few students attended the session, it was not canceled. But Curry was concerned and agitated at the low turnout. Stacie Harris, a junior majoring in psychology, only went to fulfill a class assignment.

"It was very productive meeting," Harris said. "I attended the meeting only as an extra credit project for a class, but I actually absorbed lots of helpful information about resume writing. It was too bad that so few students came out."

The tour's first day began with the Black Opal skin care seminar, where representatives urged students to become more conscious of their skin's health by treating pimples, blemishes and razor bumps.

Friday afternoon, students displayed their performance skills at the Jam-On-The-Yard Step Show & Talent Showcase. The members of University sororities and fraternities such as Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi showed off their talents during the step show.

While some students thought the entertainment promoted student unity, others were not impressed.

Ashanti Moore, a freshman from Mississippi, said that there should

have been some type of break between the stepshow and the "mediocre" talent show.

"The whole show was a straight disappointment," Moore said. "I thought it could have flowed a little better than that."

Other students were more optimistic, citing the party as a source of student unity. The hip-hop concert-party featured The Goodie Mob was held in the Blackburn Center ballroom.

Sophomore Lateef Martin said that the party was very entertaining and was glad that the party was held on campus.

"I thought the party was live," Martin said, who said that the students were together on campus just hanging out and having a good time.

Students cite a lack of information about the tour as a main source of low student participation. They think that if it had been advertised better, maybe more students would have attended.

"The only problem with the tour was the poor advertisement," said Ashlea Leak, a junior majoring in civil engineering. "I think that it could have been publicized more."

The YSB Campus Tour's next stop is Florida A&M University.



# LOCAL

## District leaders rally against budget cuts



Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, (D-D.C.)

By Sadarie Chambliss  
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Led by Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, a crowd feverishly chanted, "Free D.C." in front of the Longworth Building during the noon rush hour Tuesday. Norton, several community leaders and the Statehood Delegation sponsored a "Save Home Rule Rally" as a response to proposed budget cuts

by the House D.C. Appropriations Subcommittee which included cutting thousands of jobs from the city payroll.

With black bands encircling their throats, protesters joined pleas for Congress to retain home rule by Norton and several District government officials.

"We are under siege. The proposed infringements to home rule that GOP committee members are now trying to attach to D.C.'s

federal payments are the most serious and outrageous intrusions on home rule in 20 years. We must not give in," she said.

Norton said she did not equate a change to a Republican majority to mean a change in local control. "They are trying to make D.C. residents an exception to Democracy. We can kiss home rule goodbye if they are not stopped," she said.

Congress hopes to get full Senate and House approval before Oct. 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. Norton said that in a phone conversation she had with President Clinton earlier that day, he said he supported D.C. 100 percent and "would not infringe on home rule." She said Clinton assured her that the District's financial crisis was a "bipartisan matter" and "anything interfering with home rule would make him seriously consider a veto." The crowd responded with thunderous applause.

Councilman Frank Smith (Ward-1) said District residents love their freedom and want to be respected like other citizens in the name of "God, liberty and freedom."

Mayor Barry voiced his concern with the Republicans' lack of support for the District. "Congress knows we know how to manage our own affairs—they need to manage their own budget," he said.

Councilwoman at large Linda Cropp said the District needed to be

governed of, for and by the people. "We are the only city that pays for AFDC and Medicare and incarcerates felons. Any other city that does all of these things would have been out of business 100 years ago," Cropp said. "We need D.C. not other states to make decision for us."

Last week, a Senate committee voted to create a panel of mostly federal appointees that would have power over the District school budget and be able to enforce "broad changes in city administration policy."

School Board President Wilma R. Harvey implored residents and lawmakers to stand up for education in the District. "The children of D.C. are suffering," Harvey said. Newly elected Democratic State Commission member Barbara Bailey of Ward 8 felt that Congressional Republicans are invading the city's privacy the managing of their fiscal affairs.

"Washington is my home, and Congress wants to come in here and take over. It is like invading someone's private home. It is time to take our city back," Bailey said.

Bill Scales of Ward 4 said Congress needs to realize that home rule is an entitlement not an option. "All we are advocating is the same rights as other states," Scales said.

The House D.C. Appropriations Subcommittee will mark up the Fiscal Year '96 D.C. appropriations bill at the end of the rally.

## Republicans' proposal slashes D.C.'s budget by \$148 million

By Sadarie Chambliss  
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A House panel voted Wednesday to cut the District's budget by \$148 million by reducing the salaries of D.C. school board members, gradually eliminating rent control and limiting Mayor Barry's power to control city spending.

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton said earlier that day at a D.C. home rule Rally that Clinton had mentioned in a telephone conversation a possible veto of the bill. But other District officials are not as optimistic.

"They are trying to take it back from us by their sheer power," Barry said in reference to Congressional Republicans.

President of the District's School Board Wilma Harvey said she was upset by the acts of the committee and thinks Congress is violating a promise to work with the school board.

"I lost faith in what was perceived to be a true partnership working with Congress and the city school board," Harvey said.

Control board Chairman Andrew F. Brimmer said he was

extremely upset because the panel endorsed cuts that went \$148 million beyond the board's recommendations.

Brimmer said that the Control Board's recommendations were reached after extensive consultation with local officials and additional Congressional cuts could be "disruptive and unnecessary."

Chairman of the Subcommittee John Walsh's plan includes prohibiting funding that would extend benefits to employees, domestic partners, eliminating cost of pension increases for retired policeman, firefighters, teachers and judges, closing Lorton Correctional Complex, and privatization of the city's waste water treatment plant.

Due to a request by the control board, Walsh's plan would allow the board to appoint a chief financial officer and inspector general if those positions are open when the bill is passed or in the future, vacant at least 60 days.

The mayor has the appointment power and recently named a chief financial officer.

The House subcommittee proposal will be considered by the full committee next Wednesday.

## Young Black communicators form networking organization

By Kim Burruss  
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It is called the Next Generation and, although its members are few, this networking organization is already reaching hundreds.

With more than 200 young African-American professionals in its networking database, the Next Generation is dedicated to addressing the needs of the "up-and-coming" in the field of communications.

"Our mission is to foster relationships between established communicators and emerging African Americans in the communications field," said Paul Woodruff, Howard alumnus and group member.

The Next Generation is the brainchild of four people: Tim Gibbs of Black Entertainment Television, Roni Singleton of the U.S. House of Representatives, S. Yvette Durant of the Freedom Forum, and Robin Bennefield of U.S. News and World Report.

They formed the organization in 1993 when they found that other professional organizations did not address the needs of "post-baby boomers."

"We wanted to bring people in our age range in the communications field together," Woodruff said. "Organizations such as the Washington Association of Professional Journalists were just too broad in scope," he added.

Twenty-six-year-old Gibbs realized, after being in a room of 40 year olds, that veteran organizations did not offer young African-American communicators the opportunity to network with other young professionals.

"Networking is the key to gaining success in the

communications industry," Gibbs said. "When you are just breaking into the field, networking allows you to learn about job and career openings."

After attending a dinner hosted by a veteran organization, Durant remembers being one of the few young professionals in attendance.

She said that it was after she began to wonder about how many other people were looking for a professional organization that she became interested in helping to establish one.

Durant said the Next Generation attempts to address the needs of young professionals planning a career in the communications field.

"We can connect with other people in the business in the same age bracket and who are in the same career stages," she said.

The group's mission is to offer a strong network of professionals in all facets of the communications industry, to establish a mentoring program with older, more established professionals, and to provide cultural enrichment through various activities.

"A multimedia attitude is important; just knowing one trick of the trade is not enough in today's industry," Gibbs said.

Some of the group's activities include a book signing with Janette Dates, acting Dean of the School of Communications at Howard, to promote her book, *Split Image: African Americans in Mass Media*.

The group also took part in a panel discussion at Howard as part of the communications conference held each year.

Other efforts will include a networking party in October at the Foxtrappe Club in Southwest D.C. and



Members of the Next Generation.

a press conference-workshop in November, targeting high school and college students.

Singleton, who came up with the idea for the workshops, said that it was important to groom those that may be interested in communications.

According to Singleton, students will oversee every aspect of the project and the week-long event will end with a real live press conference.

When asked about future goals for the Next

Generation, Gibbs said that he hopes the group will gain national recognition.

"Although we live and work in the Washington area it is important to establish ties in other places," he said.

In a recent article published in YSB magazine, Singleton stressed the importance of the organization. "We're just trying to build a bridge—an alliance with other individuals who share common goals and concerns," she said.

## District Dollars and Dilemmas

Barry Denies Discount Was Illegal Gift

Mayor Marion Barry said that he did not accept an illegal gift from Washington's Mayflower Hotel when he paid \$150 to stay in a \$2,500-a-night luxury suite on his wedding anniversary weekend in January.

The mayor and his wife, Cora Misty Barry stayed at the hotel on the night of Jan. 7 and paid \$150 for the suite in addition for \$200 in other expenses. Barry said that the 94 percent discount on the room was available to others and was not special treatment for him.

Marshals Guarding Judge Costs Taxpayers \$10,000 a Week

Federal marshals have provided around-the-clock protection for a D.C. Superior Court judge who fears for his safety after a confrontation with a neighbor.

Judge Rafael Diaz was given the security after an incident in which the neighbor allegedly hurled a rock at a car carrying the judge and his family, chased the judge's dog with a shovel and knocked over outdoor furniture. The neighbor has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon. The protection for Diaz, approved by U.S. Marshal Todd W. Dillard, is costing federal taxpayers at least \$10,000 a week, sources said.

Elementary School's Computers Stolen Again

For the fourth time since May, thieves invaded Horace Mann Elementary School in upper Northwest Washington and made off with computers that had been bought with money raised through donations, fundraisers and grants.

After each of the first three burglaries, the PTA begged the city for window grates and motion sensors or, failing that, simple security lights for the school, at 44th and Newark streets NW, near American University.

The equipment was not provided, and the thieves struck again. This time, they took all of the school's working computers. The computers were worth an estimated \$38,000.

Proposal to Link Welfare and Schools in the District

City residents who are on welfare and have children in public schools could be required to attend parent-teacher conferences every three months or have their benefits cut off under a legislative proposal circulated on Capitol Hill.

The plan, drafted by Rep. Steve Gunderson (D-Wis.), would authorize Mayor Marion Barry to link public assistance payments to parents' involvement on the education of their children. Barry would be able to cut off money from Aid to Families with Dependent Children program to anyone who does not attend regular parent-teacher conferences. Gunderson's draft legislation also would make scholarship funds available for some poor students to attend private schools and would permit the establishment of so-called charter schools that could operate outside standards city policies. The charter schools could be sponsored by organizations such as the Smithsonian Institution. House Speaker Newt Gingrich has said he hopes the education measures will be voted on as part of D.C. budget legislation.

## Cartoon gallery houses American comic art

By Hamady Diallo  
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Brown paper covered the front glass doors as the smell of fresh paint and turpentine wafted through the air. This structure with olive green and gold trim and high gothic ceilings is no ordinary building; it houses the National Gallery of Caricature and Cartoon Art.

Located in the historic Baltimore Sun Building, Vice President J. Arthur Wood opened the Gallery four months ago to celebrate the 100th anniversary of comic art in America.

Wood considers the collection (which includes many of his contributions) to be "the largest, private collection in the country," containing over 45,000 original works by over 3,000 illustrators,

cartoonists, caricaturists and animators.

The gallery contains cartoon art of various styles—caricature, animation, political cartoons, comics, humor and illustration—which have played an important role in American history.

Cartoon art became humorous during the Middle Ages. At a time when so much of the art was religious and serious, artists used caricatures to show discrepancies between good and evil. Today, caricatures can be found in almost every newspaper, and even on T-shirts.

Wood said he had an early interest in cartoon art. He started drawing art at a very young age, and has been collecting since he was twelve years old. "When I was young, I knew that I wanted to be an artist," he said.

Wood studied art at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., and, over the years, has worked as a cartoonist for The Washington Star, The Richmond News Leader, and The Pittsburgh Press. He currently works for The Farm Bureau News, a weekly newspaper with over four million subscribers.

Although the gallery is fairly new to the area, local comic book vendors find the concept of a cartoon museum intriguing.

Chris Dinwiddie of Pyramid Books in the District said, "I never heard of it, but would be very interested in visiting." Denis Webb of Comic & Card Collectors in Alexandria, Va., said he also considered the museum an advancement in the comic industry.

"I don't come to D.C. often, but I feel that the gallery needs more publicity for tourists as well as

locals," he said.

When it was mentioned that the gallery did not display any African-American art, Webb and Dinwiddie expressed disdain.

"I am disappointed and would not expect a national gallery not to have any [works of] one group of people; I would expect it to cover the whole country," Webb said.

Dinwiddie agreed that African-American art was an extensive part of cartoon history.

Said Dinwiddie: "In the 1930s and 1940s there were lots of African-American comic published, which today are very expensive."

The gallery is located at 13171 St., NW, two blocks away from the White House and across the street from The Shops at Metro Center. Hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

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# NATIONAL

## Powell considered for presidential candidate



General Colin Powell, Presidential Candidate.

By Steven Gray  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Colin Powell may have revealed his life story in his new book, "My American Journey," but the retired general's future in politics still remains a mystery.

From two cover stories in Time magazine in less than four months, to front page headlines in the New York Times and the Washington Post, Powell has tantalized the American public with the prospect of a presidential candidacy.

As the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff embarks on a twenty-three-city tour promoting the book, many are wondering whether Powell is actually testing the presidential waters.

"He's getting the public exposure and watching how the public reacts to him," junior journalism major Tina-Renee Johnson said.

Whether Powell will run for president is not the only question on the minds of the American public. An equally important

question is: Will Powell campaign as a Republican or an independent? He has not declared either.

In a published excerpt from "My American Journey," Powell described himself as a "fiscal conservative with a social conscience."

"Neither of the two major parties fits me comfortably in its present state. I am troubled by the political passion of those on the extreme matters," Powell wrote. "On the other side of the spectrum, I am put off by patronizing liberals who claim to know what is best for society but devote little thought to who will eventually pay the bills."

In response to reports of a possible Powell candidacy, House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) warned Powell not to run as an independent because he would find it virtually impossible to govern.

"This country is a party country. There is no magic independence of people who are just able to stand up and produce a government," Gingrich said. "I think that a Colin Powell who decided to enter the New Hampshire primary as a

Republican would automatically become the chief rival of Senator Bob Dole."

However, Powell believes that Americans are ready for a new party.

"The time may be at hand for a third party to emerge to represent this sensible center of the American political spectrum," he said.

If he were to run as a Republican, Powell would be the first major African-American presidential candidate in history to run as a Republican.

"I'd support him depending on what his agenda is. He may not have an agenda that is beneficial to African-Americans," Johnson said.

"It would be good for the nation if Colin Powell ran, but it makes me wonder why White America is supporting a Black candidate whom everyone suspects is a Republican."

Yet, the thought of a successful, African-American running for the nation's highest office, as a Republican, unnerves some Blacks and Whites.

Recent Republican-led attacks on affirmative action and social welfare programs have increased tension between liberal and conservative African-Americans.

Powell wrote, "I would certainly not run because I saw myself as the 'Great Black Hope' or a symbol to Whites of racism overcome. I would enter only because I had a vision for this country."

As Powell tours the country, he is frequently asked if he will run for the presidency.

"To be a successful politician requires a calling that I do not yet hear," he said.

Powell believes he can serve the country that has hailed him as the next Dwight Eisenhower in better ways through charities, educational work or appointive posts.

When Time, one of the few publications to be granted an interview with Powell, asked if he feels confident in handling the presidency, Powell said, "Yes. I think I have the skills to handle the job."

## Commission recommends equal sentencing guidelines for crack and cocaine possession

By Cathleen Harrington  
Hilltop Staff Writer

As the Republican-controlled Congress intensifies its attack on crime, the U.S. Sentencing Commission has released its recommendation to reduce the mandatory sentencing guidelines for possession of crack cocaine so they may be the same as powder cocaine.

The current federal guidelines, which were created by the 1984 Sentencing Reform Act, require mandatory minimum sentences at a 100 to 1 gram ratio of powder versus crack cocaine.

Some believe the sentencing had more to do with race. The National Institute on Drug Abuse reports nationally that 67 percent of those who have tried crack cocaine are White, while 96

percent of defendants tried in federal court are minorities. Whites are often prosecuted in state courts that have lighter sentences. The Los Angeles Times reported that between 1988-1994, not one White person was prosecuted in the U.S. District Court serving Southern California. One White has been indicted and is awaiting trial.

"It's obviously racist. Blacks aren't bringing the drugs into the country. It's all part of their underlying agenda," Keith Brooks, a sophomore majoring in business, said.

Freshman Seth Agyepong agreed.

"It's another way to get Blacks off the street. [It's] not curbing the problem, just part of the premeditated plan to put Black men in jail," he said.

A typical conviction of possession of five grams of crack cocaine carries a five-year mandatory prison term, while 500 grams of powder cocaine receives the same sentence.

Likewise, 50 grams of crack cocaine carries the same ten-year sentence as five kilograms of powder cocaine.

In March of this year, the U.S. Sentencing Commission recommended the ratio be dropped to 1 to 1, making the sentences equal. The recommendation will go into effect November 1, unless Congress votes against it.

The disparity in sentencing was intended to send a harsh message to drug offenders. Proponents say crack cocaine defendants require harsher penalties because crack cocaine is more addictive and because of the violence associated with its trade.

According to the special report by the sentencing commission, crack cocaine enters the brain in 19 seconds and its effects last 30 minutes. Powder takes five minutes to enter the brain, but its effects last 60 minutes. Because of its short but intense high, the crack user is

expected to use the drug more often. Gang violence is also more associated to crack cocaine trafficking.

Both the Senate and the House of Representatives have held hearings on the subject. The House has sent out of committee HR (2259) which will stop the commission's recommendation. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Ut.), Chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee, is in the process of introducing a bill on the Senate side that will do the same.

Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.), introduced HR 1264 in favor of the commission's recommendation.

The commission has also tried to reach a compromise by suggesting additional time for crimes committed with weapons or involving children.

### NATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### Children like celebrities

Children ages 9 to 12 are not very familiar with politicians and world leaders, but they are familiar with athletes and entertainers, according to a poll released by Time magazine of 500 children. Nearly every child recognized basketball great Michael Jordan (96 percent) and singer Michael Jackson (94 percent). Other popular celebrities included actors Jim Carrey and Tom Hanks.

#### Florida man faces trial

An 18-year-old Florida man will stand trial for the third time in less than a year for the murder of a British tourist gunned down at a remote highway rest stop two years ago. The trial of John Crumitie for the murder of Gary Colley, a vacationing truck driver, began on Tuesday. Crumitie's two previous trials ended in hung juries.

#### Men mad with officer

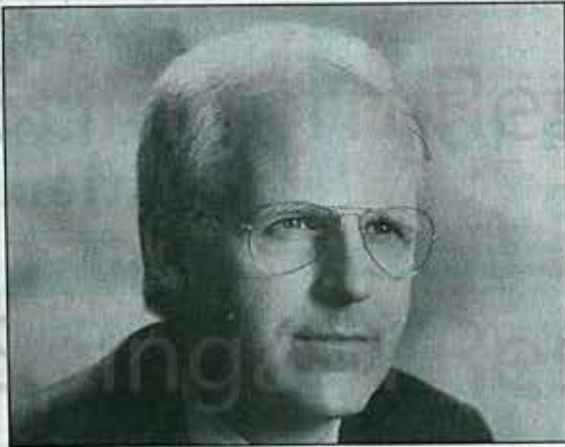
After receiving a traffic citation from Officer Joseph Burrow, three men were charged with bombing his house. They threw Molotov cocktails at his home while his wife and children were in the house. The three men's arraignments are pending.

#### Delivery by air

Detroit's two largest daily newspaper used helicopters to airlift Sunday's editions. Some of the printing press workers are picketing and the papers were delivered by air to avoid confrontation. The helicopters began delivering papers Saturday night.

Compiled by Janelle Lynette Thompson

## Republican Congress debates Shay's campaign reform



Rep. Christopher Shays, the sponsor of the Campaign Reform Bill.

By Jonathan L. Wharton  
Hilltop Staff Writer

With a majority Republican Congress underway for the fall term, the House of Representatives is considering a massive change in campaign contributions and expenditures under the control of the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

Rep. Christopher Shays (R-Conn.), who will plan to sponsor

and hold hearings on the bill, announced last week that if Congress does not consider the campaign and lobbying reform bill, he will not run in the 1996 elections.

"I will say something I would never say if I did not mean it... If [campaign reform] is not taken up, I will not run again," he said.

Campaign reform has been an issue facing Congress after they passed a law in 1979 not allowing new members to use their funds for

certain expenditures.

The use of campaign money on items that are controversial has made the FEC enforce a new rule since February.

"Campaign funds shall not be used for personal expenditures," stated one of the clauses.

Recently, several House members have been in the spotlight for their past campaign disclosures before the present FEC law was enforced.

Rep. Michael Forbes (R-NY) purchased a camera with his campaign funds for \$156, while Rep. Joseph McDade (R-Pa.) used \$280 for his country club fees.

At the same time, two Congressional Black Caucus members have also performed the same misuse with their campaign funds. Rep. Harold Ford (D-Tenn.), a Howard alumnus, spent \$1,200 for his country club membership and Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY) paid \$200 in parking tickets.

"My sense is that people are very aware of the new rule and are being careful to abide by them," FEC Commissioner Trevor Potter said.

But Shays said that he would like for his party to pass the campaign reform bill and make it into law before the Congress finishes its 104th session.

"I would like to give my Republicans an opportunity to do in two years this issue, which [Democrats] had an opportunity to do in 40 years," Shays said.

Democrats did not take the

partisan finger pointing lightly and refused to accept the GOP criticism.

"The Democratically controlled House of Representatives did not pass this last year and it was blocked by the Republican members of the U.S. Senate in a filibuster," Rep. Martin Frost (D-Texas) said.

While the debate was taking place on the House floor, the FEC fined Rep. Charles Wilson (R-Texas) \$90,000; the largest FEC fine for a member.

The FEC concluded that Wilson was guilty of 15 violations including no campaign disclosure of a \$26,300 personal loan.

"I believe it was a misunderstanding as to how the rules applied," Wilson's spokesperson, Elaine Lang, said. "He decided to pay [the FEC fines] because the legal fees were mounting to almost \$40,000."

Many constituents have been upset with their congressional representatives for not passing a bill addressing the campaign and lobbying problems plaguing Congress.

"There are very important members of this Congress who have gotten elected on this issue," Shays said.

Republicans reassured the lawmakers that campaign reform will come soon.

Rep. Charles Canady (R-Fla.), who is sharing a House panel on the issue, quoted Gingrich who said, "We'll do it next year."



### CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

#### Black Republican apologizes for calling Gingrich "a liar"

Rep. Gary Franks (R-Conn.), one of only two Black Republicans in Congress, apologized to House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) for calling him "a liar."

Franks, who is a staunch conservative and third-term member representing a 90 percent White district, told his colleagues that he was

opposed to race-based preferences in government contracting and wanted an amendment to be repealed in the defense appropriations bill.

Gingrich did not allow the amendment to be written into the House bill, even though he said he would allow it.

"As far as I'm concerned, I've been lied to... I will never go out on a limb thinking I have Newt Gingrich behind me," an angry Franks said to the Washington Times.

But Franks apologized last week about the comment.

"Calling the speaker a liar was simply inappropriate," Franks said. "There are many words in the dictionary to describe what took place; I, however, picked the wrong word."

#### Senate kills welfare measure

Last week, the Senate blocked an amendment to the welfare reform bill by denying additional money to mothers who have more children.

"Do we really know if we say 'no cash benefits' that others are going to stop having children?" Sen. Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) asked.

The Senate also rejected \$11 billion in child-care funding, which would help working mothers and families on welfare.

"Without a strong child-care component, is to engage in a complete fantasy," Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) said, sponsor of the bill.

But Republicans did not want the spending to control the problem.

"It just adds more bureaucracy and more federal control," Sen. Orrin

Hatch (R-Utah) said.

Senate Democrats were angry about the newly drafted welfare bill and opposed it.

"Taking food out of the mouths of children... that's no good," Sen. Paul D. Wellstone (D-Minn.) said.

#### Bill to end career Hill staffers

When many Capitol Hill staffers lose their jobs because their bosses lose an election, or when party leadership changes, others return to the Hill in other offices because of their connections and past experience.

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) is sponsoring a bill, S. 177, to end past staffers having preference for another Hill position.

"I am proud that we have done away with this archaic rule of congressional privilege," McCain said.

The bill has already passed the full Senate as an amendment to the lobbying reform legislation, but needs to be considered by the Senate Government Affairs Committee.

"It is not appropriate for former legislative employees to receive special re-employment advantages that allow them to jump ahead of their fellow citizens who are seeking a civil service position," McCain said.

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# INTERNATIONAL

## Women's reproductive rights discussed in Beijing



Thousands traveled to Beijing for the Women's Conference.

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Thousands of women from countries worldwide gathered in

China's capital, Beijing, to send a strong message—the message of equality and equity in the work force. Also, the women demanded complete control over their bodies,

especially regarding reproduction.

The fourth annual Women's Conference provided a podium where approximately 36,000 women, most of whom were a part of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), could voice their concerns and demands for change.

"Women's lives are very much the same every where in the world," Sherry Miles, director of education and training program at the Women's Research and Education Institute, said. "We are all struggling for the same thing—equality and status."

The conference, which lasted from September 4-15, established the Platform for Action, a 147-page document outlining issues such as health care, domestic violence and discrimination in the workplace.

The platform also required national leaders to agree to take the necessary steps to improve the rights of women in their countries.

Reproductive health was a key topic of discussion at the conference and was addressed by all panel speakers, including First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir

Bhutto.

"If women don't have the right to what happens to their bodies then they do not have any rights at all," said Karen Johnson, National Secretary for the National Organization for Women (NOW), who attended the conference as part of the National Council for Negro Women (NCNW).

Johnson said unfortunately, NGOs capacity to effect change is very limited. The only people in a position to change policies to accommodate women's demands are individual government leaders.

"All that NGOs can do is apply pressure on their governments to change the condition of women," Johnson said.

Whether the conference was a success depends on the lobbying power of the NGOs.

"The agenda for NGOs is to lobby the United States Congress, which can lobby the United Nations," Miles said. "Whatever happens depends on the NGOs lobbying power to Congress and seeing it through."

Many women said the women's conferences, the first held in 1985

in Nairobi Kenya, have had a great influence on the condition of women's lives today. Furthermore, they said, the reason the domestic violence issue has gained such momentum is largely because it was one of most highlighted issues during the first conference.

Although not in the majority, some men at the conference said women should be granted equal status in their respective countries.

"Women are definitely underappreciated worldwide," Stan Mossley, professor of sociology and student of race relations at Howard, said.

Mossley, however, expressed suspicion of the whole conference saying the conference held more of a political agenda than a women's rights program.

"The Chinese government called on the most visible women in the world [Hillary Rodham Clinton], to showcase their supposed liberal views," Mossley said. "China's human rights is appalling and they used the conference to upgrade their stand."

Several others expressed the same opinion. Many said China is

a controlling country, that has bend over backwards to accommodate the half-dozen-a-protests taking place in the city. Several people who attended said they felt intimidated by increased police surveillance almost every area and, as a result, will never forget this year's conference.

"I now have a lot of appreciation for what women are dealing with in their countries," Johnson said, commenting on the large extent of domestic abuse, starvation, lack of security and devastation that many women are facing in developing nations.

Overall, the conference was held in a positive light and may have helped an overwhelming number of women. But conference participants said that the firestorm to burn for change is a dramatic progress for advancement of women is made. "Women's rights are human rights," Miles said. "We don't want to be marginalized and have ideas thrown aside."

## Students lack interest in world news

By Patricia Hardin  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Scott Whitney, a sophomore majoring in film, reads the newspaper periodically. When he is able, he will make his way to the newsstand before rushing to class, eager to read about the day's events.

But, Whitney admits he cannot read every story in his favorite paper so he carefully selects what he reads.

"I usually read the front page, sports, comics and the arts and entertainment page," Whitney said. "Front usually has all the good stories. And because I'm a sports fan, I read that. Also, being a film major, I naturally read the arts and entertainment page."

But, as for the world news or international affairs page, Whitney said it rarely catches his attention.

"I know I should be, but I guess I'm just not interested in the world section. But I do wish I would read it more. Being in the media, I have to know that stuff," he said.

Whitney is not alone when it comes to breezing past the world affairs page of a newspaper. For various reasons, students are turned off by the content of international news pages.

Chanelle Harris, a sophomore majoring in accounting in the School of Business, also

glances past the world section of her local newspaper, heading straight for the entertainment page because she said the section is more uplifting. To Harris, world news is too negative.

"There needs to be more positive things about the good things that are going on in other countries," she said. "There are, in fact, good things going on outside the United States."

Whitney agreed, saying that when he scans the international section of his daily newspaper, most of the topics are regurgitated, negative information.

"When I read world news, it's about things I keep on hearing day in and day out. It's like a reprint of the stuff I've already heard 12 times. I'd like to hear something new and something positive," Whitney said. "I usually read about people dying. I mean I know that's life and that's what's happening; but, when it seems as if someone is doing something positive about [the problems internationally] that gets little copy compared to the big death columns."

What appears to be turning not only Howard students but much of the westernized world away from wanting to know about world issues is not the issues themselves, but the way they are being presented in the media, said Anju Chaudhary, associate professor in the Department of Journalism.

"The definition of news in the U.S. is anything out of the norm," Chaudhary said. "We assume

people have an interest in negative news, but that's not always the case."

According to Chaudhary, distance also plays a large part in the lack of interest many people display toward foreign affairs. Events in far away countries are always going to be viewed as less important than what is happening locally.

"American readers need to be exposed to what's happening in other countries because these countries are progressing so much; we can't really ignore them," she said, also adding that people in other countries know more about Americans than Americans know about them.

"When foreigners come over here, they've done their research—they read about the U.S.," she said.

Although Chaudhary said the increased coverage of foreign issues in the press is a plus, she contends that the negative content within the stories is not.

To remedy this problem, she suggests incorporating more press agents with foreign backgrounds into the newsrooms to create more balanced articles.

But she also said that Americans should not judge a nation by what is written about it. As she describes the beautiful countryside and homes that exist in some of the countries getting hit with the negative press coverage, she can only say that "there are better things in some foreign countries than one might think."



World news is foreign to many students.

## Student reaction to AIDS conference



Rita Hall, International HIV/AIDS Educator

By Patricia Hardin  
Hilltop Staff Writer

About 30 minutes prior to the start of the International Student Association's AIDS Forum last Thursday, Shalini Shashidhara, a sophomore majoring in biology, was coming out of her dormitory room when three girls from her women's health class approached her.

Upon seeing her, the three informed Shashidhara that their women's health professor would give extra-credit to anyone who attended the conference.

What the three did not know was that Shashidhara, who recently lost her close friend to the AIDS virus in February, would have attended the conference regardless of the extra-credit because the issue is a personal one.

When they arrived at the Blackburn Center Reading Lounge, where the forum took place, Shashidhara signed the extra-credit list and sat down. But the other girls signed the list, sat for approximately 90 seconds, then left—having heard not one word from the conference panelists.

Shashidhara sat quietly and

waited for the discussion to start. She was one of only three guests to attend the conference during the first two hours.

"I was really nervous," Shashidhara said, upset in disbelief about the students who walked out.

That sequence of events is one reason why Shashidhara believes today's youth are in the dark about the reality of AIDS.

"The biggest aspect of AIDS is dealing with the emotions of it. AIDS doesn't become a reality until it happens to you," Shashidhara said, as she discussed her friend, who contracted the virus through a blood transfusion and was diagnosed in 1993.

"[Students] are well informed about AIDS by text book standards. But they are not interested in knowing more," she said.

Had those students remained, they would have heard exactly what living with the AIDS virus is like from guest speaker Wesley Pinkney, someone who is currently living with the HIV virus.

Pinkney, who now serves as chairman of the AIDS/HIV program at St. Augustine Ministry, was told that he was HIV-positive in 1986 and was given two years to live.

Because the idea of living with the HIV virus was too difficult, Pinkney tried to end his life by abusing drugs.

"I wanted to die early," he said. But after one year, Pinkney was still alive. Realizing that something was wrong with the way he was

living, he checked himself into a recovery clinic and began going back to church.

"I didn't ask [God] for a cure. I just asked him not to let me die with a pipe in my mouth in a room somewhere," he said.

With that part of his life behind him, Pinkney now strives to educate and inform the public about the AIDS virus and how one can best protect themselves from contracting it.

"Education is the best treatment," said International HIV/AIDS educator Rita Elizabeth Hall who contracted the virus from her partner after they had unprotected sex three years ago. During that period, Hall thought she would be the last person to acquire the virus because she was an "average" African-American mother of six.

"When we heard of AIDS, it represented being gay or drugs, but never female. The public needs to know what AIDS looks like," she said. "AIDS is scary and it's real."

"How many of you wear your seatbelt when you get in a car?" Hall asked, using a seatbelt as a metaphor for a condom. "Well, I wasn't wearing my seatbelt and I crashed through the windshield."

But Hall said she is not a victim and refuses to be treated as one. Instead, she chooses to continue her life, educating people about the dangers of unprotected sex. She also will continue to tell people that her life is not over as long as she can help someone else.

"That is the type of information people need to hear," Shashidhara said. "They need to know the living aspects of AIDS—Quigley's is always going to be there. An AIDS conference comes up rarely."

## Latin festival showcases traditional art and culture

By Nikki Credic  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Hyattsville resident Linda Forristal sat two rows back in the audience watching her two young sons in the front row. She saw their eyes brighten with amazement as the traditional Aztec dancers performed only inches away from them.

She smiled with approval. "I want to expose them to different cultures at a young age," Forristal said. "[Watching the dancers in person] is much better than television."

Like Forristal and her sons, many others in the community came to enjoy the festivities at last Sunday's Latin Craft Market Day, a festival that highlighted Latin American art and culture.

Sponsored by El Centro De Arte (Latino Art Center), the Latin Craft Market Day was filled with jewelry booths lined with colorful beads, elaborate earrings, representing many countries in Central America and native clothing.

Mt. Pleasant resident Caitlin Ramey, who came out of curiosity, had a marvelous time.

"There's a lot of nice stuff here. The music is great, and the kids seem to be enjoying themselves," she said.

Enisberto Janaba, the director and creator of El Centro De Arte, said September marks the center's 20th anniversary. Explaining his reasons for beginning the center, Enisberto said he wanted to use cultural affairs to bring people in the area together.

"I want to show the ethnic diversity of this community," he said. "This celebration is not only for Latin Americans, but for all races and all people."

The art work featured at the event captured the essence of life in Latin America, especially life in Honduras. Hector Rolando Romero and Guadalupe Perez Avelar, two artists from the Honduras, educated those who attended about the artwork displayed.

Romero explained his artwork as a way of expressing his ideas, but not his grievances.

"I don't treat [art] as a method of protest. Using it for protest would render redundant the images which are observed daily on our planet," Romero said. "Painting is a way of presenting these disagreeable images as agreeable images."

Avelar also explained what her paintings meant to her.

"They are important to me because there are not many women painters in Honduras," she said. "I

represent the nature of my country and my ancestors. A few Howard students came to the celebration and shared their feelings about the event.

"I thought it was culturally enlightening, especially the Aztec dancers, because of their elaborate costumes and the ritual essence of their dance," Adia Majumdar, a junior majoring in finance, said.

Harlan Curry, a junior majoring in telecommunications, said that after one gains understanding and appreciation for his or her culture, the next most important step is to gain that same understanding and appreciation for other cultures.

"El Centro de Arte was a very interesting experience. I enjoyed being involved in some of the culture other than my own. Multicultural awareness is important to everyone," she said.

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## Congress gradually repealing home rule from Washington D.C.

According to an old adage, if you put a frog in boiling water it will immediately leap to safety. But if you put a frog in room temperature water and gradually turn up the heat, it will calmly await its death. It is this gradual process that catches the frog off guard, the same process that might leave Washington D.C. without home rule.

When Marion Barry became the first elected mayor of the District, Congress supposedly relinquished its control over the city's administration. A few years ago, with home rule progressing, the fight moved to making D.C. the nation's 51st state. But no longer is statehood the call; who's making the decisions is what citizens are concerned about now.

Last year a financial control board was imposed on the District. City officials, like Delegate Eleanor Holmes-Norton, actually pushed for the control board due to the chaotic fiscal conditions the city was in and is still in. Though Orange County in California was in a similar, if not worse, financial situation, the federal government implemented no such board belittling city administrators. Members of the financial control board are chosen by the president and confirmed by Congress, and they hold the power of having the last say on all budget decisions made in the city.

The people of Washington let the financial control board pass and their leaders pushed it through. Now the heat is rising again. Recently, a Senate committee

voted to create a federally appointed panel that would take control of D.C. schools. That power now lies with the Board of Education, which is made up of members selected by the communities of this city. Like the financial control board, this education control board, made up of political selections, would have complete power over public education.

According to the Washington Post, "the panel would oversee city schools and have the power to impose policies through the superintendent even if the school board objects."

Holmes-Norton said this latest development is "the death of home rule" and that Congress' plan is "outrageously dictatorial and utterly paternalistic."

Holmes-Norton has said House Speaker Newt Gingrich is her ally in the cause of uplifting the District of Columbia. Though Gingrich, (R-Ga.), has proposed making D.C. a part of Maryland, Holmes-Norton said he will assist her in shooting down the Senate proposal to overhaul Washington's public education system. Now the citizens of D.C. will be able to see where Gingrich's real loyalties lie.

Public education in this city is, no doubt, horrendous. But pseudo-solutions, like privatization, only seek to place new leadership over a sinking ship, leadership which may very well not have the interest of Black children, who comprise the majority of the District's school children, at heart.

## Indecent T.V. programs erode society's morals

Why was who killed Mr. Burns one of the hottest topics of conversation among college-educated people? The Simpsons' version of a thrilling mystery had millions glued to their T.V. sets Sunday night. Not taking anything away from the creative minds who produce the only prime-time hit cartoon, but America has become a society of couch potatoes who watch much more television than they read books.

Though parents would never allow a total stranger to look after their children, today's kids sit for hours a day unattended in front of the T.V. Do we know who's watching them, or rather who they're watching? In this new era of rampant pornography, anti-family sentiment, and generally negative programming coming across the airwaves, children aren't safe to be left alone with the T.V.

Adults don't fare too well either. An enormous amount of mindless programs air each day, from the countless talkshows where the hosts' qualifications are few, if any, to 24-hour O.J. coverage where you can find out what his first girlfriend's neighbor's dog thinks about the trial.

The degradation of television programming coincides with the indecency of society. America is getting its ideas from what it sees on T.V. each night. The more filth viewers seek, the more producers happily provide. Not only will a night in front of the hypnotic screen erode your moral foundation, while under its spell it will clean your bank account.

It is ironic and tragic that T.V., which could be the most revolutionary and expeditious tool used to uplift

the entire race of mankind, is a major cause of the deplorable moral standard and behavior in the world. If used wisely and correctly, T.V. could transform the level of thinking of all people almost overnight. Just like students rise and fall to the standards set by their teachers, so does the mindset of the world (and America especially) fluctuate to the images coming across their sets. T.V. erodes the creative capacity of an individual by allowing part of his brain to lay dormant while the screen takes control. Then the immoral image implants itself in the psyche of the viewer—further damaging his mental ability.

For Blacks the situation gets worse. We're no longer in the "Dixieland" era where blatantly racist images of blackfaced Sambos can be found on every station, but more subtle variations of the same stereotypes exist today.

Although he's a very talented entertainer, Martin Lawrence needs little help from White screen writers to portray modern day Sambo. Our behavior on the endless talkshows lets everyone know we're truly buffoons. And shows like "Cops" remind all that Blacks are nothing but criminals. The main problem here is the tremendous lack of Black writers and producers in the business.

With the advent of modern technology, T.V. has the capability to actually revolutionize the globe. Undoubtedly, it will do just that. But in so doing, will it re-establish the moral fiber of the world and raise the thinking of mankind or continue to waste the brain power of the masses? It's not T.V.'s decision, it's ours.

## AIDS continues to cripple the Black community

When the problems of the Black community are discussed, you generally hear stories of poverty, injustice, discrimination and other political, economical and social ills. But one problem, which has surpassed epidemic proportions, is rarely thought of as a "Black" thing. Even though AIDS is a worldwide, cross-racial tragedy, projected demographics show that AIDS patients will be overwhelmingly Black in the future. Currently, almost one in three of all people with AIDS in America are Black and nearly 50 percent of all children in America with AIDS are Black. Though we always hear about murder (or fratricide) in the Black community in Washington, D.C.—the "murder capital of the world"—AIDS has become the number one killer of Black men aged 24 to 32. Whole tribes in Africa have been wiped out due to AIDS and many nations in Eastern and Central Africa suffer from the virus.

Tomorrow is the national AIDS Walk, the annual

walk-a-thon to raise money for patients and to find a cure for the fatal disease. But beyond money, an end to bureaucratic delays on possible treatments could vastly improve the conditions of AIDS patients. The late Dr. Davy Koesch, a Black doctor from Kenya, discovered a treatment in his country that has shown signs of working much better than conventional drugs, like AZT, which have painful side effects. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has postponed trials of the African-originated treatment, while AIDS continues to spread and kill. There are other medications NIH has shelved in favor of continuing their side effect-riddled drugs as well. Bureaucracy in government is a known fact, but when millions of lives are at stake, one would think that the government would try everything possible to put an end to this calamity.

The Black community must get more involved in the fight against AIDS. Education, lobbying and everything else we can do to defuse the erupting AIDS bomb is a must.

## Letter to the Editor

### Rare praise for Financial Aid Office, registration process

On August 18, 1995, I approached Mr. Avon Dennis, the new director of Financial Aid with trepidation in regards to a personal matter. My reservations were due to the poor attitudes and minuscule help I received the previous year when completing the registration process. Imagine my surprise and delight when, not only was Mr. Dennis courteous, he immediately alleviated my circumstance without delay. I then went to the Blackburn Center to be validated and was again assisted in a timely, polite manner. I was impressed by

the obvious upgrade of the registration system and commend the new administration for their efforts.

Too often students voice only complaints and never compliments. The administration needs positive and negative feedback to implement student-preferred changes in the management control system. Just as we speak out in criticism, we should not hesitate to speak out in praise.

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M.B.A. candidate



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# PERSPECTIVES

## Successful Blacks must unite with poorer brethren



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Guest columnist

Blacks have endured the harsh realities of racism time and time again. No matter how hard we've fought or how far we think we've come, the abuse never seems to cease. If we are not left jobless, homeless or penniless, then we're being spoon fed welfare, affirmative action or other government programs making us even more dependent upon Whites. The perception of Blacks in the eyes of American society still label us as shiftless, lazy, and God help us, ungrateful for all they've given to us.

Black America always seems to fluctuate.

A pastor was once told by a fellow man of God that in order to increase the flow of money into his church, he must first rid his congregation of the "ghetto folk." His next step would then be to start giving gospel appealing to doctors, lawyers, professors and such... thus the money needed will come. The pastor that was told this immediately fell to his knees and apologized to God for complaining about money. Then he profusely thanked God, for he knew that his service was not to gain money for the church, but that his purpose was to teach every one of God's children—rich or poor. It says in the Bible, "Who so ever will, let him come." Are there really Blacks that believe themselves to be so righteous that they can't praise the Lord with people that don't make as much money as they do?

Where's the unity? Where's the caring? What happened to the principles God has instilled within us to help each other despite that aching for or lack of material items? Who else but Blacks will support other Blacks when they need clothes, food and shelter?

While nonprofit and charity organizations are quickly diminishing to help eradicate the federal budget, more and more money is being spent on frivolities

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Through all of these years of blatant hatred thrown in our faces, it seems as though we would have learned by now to ban together and fight as a united family. Our ancestry, culture, pride and color will not let us forget that we are bonded. But regardless, some of us choose to step over others in efforts to reach the White man and his money when we should be battling him as one. Often those of us who have "moved on up" and out of the poverty stricken communities Whites force us to dwell in tend to ignore the brothers and sisters they left behind. Although the crimes that Blacks commit against each other by not taking the time to bring our people out of the ghettos do not share the same intensity or frequency of the genocide occurring in our communities, it's just as painful.

When two Black people pass each other on the street and do not speak, it's the same as both of them holding a gun to the other's head and pulling the trigger. Neither care about the repercussions nor do they care that the other even exists. It's this level of apathy and lust to "get ahead" that proceeds to drive us farther and farther apart from each other. Whether you like to call it "getting mine" or "success," it would be a good idea to look down first to see just who's head you're crushing in the process.

The saying is definitely valid: Money is truly the root of all evil. It's a fact that those who have none, kill to get scraps, while those who have do everything in their power to not share any of it. Yet everyone is wondering why progress in

like warfare and space travel. Unfortunately, the government would rather place nuclear bombs in outer space just in case of war than to help the same people they sneer at on the street.

Moreover, it seems like the Blacks that do hold governmental positions are the same ones that are attempting to abolish most programs created to help Blacks. Infamous Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and his plight to abolish affirmative action is joined by Black congressmen and women who try and put rappers in jail for use of explicit language. Not to mention high positioned Blacks being supportive of the Pell Grant and scholarship cuts basically seeking to make sure that no more Blacks eager to go to college can get the chance to go.

However, all the blame cannot fall onto their shoulders. They might just be that blinded by wealth and power that they can't see how the White government is using them to destroy their own communities and futures.

The continuous stage of regression that the Black society is going through can be stopped. But that would entail enforcing the old "Robin Hood" process. But not too many people would be so willing to hand over large portions of the money they worked so hard to step on their brother's and sister's heads to get.

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## The University must change poor conditions in College of Fine Arts

Ginger L. Griffin

Recently, I had the privilege of witnessing and participating in a prayer rally and protest held at the residence of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Approximately 1,500 Black men and women came together to decry Thomas' pivotal rulings on affirmative action, voter redistricting and others that threaten to undo all gains made by Black people in this country during the Civil

convocation, without fail. Through international music competitions, we have not only represented the Music Department and Howard University, but the United States and Black America itself. But what thanks do we get in return?

Classrooms, offices and practice studios are vandalized and poorly ventilated, with little to no physical security for teachers or students. Broken windows and doors emanate ghetto vibes. Pianos are too few and out of tune.

There are plenty of excuses as to why things

the meaning of music on a small student base. Meanwhile, we're constantly subjected to acrimonious tensions created by the faculty and the Fine Arts Administration exchanging blows, complete with fervent pointing and controversy. How can anyone have a positive attitude toward learning under circumstances?

Martin Luther King Jr., once asked question, "How long?" So now, I too, ask question. How long will we, as music students, continue to give so much for so little, singing

**How long will we, as music students, continue to give so much for so little, singing and shuffling on this '90s plantation?**

Rights Movement. Those of us who were at the rally felt that we had a duty to hold one of our "own" accountable for the harm he places on his own people.

Ironically, we're faced with the same situation for a need of accountability from our own within Howard University. Specifically, within the College of Fine Arts' Department of Music.

Year after year, we students of the Department of Music are called upon to entertain our University president and Trustee Board. From Clinton to Mandela, we've performed for dignitaries and celebrities, and at every

are so had, like budget deficits and lowered student enrollment. But according to a published 1995 report, approximately 72 percent of Howard's revenue stems directly from paid tuition and fees and the annual federal payment allotted to us by Congress (60 percent). At what point is the Fine Arts deserving of some of that 72 percent?

Some Howard music students have no choice but to seek out other University and public facilities within the area to further their education. No doubt, this is adding undue pressure for those striving for beauty of art and

shuffling on this '90s plantation? How long we beg Newt Gingrich and company not to let Howard's funding without first holding "own" here at Howard accountable? Between Black chairman, a Black dean, wealthy Black trustees and a Black president, you mean to me we can't get satisfaction? Whether we play the note, in the end it's the cotton we Clarence Thomas, you're not alone... then others who need to atone.

The writer is a junior in the College of Arts.

## Million Man March must also challenge the government

Dr. Manning Marable

The national mobilization to build support for the Million Man March on Washington, D.C., scheduled for October 16, is rapidly gaining momentum. Led by Min. Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam and former NAACP executive director Benjamin Chavis, the march has captured the awareness and interest of many African Americans.

abolishing Jim Crow segregation in every department of the federal government. To obtain these demands, Randolph promised to bring one hundred thousand Black people to Washington, D.C..

The March mobilization was all Black. White progressives could offer political and material support, but they weren't allowed to join the protest. Randolph explained: "We believe that Negroes need an all-Negro movement, just as the Jews had a Zionist movement. We believe that Negroes should supply

denigrated and disregarded. It's about us coming together for the sake of the true, the beautiful, and the good."

NAACP acting executive director Earl Shinnholster informed The Final Call that he endorsed the March and planned "to be an active participant." Civil rights veteran Dorothy Height and the National Council of Negro Women endorsed the March, as have Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton. An impressive network of local

of firearms which kill thousands of our young people. We don't control the banks which deny us credit capital; we don't control the drugs pumped into our communities. We don't control the courts and prisons which warehouse hundreds of thousands of Black men.

Beyond "atonement," we should march to Washington to indict real criminals: the reactionary Republican Congress, the failures of the Clinton administration; a bankrupt

**The call for the Million Man March comes at a critical moment of crisis in the political history of our people**

The call for the Million Man March comes at a critical moment of crisis in the political history of our people. We can understand and appreciate the meaning of this mobilization, its possibilities and its problems, by grounding ourselves in the historical traditions of Black struggle.

The best historical parallel with the Million Man March is provided by the famous "Negro March on Washington" mobilization of June, 1941. On the eve of the Second World War, Black trade union leader A. Philip Randolph issued a series of demands against the Roosevelt administration.

His chief aims were: the outlawing of government contracts in defense-related industries which practiced racial discrimination in hiring; the abolition of racially segregated units in U.S. armed forces; and an executive order

the money and pay the price, make the sacrifices, to break down the barriers to a realization of full citizenship rights of America."

At the last moment, the Roosevelt administration agreed to sign Executive Order 8802, desegregating employment in wartime factories, an action creating hundreds of thousands of jobs for African Americans. The March was called off, but it achieved a major political objective.

We must assess the current effort to mobilize African-Americans today against the historical standard of Randolph and the events of 1941. To date, the March has been endorsed by a broad spectrum of African Americans. On the left, Harvard professor Cornel West, author of *Race Matters*, has expressed solidarity for the March. West states: "This march is for anyone who has been disrespected

organizing committees has been formed across Black America.

The fundamental problem which advocates of the March must address, however, is its agenda and message. Chavis has defined three specific objectives for the March: "atonement with God and one another; a drive to register eight million new Black voters, and a search for Black fathers for 25,000 children, mostly male, who need families."

Let's consider this agenda. Spirituality is at the center of the Black protest tradition: all of us certainly favor the development of strong Black extended families, communities and institutions. But self help and individual effort, while important, don't fully address the structure of power which perpetuate Black oppression.

Black people don't own the companies which produce millions

system; the corporations and wealthy who profit from Black unemployment, imprisonment, exploitation. Remember the 1941, Randolph challenged government.

Today, we need a March with progressive public policy agenda, including demands for employment, universal health care, housing, and a vigorous defense of affirmative action.

The 1941 all-Black March on Washington tells us that struggle the best and only means for oppressed people to gain freedom. Hopefully in 1995, we will struggle to achieve that level of commitment to political resistance.

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## Blacks should participate in the Republican party

Rochelle Parks

Brothers and sisters, let's wake up and smell the coffee. Almost every week some African-American publication is vehemently denouncing the Republican party and their "Contract With America." Many claim that Republicans are upper-class, money-grubbing, capitalists who are intent upon robbing the poor, giving to the rich, and implementing the slow annihilation of African-American citizens. Well, not all Republicans fit that stereotype. More than a few of us are middle- to lower-class minorities merely intent upon improving the quality of life for ourselves and our progeny and not necessarily at the expense of a whole race or class of

people.

African Americans should cease jumping on a single party bandwagon and take a good, hard look at the color of politics, regardless of party affiliation. A blind person can see that there's whitewash everywhere. Therefore, Blacks need members and leaders in every party, as that is the only way to get our concerns pushed to the forefront. Sitting on the sidelines, tied to the Democratic party, bemoaning the imminent destruction in the wake of Republican control is purposeless and stupid. If we want to execute change some of us need to join the Republican party and shake it off its foundation. Being a party member does not require agreement with every stance the party takes on an issue. I, for one, am pro-choice and support the need for welfare reform.

Furthermore, it is ridiculous for African Americans to denigrate fellow

African Americans who are not Democrats, like Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Instead of claiming that we are traitors to our race "sellouts to the Man," we should welcome diversity among ourselves, recognizing the need for active involvement in every pillar of American society. Uniform adherence to one party, religion, or leader is a defeating, as all African Americans do not subscribe to the same methodologies.

The 1996 presidential election looms closer and we can either follow or be ignored. As the latter is unacceptable, let's be proactive, opposed to reactive by working outside and within the establishment, most of all by exercising our rights to lobby, picket and vote!

The writer is a M.B.A. candidate at Howard.

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Fall fashions for men keep brothers warm and looking cool

Fellas, have you looked in your closet lately and discovered that most of your shirts have "summer '83" printed on them, or all of your jeans are old and worn? Do your "good clothes" have the Cross Colours name on them?

Wait a minute... don't get excited 'cause they're not coming back. It's about time for you to get in touch with fashion. With fall already here and winter knocking at the front door, a closet check is in order.

Tony Shellman, designer of Mecca USA, blew up the spot this summer with his colorful soccer jerseys. This fall, he's showing us that ain't nothin' changed, by putting out hockey jerseys. Shellman, who is based in New York, has made trips to the D.C. area to help promote his clothing line. Also available from Mecca USA are jeans in blue and black, army green pants, wind-breaker jackets and far-from-plain sweatshirts.

DKNY, oh my! Making a killing in the fashion industry again this year is Donna Karan New York. Her more popular items, by far, are sweatshirts and pants in black, gray, white and oatmeal. New for the fall and winter are hooded sweatshirts, bubble vests and jackets in black, blue, red and silver. Also receiving big ups are her black, blue and cream baggy jeans. Don't forget to top off your outfit with a matching hat. New headgear from DKNY includes wool skullies in black and gray.

Even though you may think it's hard to keep warm this winter and still look cool, Bear USA can prove you wrong. This season, Bear brings you that reversible bubble jackets—available in black, blue, yellow and silver. Also available from this New Jersey company are dark green, navy black and cappuccino boots.

While Nautica returns with more popular sweatshirts and fur collar down again this year, they've added pieces of clothing that are catered to the "true players." Nautica has added button-down dress shirts in an array of prints, plaids and solid colors. To complement the shirts, Nautica's tankis are the perfect choice. The "player" image can also be maintained with Nautica's eye-catching sweaters.

While following trends is all good, remember that you should incorporate them into your own style. Make sure the clothes fit the occasion. T-shirts and jeans are fine for chillin' at home, but not for taking your girl out on the town. So get together and you're sure to make heads turn—especially female heads. While clothes don't make the man, they make a good impression. Every woman loves a well-dressed man. Am I right, ladies?

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# The Season at a glance: What's on prime time?

By Shandrika R. Fields  
Hilltop Staff Writer

With your remote control in one hand and a bag of Doritos in the other, you're set for the 1995-96 TV season. This fall, 38 prime-time shows will premiere, making this season huge! Not only are the new shows something to look forward to, but the returning shows are just as exciting. Here's a breakdown of what the major networks have to offer this season.

Fox, the network that brought you successful shows like "Married With Children," "Martin" and "New York Undercover," is putting a few new comedies to the test.

Up in the sky—it's a bird, it's a plane... actually it's a plane run by a group of 20-something, single flight attendants who are also good friends. "The Crew" stars Dondre T. Whitfield (whom you may remember as Vanessa Huxtable's boyfriend Robert on "The Cosby Show"), Kristen Baker, Lane Davis, Christine Estabrook, Charles Esten, Rose Jackson and David Burke. The pilot episode featured guest star Kim Fields who portrays Regine on Fox's "Living Single."

"It was an interesting show," said Marlon Jones, a junior majoring in marketing, "but the laughs were few and far between."

Jones, however, did feel that it showed diversity in sexual preference, as one of the male characters is homosexual. Although it holds a key slot between "Living Single" and "New York Undercover," it is unlikely that the fans of these shows will commit to the series. "The Crew" had better be prepared for an emergency landing because it looks like this one's going down. If you want to reserve a coach flight to comedy, the series will broadcast on Thursday nights at 8:30.

Also debuting on Fox is "Part-

ners," starring Maria Pitillo, Tate Donovan and John Cryer. This series kicks off as Bob (Cryer) has to deal with his best friend Owen's (Donovan) proposal to his girlfriend, Alicia (Pitillo).

"You're getting married," said a frustrated Bob to Owen. "You understand how huge that is? For me?" It should be interesting to watch as Owen tries to maintain a strong relationship with his fiancée, as well as his best buddy. "Partners" may allow viewers to mellow out after watching an hour of drama on Melrose Place. The show can be seen on Mondays at 9 p.m.

Bring back family values! That's exactly what NBC is trying to do—bring the family back to Sunday night. Up first is "Brotherly Love,"

starring Melinda Culea ("The Fisher King") and the Lawrence brothers—Joey, Matthew and Andy. Veteran actor-singer Joey Lawrence gained fame as Joey on "Blossom." It's a family show about a widowed step-mom (Culea) being mother to three real-life brothers. The Lawrences' bond is sure to be a plus for the show, which airs Sundays at 8 p.m.

Next on NBC is "Minor Adjustments," starring stand-up comics, Rondell Sheridan and Wendy Raquel Robinson. Sheridan portrays a wacky family psychologist who dishes out well-intended advice (welcomed or not) to everyone around him. Sheridan is an expert on kids and families, but can he handle his own crazy bunch?



"Martin" moves to Saturday nights.

sending children in her family-law practice. You can catch this one, which faces a double whammy against "Roseanne" and "Wings," on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Also on CBS, "Central Park West" stars Justin Lazard, Michael Michele, Melissa Enrico and Madchen Amick, among others. This group of no-gooders may be the east coast version of the "Melrose Place" gang. Equipped with the rich, the powerful, the bad girl you love to hate (Amick) and loads of gossip, it has already captured many viewers' attention. Alecia Haughton, a senior majoring in administration of justice, sees the show as a success. "People like the young, carefree lifestyle. It's not an overdramatized show; it will be something you can kick back and watch." The show airs Wednesdays at 9 p.m.

This season, ABC came up with the concept of letting a new show hide between two successful series, hoping the audience will either notice it and like it or stay tuned while waiting for the next show. The first is "Hudson Street," featuring Lori Loughlin and Tony Danza. Danza, who starred in "Taxi" and "Who's the Boss?," may have made a bad move. Loughlin and Danza are opposites who attract—only to develop a love-hate relationship. In this case, however, the fact that they are opposites may prove to be their downfall.

What may help the show along is its strategic placement between "Roseanne" and "Home Improvement," two of TV's top shows. Talk about luck!

Clever programming can also be noticed in the case of "The Drew Carey Show," starring Ryan Stiles, Drew Carey, Crista Miller and Deidrich Bader—four friends who hang out and make jokes about being losers. This show has a great time slot between "Ellen" and "Grace Under Fire," but the cynical attitudes may not be what that audi-

ence is looking for.

Wouldn't the debut series like to be one of the few, the proud—the returning? Here's a peek at a few shows that will be back for another season:

"The Simpsons" (Fox, Sundays, 8 p.m.). In a case of whodunit, the creators of the show kept us pumped up and wanting to know who shot Mr. Burns. With Lisa's help, the culprit was revealed in the premiere episode. Hopefully the shows that follow will be just as attention-grabbing as the season premiere. And who knows—maybe Maggie will be talking this season.

"Living Single" (Fox, Thursdays, 8 p.m.) started the season with a side-splitting episode that guest-starred basketball great Grant Hill. As if that isn't reason enough to tune in, Kyle (T.C. Carson) and Maxine (Erika Alexander) are an item now.

In its 8th and final season, "Roseanne" (ABC, Tuesdays, 8 p.m.) will be host to a new Connor—due in October. Also, the original Becky (Sarah Chalke) returns in the first episode.

"In the House" (NBC, Mondays, 8:30 p.m.). Hopefully sophomore series "In the House" has learned a thing or two and gotten the hang of things for this season. Austin (Jeffery Wood) will shed his nerd skin and receive a complete makeover.

Some students were not only upset that "Martin" moved to Saturday night (at 8:00 p.m.), but also because the season premiere was disappointing.

It was a bad move on behalf of Fox to move "Martin" to Saturday because very few people watch TV on Saturdays," said Jones, who described the premiere as "predictable."

Of the 38 prime-time shows debuting, how many will be around next season? Only time will tell. So kick back and enjoy!



Students spend several hours in front of the TV



"Melrose Place" is still one of the hottest shows.

Tune in Sundays at 8:30 p.m. to find out.

A minus to consider is the competition from "America's Funniest Home Videos" and "60 minutes" which are also in that same time slots.

Up next is the network that boasts such hits as "Murphy Brown," "Cybill" and "Murder, She Wrote"—CBS. First, there was a book, then there was a movie; and just when you thought you'd had enough of "The Client"... now there's a TV series. The program stars JoBeth Williams and John Heard.

Senior telecommunications major Kevin Brown expressed high hopes for the series. "If the story in the movie is continued, it will be a success," Reggie Love (Williams) lost her kids to her ex-husband and temporarily fills the void by repre-

## Freshmen let go of their mothers' apron strings Students deal with new found freedom away from home on campus



By Jaymes Powell  
Hilltop Staff Writer

It's 6:45 in the morning and her alarm clock is buzzing unmercifully. Freshman Nikki Wiggins stumbles out of bed to start her day. It is a long day that probably will not end until after midnight.

"I have to get up early to get ready for my 8:10 freshman orientation class," Wiggins said. Wiggins is just one of the many freshmen on Howard's campus who are learning to get used to something new in their lives: freedom.

High school seniors came to Howard this fall to become college freshmen. In doing so, most were leaving home for the first time.

They were leaving friends, family and, most of all, the watchful eyes of their parents.

Many freshmen seem to like their new freedom.

"It is wonderful... I don't have people supervising me all the time. I feel independent!" said Torahna Hargrove, a freshman from Philadelphia.

On the other hand, many freshmen seem to be having some problems adjusting to their newfound responsibilities.

"[The responsibility] takes some getting used to. I have to rely on my alarm clock now," said Angela McPherson, a freshman from Columbia, South Carolina.

However, getting up for early morning classes is not the only new responsibility for freshmen. College students have to decide

whether or not they will go to class at all. In high school, if a student does not go to class, he gets sent to detention. In college, if a student does not go to class, he can hang out on "the Yard" with his friends.

"I think the responsibility of going to class is cool. It helps you grow up. Your fate is in your own hands," said Kebinde "Dox" Cunningham, a freshman from New York.

Junel Jeffreys' new responsibility is the ROTC. One of her tasks includes getting up at 5:30 in the morning to go running. "I hate it!" exclaimed Jeffreys, a freshman from Miami.

One of a freshman's greatest responsibilities is freedom. College students are free to decide many things for themselves without the watchful eye of a parent. And with freedom comes one of the hottest topics among college students—sex.

"Some people get here and just go crazy, but as long as you protect yourself, it's okay with me," said Monica Foust, a freshman from Charlotte.

Just as some students exercise their newfound freedom to have sex, many students use their freedom and choose not to.

"I don't like the sexual attitudes on campus. I don't agree with promiscuity," said Sparkle Hill, a freshman from Charlotte.

Another decision that new freshmen college students must make on their own is whether or not they will attend church or other religious service.

"I went every Sunday, and sometimes Wednesday at home. I've only been once since I've been here," said Carrimbeann Ross, a freshman from Detroit.

Yet, Ross realizes that her freedom of choice on the matter would not be tolerated at home.

"My mother would not like it at all if she knew I was not attending church," Ross said. One of the most popular things that col-

lege students are free to do now is party! Early curfews on weekends and out-right denial to go out on weekends made many parents party poopers. Without parents around, though, many freshmen feel free to party until they drop. But many students find it hard to be a party animal one night and a student the next morning. How do some freshmen handle it? "Studying is important, but you can't be all about school," Hill explained. "You can't just be a book person, you also have to be a people person."





# PEOPLE

## Tae kwon do instructor, HU grad, an Olympic hopeful



Sherman Spinks displays a Tae Kwon Do move

By Dawnica Jackson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The American public loves blood and gore. Video games like Mortal Kombat and Street Fighter have become big-budget movies and have glorified martial arts, but where are the African Americans in these movies and involved in the sport?

Here's one: Sherman Spinks, a third-degree blackbelt in tae kwon do, who has devoted his life to two things: teaching children and martial arts. Spinks believes that everyone has a talent and a gift. "My talent is tae kwon do. I just

always loved it," Spinks said. "Me finding tae kwon do was like Michael Jordan finding basketball."

Spinks' gift is teaching. He believes he is directly responsible for how his students turn out.

"If they're good kids I can take credit," Spinks said. "If they're bad, I must take the blame."

The Chicago native became interested in martial arts as a child, but his parents refused to allow him to take classes because they said he had a big mouth.

"I watched a couple of Bruce Lee flicks and thought I could kick some butts," Spinks said.

Spinks became involved in tae kwon do eight years ago, while pursuing a chemistry degree at Howard. He took tae kwon do as a

physical education requirement and shortly after began practicing under Dr. Dong Ja Yang. He chose tae kwon do because it dealt primarily with kicking.

"I had long legs and I figured I should be able to kick people from far away," Spinks said. "I was attracted by Howard's tae kwon do program under Yang's supervision. He is a master of tae kwon do and he has one of the best programs in the country."

Spinks was also formerly trained by Debra Holloway, a silver medalist in the 1988 Olympic games, and is now training on his own, in hopes of making the 1996 Olympic team.

Spinks rose through the ranks of tae kwon do quickly. The Tae Kwon

Do Federation guidelines state the minimum number of years a person can stay at a belt before moving up is one year between first- and second-degree black belt and two years between second- and third-degree blackbelt. Spinks reached his third-degree blackbelt status in six years. He spent two and a half years getting his first degree and the remaining three and a half years achieving his second and third degree.

By 1998, he plans on being a master, which is equivalent to a fifth-degree blackbelt. In addition, he has won countless championships including the 1995 Maryland and Virginia State Championships, 1994 National Championships, 1992 National Collegiate Championship and five grand championships.

The kwon do, a Korean form of martial arts, originated 2000 years ago. Spinks said unlike its famous counterparts, judo and karate, it is just now becoming a widely practiced sport in the United States.

The increase in popularity in tae kwon do was largely due to its being added to the 1996 Olympic Games. Tae kwon do was a spectator sport in the 1988 and 1992 Olympics, but will be a regulation sport in 1996.

Spinks has been teaching tae kwon do for the past year and a half for D.C. Recreation and Parks, and will begin teaching elementary science at a D.C. public school in October.

He believes tae kwon do has not had wide success in the African-American community because it does not focus on the attributes of African Americans.

"It's my sincere opinion we can teach martial arts to our children better than anyone. I don't believe there is a Korean instructor anywhere that can teach an African-American child better than I can," Spinks said.

He just may be right. Thakozille Brown, a 13-year-old tae kwon do student under Spinks, won a silver medal at the junior nationals this year. Furthermore, Spinks predicts she'll make the Olympic team by the year 2000, when she'll be 18-years-old.

"Tae kwon do is important to the African-American community because it teaches discipline, enhances physical development, agility and flexibility," Spinks said.

Spinks also said because of the discipline tae kwon do teaches, his students do well in school.

"At least five out of six of my kids are on honor roll. Martial Arts

also teaches children how to deal with crisis and stress management. It allows for a peaceful end in a possibly violent situation," Spinks said.

Spinks prides himself on doing the work of God and believes he is blessed for taking the road of helping people before concerning himself with how much he profits.

"Everyday I'm excited to see kids. I couldn't get that excitement from money," Spinks said. "Tae kwon do is a talent and I'm teaching my gift. I'm just lucky enough to be able to incorporate my gift and talent."

### VITAL STATISTICS

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**Hometown:** Chicago, Ill.

**Graduation Date:** May, 1994

**Title:** Third-degree blackbelt, Tae kwon do

**Profession:** Tae kwon do instructor, D.C. public school science teacher



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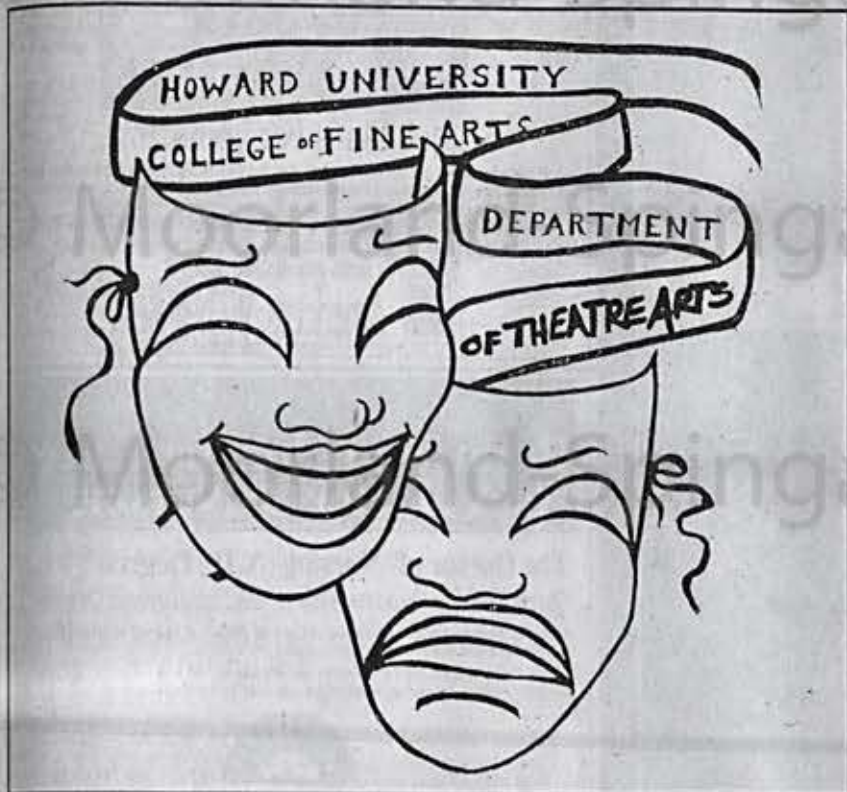
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## PULSE!

## Theater department tackles AIDS, love and fear in new play 'Before it Hits Home'



By Malika Mapp  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Countless stories exist within the African-American community revealing the effects of the AIDS epidemic on our personal lives. Some are stories of faith, hope, and love, while others are stories of need, desperation and disappointment.

This fall, the theater department of the College of Fine Arts tackles this destructive disease by presenting a story that combines both love and loss. "Before It Hits Home," a play by Cheryl L. West and directed by Professor Mark Jolin, brings to light the inhibiting fears of both homosexuality and AIDS in the Black community.

The cast and crew of "Before It Hits Home" share a sense of obligation to enlighten and inform their audience of the need to support people who live with AIDS.

"We are here because we feel a responsibility to educate. There is a lot of information being passed out, but some people are still ignorant," explains Dexter K. Tennie, a senior communications student, who portrays the father figure of the play.

Eric Robertson, a senior theater arts major who plays the married, bisexual lover adds, "People need to realize that, yes, AIDS is real, but so is the person who has it."

The need for love and acceptance is one of the themes of this play that grabs its audience.

The number of folks who are afraid to even touch people with

AIDS is inconceivable; especially when all they want is love," Krishna Smith said. Smith, a junior majoring in theater arts directing, serves as the assistant stage manager of the production.

"As Black people, we have not been readily accepted by other cultures, so it is contradictory for us to discriminate," said Hasani Issa, the sophomore acting major who breathes life into the central character, Wendal Bailey.

"And you better believe that AIDS is just another form of discrimination," Tennie added.

The challenge to understand people and to stop casting stones is another key issue within this play. The character Wendal warns us: "Be careful how you judge people. Weigh a man carefully; you never know when you may get on the same scale."

Said Issa: "As an actor, I always try to explore new territories and understand how other people live. I have learned to make peace with my character's lifestyle. I would not have done him justice if I had not."

Tennie brings spiritual support to Issa's statement.

"I am a Christian. God is the judge not me. I am going to still love my brothers and sisters regardless of what their sexual preference is."

Naima Imani Welcher, a senior theater arts major who feels "blessed" to have studied acting under the director of this production said, "Professor Mark Jolin taught me that, in plays, just as in life, there are only two emotions—love and

fear. This play deeply explores both."

Tennie also talks about how many people find out that the love that they have received from some friends and relatives is conditional. "It's a shame when people tell you, 'Oh, I love you, I love you, I love you,' but when AIDS comes into the picture, people start singing a different song. Your own people can walk all over you and turn their backs. But what some don't realize is that love is more action than words. This play teaches unconditional love."

"Before It Hits Home" captures the final moments of one man's life and encourages its audience to take a compassionate glimpse into the struggles he endures. The ultimate challenge lies within the audience to build enough courage to open their hearts and offer love.

Denise Hart-Kennedy, a senior who brings amazing truth and energy to the mother figure of the play, said "the audience will think about this play for months after they have left the theater."

Tennie adds, "People are going to laugh and cry. This play is a roller-coaster ride of emotions. You don't even have to have a sympathetic or empathetic heart to cry in this play. All you have to have are feelings."

"Before It Hits Home" opens in the Environmental Theatre Space of the College of Fine Arts on September 28th and completes its run on October 7th.

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## Bushwick Bill returns as 'Phantom of the Rapra'

By Miguel Burke  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Hidden under the dark, dank streets of Fifth Ward, Texas, Dr. Wolfgangvombushwickinhabbarbari anotherfunkystayhighbillster is in his musical laboratory experimenting with two distinctly different forms of music, rap and opera, hoping to create the perfect creation. At last, he finds several elements, including sex, violence, and tragedy that the two musical forms have in common, thus producing a new compound on his latest Rap-A-Lot/Noo Tribe Records release, "Phantom of the Rapra."

After creating his latest musical invention, Dr. Wolfgangvombushwickinhabbarbari anotherfunkystayhighbillster, also known as Bushwick Bill, has emerged and appeared in public to talk about his new identity, his new album, his latest projects,

defend reality rap and talk about his life during all of the controversy that surrounded him at one time.

"My two sons, Andre and Rich, came up with the Phantom of the Rapra concept while watching Darkwing Duck. They told me that the Phantom on the show reminded them of my old videos and shows, when I would wear capes and act crazy. I built on their idea because I wanted to show my classical music influence without watering down my hip-hop," said Bushwick Bill.

Since that time, the idea has developed even further and is explained on the introduction of the album by saying:

"Well, I named it 'Phantom of the Rapra' 'cause I like opera and it deals with sex, rape, violence, incest and suicide, and it's widely accepted by the same people who are willing to ban rap when rap is opera to people in the ghetto because it's dealing with the same issues," said Bushwick Bill.

He also explained the meaning



Original Geto Boyz member, Bushwick Bill returns with sophomore solo effort.

behind his new name.

"The Dr. is because doctors are known for their precision. The Wolfgang Von is for the different types of classical music that I

dabble in from the different eras. The Bushwickin stands for... in Texas, they say that you have 'kin folk'. I have 'kin folk', my kids. The Barbarian is for the Chucky,

Mind of a Lunatic-type songs that I represent; the 'horrorcore' rap. The mother is for the motherland. The funky is paying homage to P-Funk.

"Stay high—most people believe it's for stayin' high on weed, but it's different than that. It stands for staying high above those things that entangle me. The billster stands for being an immigrant from Jamaica with a visa being seen as currency and I'm currently seen as currency in the U.S. world abroad," said Bushwick Bill.

Bushwick Bill also talked about critics such as the National Black Association of Journalists, C. Delores Tucker waging war, misinterpreting lyrics and mislabeling reality rap.

"It's not gangsta rap; that's a category and title for the form of rap that we're doing. Gangsta rap is something that they [critics and staunch opponents] came up with."

He also went on to say that the type of songs that he and other artists make of that genre reflect

things that they see everyday in the streets.

Life has gone on for Bushwick since he lost his eye in a dispute.

He is now in search of artists for his latest project, a new record company called Dollarz-N-Sense and a new management company called Copper To Cash Management. Many people also forget that he is the only original member remaining of the group the Geto Boyz (since 1987), and he will be working on the new Geto Boyz album, although he does not know who will be on it (other than Scarface), when production will begin, or when it will drop.

In the meantime, fans can seriously examine and explore some of the concepts of his "Phantom of the Rapra" album. Standout songs to look for include "What Cha Gonna Do," "Times Iz Hard," "Ex-Girlfriend" and "Mr. President."

## 69 Boyz' 'Tootsie Roll' their way to the top of the charts



The 69 Boyz

By Awanya D. Anglin  
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Cotton candy, sweet as gold, let me see your tootsie roll..."  
This statement was the dance anthem of 1994.

"Tootsie Roll," as well as the song "Kitty Kitty," have placed music group The 69 Boyz on the map with their platinum album entitled, "1990Quad."

Now, The 69 Boyz are back with their latest single, "Survival of the Fittest," a smooth, yet hip track with a little reggae flavor that describes the trials and tribulations of living in America.

"Survival of the Fittest" is a song that reflects on life in urban neighborhoods all over America. Violence, sex, and drugs dominate the lives of many of the residents of these areas.

The song describes the difficulties of staying "legit," especially for young African-Americans males. One stanza of the song says: "Selling drugs at the time was the easy way—easy work, easy women, and the easy way... I'd do anything to have one car, one woman and couple of steaks."

Another part of the song explains that some men do not have genuine feelings or love for women.

"I got no love for them hoes and if I did it would only be drama, because, trick, I only love my momma."

Additionally, the song talks about weapon possession and usage. There are many references to nine millimeter guns, which many youths carry in the streets, according to the group, for protection against those who might want to instigate conflict or rob them.

In an exclusive interview with The Hilltop, Rip-It Records' 69 Boyz explained that, though "Survival of the Fittest" has a serious message, their album is mostly about partying and having fun.

The three-member group, which consists of Barry "Fast" Wright, Van "Thrill Da Playa" Bryant and Greg

"Slow" Thomas, also explained the reason for the group's name—they were each born in 1969.

Wright was born on November 22, Thomas on June 16 and Bryant on September 14.

Bryant, the leader of the group explained that many of the things mentioned in their songs really happen; especially on the party scene.

"Da Mote" (the motel), another song on the album, best explains what happens after a typical party. "Many people, after a party, will go back to the motel and chill and/or have sex," Bryant said. "That is just the way it happens most of the time."

Bryant, Wright and Thomas all hail from Jacksonville, Fla. Their music is referred to as "trunk phunk," which is a form of the ever-popular "Miami bass" sound.

"Trunk phunk" music has so much bass that people in the street can feel the vibrations, which are sometimes capable of shattering car windows.

The album, which is 70 minutes long, consists of 21 music tracks including songs like "Survival of the Fittest" and "Ease On Down the Road," which, according to the group, has a "smooth gangsta" feel."

## Gory, popular 'Pulp Fiction' finally hits video stores

By Alona E. Ballard  
Hilltop Staff Writer

If your recipe for a good movie calls for a pinch of great actors, two cups of violence and a tablespoon of blood, then this dish is for you. "Pulp Fiction" (Miramax Films, 1994), Quentin Tarantino's award-winning movie is now on video.

"Pulp Fiction," John Travolta's comeback film, also stars Samuel L. Jackson, Bruce Willis and Uma Thurman. It deals with three or four different stories all tied together by mutual involvement with gangster-drug kingpin, Marsellus

Wallace (Ving Rhames). The film peers into the lives of two of his hit men (Jackson and Travolta), a boxer he bets on (Willis) and Marsellus' wife, played by starlet Thurman.

In addition to being an action-adventure movie, "Pulp Fiction" also has its comedic moments. When no one is being killed, comic relief is found in the "dead man in the trunk" jokes, the aloofness of the murderers and the debate on the meaning of a foot massage.

The violence in "Pulp Fiction" may make some who may be considering renting the movie a bit hesitant. Weak stomachs beware, the queasy rating is 'R,'

for really gross, but at least you'll learn where to stick a syringe if someone ever overdoses on heroin. The movie has also raised a few eyebrows over its, what some may deem, inappropriate, loose use of the word "nigger." Potential viewers who may be easily offended should also be aware that the movie contains a homosexual rape scene.

"Pulp Fiction," which grossed over 107 million dollars, won the Golden Globe award for best screenplay, the Academy Award for Best Screenplay, as well as the highly coveted MTV award for Best Movie. The movie also won rave reviews from over 70 critics, who have called it "the

movie of the year."

Students who have seen the movie had various reactions to and opinions about "Pulp Fiction."

"I liked the movie," freshman economics major Divinia Seay said. "It's not your run-of-the-mill movie; it had an innovative plot with interesting dialogue and it was funny."

Other students have their favorite parts which they found memorable.

"My favorite part is when Jules (Samuel L. Jackson) quotes from the Bible right before he shoots someone," said Kim Wade, a freshman majoring in biology.

What sets "Pulp Fiction" apart from

other great movies is its outstanding screenplay, created in part by both Roger Avary and Tarantino. Tarantino wrote, directed and had a minor role in this movie. Ingeniously, the script is rearranged so that the climax of the film occurs in the middle.

If "Pulp" makes you a Tarantino fan and you're just begging for more, check out "Reservoir Dogs," which he also wrote and directed. He also wrote the story for "Natural Born Killers" and the screenplay for "True Romance."

"Pulp Fiction" was definitely worth seeing in the theater, but if you missed it, it's about time you saw it. If you've already seen it and enjoyed it, see it again.

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# BUSINESS

## Apple develops inexpensive new computer

By Tina-Renee Johnson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Imagine sitting at home watching TV.

There are no good programs on so you decide to see a movie.

Instead of roaming through the newspapers, you pick up a mini-computer and plug it into the TV.

A complete list of movies and theaters immediately appears on the screen.

Sound far-fetched?

Well, it will be well within reach by the end of this year when Apple Computer Inc. releases its new line of personal computers called Pippin.

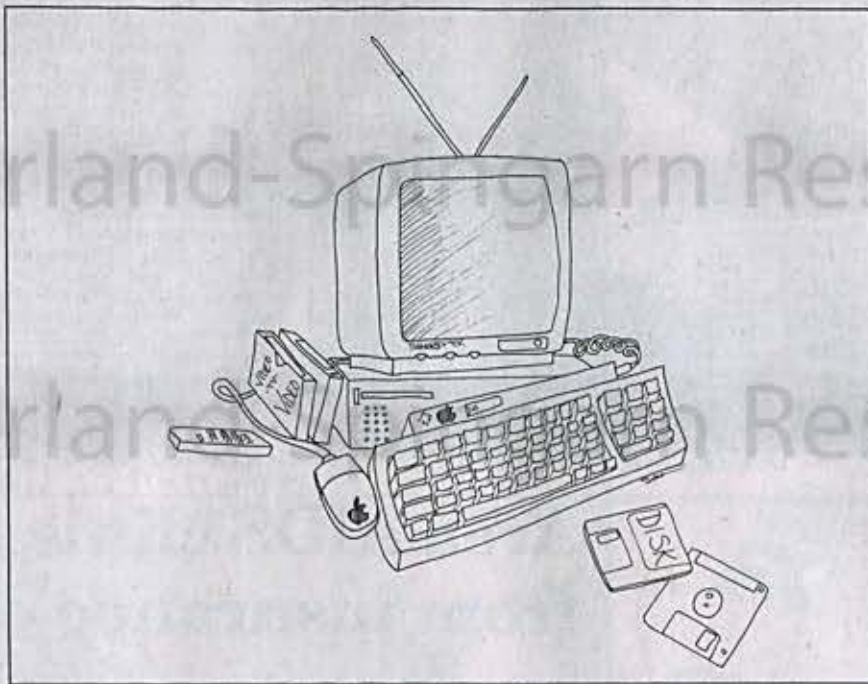
The machine, which costs about \$500, has no keyboard, no modem and no hard drive.

Customers plug it into their TV sets, and with the help of a CD-ROM drive, mouse and joy stick, play video games and run multimedia software programs including music, movie guides or any other programs manufacturers develop.

Equipped with Apple's new Power PC microprocessor, Pippin is simple and easy to use. Many computer dealers agree even users who subscribe to the "Dummy's Guide to Computers" can handle it.

"Apple is basically taking the core out of Apple computers and making this computer more of a game machine," Burcoto said. "You can add a modem, keyboard and other features to make it a full-blown computer, but then you would be moving up to the \$2,000 price range which can be a problem for most people," he said.

"On the other hand, you can add those things gradually which can make it easier." For senior elementary education major Linda Mason, this new, less-expensive kind of computer may be just what she needs.



Apples latest computer, Pippin.

However, Pippin can be more than a game machine, Burcoto said.

"This may be what I've been waiting for. My parents won't get me the type of computer I want because it's so expensive, but they might spring for this one. I can also try out a CD-ROM, something which I'm embarrassed to say, I haven't done yet," she said.

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Bandai Co., a major toy

manufacturer in Japan, is the first Pippin licensee and plans to come out with a product called Power Player.

Many local computer and software dealers said they hadn't heard of Pippin or didn't know much about it, but think it would be an exciting entry into the world of computers.

"It will be very interesting to see how people react to this new technology," a manager at MacSource said.

## Business Highlights

By Shenikwa Stratford

### Forbes Magazine's List for Highest Paid Entertainers

Forbes Magazine published its 40 Highest Paid Entertainers List of 1994-95. Coming in at number one, film director Steven Spielberg, grossing an estimated \$285 million. Among top paid African-American entertainers, Oprah Winfrey trailed in at number two with \$146 million; Michael Jackson, number eight, grossed over \$67 million; Bill Cosby came in at number twelve with \$49 million. Finally, the popular Rhythm & Blues group, Boyz II Men followed at number thirty-one, with \$31 million.

### O.J. Simpson Trial Verdict to be Biggest Media Event in History; Advertisers Looking to Cash In

According to the Nielsen Media Research, the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial may be one of the most watched television events of all time. Among its competitors, are the final episode of "M\*A\*S\*H," popular nighttime drama, "Dallas," the mini-series "Roots," and Super Bowl XVII.

Advertisers are salivating at the opportunity to broadcast during the verdict. However, the unpredictability of the verdict, as well as large coverage of the event will not allow any one network to dominate audiences and to cash in with advertisers.

### What's the Richest Nation in the World? Not the U.S.!

According to the World Bank, a nation's wealth includes: natural resources, machinery, buildings, highways, human resources, and social capital—families and communities. The top fifteen include:

Country	Value
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## WandaWoman Aerobics makes shaping up a 'Black thing'



Women work it out at the WandaWoman Health Club

By Tina-Renee Johnson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

For Wanda Bamberg, it was simple.

"Your body is like a bank with deposits and withdrawals," she said. "It needs food, but it also needs exercise. Back in the '70s and early '80s, a lot of Black people weren't working out and I needed an avenue to change that."

Enter WandaWoman Aerobics, Inc. (WWA). The Washington, D.C.-based health club was established in 1981 to provide health and fitness workshops geared toward the African-American community.

Instructors teach "Healthy Hip-Hop" to youngsters, fitness education for seniors as well as workshops on weight management and nutrition.

"While America has a better health picture than Black America," said Bamberg, 39, president and CEO of WWA Inc., located on 8th Street NW. "I thought it was time to go out into the community and let African Americans know about their health."

Bamberg, who has a background in nursing, said she got into the fitness industry accidentally.

"When I moved up here from South Carolina in the late '70s, I was looking to lose weight myself," she said. "I went to the club, got in shape and got hired to manage a health club."

Bamberg said after going to

health clubs and health conventions, she would be bothered that there were few Black faces in the crowd. She recalled meeting Black people who had health club memberships, but didn't work out.

"After managing major health clubs, I realized that they had an atmosphere that rubbed me the wrong way," Bamberg said. "Black women really couldn't relate to those clubs . . . they [White instructors] were unfamiliar with our bodies."

So in 1989, Bamberg opened WandaWoman Dance/Exercise Studio with business partner Antoinette Bragg McLeod—the only Black-owned fitness studio for women in D.C. The average member is between the ages of 20 and 40 and has a college degree.

Boasting a membership of 750, Bamberg and her "Divas of Funk" instructors offer low-impact, highly choreographed, "funkdified" workouts.

"I grew up in the '70s, so, for me, funk was the music of the time," Bamberg said. "This studio taps into a sisterhood, a support system for other women. We got it going on that level."

The days of super-skinny Barbie doll instructors leading the class to "Oh, Mickey You're So Fine" are replaced by women of color with various body shapes heading classes like Cardio Funk I and II, where participants feel like they're at a dance club instead of working out.

Beginners and experienced dance enthusiasts also participate in

body shaping and sculpting, step and yoga.

"The yoga classes were very hard to sell at first because all of the misconceptions that are connected to it," Bamberg said. "But WandaWoman is not just about being physically fit, it's about being fit in the mind and spirit also. We believe in a very holistic approach to fitness."

As with all things, the fitness industry changes, and WandaWoman is ready to adjust.

To attract a broader membership base, new classes have been added

to the schedule, including circuit training [an aerobic and resistance training class in one], abdominal training and in the future, slide aerobics.

Bamberg said although owning her own business has been hard, she still stresses entrepreneurship to young people.

"Right now I'm working very hard on my 20-year plan and it's almost up!" Bamberg said, laughing. "But, this is definitely a labor of love, so if you're willing to put the time and effort into it then go for it."



Wanda Bamberg, president and CEO of WWA, Inc.

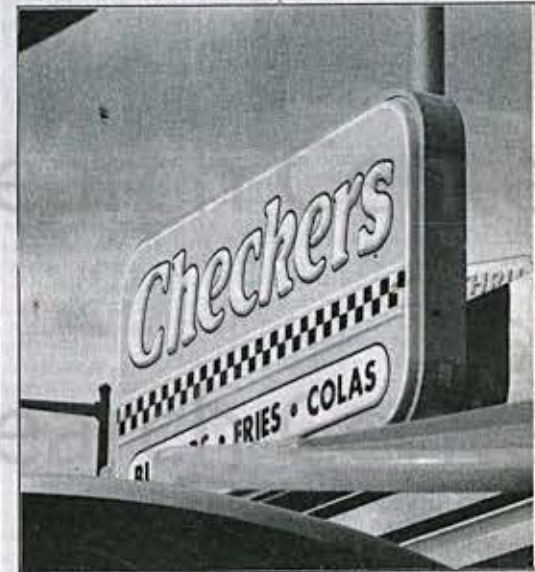
## PROFILE: Le-Van Hawkins' Checkers on the move

By Deidra L. Jackson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Le-Van Hawkins, owner of the popular fast-food franchise Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc., is making big moves in African-American communities along the east coast. He is serving up more than hamburgers and french fries, but jobs and inspiration for many inner-city residents.

Hawkins has become one of the most prominent African Americans in the fast-food business. Getting his start in his uncle's McDonald's franchise, he learned the importance of customer satisfaction. Today, Hawkins is the owner of 37 Checkers restaurants, located in Atlanta, Baltimore and Philadelphia. His next big move is to revitalize the District. Last year, Hawkins opened his newest establishment on 2300 New York Ave. NE. By the end of July, Hawkins plans to build 10 more Checkers throughout the District.

This is part of Hawkins' master plan to provide jobs for the African-



Checkers Fast Food offers low prices and fast service

American community, as well as making the inner-city more attractive. "I take gas stations that have been abandoned or empty lots and do a beautification on them," Hawkins said. "We bring people in from the street corners who have not had an opportunity to have jobs. We build a scenario for people . . . who have had nothing."

Le-Van Hawkins has become an inspiration for young Black entrepreneurs by giving back to the community. He credits much of his success to community support.

"We get business from attorneys, accountants and suppliers within the community. It is all part of sharing the wealth," he said.



# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Walking provides vigorous, effective exercise

By Shaune Jackson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

You're getting fit and you may not even know it.

With the onset of classes, many who workout regularly may find that, along with days becoming shorter, so is the time to exercise.

But for those who sigh at the thought of "breaking a sweat," the lack of time resulting from busy schedules may just be the perfect excuse. Or is it?

As you walk from Locke Hall to the School of Business, from Burr Gymnasium to Founder's Library or from the Valley to the School of Communications, you are actually getting some effective exercise. According to Sylvester Gilbert, a fitness instructor at Bally's Total Fitness Center in downtown Washington, the walking that students do on campus is subconsciously helping them to stay in shape.

Whether it is trudging up hills or

running down stairs, these daily activities are beneficial to your body. "When I was in college, I was constantly on the go," Gilbert said. "It wasn't clear to me that I was getting something from all that walking. I was simply trying to get to class on time."

Walking. That's what millions of Americans are doing in an effort to get fit and maintain a healthy lifestyle. From low intensity to speed walking, Gilbert considers it to one of the best ways to get an effective workout.

"Walking is a good cardiovascular exercise. It gets your heart pumping while putting less strain on the joints and muscles," Gilbert explained. "It also helps relieve stress and burns fat."

To see the results from walking around the track, in the neighborhood or even on a treadmill, one must be consistent and work out at least three days a week, according to John Carter, a fitness manager and personal



Student displays the power walk on the track

trainer for Bally's.

At least 20 minutes of heart-pumping, moderate-to-brisk walking burns fat. Exactly how much depends on other factors. "Because everyone's body is different, the amount of fat calories burned varies greatly," Carter said. "But the longer you walk and the faster your pace, more calories are burned and the overall workout is more effective."

For many students and adults, walking is an essential exercise. It is what keeps 39-year-old Jocelyn Johnson in shape and in tune with her mind, body and soul. Johnson who frequents the Banneker High School track three days a week, enjoys the way she feels and looks. "Walking does something for me that no other exercise does," Johnson said. "It keeps my buttocks, hips and legs toned, while providing an outlet in which I can release stress after work."

For Meedie Clark, a junior nursing major, walking isn't

enough. So, she cranks it up every morning by jogging. "Because I walk fast, it seems like I am running anyway," Clark said. "So it's easier for me to go along and run."

But for those of us who like slow and easy, rest assured that a walk is not missing a beat.

**Tips for Walkers**—John Carter, fitness manager, Bally on 2000 L St., NW

\*Stretch at least 5 to 10 minutes before walking.

\*Wear comfortable shoes with well-cushioned, smooth soles and ample padding from the heel of the shoe to the toe.

\*For a good cardiovascular workout, swing arms and walk at least 20 minutes.

\*After walking, cool down by doing more stretching.

\*You have to burn about 3600 calories to burn 1 lb of fat.

\*Never over exert yourself.

## Early detection key to combating prostate cancer

By Cristel Williams  
Hilltop Staff Writer

It's a vicious and silent killer with a thirst for Black men. It stalks them with deadly efficiency, usually striking during middle age years. According to the National Cancer Institute, prostate cancer will claim the lives of more Black men to this disease than their White counterparts.

"It's important to get screened and pay attention to your family history. Young men should be more concerned about testicular cancer right now; but if someone in your family had prostate cancer, you need to be extra careful," Dr. Lindsey Curr, a D.C. urologist at the George Washington Medical Center said.

The prostate is a reddish brown, 0.7 ounce soft tissue gland, located at the base of the bladder. It encircles about a half inch of the urethra which channels urine and semen. During intercourse, the prostate secretes nourishing enzymes, proteins, fats and sugars, which allow sperm to travel from the testicles to the vagina.

Researchers attribute the high prostate cancer rate in Blacks to economic factors, rather than race. Poor people are less likely to have the sufficient health care and information to treat this deadly, but curable disease.

For a variety of reasons, many men do not get tested for prostate cancer. Some are afraid to learn the test results, others are ill-informed. Many avoid it because of the testing procedure itself. "The rectal examination is a little uncomfortable and degenerating. We use rubber gloves and it's easier

when a lot of lubricant is used and everyone's relaxed so we can feel what we need to feel," Dr. Curr said.

Prostate cancer is dubbed the "silent killer" because its symptoms—blood in the urine, painful and frequent urinating or the inability to urinate at all—surface when a cure is virtually impossible. Often the cancer has already contaminated other parts of the body.

According to the American Cancer Society, 132,000 American men will learn that they have a malignant tumor in this walnut-sized gland.

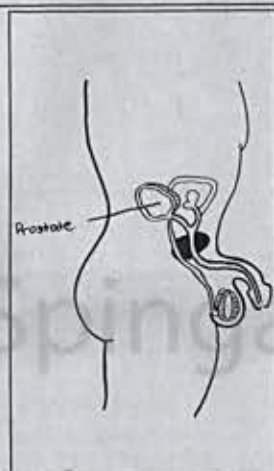
Fortunately, a cure is likely if the malignancy is diagnosed and treated while contained in the gland. It is usually incurable once it has spread to other organs.

Unlike other cancers, prostate cancer does not have a known cause or trigger. "There are no dietary or environmental links with prostate cancer. We've found that Western diets are higher in fat, and when cells are oxidized, they can become cancerous. It's really hard to know," Dr. Curr said.

Reginald Simmons, a sophomore history major, experienced the grim reality of prostate cancer first hand.

"My grandfather died of prostate cancer in 1982. We know a lot more about it now, part of the reason why he died was the lifestyle he led. He was smoking and had always been a 'meat and potatoes' man; that contributed to him getting sick."

Simmons urges preventative measures against prostate cancer, but is uncomfortable with taking or discussing the necessary tests. "I'm a vegetarian for one, so I don't eat all that red meat. I don't smoke



either, at least not too much. I refuse to get the test though, I don't want to find out anything."

"A lot of men either don't get a yearly exam or their doctors don't perform them. They need to realize that it's a silent disease that won't show itself until the late stages," Dr. Curr said.

New tests have been developed to make detection easier. A blood test that measures levels of prostate-specific antigen (PSA), tests the levels of a protein produced only in the prostate. Elevated PSA levels can indicate whether the prostate is cancerous or not. Another test uses ultrasound to show the size and shape of the prostate.

Prince Jones, a senior human development major, understands the importance of a healthy body now, for a long life later.

"As an African-American male, I know that prostate cancer is a threat to middle-aged men. I think some preventative measures would be a good, healthy lifestyle. The threat is very real, and I know that my lifestyle now will have a tremendous effect on my future."

## Area AIDS clinic gets help from insurance company

By LaWanda Stone  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Sexual intercourse should not be fatal, but it very well could be.

One out of every 250 people in the world are HIV-positive, according to a study conducted by Johns Hopkins University.

And with the demographics changing every day, more Black women are suffering from this disease, which hides and kills parts of the body that keep individuals alive.

"Because we have ignored this issue, the numbers are going up in the non-gay community," Lawrence Staton, a volunteer at a local AIDS shelter, said.

Last week, Washington's largest care provider for people with AIDS, the Whitman-Walker Clinic, forged a financial relationship with a company that buys life insurance policies from the terminally ill. Critics say this deal raises sensitive ethical issues.

Life Entitlements, a viatical settlement company, provides immediate cash to policyholders that can be used to pay medical bills. The company makes a profit by collecting the full value of the insurance policies when the patients die.

The term "viatical" comes from the ecclesiastical viaticum, which is the communion given to a dying person.

Whitman-Walker is facing the worst financial crisis of its 23-year history, caused largely by \$1.2 million in late payments from the District government. With a budget of \$15 million, Whitman-Walker is the third-largest AIDS clinic in the nation.

Life Entitlements will make a lump-sum donation to Whitman-Walker annually.

"We think it's a solid agreement," said Jim Graham, executive director of Whitman-Walker, which has its main facility on S Street NW. "We hope it will benefit our clients, and we hope it will provide us with a needed source of income."

The agreement has received a mixed response from the AIDS community. Some find it immoral for a health clinic to be linked to a business that profits from a person's death. Others say the deal presents a conflict of interest for Whitman-Walker, which often advises AIDS patients on their financial arrangements.

"They're a health care provider that is supposed to have the interests of the community at heart, and here

they are dealing with people who are betting on death," said Shirley Showell, executive director of IMPA DC, a minority-run AIDS service group.

A spokesman for the National Association of People With AIDS disagreed.

"Viaticals offer a very valuable and much-needed service. It makes the difference between being able to put food on the table and have a roof over your head or being out on the streets," said Troy Petenbrink, NAPWA. "If anything, taking this money will allow the clinic to care better for these people."

Many terminally ill patients whose insurance policies do not offer accelerated benefits or who do not have other access to money opt for viatical settlements.

Most people who are HIV-positive don't have problem talking about it and may never show outward signs, says Cindy Taylor, a certified Whim Walker care giver.

"The average person has one-thousand T cells; they drop below 200 in an HIV-positive person, and are classified as having full-blown AIDS," Taylor said. A person can live perfectly healthy for 10 years more and not know they are HIV-positive. Taylor says the virus can affect the lymph nodes and other immune sources, but may not show on the outside.

"It's important that the body be as healthy as possible and it is urgent to get counseling while finding out you're HIV-positive," she added.

After fifteen years of research, scientists say the virus is only transmitted through vaginal secretions, semen and blood. The virus has been found in minuscule quantities in tears, saliva and sweat. But scientists believe these bodily fluids do not contain enough white blood cells, it would take gallons in exchange for HIV to be passed onto another person.

"They know the virus exists in these areas, but there is no substantive data showing that it can be transmitted through them," Taylor said.

It has been reported that men transmit the virus more because when a latex condom is not used, a woman exposed to a man's semen long after he is physically gone.

"It is everybody's responsibility to help our young people protect their lives," Taylor said. "With educating our children we can look forward to a better future."

## Afro-aerobics puts the funk into working out

By Cristel Williams  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Kiss the Jane Fonda workout goodbye. Nowadays it's normal to see dozens of sweat-drenched bodies twisting, jerking and gyrating to the soulful coos of TLC and other artists. It's called afro-aerobics, a high-energy cardiovascular workout with a soulful twist.

Over the past few years, health clubs have found that members are looking for fun as well as fitness. Many have begun to implement funkier music and more dance into their aerobics classes.

"We've gotten an amazing response from our hip-hop classes. People feel like they aren't working as hard, and they're having fun," said Marvin Thornton, an instructor at Madonna Grimes Fitness Theater Company. "The music industry is really influential, so with our combination of hip-hop and funk, we can make people feel like they're in their own fantasy music video for an hour and 15 minutes."

Workout trends like afro-aerobics aren't new to fitness buffs. Vot Fitness Centers in Los Angeles began implementing dance moves in aerobics in the late 1980's. Other facilities quickly caught on, adding spice to the standard jumping jacks and high kicks that once dominated classes.

Fitness centers such as WandaWoman in D.C., Crunch Fitness Clubs in New York City and Market West Athletic Club in Philadelphia focus on afro-aerobics. More facilities like these are

cropping up all over the country.

Many health-conscious Howard students support workout trends like afro-aerobics, even if they cannot afford to attend classes.

"It's about time they came out with classes to get in shape without boring moves or whack music," said Tiffany McKinnon, a sophomore broadcast journalism major.

Afro-aerobics' popularity is growing because it has the same benefits of traditional aerobics, but with an edge. "We have a warm-up, workout and cool-down just like traditional classes, sometimes we even use one to two pound free weights," Thornton said. "People get the cardiovascular workout, weight loss and improved muscle tone." The aerobics uses body-shaping movements, and really works the lower body because participants are usually in a bent knee position. The work out also serves as "mental aerobics." The moves are unpredictable so participants are on their toes mentally, as well as physically.

Angela Bond, a sophomore majoring in systems and computer science, liked the idea of taking afro-aerobics. "I love to dance, so I would definitely take the aerobics class. It's cool that



Wanda Woman, Inc. members afro-aerobicize

there's a place in D.C. for us to go to."

Thornton urges those who are "rhythmically challenged," to stay dedicated despite frustration. "There are a variety of styles and levels. When I took my first class I was a mess and I've been dancing since I was 13. It's not important to be the best or not mess up, it's about having fun."

Thornton stresses that the most important thing for fitness buffs to do is to find a workout that they really enjoy and stay dedicated.

"It doesn't matter if a person does all the workout trends or not,"

Thornton said. "Find a class that you enjoy and if hip-hop is what you enjoy, then stick with it and have fun."

## Exercise has physical and mental benefits

By Stephanie Gilbert

Feeling down? Anxious? Stressed out? One of the best remedies available today is one of the most readily available. Exercise, whether in the form of a jog around the track or a hip-hop aerobics class, is one of the surest ways to relieve physical tension but also improves concentration. Students who exercise before studying are able to focus and accomplish more than those who don't.

Many students find that during periods of extreme stress, exercise can be particularly helpful in releasing tension. One student reported that when she was the one arena in which could let out steam. Jogging helped another student who felt that her whole life was falling apart when her parents were divorcing and her financial aid fell through. During this difficult time, exercise gave this student a feeling of power and control over her life.

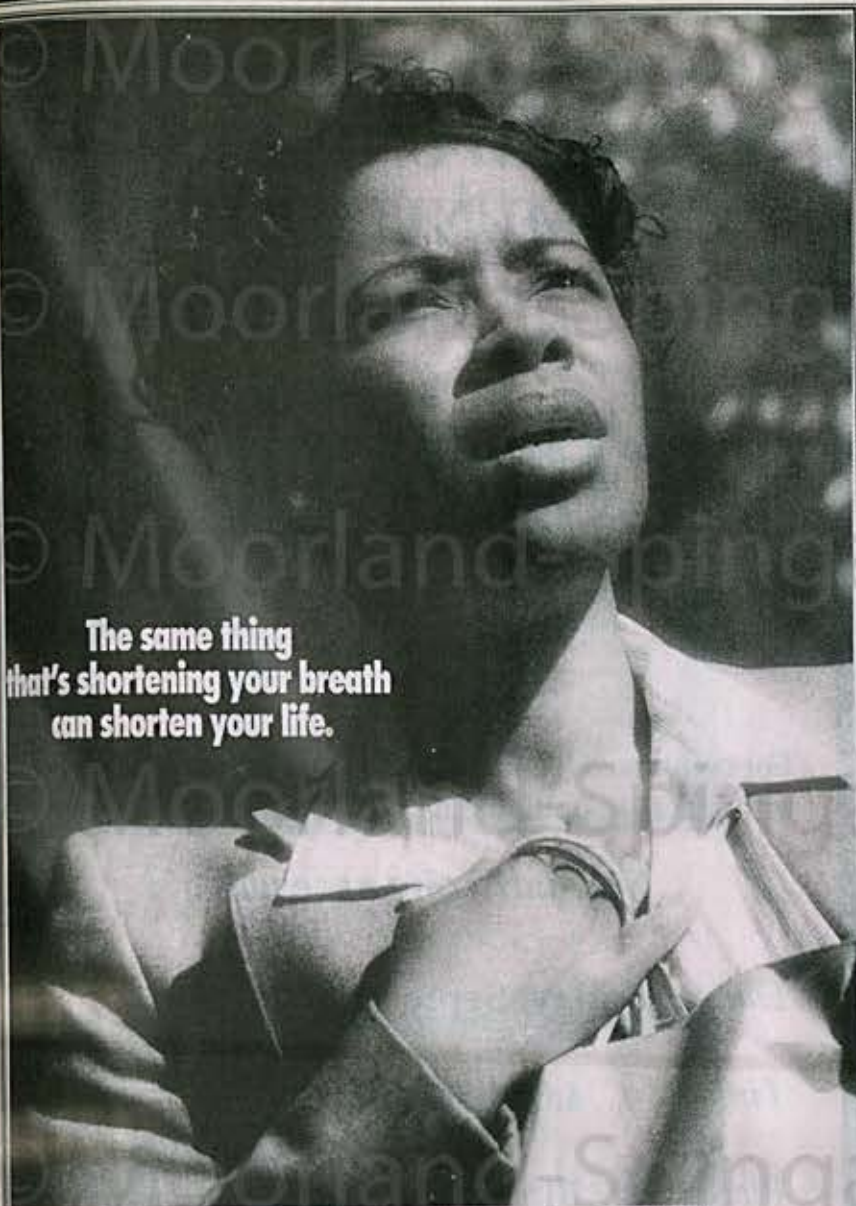
Exercise is also beneficial to students who find themselves feeling depressed about a relationship or school. Jogging, or

any kind of vigorous physical activity, stimulates the production of pleasure-producing hormones within one's body. The release of these hormones, called endorphins, results in a feeling of relaxation and pleasure, genuine relief for a person who has been feeling down. When one exercises with others, exercise offers not only a physical but also an emotional release. A depressed student reported that she tended to stay alone in her room long periods of time. Aerobic class offered her a way to interact with other people and focus on the thoughts that were depressing her.

With our overwhelming scientific evidence pointing to the healthful effects of exercise, increasing the length of life, preventing a variety of diseases and increasing our quality of life, exercise is an ideal treatment.

Stephanie Gilbert, M.A., is a psychology intern at Howard University Counseling Service, 6th and Bryant Streets, NW. Counseling Service is free for Howard University students. Hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For more information, call 806-6870.





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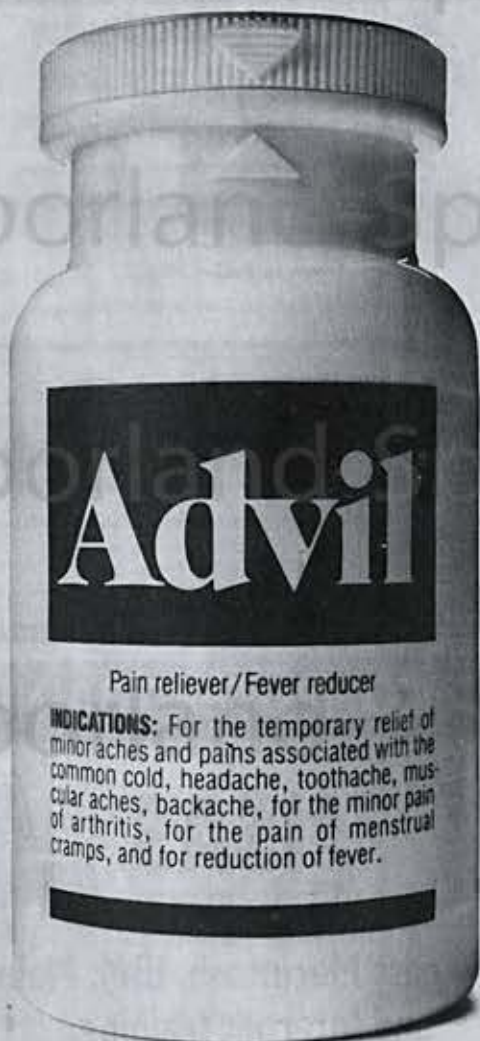
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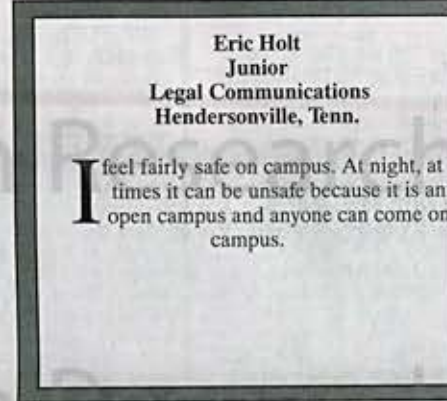
**Marquette Tyree**  
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**I** don't feel safe on Howard's campus because it is an open campus and anyone from outside can come on campus. I feel security does not do their job. When I come home from work I don't feel safe walking through campus.



**Joe Bowman**  
Sophomore  
Accounting  
Baltimore, Md.

**I** feel very safe on Howard's campus. Anywhere you go there is going to be danger.



**Eric Holt**  
Junior  
Legal Communications  
Hendersonville, Tenn.

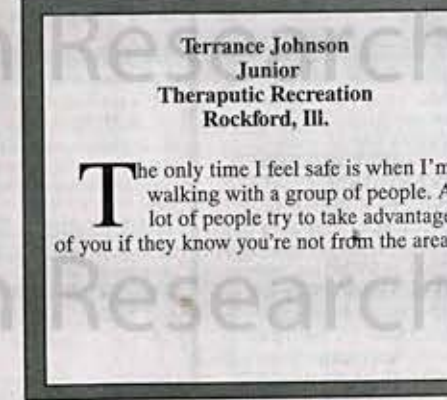
**I** feel fairly safe on campus. At night, at times it can be unsafe because it is an open campus and anyone can come on campus.

## How Safe Do You Feel On Howard's Campus?



**Tobi Brown**  
Junior  
Music  
Philadelphia, Pa.

**I** feel real safe at Howard. I never had any problems because I always watch my back.



**Terrance Johnson**  
Junior  
Therapeutic Recreation  
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**T**he only time I feel safe is when I'm walking with a group of people. A lot of people try to take advantage of you if they know you're not from the area.



**Janis McDavid**  
Sophomore  
Theater Arts  
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**I** feel very safe on Howard's campus when I'm with other people, but when I'm by myself I don't feel safe. When it's dark, it's not safe because there is not a lot of security around campus.



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**ATTENTION ALL STATE CLUBS THE H.U.S.A. Community Outreach Program** will be inviting high school students to spend a weekend at Howard. We would like all state clubs to participate in this program. Please call Yvette at 806-7007 or stop by the H.U.S.A. office if your club is interested in participating.

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Sunday, Sept. 24, 1995 there will be a Brother to Brother Youth Conference volunteer meeting at 3:00pm in the School of Architecture audi.

National Council of Negro Women - all members please meet in front of Blackburn on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 4:45pm so we can walk over to the KC Lewis rec center

NCNW Membership Drive, Wed. Sept. 27, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Baldwin Lounge in the Quad... dues are \$15.

Bake Sale - for the NCNW, Wed. Sept. 27 9am-12pm, in the School of Business, 5th floor Student Lounge

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## PERSONALS

Happy Birthday Monica. I know it's late but it's here

AVID to all of my wonderful D.I.V.A. sisters love, Fredi Washington

In all that you endeavor to do, To Thine Own self Be True D.I.V.A., Inc.

Kia. Hey girl. What's Up? Page me

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FAISON G. OMLES

What's Up? To My Nigga's FAT CAT KIRK SINCLAIR, JUD BLACK, D-ETHRIDGE, COOL CLE, JUJU, SNIPES Aand all the rest - BIG UP'S

Peace Syd Money

STICKYNESS... UHK UHK.

Dimples, Hope Pooh-Bear is doing well and you have that wonderful shopping spree. It's great to see you in good spirits! ti could not have happened to a better person! -S.C.H

To 1992 4th floor Truth Hall posse: It was great seeing you guys again, even though everyone couldn't be there. It's good to know I have wonderful friends at HU. -Sadarie

lori (Baby) - Thanks for all your undying support. I couldn't ask for more. I love you.

Always, Rashida

Kensei & Nandi- you guys are still grown to me but its ok cause yall are cute. Now do some work and stop all that stuff, you know what I'm talking about.

DANI: H'E

Dag, what are we seniors plus.

Wow, it's been like 4 years since me and you were roomies, and I

still don't like you! Sike, "I feel like you're a sister to me."

Love, Ayanna

The HUSA staff would like to extend a special welcome and Thank You to all HUSA votes

teers for 95-96

HUSA would like to thank everyone who supported the security forum on Monday night

HUSA Telephone Forums Are Coming To A Dorm Near You! Meridian- Sept. 25, Bethune Annex -Sept. 28th

To my big brother AZ: Here's little something special to let you know I'm thinking of you. I love you, N'gga! One Love, Ayanna

Anthony- I kept things tight for you like you asked so I'll see you when the sun sets. I'll leave the key under the mat. -Love Bob PS. I'll supply the cuffs if you supply the whip cream

To Big Dog AKA Poppie: We come back, baby. I missed you. Have your fun with your boys. During the day, but remember real fun starts at dusk. Love, Little Butterfly

Marcus - I know that you are having a bad year, so let me know if there is anything that I can do to make and keep you happy. I don't know, maybe I'll wear my light blue set for you and break out the curling iron (giggle)

Love Ya, Grandma

Hello my name is Clifford L. I am a prisoner on death row in the state of Arizona. I've been studying law since I got here. I how I occupy my mind. Death Row is beat, bleak environment of extreme solitude, despair and segregation. So any company through correspondence with anyone would cast light where now there is darkness and gloom

Anyone that is interested, has time to write letters and would enjoy receiving letters in return from me would be welcome. I'll answer ALL letters written to me.

Clifford

Lacy# 36325

State Prison Box 8600

Florence, Arizona, 85232

To Erica Dean: I know this is late, but I just want to welcome you to Howard University and wish you the best of luck. If you need anything, give me a call.

Love, your cousin Monica.

6-A-94: Here's your personal shout-out!!!! OO-OOP!

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