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Not Guilty!

Many Howard students pleased with Simpson verdict

By Adrienne Carthon
Hilltop Staff Writer

juice is loose!" also became a frequently shouted phrase.

After a trial and media circus that lasted over a year, Orenthal James Simpson was found not guilty of the June 12, 1994 double murders of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

In a deliberation of less than four hours, the jury came back with its verdict. The responses on Howard's campus mirrored those found in African-American communities across the country.

As emotions ran high, there was relief in Blackburn Center's "power hall," where student government organizations are officed.

"I'm relieved. I think it was better for America that he was found not guilty, because I don't think America can handle another riot," said Howard University Student Association Vice President Kofi Rashid.

"I think race is one of the main reasons, [the jury] was kind of scared straight. He was a Black man in L.A. They had no choice but to let him go," said Joseph

Emanuel, a psychology major. Freshman television production major Kris Presley also had similar feelings.

"The only reason he was found not guilty was because [the

Sciences Student Council President Jennifer Campbell doesn't think so. "I believe it could have helped, but the basis was reasonable doubt. No one could have found a guilty verdict. It also had to do with the

Everybody can't hire Johnny Cochran," said Dio Neblett, a freshman majoring in marketing.

Senior history major Calvin Benson said that African Americans had finally found some level of equality with Whites. African Americans can now buy their freedom.

"We went from slavery, to getting our rights, to O.J. getting off spending [millions]. Only in America," Benson said.

With what many Americans found to be a mountain of very incriminating evidence, where did the prosecution go wrong? Freshman business major Lee Bennett III felt that the prosecution should have looked at a different angle.

"They put half the emphasis on the bloody glove and failed to focus on Nicole Simpson's ties to the mafia and what repercussions could have derive from that," he said.

Kawamba vendor Jahi Shango said that the trial "once again exposed the Los Angeles Police Department and how they do things."

Junior electrical engineering major Daryl Miller also regarded the LAPD with suspicion.

"Where you find racism and prejudice, you cannot find innocence. Since the evidence was against him, and the person that found it was a racist, there was no way you could find him guilty."

Terrence Johnson knows first hand about racist police officers.

Johnson, who was imprisoned for 17 years for the shooting of a Maryland police officer, said he felt Simpson's anxiety. Watching the final courtroom scene from a small television in his car, the verdict brought tears to his eyes.

"It's a victory for all African-American people. We finally prevailed. [The prosecution] did not have clear, convincing evidence. It was manufactured evidence," the law student said.

"The bottom line is they need to find the people who really did it and deal with them correctly. If O.J. did it, justice is always served," Shango said.

Special Coverage of the O. J. Simpson verdict



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jury] got scared of the racial factor." Presley also said that the trial became more of a racial issue than about the two deceased victims.

But some said the race card did not totally warrant the jurors' decision.

School of Arts and

fact that he was economically stable," stated Campbell.

Others attribute Simpson's acquittal to his bank roll.

"The case itself shows that there are a lot of people who probably were not guilty, but didn't have the finances to continue.

National Council of Negro Women offers tools for empowerment

By Awanya Deneace Anglin
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Many women, past and present, have dedicated their lives to improving the plight of African Americans. These women, according to Thomas, should not be forgotten.

"I greet you in the name of Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Mary McCloud Bethune," a mesmerizing and enthusiastic Thomas said. "I also

her speech, used the biblical story of Esther and compared it to the struggles of African-American women today.

Esther, a Hebrew woman, married Babylonian King Ahasuerus. Unaware that Esther was Hebrew, Ahasuerus decided to slaughter the Hebrews because it was rumored that they conspired against him.



Dorothy Height, right, and Michelle Ayler, president of Howard University's chapter of the National Council of Negro Women. Photo by Nikia Puyol.

greet you in the name of your mother, aunt, grandmother and sister.

Spirituality, Thomas said, is vital in the struggle for women's equality.

"[Women must] look into the spiritual relationship they have with the creator . . . they have to establish a commitment with the creator," she said.

Making sacrifices for a cause is not unexpected. Thomas, in

Esther, who was filled with fear, eventually overcame it and decided to risk her life by revealing her identity and convinced Ahasuerus to stop the killings. She overthrew the conspiracy.

Thomas compared the slaughtering to some of the problems that Howard women and men face.

"The King decided that all the Jews would be wiped out—[it is decided that] financial aid will be

cut," Thomas said.

Women, she said, should not be content with themselves when others are suffering. Thomas equated that thought with Esther's decision to approach the King about his disastrous plans.

"Something will happen that a door will be opened for you to speak out about what is going on," Thomas said.

After two years, the Howard University chapter of NCNW is in the process of being chartered and recognized nationally as a part of the organization.

In the meantime, the chapter continues to serve the D.C. community. They have adopted the K.C. Lewis Recreational Center in the District, held blood drives and clothing drives in efforts to nurture their intellect and emotions, according to chapter President Michelle Ayler.

"Many women have low self-esteem," Ayler said. "They are more concerned with getting their hair and nails done. They neglect their inner self."

Howard's chapter of NCNW hopes to continue addressing the problems plaguing African-American women and are presently conducting membership drives.

The NCNW is a non-profit organization geared toward the betterment of the African-American community by focusing on education, spirituality, health and family values. NCNW was founded in 1935 by the late educator and activist Mary McCloud Bethune.

University will not close its doors during march

By Monica M. Lewis
Hilltop Staff Writer

"numbers of its students may take time to participate in the Million Man March and its related activities."

"It's a reality that many of our students will participate," Swygert said. "Suggesting otherwise just doesn't make a lot of sense."

Despite this, Swygert said

he would not close the University because that would be going against its purpose.

"The notion [of classes being canceled] is one that would disadvantage a large number of students and would not reflect well the history of Howard University," Swygert said.

"Howard has been in the very serious business of educating generations of African-American students."

March organizers are calling the October 16 event a day of atonement for the Black man. While black women are asked to stay away from the march, black males of all ages are encouraged to attend, as opposed to going to school and work.

"I think that the principles of the march are all ones that we concur in and can respect," Swygert said. "However, generations of students and faculty have worked very hard to keep this place open and we owe something to them."

Swygert is giving faculty members the opportunity to use their discretion in deciding "their requirements for all scheduled activities in accordance with the principles of academic freedom and sound academic administration."

In his statement, Swygert

said University employees who wish to participate in the march are asked to follow usual University procedures in requesting leave.

While it has been said that heads of other predominantly-black institutions, such as Lincoln (PA) University's Dr. Niara Sudarkasa, have taken a more active stand, Swygert said he can only speak for Howard University and its traditions.

"We are the 'Capstone.' This is a very complex and dynamic institution that's not subject to a shutdown," he said.

"Would you shut down an emergency room? We need to be doing everything we can to keep these doors open for learning."

Some students are pleased with Swygert's decision not to implement a University-wide penalty for those students who will attend the march.

Geoffrey Montague, a sophomore management major from Los Angeles, Calif., said, "It's good to know that people are trying to help [Louis] Farrakhan and his project of uniting black men."

For President Swygert's official statement, see B9.

Students encouraged to carry on Clarke's legacy, commitments



Family and friends of H. Maynard Clarke stand by a tree dedicated to his memory. Photo by Nikia Puyol.

By Monica M. Lewis
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In his short time on this earth, H. Maynard Clarke lived his life to the fullest, according to those who knew him best. And because of that, his friends and classmates were encouraged to do the same, never letting his zeal for life and for helping others die in vain.

"This law school has a great tradition of graduating and sending out into the world, people who are committed to the public's interest," said Henry Ramsey Jr., dean of the Howard University School of Law.

"I am sure that we will recognize that the greatest memorial to Maynard is the continuation of this law school and for its graduates to continue the tradition he was a part of."

Ramsey and others gathered Wednesday to remember Clarke and his many accomplishments.

Clarke, a 29-year-old second-year law student, was killed on Sept. 24 when his personal watercraft rammed into a boat owned by singer Gloria Estefan.

More than 100 people, including Clarke's parents, attended the memorial service held in the law school's chapel. Among the several speakers were Ramsey, University President H. Patrick

Swygert and Donald Thigpen, vice president of the University's National Alumni Association, which dedicated \$1,000 to the law school's need-based scholarship program in Clarke's name.

He was obviously a Howard man, through and through," Thigpen said.

Members of Sigma Delta Tau, a law fraternity, dedicated a tree in honor of Clarke, who was initiated into the fraternity's Beta Chapter last spring.

Many of those in attendance were moved to tears, as friends, colleagues and law school faculty spoke of memorable moments shared with Clarke.

Denise Purdie, dean of Student Life for the School of Law, remembered how Clarke always managed to put a smile on the faces of others.

"His tragic and [untimely] death has deeply affected us all," Purdie said. "But, I hope we find joy in remembering the smile he put on our face."

She added, "Let us keep his smile in our hearts and minds and pass on his commitment to the community to others."

"Maynard had lived his life as if he were dying," said Bernard Richardson, dean of the Rankin Chapel. "He was able to put his life into others as if he had eternal qualities."

A Time of 'Challenge and Change'



President H. Patrick Swygert gives the 128th Convocation Address as members of the University's faculty, administration and Board of Trustees look on. Photo by Nikia Puyol

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CAMPUS

Law students react to Simpson verdict

Howard's future attorneys analyze, retry 'trial of the century'

By Adrienne Carthon
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He did it. He didn't do it. Does it matter? To Howard University Law School students, it does.

Athlete-turned-actor-turned-double-murder-defendant Orenthal James Simpson is now free, but Howard's future attorneys tried him again.

A discussion that began with just two people became the O.J. Simpson trial revisited, complete with a defense team as convincing as the notorious "Dream Team" and a prosecution tighter than Marcia Clark's.

"Cochran wants us to believe not so much that Fuhrman planted the evidence, but Fuhrman would have to get the top psychologist, medical examiner, and all those people to agree with him," said Lawrence Elliott, who felt the prosecution proved its case.

"I think a lot of people felt that even if he did it, reasonable doubt was not dispelled," said Earl Hilliard, Jr., who sided with the defense.

The issue of reasonable doubt sparked its own debate while the law students continued to take sides. As the "defense team" argued its side, Elliott said that "every doubt is not reasonable," and went on to

cite examples such as someone suggesting that an alien came down and murdered the two victims. He felt that that could raise doubt, but it would not be reasonable.

But why were these students arguing with the intensity of Johnnie Cochran and Marcia Clark?

"As a law student, I think you get so engulfed and involved, that when you hear the verdict, you choose a side. This is not to trivialize it, because the most important thing is that two people were murdered," Hilliard said.

And not unlike the actual case, there was someone to disagree as the discussion shifted back to

reasonable doubt.

"That was not the most important thing. The issue was whether the prosecution could prove beyond a reasonable doubt that these two murders were committed by O.J. Simpson," said law student Kevin Walker.

"It was not about the murders. It was an indictment on the practices of the LAPD," said law student Thomas O'Donnell.

While opinions varied, the future lawyers agreed on one thing: race was a prime factor in the case.

"I didn't want to see them go after O.J. because he was a Black man," Walker said.

Elliott said that African-

American people were excited simply because Simpson beat the system.

Law student Tene McCoy attributed the not-guilty verdict to Simpson's finances.

"I thought he was going to be convicted because of the time the jury took and the evidence they asked to see. This case shows that if you have money, you can buy your freedom. White people have done it historically and it was the first time America saw a Black man buy his freedom. Justice was done as far as the Black community goes because he was able to afford adequate representation."

Many expressed similar sentiments of being happy to see a Black man be able to afford to go all the way through the system and get off.

Some say that O.J. had the best defense that money could buy, and Hilliard definitely agreed that the defense attorney Johnnie Cochran was the best.

"Johnnie Cochran is a phenomenal person. He's never lost a case to the LAPD. You have to admire the way he kept his cool when things weren't going well. Even when he was under pressure, he made it look so good."

Homecoming committee keeps students in suspense

By Chana Garcia
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Homecoming Committee is anxiously anticipating this year's Homecoming, but Howard students are uninformed about some of the planned events.

Although the committee has organized a list of events, students are eager to know who the performing artists are in this year's Hip Hop and R&B concerts.

"I have friends coming from all parts of the country and I can't even

need the right publicity so students will be excited. If you know more about homecoming you'll feel much better about it."

Upperclassmen will quickly talk about the better Homecomings they attended when they were freshmen and sophomores.

"Last year wasn't as live as the year before," Marlon Lord, a junior majoring in business management, said. "I don't think students were hyped up for it. It just didn't seem like they were into it."

Past Homecomings and parties have earned unparalleled reputations. Stories have been

"I have friends coming from all parts of the country and I can't even tell them what their coming for until the week of homecoming." - Kim Cooke, a sophomore majoring in political science

tell them what their coming for until the week of homecoming," Kim Cooke, a sophomore majoring in political science, said. "I'm not trying to waste their money or mine."

Emmett Richardson, treasurer of the Homecoming Steering Committee, said the Homecoming committee has waited to announce the performers because it wanted to have current billboard artists to offer students.

He also said students can purchase tickets to all the events at Cramton auditorium or by calling Ticket Master, but many students want to know just what they're buying tickets for.

"They've [Homecoming Committee] already booked the artist, so why not tell us who it is," Justin Howell, a sophomore majoring in economics, said. "They

passed down each year of how good Homecoming used to be and how it's slowly becoming worse each year.

"From what I heard, the Homecoming I experienced last year as a freshman was not really a true Howard Homecoming," Cooke said.

Although students are uneasy about what Homecoming has in store, the Homecoming Steering Committee insists that it will be successful. According to Richardson, the committee will release the name of the artists performing at the concerts by Oct. 16. They have remained optimistic and believe that their planning will eventually pay off.

"Homecoming is going very well. We're really rolling," Richardson said. "I hope we have a great Homecoming."

Civil engineering adds new minor

By Natasha Lindsey
Hilltop Staff Writer

Students who are still deciding on a minor area of study and are interested in the environment can now think about pursuing courses in environmental science. The department of civil engineering has developed this minor by pulling together classes that are already offered.

"These courses are already in the system. The school of Human Ecology used to offer environmental science as a major and it moved to the School of Engineering," Kwamena Ocran, a professor in the department, said.

Fifteen semester hours are required for the environmental science minor. The minor was created because of the increasing concern about the environment and how it affects human lives. The inequities in the distribution of hazardous materials across the nation's racial and ethnic boundaries is another reason this minor was developed.

"This is good for African-Americans, especially with some of the hazardous materials and waste sites built near our neighborhoods," Ocran said.

Maisha Reed, a Howard alumna, was not always interested in environmental science.

"I started as a liberal arts major, interested in going to law school because I wanted to help people, but I didn't find the attention I wanted. I talked to a friend who told me about the environmental science major in the School of

Human Ecology, and how nurturing the atmosphere was and the opportunities for students," Reed said.

After speaking to both her friend and Department Chairman Will Wilson, Reed was persuaded to switch majors and pursue a career in environmental science. She hopes to work in environmental policy and regulation and go to law school.

El-Haji Sow, from Senegal, West Africa, is graduating in December. He remembers when environmental science was a major in the School of Human Ecology.

"In 1990, it started in Human Ecology and, in the spring of '91, it moved to engineering," Sow said.

While environmental science is not for everyone, Sow and Ocran both believe environmental science encompasses many professional fields. Ocran wants to make as many students as possible aware of both the minor and major now available through the School of Engineering.

"Environmental science is really broad. There are many disciplines under this major, from law to public policy," Sow said. "It's a good major and it's good that they are putting it as a minor. I chose it in 1990 and, right now, everything comes down to the environment. Back in the day, people didn't know we were destroying our land. Now, we want to save the environment, it's our future and our children's future."

With a degree in environmental science, Sow hopes to pursue a career in waste management or hazardous waste management.



Students are often disappointed when they enter the library to conduct research and cannot find the books they need.

Library updates computer system with new equipment, capabilities

By Alain Joseph
Hilltop Staff Writer

To meet the ever-increasing needs of Howard students, Founders and Undergraduate libraries are modernizing their computer systems.

This summer, President Swygert gave library officials approval to revamp the library computer system, including the Moorland-Spangarn

Mekkwawi, acting director of libraries. Mekkwawi said students will be able to travel through the Internet to gain access to university library systems throughout the world.

Located on the lower level of the undergraduate library, the new computer lab has eight desktop computers, and four new LaserJet printers. These computers have access to Sterling, the University's on-line catalogue, as well as access to databases, vendors, and a host of other privileges.

The long-awaited computer

prepare us for the 21st century. It is frustrating to have to deal with old computers that break down," Christena Hambrick, a senior majoring in fine arts, said.

The old library system has not completely vanished, but has taken a negative toll on Howard students.

Hambrick, along with other students, have been discouraged from using the library for their studies after having previously fumbled through unorganized book stacks.

growing concern about the increasing number of lost and stolen books; many of these missing books remain in the library's computer system.

Mekkwawi said that, while taking an inventory of the entire library book system would raise the level of quality and dependability of the library, this action would also lower Howard's prominent ranking with the Association of Research Libraries.

"According to my understand-

"The old computer system is behind, and it is a hindrance to my research." - Nathalie Jones, a graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences

Research Center and African-American Studies.

All of the on-line patron access catalogue (OPAC) computer terminals that are now in the library will be replaced with Hewlett Packard 486 DX2/66 PC's, 15" monitors and multimedia PowerMaes. The new computers will have full network connectivity and full Internet access.

"We have contractors cabling the entire building to install the new computer system," said Mohamed

advancement in Howard's library system will have students feeling more confident about their research.

"As far as technology is concerned, we have been in the dark for so long," Faizah N. Harrison, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, said.

Harrison recalls having to travel to other libraries because Howard's library did not contain the materials she needed. Now, she is pleased that "everything is coming to par."

"It's about time our library caught up with the technology that will

Nathalie Jones, a graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences, said that the library's outdated system makes her research more difficult than it should be.

"The old computer system is behind, and it is a hindrance to my research," she said.

Mekkwawi assures Howard students that the Library Re-Engineering Task Force will fulfill its goal of improving the quality of the library services and resources.

He is also aware of the students'

ing, that is one reason why the University did not want to take inventory. In the meantime, it is a pity that we focus on the need of such an organization [Association of Research Libraries] which has nothing to do with Howard, and let our students and faculty suffer to go through the stacks and not find books," Mekkwawi said. "I am for the advancement of the students. We focus on the needs of the students, and then we make them our top priority."

Allied Health rises out of 'valley'

By Lesley Ann Bailey
Hilltop Staff Writer

The College of Allied Health Sciences has adopted "Rising out of the valley and still rising" as its theme for the 1995-96 school year.

Felicia Harden, president of the college's student council, said the theme is representative of the matriculation process which Allied Health students must endure and their giving nature to assist others within their community.

But many students throughout the Howard community do not even recognize that the college exists. This year, the college aims to have a voice and rise out of the valley.

This new attitude was unveiled on September 29 when the college hosted its first Mr./Ms. Allied Health pageant in 10 years.

The college consists of five disciplines:

occupational therapy, physical therapy, clinical laboratory science, physician assistants and radiologic therapy. Because of demanding courseloads, many students rarely have time to interact or network with one another. Now, the student council members are seeking to unite the students through community service and student mixers.

The college's student council will work with the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) community outreach programs and adopt an elementary school to provide mentorship to the children.

The council also wants to promote allied health disciplines. The outlook for jobs and educational advancement in the allied health science discipline is positive. Most seniors are employed by the time they graduate.

For example, professional occupational

therapists assist individuals in regaining functional independence through purposeful activities. These therapists practice under a holistic school of thought: the mind and body are never separated.

In order to be an Occupational Therapist, one needs to be a creative individual who enjoys helping people.

During Allied Health month in November, there will be a week set aside for medical educational sessions. These forums will be available to all students and the community at large.

On Halloween night, the college will host a haunted house for District children in nearby communities.

The council will also host a canned food and penny drive in order to assist the homeless during the Christmas season.

CAMPUS PLUS

Rats, roaches plague University housing

Residence Life, Plaza Towers management offer solutions to ongoing rodent problems

By Lylah Holmes
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When Joanne Eustache arrived at Howard Plaza Towers this fall, she never expected her apartment to be roach infested.

According to Eustache, the apartment floor was covered with roaches.

"When I opened the door to the apartment, dead roaches covered the floor. The live roaches were crawling through the dead roaches," the senior broadcast journalism major said.

"It was the nastiest thing I had ever seen in my life. Roaches were dropping from the ceiling. I was not living in that apartment with the fear of roaches falling on me or crawling through my bed while I was sleeping. The living conditions were deplorable."

Eustache eventually transferred apartments. But she was not the first student at Howard University to have roach problems, nor will she be the last.

But more than just roaches live on Howard's campus.

Tackeia Simpson, a sophomore majoring in biology, recalled seeing a rat outside the Tubman Quadrangle

during her freshman year.

"My friends and I were sitting outside of the Quad when we heard rustling noises. Then we saw a rat run across the grass."

Michelle Glass, a senior majoring in television production major, is concerned about the health issues related to these pests.

"We need to get rid of the rats and roaches because they are not sanitary. They carry germs and diseases. They are also not conducive to a healthy work, study or living environment," she said.

"I think it is atrocious," said Thurman Johnson, a junior marketing major. "I was in a friend's room in Cook Hall last year and a roach crawled from under his bed. It turns out, he had a nest of roaches underneath his bed."

Although many students have seen rats or roaches on campus, a few students have been fortunate not to have seen them.

"I haven't seen any rats or roaches in my dorm this year, but I have seen ants," said Jamillah Gabriel, a sophomore majoring in computer science.

According to William V. Keene, dean of Residence Life, the design of a building may contribute to the vermin problem.

"Hard to reach places where grease can build, such

as elevator shafts and trash chutes, sometimes provide more of a breeding ground than others."

Larry Frelow, Howard Plaza Towers property manager, said the roaches may come from any number of places, but he attributes most of the problem to dirty apartments.

"The most prevalent way is from the room because students are not throwing away the trash. If the area is clean, roaches won't stay."

While rats have not been seen in students' actual rooms, they certainly have been present outside and around campus.

Keene said the landscape of the campus has been altered in the last few years to help stamp out the rodent problem.

"Rats, if there are any around, tend to be mostly outside in shrubbery and soft ground. Over the years, we have taken out a lot of shrubbery. Any place that's damp and low draws rats. It's a constant battle."

To reduce the roach population, the Towers and Residence Life use

different methods of extermination.

"Our internal extermination immediately handles students' request. We also use a professional company that comes out to exterminate at least twice a month. The trash room is cleaned, washed and deodorized twice a week," Frelow said.

The Howard Plaza Towers and the Office of Residence Life have a few tips to relieve students of rodent problem:

- Contain trash in a plastic bag
- Do not leave food out
- Keep the room clean
- Call for service, do not wait for the problem to worsen

Students use tutoring as easy study alternative

Center for Academic Reinforcement offers weekday, weekend sessions in over 20 subjects

By Lisa Prince
Hilltop Staff Writer

Danladi Whitten, a junior majoring in physical therapy, had a grave decision to make this week after he flunked his first physics test: withdraw or get help.

According to Vere Archibald, a graduating senior majoring in chemical engineering, this is when students decide to come to the tutoring program.

Students either fail a test or do poorly on homework assignments, and then they seek help," said Archibald, a third year tutor.

Archibald tutors through the Center for Academic Reinforcement (CAR), which offers two tutorial programs to Howard University students.

There is an Evenings/Weekend program that has been operating for almost six years. This program uses peers as tutors, assisting with a wide-range of subjects, such as algebra, physical and social sciences, humanities and computer applications.

Roland Byrd, assistant director for CAR, is in charge of selecting the peer tutors.

"There is a standard requirement for tutors. They must have an 'A' in the subject in which they are tutoring and a 3.0 overall grade point average," Byrd said.

There is also day tutoring available in the CAR building. This program uses instructors for tutoring during the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Math Professor Rackham Goodlett, instructional coordinator for the Day Program, said that both programs have the same mission.

"Our mission is to assist in maintaining a successful and continuing matriculation to reach the ultimate goal: graduation," Goodlett said.

There are 17 tutors, ranging from engineering majors to medical students, available in this free program, which tutors in 20 subjects.

Although the peer tutors get paid \$6.50 an hour, Neelam Gandhi, a second year medical student, has a different



Students assist each other with course work.

motivation behind her reason for tutoring.

"Tutoring is a very good and positive thing to do. I want to help people in the Howard University community," said Gandhi, who is a third year tutor.

Junior Sophia Fraser, who is majoring in finance, said students are a little apprehensive about getting tutored.

"Getting tutored is like stating you don't know the information," said Fraser, a new tutor.

But Carl Middleton said he doesn't mind getting tutored. He finds the tutoring helpful.

"I've been getting tutored for the past three years, and I think it's vital to my academic success," said Middleton, a junior majoring in psychology.

Many of the tutors have tutored students much older than themselves, but the age difference doesn't seem to be a problem to the students being tutored.

"I don't care if the tutor is 6 years old. If they know physics, I'll take the help," Whitten said. "This is my last chance before I drop a class, I don't have time to

be picky about the age of a tutor."

Jamesha Thomas, a fourth year physician assistant major, said her friends encouraged her to come to the program when she was a freshman.

"My friends were already involved in the tutorial program, so they encouraged me to come and get help," Thomas said. "On a scale from one to 10, I'd give it a 10."

As a professor, Goodlett said he believes in tutoring for his students.

"Tutoring helps make material clearer while preparing them for other college level courses. Getting tutored helps to ensure continued success," he said.

Middleton said there is no reason students should not see an improvement in their grades after they receive tutoring.

"You're ignorant if you don't know the answer. You're a fool if you don't try to get the knowledge," Middleton said.

Evening tutoring is Monday-Thursday, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. and weekend tutoring is from 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Program works to bridge gap between students, residents

HUSA Community Outreach Program Director, Yvette Pryor, appointed

By Kenyatta Matthews
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University Student Association Community Outreach program has set its sights on improving relations between students and community members.

According to Outreach Director Yvette Pryor, community relations have been neglected for too long.

"The program is going to show the community that we care. The problem has been existing since the community saw the apathetic attitudes of Howard students," Pryor said. "I want to use the program to re-establish Howard's good reputation in the community."

Pryor planned the year's

focus on manhood and teen pregnancy. The teen pregnancy workshop will pair teen-age mothers-to-be with young women who have had children while they were in college. Pryor said the mentorship for teen-age mothers is very important for their overall development.

"This program will show teenage mothers that even though they are mothers, it doesn't mean that they can't succeed and overcome the obstacles that would prevent them from getting an education," Pryor said.

The project called "It's a Community Thing" will provide the community with information and assistance concerning their health and overall well-being. Events like a Community Health Fair, Community Beautification Day, distribution of Thanksgiving dinner baskets to women's shelters and technology training are planned for this program.

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HUSA Community Outreach Director

community outreach agenda around that goal.

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The projects are planned to reach areas outside of the University's immediate community. Pryor said Howard must use its vast resources to help as many people as possible.

"We always penetrate the schools around Howard, but we have so many organizations and volunteer programs that we could go out to other schools around D.C. and help students there," Pryor said.

The biggest program planned for the year is the adopt-a-school program, which is targets elementary, junior high and high schools around the District. She plans tutoring and mentoring sessions, substance abuse seminars, educational games and a charm school.

Programs targeted at youth will

The Passing The Torch program, designed to decrease the gap between the youth and the elderly, will feature Adopt-A-Nursing home and a Senior Serv-A-Thon.

Programs have been developed to increase community relations for Howard students as well. International Day will allow students the opportunity to learn about different cultures in the D.C. community. It's a Conjunction Function provides students a chance to network with prominent people in their fields of study and includes a Women In Lecture Series.

Although Pryor is optimistic that these programs will achieve her goal, she said relations will not improve if the program is not consistent from year to year.

"With each new administration, things in the program change. I want to set a guideline for the future Community Outreach directors," Pryor said. "It's not right to work with one program for one year and then terminate that program the next year."

Students complain area water unusable

District official maintains that public water is 'definitely safe', despite complaints

By Adrienne Carthon
Hilltop Staff Writer

Necessary is how many people think of water.

Gross, disgusting, and nasty are just a few of the adjectives used by Howard University students to describe the District public water.

Sophomore Torie Jones said that in addition to tasting bad, the water leaves her skin very dry. As for other uses, Jones said, "It's not good for washing hair, but you have to do what you have to do."

Some resourceful students simply find alternatives to drinking the District water. Junior Tracy Booker orders her water from a private company.

"I got tired of being thirsty and not being able to drink the water, because there's like a slight after taste that I don't really care for. Since water is essential for us to live, I decided I'd go ahead and kick out the extra \$11," she said.

Sophomore Shannon Coleman and her housemates use a water filter. "I don't drink the water—we have a Brita (a water filter system)," Coleman said.

Senior Shawn Andrews has very strong feelings about the water.

"I drink a lot of spring water. (D.C. water) doesn't even taste right. I'm from New York and I'd rather drink that water, especially after that incident with the contamination. I was like this is it, I ain't drinking it no more."

The incident to which Andrews refers is a boiled water notice issued by the Environmental Protection

Milwaukee, the EPA took the precaution in the District to make sure that no one was harmed by

Control found no related illness caused by the incident.

Despite the finding, Andrews is adamant in his vow not to drink the water again. "When I take a shower, I'll shower with my mouth closed," Andrews said.

But some students don't mind the water.

"I don't really have a problem with the way the water tastes. I've had a while to get used to it. I drink lots of Kool Aid," said Will Watkins, a senior.

According to the chief engineer at the D.C. Corps of Engineers Aqueduct Division, the water is safe to drink.

B. Peterson said the water is treated with aluminum sulfate to settle the mud out of the water, chlorine to disinfect it and lime to adjust the PH for erosion control. Fluoride is also added to help prevent tooth decay.

Many students complain about the amount of chlorine in the water, but Peterson said it is necessary to control bacteria. Because bacteria love warm water, more chlorine is added during warmer months.

But Peterson said the chlorine is not harmful. "We stay well within EPA guidelines and regulations," Peterson said.

Peterson offers a helpful tip for better tasting water.

"If you put the water in a container in the fridge, the chlorine smell will go away. It is mainly in there as a gas and it will come out."



Some students have no problem when it comes to drinking D.C. water.

Agency in December 1993, when the turbidity level at one of the plants exceeded EPA regulations. Based on a prior incident in

cryptosporidium, a bacteria that might have been found in the water. But no cryptosporidium was found, and the Center for Disease

Student escorts provide safe services

By Alia R. Hashim
Hilltop Staff Writer

Getting mugged, assaulted or raped can leave anyone afraid and paranoid.

When Kimberly Chase entered Howard University as a freshman, she was not prepared for all the crime in Washington. She was even more surprised when while on a routine walk three teen-aged boys demanded that she and her roommate turn over their money and possessions. Held at gunpoint, they gave them \$6 and gold jewelry.

"Coming from a small town, I'd never seen a gun before," Chase said.

Three years later Chase, a senior majoring in legal communications, reflects on that day and makes the wise decision to use the student escort service when walking from the library to the Howard Plaza Towers.

The student escort service is

located in the Undergraduate Library. The 11 escorts—seven males and four females—are determined to make walking on campus safe for all Howard students.

The escort service started in the spring of 1991 because of a high crime incidents against students walking by themselves.

This year's coordinator is Daryl Turnage, a senior majoring in nursing.

"The escort service is a way for students to help other students," Turnage said. "Students don't usually use it until it's too late."

Although it is too late for Chase to change what happened to her as a freshman, it is not too late for her today.

"I feel like at the time if we did have an escort, especially a male, we may not have been mugged. With the escorts I feel really safe."

The escorts are trained in radio communication and suspect

identification. They walk approximately 15 well-lit routes on campus regularly. In case they encounter any danger, the escorts have a communication system that puts them in direct contact with the campus police.

"We work with the campus police. They help us and we help them," said Courtland Wyatt, a physical therapy graduate student.

The escorts will go anywhere on the main campus within the proximity of the Towers, Howard Hospital, the Bethune Annex and Drew Hall. The campus escorts said they will get students where they need to go in any kind of weather.

"We want people to feel safe and have peace of mind," said Derrick Carter, a fourth year finance major said.

Sophomore Alysia Bowens said her only complaint is that the escorts don't work on weekends.

"The guys are cool and very

nice," Bowens said. "It's a good preventive measure, and I use it all the time."

"The campus police are outnumbered during homecoming. We want to make sure everything goes smoothly," Carter said.

Student escort Romal Tune, a nursing major, is disappointed with the number of students who use the service.

"We're taken for granted because students don't realize that walking home alone leaves them at a disadvantage," Tune said. "They just don't see the value of what we have to offer."

"They're quick, efficient and most importantly the student escort service is free," said Robins, a sophomore majoring in elementary education.

The service operates Monday through Thursday between 7:00 pm and 11:45 pm. Escorts can be reached at 806-4624.



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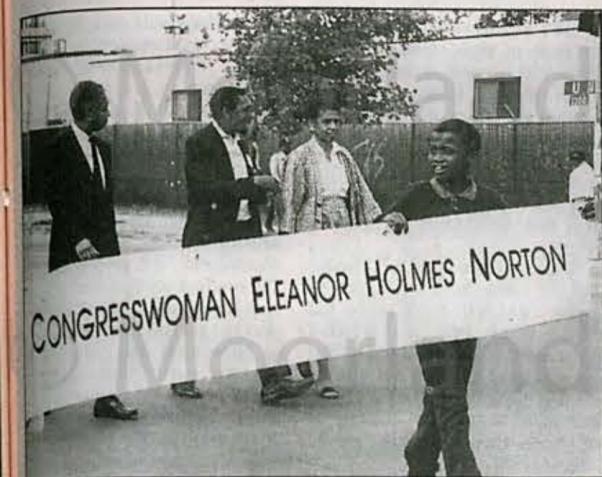
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LOCAL

U Street festival remembers richness of community



Eleanor Holmes Norton leads the U Street parade.

By Nikki Credic
Hilltop Staff Writer

Carson remembers the energy and excitement that filled U Street during its renaissance.

"I grew up in this neighborhood at the time when U Street was the mecca for Black people," she said.

Like Carson, hundreds gathered on U Street for the festival to recall the cultural richness that filled this particular community.

The festival included a parade

with participants from high school marching bands, gospel choirs, the Mecca Temple No. #10 Shriners, and area drill teams. Also, participants displayed the clothes and attitudes of U Street's renaissance period during the U Street Fashion Strut.

"This was where Black people got dressed up on Sundays and came to meet and greet," Carson said.

She recalled places such as the Lincoln Theatre, Howard Theatre, and Booker Republic where people went for entertainment. Carson said the festival brought back nostalgic memories of the many activities that took place on the street.

Recapturing some of the musical and cultural essence that U Street was known for in the past, three stages filled the air with blues, jazz, gospel and R&B. Jazz and poetry intertwined as the Pat Hamilton Jewel Box Revue Jazz Poets lifted their words in unison with the rhythms of drums. Pops, a local legend that was known for his carefree blues performances during U Street's renaissance, recaptured his old audience and a new audience that was fascinated with his style.

Keonia Brown, a junior at Howard, was one of Pops' new fans.

"He's a lively entertainer and a

great reminder of all the talented people who got their start in this community," Brown said.

Duke Ellington, Madame Evante, Langston Hughes, Arthur Ashe, and Ernest Just were some of the talented people that planted their roots in this vibrant community that surrounded U Street.

"I was here when U Street was U Street," said Postel Works, a member of the Mecca Temple No. #10 Shriners. "It used to be the number one street in the city, and there was nothing downtown like it."

Works said that many celebrities frequented the clubs and theaters that lined U Street.

"We really enjoyed this street," Works said. "This festival takes us back to that time with the music and activities going on here today."

Many of today's celebrities continued the U Street tradition by sharing their talent with the community. Singers Monica, Aaron Aaron, and groups Shai, Pure Soul, and Legacy energized their U Street audience with their unique sounds and vocals.

Aaron Aaron, of Big Wolfe Records, explained his feelings about being a part of the festival.

"It gives local artists and upcoming artists a chance to perform their music and be seen



Organized groups participate in the festivities.

when they may not have the chance in other places," he said.

Chris Paul, a WPGC airpersonality who helped bring the celebrities to the festival, said it captured a sense of "neighborhood."

"People get to see their neighbors, and the people who live here get to see that they matter to this city. They see that they are important enough for everyone to come and share love with them."

Black child advocates host annual conference

By Jonathan L. Wharton
Hilltop Staff Writer

The National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI) held its 25th annual conference at the Washington Hilton last week. The non-profit organization lobbies Congress and encourages education initiatives for African-American children.

"We are acutely aware that this is a time of crisis for thousands of African-American children," NBCDI Executive Director Evelyn Moore said. "Programs that support our children are being threatened as never before with proposed cuts. Now is the time to make our voices heard."

Moore, as well as other child advocates, held meetings everyday throughout the week to discuss the present and future situations facing the education organization as well as African-American children from proposed congressional cuts.

"Should this agenda be adopted by Congress and signed into law by the president, we can only look forward to a future that finds us paying for these mistakes for decades to come," Moore said.

Prominent speakers at "Renewing the Spirit of Excellence" included U.S. Attorney Eric Holder Jr., U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley and Johns Hopkins University neurosurgeon Benjamin Carson, M.D.

Dr. Carson, who is recognized for his operation separating a pair of Siamese twins, expressed his personal views on important issues facing Black children in today's society and compared them to his



Evelyn K. Moore, director of NBCDI.

childhood growing up in Detroit.

"There is no one who could have been as bad as me. We have a lot of children who used to be like me, but I finally came to the conclusion that I would read two books and write a book report for each of them every week from the public library so I could learn about my history," he said.

But Carson expressed his opinion on the media and how they focus on the negativity toward Black children, especially on Black males.

"There are more Black males in jail than in college. Well, is there some genetic problem? No, I don't think so. When they read books and there's nobody like them as role models, but instead they are on the news committing crimes or on a sitcom, it is very limited for them," Carson said. "We don't have to allow the media to tell us who our role models are... They have created a mental slavery."

Carson included how far Blacks have come compared to many years before the Civil Rights era.

"Forty percent of Blacks are middle-class or higher. But, when you consider where we were thirty some years ago, it is almost amazing."

Carson said his mother, who worked three jobs, instilled values and inspirational growth, including God, which everybody needs, especially children.

"Don't ever be ashamed of God. He'll be there when you really need him and we need him more than ever."

Finally, Carson concluded the luncheon with his theme of encouragement.

"Think big and emphasize the intellectual talent and encourage dreams for our children."

New policy turns D.C. schools over to private companies

By Janelle Lynette Thompson
Hilltop Staff Writer

A policy recently approved by the D.C. Board of Education allows for some schools to be turned over to private companies.

After a heated discussion, the school board voted 7 to 4 in approval of a policy on management-services contracts which would allow individual schools to contract with businesses, universities, professional associations, unions and other groups outside of local government.

Republicans in Congress were pressuring voters to approve privatization because they had already strongly considered reducing the staff of the school board, cutting board members' pay to stipends and setting up a committee to supervise the school board.

William Lockridge, president of the Parent Teacher Association at Simon Elementary School said, "This is still a slap in the face to the community."

begin negotiations.

Confusion ruled the D.C. board meeting last week, over whether the policy they passed would allow for-profit companies to manage schools.

While many of the school board members believe it is alright for a for-profit company to manage schools, others believed it was not the proper course of action in a public school system.

School Board President Wilma R. Harvey said, "I voted to make sure there was no profit attached to business partnerships. The bottom line with the partnership is that the Board of Education determines what is in the contract."

According to school board officials, outside management groups would be paid no more than the school's regular budget, an average of \$3,000 to \$10,000 a student, depending on student's needs.

During the meeting, there was much uncertainty as to how schools would negotiate contracts and work out the details.

Each individual school's restructuring team, composed of parents, principals and teachers would begin the process of negotiation. Then contracts must be competitively procured and, finally, the

contracts according to a school's needs.

School Board Member Jay Silberman (at large) said, "The school system would publicize to businesses, universities, museums and others that we want to encourage their involvement, and hopefully many people would respond to those requests for proposals."

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Leaders gather in the District to prepare for Million Man March

By David Gaither
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Black leaders from various religious, ideological, political, and social persuasions congregated in Washington last week to constitute a national organizing committee for the Million Man March set to hit this city on Oct. 16.

"This thing is bigger than me, Dr. Chavis and everybody in this room... This is God's march," Min. Louis Farrakhan, who gave the initial call for the march, said at the gathering.

Some of those in attendance included the Rev. Al Sharpton, the District's First Lady, Cora Masters Barry, renowned poet Haki

Maniduthi, as well as mayors, aldermen, and many religious leaders from across the country.

In over 300 cities throughout the nation and in London and the Caribbean, local organizing committees (LOCs) have been created to promote and organize for the March. Many chairmen from these committees were present and gave reports on the progress in their areas. These committees will stay intact after Oct. 16 in order to implement the agenda to be announced on that day.

Rev. Ben Chavis made it clear that no one particular individual will benefit from the March, but that Black people as a whole will

prosper if the day is successful. Skepticism about fundraising efforts were dispelled as Chavis explained the enormous expenses. The audio and visual equipment alone will cost \$1.5 million. Also, 30,000 Port-O-Johns are needed, along with security, buses and parking, all of which will have a total price tag of over \$3 million.

Other announcements were that there will not be an actual march in Washington, but the journey to D.C. will be the march. Many churches and community organizations plan to march together down the Mall. Students from across the country plan to gather on "the Yard" of Howard University, then march down Georgia Avenue.

Local Newsbytes

Metro increases security after Mugging

Metro officials increased security throughout the rail system last week after 13 youths attacked and robbed a passenger on the train. The youths jumped the victim after he boarded a Red Line train the evening of Sept. 22 at Fort Totten near Catholic University, where he is a student.

According to Metro spokeswoman Pat Lambe, more uniformed and undercover transit police officers are riding trains, especially late nights and weekends.

Transit police are investigating the assault and robbery. The student told police he counted 13 assailants who beat him, kicked him and stole his wallet.

The alleged muggers exited the train at the Takoma station, where they escaped in an elevator reserved for handicapped passengers. The same youths may have been involved in several previous assaults and robberies in which the elevator was used for a getaway, a Metro employee said.

Farrakhan lobbies for foreign support of March

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is seeking international support for his rally of Black men in Washington.

Farrakhan held a reception for ambassadors from several African and Caribbean countries at the Africae House in Northwest Washington. Also attending was D.C. Mayor Marion Barry with his son Christopher, 16.

A spokeswoman for Barry said Farrakhan invited the ambassadors to discuss the Oct. 16 Million Man March.

Landlords Offer Discount to Police

Discount officials and business owners announced a rent discount program yesterday for city police officers, a move they hope will persuade more of them to live in the city.

In some cases, the program called Police and Landlords for Unity and Safety, will allow D.C. officers to live in apartments rent-free.

"This is still a slap in the face to the community,"-William Lockridge, president of the Parent Teacher Association at Simon Elementary School.

To date, only one company has expressed interest in managing the schools. The company is Education Alternatives Inc., a private, Minneapolis-based firm that has run schools in Baltimore, Hartford, Conn., and Dade County, Fla. The company could sign a contract as early as the 1996-97 school year to begin managing some D.C. schools.

Many school board members, after the announced privatization, have been receiving repeated threats to their persons and property.

"I will not be out there forcing this on anyone," said District School Superintendent Franklin Smith, of privatization. "The schools that want this can step forward."

Smith said that as many as 15 schools could be selected for private management, but recently he has been stating that any of the 164 D.C. schools could

NATIONAL

The nation reacts to the O.J. verdict

By Janelle Lynette Thompson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Emotional, happy, upset, and relieved were feelings felt around the world on Tuesday when the jury in the O.J. Simpson case announced a verdict of not guilty.

After 474 days of testimony and approximately \$14 million in legal fees, Simpson went home a free man.

"My first obligation is to my young children and my second obligation is to my family and friends who never wavered in their support," Simpson said in a statement read by his son Jason.

Soon after whispering "thank you, thank you" to the jury, Simpson was transported to his home in Brentwood.

The jury of nine Blacks, two Whites and one Hispanic found enough reasonable doubt to acquit Simpson of brutally murdering Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. The nine-month, "trial of the century," captured national media attention, mesmerized

millions of viewers, and brought controversy to the question of race in America once again.

LaTonya Walker, a junior finance major at the University of Illinois believes one important lesson from this trial is the right to privacy.

"People need to learn to mind their own business and stay out of the lives of others," she said.

Once the verdict was announced, Simpson was hurried out and once again found himself riding down the freeway. But this time as a free man and not a fugitive.

Simpson said he would dedicate the rest of his life to help find the "killer or killers" of Simpson and Goldman.

"I would not, could not and did not kill anyone," Simpson said.

While hundreds harvested outside of Simpson's Rockingham estate, he, his family, close friends, and attorneys celebrated on the balcony. Also in attendance was Simpson's ex-wife, Marguerite Simpson Thomas.

While Simpson celebrated at home, others celebrated around the nation.

Donald Wiley, a senior mass communications major at

Grambling State University said, and happiness because of his



A free O.J. Simpson smiles and thanks the jury for his acquittal.

"Over three-hundred students gathered in the library. When the verdict was rendered, the general feeling on campus was one of joy

acquittal." In Los Angeles, people were a little more anxious and curious as to what the verdict was going to be.

"The air was very tense because the issue of riots came into play. There was a small team of police officers around," Christy Timmons, a senior psychology major at the University of Southern California said.

Although the defense was elated with the verdict, the prosecution must now deal with the pain of defeat.

"I accept that verdict," Darden said. "I came here in search of justice. You will have to be the judge of that, I expect, as to whether or not any of us found it today. But I'm not bitter and I'm not angry."

Lead prosecutor, Marcia Clark, dealt with the battle of custody of her children while working on the Simpson case.

"Everyone here has put in 110 percent, given their all for everyone, for justice, for the families of the victims, in the effort to see that the lives of Ron and Nicole were not thrown away. It was a dignified fight," she said.

As for the families of the victims, Simpson spoke with Nicole's mother, Juditha Brown, and his two younger children, Sydney and

Justin, for a little over two hours.

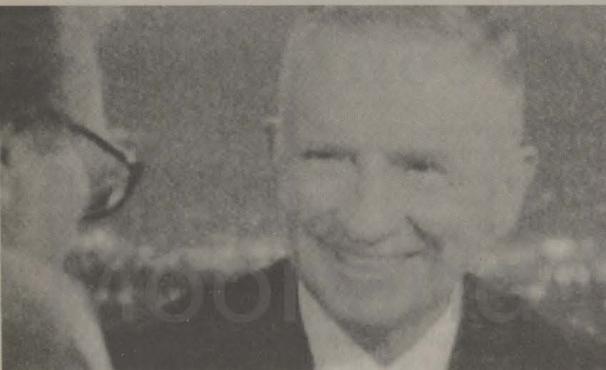
"We must now get on with our lives," Denise Brown, Nicole's sister said.

Fred Goldman, father of victim Ronald Goldman, gave his deepest appreciation to all of the hardworking people in the District Attorney's office.

"Last June 13th, 1994, was the worst nightmare of my life. This is the second. This prosecution team did not lose today. I deeply believe that this country lost today. Justice was not served," he said.

Now that the "trial of the century" is over, Simpson must find a way to return to a life of normalcy. Reports say he will probably never make another film and are certain he will never be in a Hertz rental car commercial again. More than likely his fortune will come from books, and by giving speeches.

Simpson said, "I can only hope that someday, despite every prejudicial thing that has been said about me publicly, both in and out of the courtroom, people will come to understand and believe that I would not, could not and did not kill anyone."



Former presidential candidate, H. Ross Perot.

By Steven Gray
Hilltop Staff Writer

While leaders of the Republican and Democratic National Parties gear up for the upcoming 1996 presidential elections, unofficial candidates like Colin Powell and Ross Perot are promoting the idea of a third major political party.

Former presidential candidate Perot has done more than just promote the idea of a new political party, he has actually formed one. Perot unveiled "The Independence Party" last week before millions of television viewers during an

interview on "Larry King Live".

"Only 19 percent of the people have confidence in government to do the right thing," Perot said. "When 62 percent of the people don't want to be affiliated with either party, you've got a serious problem."

Perot's Independence Party is targeted to what Powell earlier called "the sensible center" of the American population.

And according to Perot, the country is ready for a third political party. Minutes after Perot listed the Independence Party's 800 number on "Larry King Live", he claims 800,000 people responded.

"We couldn't handle all of the

Colin Powell, Ross Perot debate third party issue

calls that came pouring in," Perot said in a Newsweek interview. "The energy and enthusiasm is just like '92 and even more."

It was in 1992 that Perot unsuccessfully ran for the presidency as an independent. Although Perot claims that he doesn't want to be the Independence Party's presidential candidate in '96, he has not ruled out the possibility of being a candidate.

Perot announced on "Larry King Live" that the new party would host a national convention next spring that will link voters via satellite and computer, to adopt a party platform and select a presidential candidate.

The product of Perot's failed 1992 candidacy remains a separate, bi-partisan organization. UNITED WE STAND AMERICA is the organization formed by Perot shortly after the '92 election.

Laurie Kojdecki, a volunteer for U.W.S.A. said, "UNITED WE STAND has grown from several loosely affiliated political groups into a massive organization with

chapters in all 435 Congressional districts. I like UNITED WE STAND AMERICA because you get a bi-partisan view of things and we don't just read Democratic or Republican newspapers, we read all papers and listen to all sides."

U.W.S.A. touts itself as "the fastest growing grass-roots political organization in America." Its recent convention in Dallas, Texas brought together such political opposites as Rev. Jesse Jackson and Pat Buchanan, both of whom have made previous bids for the presidency.

"It's our responsibility as citizens to make ourselves politically aware," Kojdecki said. "We give people a choice because they really want to be informed."

Perot is not the only potential presidential candidate supporting a third major political party.

In his recently released autobiography, My American Journey, retired Gen. Colin Powell described his distrust of philosophies of both parties.

"Neither of the two major parties fits me comfortably in its

present state," Powell wrote. "The time may be at hand for a third major party to emerge to represent this sensible center of the American political spectrum."

Powell, who has been embraced by the American media as the newest political-pop icon, has not declared whether or not he will run for the presidency. Perhaps more importantly, Powell has not identified himself with either the Democratic or Republican parties.

"I am troubled by the political passions of those on the extreme right who seem to claim divine wisdom on political as well as spiritual matters," Powell wrote in his book. "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 pay the bills."

Polls show that Powell and Perot have many supporters. In a recent Newsweek poll, 32 percent of people polled would vote for Colin Powell as a third-party candidate. While 31 percent of

those polled would vote for President Clinton and 29 percent would vote for Dole.

Fifty-eight percent of those polled said that they could not trust Perot as president because of his past behavior, while only 35 percent said that they would trust him.

Nekidra Mason, a freshman majoring in broadcast journalism said she would vote for Powell.

"If I could vote based on appearance alone, I would vote for Powell," Mason said. "I may be prejudiced, but if the election were between Powell and Perot, I would vote for Powell because he's Black."

The question remains, even if a third party was formed would there be effective change.

"I think that it's good that Perot is starting a new party because I don't think that anything has been accomplished by either the Democrats or the Republicans," Mason said. "I wouldn't join because I don't think that anything will really change."

Undergraduate Trustee Karim mobilizes students political action

'Freedom Riders' support Karim's father's race for city council

By Kimberlin Love
Hilltop Staff Writer

With classes, tests, relationships and other day-to-day hassles of ordinary college life, crusading for causes is not on many students' daily to-do list. This leads some to ask, is political activism dead on Howard's campus?

However, there are a group of students no, it isn't dead and they are willing to fight to preserve what student freedom riders in 1961 so fervently believed in.

In Freedom Ride Part II, Omar Karim, Howard University's Undergraduate Trustee, convinced 24 students to embark on a recent four-day freedom journey. This journey would not take them to New Orleans to test the effectiveness of federal regulation prohibiting discrimination in interstate transportation, but to the

city of Memphis to learn campaigning and political activism through the campaign for Talib-Karim Muhammad, Omar Karim's father, who is running for a city council seat in Memphis.

"By traveling down to Memphis, Howard students are placing themselves at the forefront of political and student activism," Karim said.

Freedom Ride Part II is these student's contribution to Muhammad's campaign. He is running for a city council seat that was created in 1991 after he filed a class-action lawsuit on behalf of Memphis' African-American voters.

The suit charged the city with violating the 1964 Voting Rights Act. After eight years of struggle, in July of this year, Judge Jerome Turner of the U.S. District Court of the western District of Tennessee declared Karim Muhammad the winner in this suit and ended decades of voter discrimination.

With the creation of the eighth district, Blacks will now have more representation on the city council.

"This freedom ride is historic," said Ralph Smith, a senior majoring in chemical engineering. "Mr. Karim Muhammad has reshaped the zoning districts for Blacks in Memphis. Events like this should spawn political movements around the country."

Muhammad's years of political activism in Memphis has influenced the political career of his son Omar.

"My father has instilled in me a set of values in which I have used to live my life. These values include hard work, dedication and commitment to the community," he said. "And with these values, I have attempted to mobilize Howard students to never forget the past and always strive toward excellence."

The elections were held yesterday but at Hilltop press time, the results were not available.

Sheik and followers convicted on conspiracy charges

By Cathleen Harrington
Hilltop Staff Writer

A Federal jury convicted Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, earlier this week, and nine of his fundamentalist Muslim followers of conspiracy to execute a series of terrorist attacks against the United States and Egypt.

The United States Attorneys office based its case on a Civil War-era law that makes it a crime to conspire to overthrow, put down or destroy by force the U.S. government.

The prosecution's case was based on information supplied by Emad Salem, an F.B.I. informant. Salem infiltrated the group, and made secret recordings of plots and videotapes of the preparation of explosive materials. The government also installed

surveillance devices in the group's "safe house," a garage in Queens, N.Y.

The defense asserted that the government created the conspiracy by agreeing to pay its informant, a liar, \$1 million to catch the defendants. They also said Sheik, an Egyptian native who moved to the U.S. in 1990, was exercising his right to free speech in urging the overthrow of the Egyptian government.

Jamiyah Brown a sophomore majoring in physical therapy said, "I feel the ruling is great because he was being selfish and he could've ruined many people's lives."

The prosecution contended the group conspired to launch a "day of terror." This day would include five bombs that would blow-up the United Nations headquarters, the Lincoln and Holland tunnels, the George Washington bridge and 26 Federal Plaza.

Prosecutors also implicated Sheik in a scheme to assassinate President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. No actual attacks were carried out.

"If he was planning to bomb buildings he should have been convicted. A man should take responsibility for himself," Tegene Dulce a sophomore majoring in theater arts said.

Sheik, a blind 57-year-old Muslim cleric from Jersey City, N.J., was convicted of conspiracy to murder the leader of Egypt, and solicitation to attack a U.S. military installation. Sheik was the spiritual leader of the group whose contention was to force the U.S. to stop supporting Egypt and Israel.

Tiffany Bratts a sophomore majoring in biology said, "What goes around comes around."

With the sentencing probably taking place in January or early February, the defendants could face up to 20 years in jail.

Capitol Highlights

Gingrich Hires Extra Security

House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), the supporter for government spending cuts, is reported to have used over \$33,000 of public funds for private security to escort him to different appointments, according to a Clerk of the House report.

Gingrich has taken several trips between cities for both political and personal business

for the months of April and June of this year.

"The Speaker does not make any decisions regarding his security. That decision is made by the Sergeant-at-Arms, based on what they believe," said Laura Sims, Gingrich spokesperson.

Still, Democrats are against Gingrich trying to cut social programs while he is hiring security with government money.

"Reinventing government means inflating security, I guess," Pat Schroeder (D-Colo.), said.

Gingrich Comments on New York

Newsday published House Speaker Newt Gingrich's strong comments on New York City last week.

Speaking of New York city's government, Gingrich said,

"Replete with waste and the rest of the country is not to bail out the habits that have made New York so extraordinarily expensive. I think New York has more than enough money."

But New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani (R) thought otherwise.

"New York is the producer of wealth for America not the other way around," even though there may be "areas of disgraceful waste."

But according to Gingrich, Senator Daniel Moynihan (D-NY) has "to defend an extraordinarily expensive government in the state of New York, absurd union rules, and a culture of waste for which they want us to send a check."

Congress Cuts Appropriations

Last week, the Senate cut its

congressional appropriations for its next fiscal year. Members will not receive a pay raise for the third year in a row.

"I think that it is appropriate this year, given what is happening with the budget, for Congress to freeze its own pay," Rep. David Obey (D-Wis.) said. The current salary for lawmakers is \$133,600.

Other congressional cuts include elimination of the Office of Technology Assessment, which oversees technology and science, and cuts in the Government Accounting Office and Government Printing Office.

"This is a real cut," said Sen. Connie Mack (R-Fla.), chairman of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on the legislative branch.

Altogether, \$2.2 billion will be saved with \$200 million taken away for congressional office spending.

But, President Clinton said that he would veto the Republican measure.

"I didn't think Congress should take care of its own business before it takes care of the people's business," Clinton said.

Services change for Congress

The House of Representatives has certain services available to lawmakers and their staff, including a barber and shoe shine shop.

But after last week, the Chief Administration Office of non-Legislative Affairs decided to change the government vendors to a private company. Out of the five vendors, three are Black.

"It's awful," said Nurney Mason, one of the barbers in the House Rayburn building.

Mason decided to leave because of the private contract affecting his salary by the beginning of October.

"Things were better off the way they were. Who would say you're better off without a job," barber Joe Quattrone said.

The private contract will go to Kiko's Shoe Shine. The company will plan to have machine shoe stands in lawmakers' personal offices, as well.

James Hawkins, who was the shoe shine vendor in the House said he is "disappointed," and called the private contracting process "pretty crazy." Hawkins, who charged \$2.00 for a shine compared to the \$3.50 rate for Kiko's, will not plan to stay during the change over.

Compiled by Jonathan L. Wharton

INTERNATIONAL

Student learns lessons as a teacher in Gabon

By **Ndimyake Mwakalyelye**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Nicole Gaskin had no idea what was coming. Having applied for the a fellowship program, with the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH), she expected to be considered for it. But instead, what she got was something else—something more enriching than she had ever imagined—a trip to Africa!

"I have always wanted to go to Africa but I did not know how I was going to go or when," said Gaskin, a doctoral candidate in the school of Social Work.

Given an assignment in the French-speaking West African nation of Gabon in 1994, Gaskin was selected as a member of IFESH's Teach for Africa Program. The program was established in 1992 in Gabon during the annual

African-American Summit. Members chosen for the Teacher for Africa Program are assigned to either educational institutions where they teach subjects, such as English, mathematics, history and geography, or are sent to technical training programs to learn curriculum development and other educational issues.

"I taught English at a high school in Mayumba, a small town south of Gabon," Gaskin said. "I had four separate classes of about 60 students each."

Gaskin taught students between the ages of 15 and 20, which she described to be equivalent to high school students in the United States.

Teaching three mornings a week, Gaskin described her students as extremely knowledgeable and well informed about world events. She gave credit to the French

curriculum for students being rounded in many subjects.

"The education system is much more rigorous than here. [Students] know a lot about the history of America, slavery and the extent of racism. We had very deep conversations," she said.

Gaskin admitted however that several people in the program had different feelings about their visit to Africa. Some said they hated the experience and never planned to return. Yet, others loved it and cannot wait to go back, she said, including herself in the latter category.

"I was welcomed and loved by everyone from Senegal, Mali and Gabon," Gaskin said. "They said to me, 'Welcome home!'"

While many of the English-speaking teachers had difficulty adjusting to the environment, Gaskin became accustomed to her surroundings quickly because she spoke fluent French.

In addition, Gaskin said that because she did not go to Gabon with any preset notions of what the country would be like, she was able to accept and easily adapt to the culture.

"I went without any preconceived ideas about what I would find there," she said. "I went with an open mind."

Upon arrival, Gaskin discovered that Gabon reminded her of her parent's home country, Panama, because she found similarities in Gabon's food and housing.

"It was all so normal and so natural," she said, while displaying the outfit she had on that she

purchased in Gabon.

Although Gaskin noted the similarities between Gabon and Panama, she said she discovered many differences between the U.S. and West Africa.

For example, according to the Oklahoma native, TV is not a major distraction because it is only broadcast in the evening and programs are mainly educational, such as "National Geographic."

"I saw a lot of interaction between people, because they had nothing to do," Gaskin said. "[In the U.S.] people spend so much time watching TV. They don't interact."

But, people in West Africa are bonded, she said.

"They show more community togetherness and are more connected than we are here," she said.

Gaskin described how greetings always included a handshake or a hug and at least one peck on each cheek.

Also different from what she was used to, Gaskin said, was the degree of violence in the country.

"It was amazing to walk down the street, see someone with a machete and not feel threatened. Life was wonderful," she said. "I didn't live in a stressful environment."

Gaskin attributed the lack of violence and crime to the size of the community. Because she stayed in a school town, there were students everywhere and everybody knew everyone.

She also noticed that the children in Gabon were very disciplined and respectful.



The people of Mayumba gather together daily to fellowship.

"I saw discipline," Gaskin said. "In the classroom, when I walked in, students stood up to say good morning. In the home where I stayed, if visitors were around, children would come in and greet them by shaking their hand. People did not call me by my first name," Gaskin said.

However one characteristic Black people in Gabon and in the U.S. share is their love of hip-hop fashions.

"I was amazed at what I saw—the nails, the stylish hairstyles. I thought I was in New York or Philadelphia. Everyone was dressed in Western attire," Gaskin said.

Gaskin feels a need to clear up the misconceptions many Americans have about Africa.

"When people in America speak

of small towns, they envision grass huts. I did not see a single hut in Mayumba. Also, I did not see a single wild animal walking around. You just don't see wild animals roaming all over the place," she said.

Gaskin's experiences in Gabon were so positive that she tells people to go to the country.

"I strongly encourage people to go there," Gaskin urged. "I didn't visit Gabon, I lived there and I know the real sense of being there without luxuries—I sometimes had to bathe outside using a bucket of water."

She also advises people to be open to new situations.

"It is important to be receptive to what is different. One is not better or less than the other," she said.



Gabon in winter during the rainy season.

African clothing for style, cultural awareness

By **Patricia Hardin**
Hilltop Staff Writer

The soft feel of the flowing fabric, the vibrantly rich colors and the creative patterns and designs are only three features attracting African Americans to African clothing.

What many associate with the socially conscious movement of the 1970s is now making its way as a prominent fashion trend in the 1990s.

The popularity of African clothing is growing as the demand for authentic Nigerian or Ghanaian clothing dictates the openings of Afrocentric boutiques all over the country.

Although some District residents are adorning themselves in authentic African wears to identify with the culture and traditions of Africa, others say their reasons for buying and wearing African clothing stems simply from a love for the clothes.

"I've been through the European-style clothing, but I wasn't very comfortable in them," said Sandra Oborokumo, a N.W. District resident whose entire wardrobe consists of clothing from Africa. "I wear African outfits because I like the colors, style and fabric. Also, they're very comfortable for me. I don't wear it as a form of rebellion (against the American system). It's just that when I find something that fits me, I choose to wear it."

Many people noticed Oborokumo's gold and brown, two-piece, tie-dyed Nigerian dress, including some who glanced approvingly in her direction as she left an evening program at Andrew Rankin Chapel on the campus of Howard University last Sunday. "As an

African-American female, I wear what brings me out." Daltrina Middleton, a sophomore film major at Howard, can relate to wearing clothes that enhance her physical beauty. But her affinity for clothing from Africa began not from her disdain for the traditional

American dress but started in grade school. "When I was in elementary school, I had to do dramatic monologues and I had to wear African attire because some of the monologues I did focused on Africa and slavery. But as I got older, I started reading



African attire makes bold statements on Howard's campus.

more about Africa, and I began to see how beautiful (the clothing) I wore was."

Agreeing with Oborokumo, Middleton, an active member of Ubiquity, an Afrocentric organization on Howard's campus, that focuses on the principles of Nguza Saba (Kwanza), said she does not believe that anyone who wants to wear Afrocentric attire has to be deeply into African culture to enjoy the clothing. Instead, she said, people who opt to buy an African dress strictly for style reasons are well within their rights and are encouraged to do so.

"If someone sees (wearing African clothing) as popular there's nothing wrong with that," she said. "There's also nothing wrong with wearing a head wrap to compliment your outfit. Sometimes I do that because it goes with what I have on."

Middleton adds, however, that when she wears her head wrap she is in fact connected to Africa and is "reminded to her brothers and sisters across the sea."

Robin Cloud, a junior film major, wears her African head wrap for several reasons, the main one being she thinks it is beautiful. Cloud said she knows, however, that others wear them to make political statements.

But whether for a fashion statement or a political one, Cloud is certain that African clothing will remain a prevalent part of the Black community.

"African clothing has always been apart of our community, and there will always be someone wearing a traditional outfit."

Oborokumo agrees. "I think wearing African outfits is trendy, but I think there are more people who will take it further than that. I would like to see more people make it a part of their dress."

International students express support, concerns over Million Man March

By **Carey Grady**
Hilltop Staff Writer

The calling for a day of atonement by Nation Of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan has captured the attention of many political, social, cultural and religious groups.

However, some international students at Howard University have mixed feelings about whether the Million Man March, held Oct. 16 at the national Mall, will address the issues facing Black people who are not American citizens.

"The march could have had international importance if the event had been advertised as an international event. However, it has been tailored to address issues affecting Black males in America," said Allison James, a senior majoring in international business who is from Jamaica. "This march could serve as an example to other Black men in the African diaspora because many of the issues affecting Black people globally are similar."

Because the issues of international Blacks are similar,

Avril Armstrong-Renwick, a graduate student in the School of Allied Health and native of Toronto, Canada said the march is of great importance to the international community. But, he stressed that it does not necessarily have to address global issues to be important to the international Black community. Being Black, he said, is "enough of a reason to identify with and to participate in the march."

"In America, no one really cares what your nationality is, the mistreatment of Black people is solely based on skin color," Armstrong-Renwick said. "That factor should unite us for this march. A million Black men in solidarity should be applauded and cultural differences put aside, for the larger issue—unity."

Caridad Remi, a senior majoring in chemistry and native of Haiti agreed, and said the march will have an indirect affect on all people of African descent.

"If America is forced to atone and apologize to Blacks in America or at least recognize its unjust actions against them, the third world will also be apologized to."

Glance Around the World

Lagos, Nigeria—Recent reports reveal that General Sani Abacha, Nigeria's military ruler has announced his intention to stay in power for another three years before restoring civilian rule under a tailor-made system of government.

Abacha made this announcement in a nationwide broadcast where he outlined his program for a democratic transition. The general said his Provisional Ruling Council would hand over power in 1998, after multiparty elections.

The General said Nigeria needed more time to get on sound economic footing.

Abacha, however, seemed to bow to international pressure as he commuted the death sentences of 13 men convicted of plotting a coup.

Tokyo, Japan—In protest over France's second nuclear test, Japan joined New Zealand and Australia in criticizing France for its nuclear testing program.

Japan is threatening to recall its ambassador to France if the testing is not stopped. Minister Masayoshi Takemura, the

Japanese finance minister and chairman of one of the three political parties in Japan's ruling coalition said he would recommend that Japan take action.

Takemura is one of Japan's most vocal opponents of France's resumption of nuclear arms testing. In late August, he joined a citizen's protest against nuclear testing in Tahiti.

According to a Tokyo Newsroom, France has accused Japan of meddling in its domestic affairs.

Sint Maartez — The Dutch Caribbean Island of Sint Maartez announced that it will be ready to reopen its ports in Philipsburg to cruise ship traffic as early as Oct. 15.

"In the wake of Hurricanes Luis and Marilyn, we will be able to offer duty-free shopping in the port city, plus a variety of quality shore excursions and clean beaches," said Theo Heyliger, tourism commissioner.

To help welcome visitors, a group of Front Street merchants has volunteered to fund a steel drum band to play at Cyrus Wathey Square for arriving cruise passengers.

With all the hurricane debris cleared from Philipsburg streets and its beaches, some merchants are already open and many more will be operational by mid October.

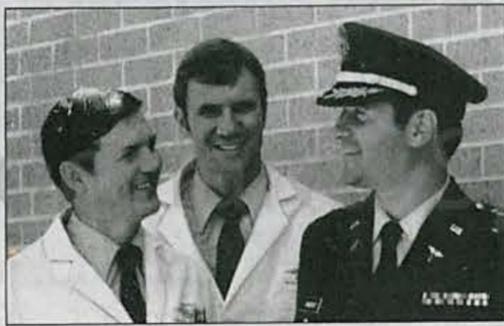
Lisbon, Portugal—Portugal's Socialist Party won the nation's general elections, ending the Social Democrats' decade-long hold on power and nearly capturing an absolute majority in the Portuguese parliament.

The Socialists got 43.9 percent of the votes and appear to have captured nearly 113 seats in the Portuguese parliament. As a result, the new Socialist Prime Minister, Antonio Guterres, is just three seats short of an absolute majority in the 230-seat legislature.

"The Portuguese have given us a relative majority very close to an absolute majority," Guterres was quoted as saying while claiming his victory.

Guterres said the Portuguese did two things fundamentally: First it gave the Socialist party a clear mandate to govern, and secondly, it clearly said it wanted a realistic government committed to dialogue and to pay particular attention to avoiding abuses of power.

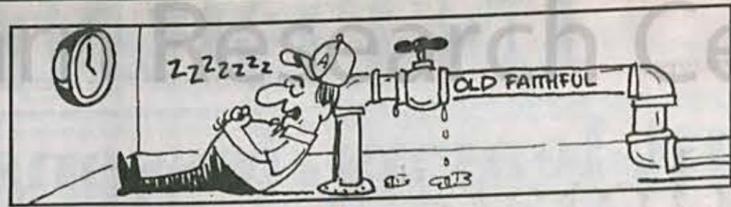
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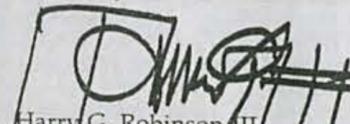
The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Office of Enrollment Management wish to thank the students of Howard University, and the entire University community for helping to make fall registration a success.

With your cooperation, and with a plan that sought to focus on respectful service to the students, we were all able to effect a dramatic improvement in the registration operations. We appreciate your cooperation. Registration could not have been a success without your help.

Within a few short weeks, we will begin registration for the 1996 Spring Semester. We hope to make the registration process even more efficient and "student friendly." And we expect that students and administrative staff will once again be able to applaud each other for a job well done.

Our goal is to have every registration a success. We thank you for helping us make that goal a reality.

Best wishes for a great year at Howard University.


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Howard must take its rightful place in the Million Man March

Howard University has the opportunity to take the forefront of a new movement in Black America. In just over a week, the biggest demonstration to ever happen in this country will take place right here in Washington. It is anticipated that about one million Black men plan to arrive in this city on Oct. 16 to regain leadership of their families, communities and nation. The Congressional Black Caucus, national Christian organizations, the National Council of Negro Women, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, and most importantly the masses of Black people, have all signed on to this growing movement. If Howard is truly the premiere Black school, "the Mecca" of Black colleges and the capstone of Black education, then its students should be at the head of a new era that is set to be ushered in with the Million Man March.

Students have always been the spark for mass movements across the world. Students were the heart of the Black Power and anti-war movements, the backbone of the Civil Rights movement and of revolutions across the globe. It is students who have the time, resources and intellect to lead a movement toward freedom, justice and equality for their people. There are political, economic, social and spiritual gains sought on and after Oct. 16, and it's students and youth who will benefit the most.

Howard has a tradition of student activism, but recently it seems as if Howard has been hit with the bug of apathy. But if students can rally behind a cause that has brought together leaders of various religious, political, economical, ideological and social persuasions, then we can continue to work together to solve the problems of our people. And solving the

problems of our people should be the vocation of Black students.

On Sept. 19, Howard was blessed to have religious leaders around the country, lead by Min. Louis Farrakhan and the Rev. Ben Chavis, officially declare Oct. 16 a Holy Day. At Rankin Chapel, the reverends, ministers, bishops and spectating students read a declaration, much like the Declaration of Independence, to make that day the first for Black people to begin the process of atonement and reconciliation. There have also been numerous programs at Howard in regard to the march. A petition has been circulated on campus to suspend classes on Oct. 16, as Lincoln University in Pennsylvania has already done. At a Residence Life program last week, President Swygert said the Board of Trustees would give the University's official position this week. He also said that he knew now, that no students participating in the events on that day, be it the Million Man March or the "Day of Absence," would face punishment.

HUSA, UGSA, Undergraduate Trustee Omar Karim, and many other student leaders and organizations have endorsed and begun to organize for the March. The stage is set— Howard must now take front and center. On Oct. 16, college students from around the country are planning to congregate early in the morning on "the Yard." In solidarity, the male students will then march down to the Mall to join their brothers in the biggest event to occur in the history of Black America.

Despite whatever the few detractors claim, the Million Man March is going to be a successful endeavor and if Howard lets this opportunity pass it by, its status as "the Mecca" will be in question.

Will apathy's death be more than symbolic?

Last week Howard students laid to rest student apathy in ritual, but now will we follow it up with proaction? A mock funeral was held on campus last Monday to symbolize the end of student complacency and inactivity. Apathy is most certainly a problem, not only on Howard's campus but among Black people in general and especially Black students.

It's apathy that has allowed Howard's administration to make decisions against students' best interests. An outrageous tax on local telephone calls, raising of dormitory fees without renovations, closing of the Howard Inn, and other developments have angered students, but at best only gets a reactionary response. Reaction is destructive and unproductive, while proaction is productive and a defense for negative outcome. Reaction implies dependence, because you only act when something first acts against you. Reaction produces the likes of the Rodney King riots where Blacks and Latinos destroyed their own communities.

It's apathy that allows Congress and the Supreme Court to strike down all the gains which were made during the Civil Rights era. Affirmative action, tax

breaks for the sale of media companies to minorities, Black Congressional districts, funding for the Congressional Black Caucus, Black scholarships, and even Historically Black Colleges either have been cut or face eradication.

There are eight million Blacks unregistered to vote in this country and even those who are registered rarely vote. The country as a whole only gets 50 percent of the eligible voters to the polls at election time, and for African Americans, the percentages are much lower.

Apathy stems from complacency and fear. Many students at Howard just wish to go through school memorizing facts to pass tests, go to parties and get a certificate at the end of four or five years. These students are scared to question authority and are comfortable with merely cruising through classes and getting a job.

Soon our degrees will mean nothing and it's already getting to that point. With death, there is life. So hopefully with the symbolic death of the apathetic student, life, proactivity and constructive students will rise from the grave.

Third-party candidates appeal to Americans

H. Ross Perot, the hotshot billionaire, recently agreed to form a third political party. It was Perot who ran as an independent in 1992's presidential race and was the leading candidate before dropping out then re-entering. Perot created his "United We Stand" organization, which has become a political force in America, and his supporters have now gone to California to gather signatures to establish a third political party. Perot has not said if he plans to run in 1996 as the party's presidential candidate, but he has been very politically active.

America is ready for a third political party or independent candidate. The traditional Democratic and Republican parties have failed the American people. Many polls show that American citizens have little trust in their legislative representatives. Partisan politics, being loyal to your party regardless of what's right, has crippled America. The country has a debt nearly \$5 trillion, elected officials continue to engage in immoral behavior, spending for education is dwindling, the poor and elderly are suffering tremendous cutbacks, and the word politics in general has a negative connotation.

Many want to blame America's current shortfalls on the newly elected Republican Congress. But what did the Democrats accomplish while in power? A host of Republican candidates have entered the 1996 race for president. And now that the Speaker of the House has overshadowed the Democratic president, the Republicans look sure to win over the White House— unless a third party or independent candidate emerges.

In Iowa, where the first primary election is held, potentially independent candidate Gen. Colin Powell leads the polls. In Texas, Perot's support is huge and he has the finances to again capture America through lengthy television advertisements, where he successfully convinced Americans that his financial plan could save a disenfranchised economic system.

Dissatisfaction brings about change. The people of this nation are definitely dissatisfied with the plight of the country. Currently, Congress and President Clinton can't agree on a budget, and America faces an economic shut down. Ross Perot or even Colin Powell could shock the world with an unprecedented presidential victory.

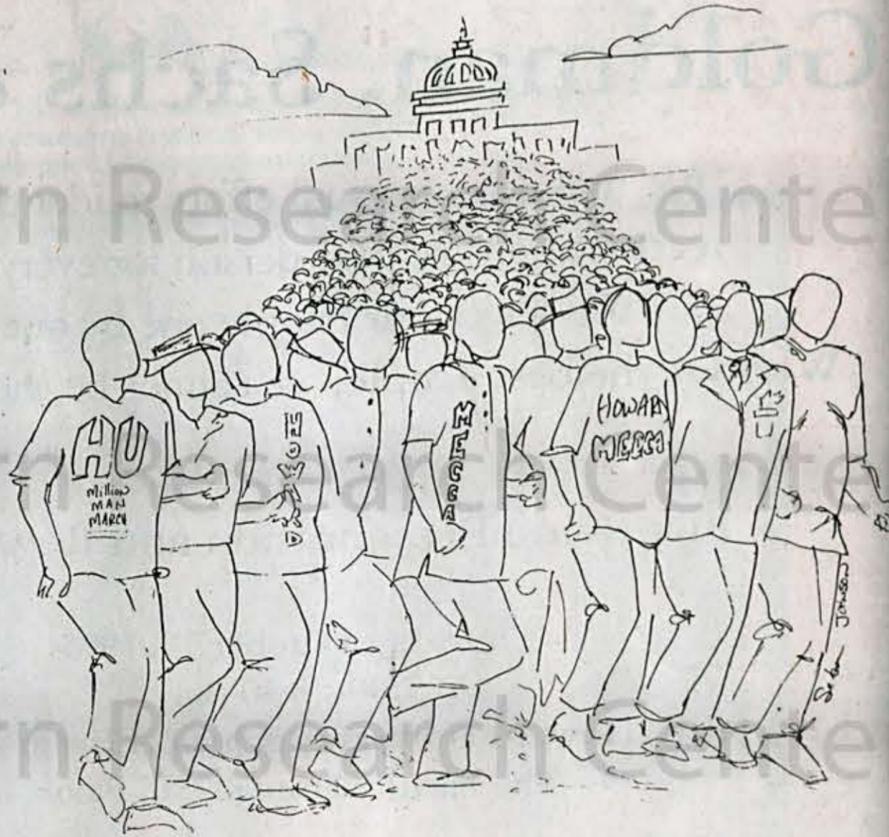
Letter to the Editor

Student apathy threatens our existence

It disturbs me to observe that Howard University students no longer epitomize the fervor for justice and equality that once surrounded the Howard name. In a time when the civil rights accomplishments of our forefathers stand to be purposefully unwound by the 104th Republican Congress, initiative is lacking on our campus and in our lives. Howard's location in the nation's capital places us in a better position to resist these congressional setbacks than any other historically Black university. Are you aware that if not for financial aid, most African Americans could not attend college? Are you aware that you would be flipping burgers at McDonalds if not for scholarships, Pell Grants, and students loans? The days of succeeding without a college education are long gone. We owe it to ourselves and our less-fortunate brothers and sisters to resist financial aid cuts by Congress. We are labeled "Generation X" because "X" is an unknown. And unknown effectively describes the causes to which we

are dedicated, as well as the issues that arouse us. What is the reason for our political and social apathy? Every privilege and right that we enjoy today materialized as a result of the political vehemence of our parents' generation and their parents' generation before that. What have we done to secure the futures of our sons and daughters? Nothing! Just because students can now afford nice cars now, that doesn't mean that we have achieved equal status in this country. The fight is not over! In fact, for our generation it's just beginning! Do your part to resist financial aid cuts by Congress! A campaign will be underway in the near future to fight Congress on these issues. Please look for announcements in the Hilltopics soon and do your part to cultivate the minds and preserve the upward mobility of our people.

Dawn N. Turner
Senior Biology major



"I hope these same students won't turn around and fear the administration tomorrow or not participate in the Million Man March."

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PERSPECTIVES

Beckett, Shakespeare, Hemingway and my other high school bullies

Anika Simmons

...bullies work pretty much the same way. They enter their lives during elementary school, capture the poor souls for a few years, then slowly fade away as they discover that the sex provides more excitement than a scared little kid. Bullies worked in reverse order. I kept a low profile in my first year and crept up on me in the last year of high school. I remember Samuel Beckett for the first time. Sam and I used to battle it out every year. I first encountered Mrs. Self, my Advanced English teacher, made us play "Waiting for Godot," for three weeks, he made my life miserable. He would come at me with punches that harmed me, but with big words and concepts that hurt my mind. No matter how hard I tried to understand him, I was left off the mark, according to Mrs. Self's standards. Sam had humiliated me, as did all the other authors that we studied, William Shakespeare, Ernest Hemingway, Charles Dickens and Kafka. My teacher understood them, my classmates did not, so what was wrong with me? Soon, all the frustration of me became too much. I had to think something was wrong with me, so I declared a

a whole week on the Harlem Renaissance my junior year—my mistake).

I remember wondering what these strange men had in common with me, a 17-year-old Black female and coming up with the same answer every time—NOTHING! Therefore, the curriculum needs to be revised so that it accurately reflects the races and genders of the American society. This way, all students can not only have a cultural and historical connection to the topics they study (especially in literature and history), but they will have a chance to learn about and respect other people's culture and history.

Only when I got to college was I able to relish the works of people with whom I could identify. It was in college that I connected with Mari Evans, Toni Cade Bambara and Georgia Douglas Johnson. Here I discovered Edith Wharton and Zora Neale Hurston. In college, I also learned of James Baldwin and Ralph Ellison. Finding authors who were more like me did not lead me farther away from the canonical literature of the Hemingways and the Becketts; instead it made me more tolerant of them. I can now approach them with more confidence in myself and with more respect for them and their work.

And this could work in our school systems. White children, if given the chance, could learn to appreciate African and Asian history. And Black children could let go of some of their animosity

The real bullies were the people who created a curriculum that was too narrow and forced it down my throat.

...rebellion to all the "great" literature that we read in class. I felt myself that the books were dead and the authors were even worse, just to make myself feel better. I didn't read class assignments because, to me, Shakespeare was boring, Dickens was a long-winded bore and Hemingway had already been to one too many parties. Why am I telling you all this? Well, in the larger scheme of things, my personal experience goes to show that the existing curriculum at my school (and at many others, no doubt) was not doing its job to educate and excite students. Part of the problem was my instructor's teaching style. Mrs. Self instructed her lectures so that there was only one correct way to do the works. Personal interpretation was out of the question. But literature isn't like that. One correct answer never existed. The feeling that I was being wrong alienated me from the books and made me uninterested in the class. The larger problem was the type of questions that we had to read. They were all taken from the top of the literary canon and were written by White men. We did not spend any time on works by Blacks, men

about school and show more enthusiasm by learning about their own people.

There is a movement that supports multiculturalism in education, but of course, there is also a counter-movement by conservatives to keep things just the way they are. They can't stand the idea of knocking down their icons to make room for anyone else's. To that end, they try to make the truth seem like lies and lies seem like the truth. What they don't realize, however, is that their icons don't have to be crushed in a multicultural educational system. They just have to move over to make room for figures who have been waiting too long to be recognized.

Howard's method of making the African-American experience a central part of the curriculum has made me, the girl who swore off books and called Shakespeare an idiot, a content and eager student of English literature. Now, I realize that Beckett, Hemingway and Shakespeare were only pawns in a bigger game. The real bullies were the people who created a curriculum that was too narrow and forced it down my throat.

The writer is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences.

How do you feel about the O.J. Verdict? What do you think about the upcoming Million Man March? If you have a general opinion, please submit a perspective article to David Gaither in the Hilltop office or call 806-6866.

Blacks must look closely at Powell before voting

Seitu Amenwahsu

We African people in America are again having another "American-made" leader thrust and paraded before us by European American politicians as a person that we Africans should consider voting for as President. European politicians like him, or so they pretend.

Know your history and you'll avoid the pitfalls of being taken advantage of or making decisions that are not in the best interests of African people. The leader I am referring to is Gen. Colin Powell.

Who is Colin Powell? Let's look at history. Powell was the Republican-picked head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the top-ranking military official in the United States. He is a highly trained and decorated military man. His parents are Jamaican immigrants; persons of African descent.

Powell was the supreme commander of the U.S. forces during the U.S. invasion of Panama, a country with a high percentage of Africans in its population. The U.S. illegally, without the approval of Congress, interfered in the internal affairs of a foreign nation. Why? To get a so-called dictator named Manuel Noriega, a light-skinned Black man, whom the United States helped to create. He was touted as a madman, lunatic, drug addict and drug trafficker, who former President George Bush claimed was responsible for America's drug epidemic.

Powell participated in that military encounter with delight. Many African people died, Jamaicans in particular, in that invasion that was designed just to apprehend one man, Noriega. Why? So Noriega would be forcibly removed from power to be jailed in a Miami prison before he could tell the real truth about America's global imperialism. And you haven't heard anything about Noriega since.

There is another story about Panama and its

relationship to African people, though. The Panama Canal, a strategically located man-made waterway, was built primarily by a Jamaican labor force along with Trinidadians and Barbadians. Actually, it was slave labor. Colin Powell's people, the Jamaicans, were lynched for asking for their fair share of the wages for digging the canal that they died by the thousands digging.

This is what being so "blindly patriotic" to America does to us when we don't know history. These are the traps we fall into. We have more of an interest in the Panama Canal than anyone else, because we built it.

Noriega, by the way, attended an "American" military school. They called him a nigger. When the European American establishment found out they could use him, they let him pass for White until he stopped going by the script. Then he became the enemy and was portrayed as such by the media.

In the 1930s and 1940s the United Nations gave a mysterious European people a homeland called Israel in the so-called "Middle East," which they barbarically stole from the Palestinians, the rightful owners.

This was done under the term "multi-lateralism," which in reality is when many nations gang up on another to take something from another people that doesn't belong to them.

Iraq was divided into parcels of land, with one nation being the rich Kuwait, a nation whose people, until recently, forgot that many of them are in reality, African. Saddam Hussein was saying that Kuwait was formally an Iraqi territory, unjustly divided, which is historically true. The Kuwaitis, who don't have a democratic government, befriended the U.S. and other Western powers because they were paying top dollar for Kuwaiti oil in the Persian Gulf. Saddam told Kuwait, "Let Arabs do for Arabs and share oil among Arabs in as much as you do for Europeans since you used to be a part of us." Kuwait, being a hand-picked buffer zone by the West, thumbed their nose at Saddam's perverted

nationalism. So Iraq, seeing that Uncle Sam is a White superpower that depends on Arab oil to keep his machines running, told Kuwait, "Since you won't join us, we'll join you." And the invasion of Kuwait began.

Since much of U.S. oil comes from the African and Arab nations, Uncle Sam saw his power seriously threatened by a non-White nation. Again America, under Bush's New World Order, and without Congress, started the military buildup, supposedly to keep the peace in the Middle East.

The Saudis feared Iraq's quest for power and in fear of an Iraqi attack, called on the U.S. for help. This was just the excuse America needed since they were going to invade Iraq anyway. Remember the multi-lateralism used in the '40s to create Israel? Multi-lateral nationalism was used to justify the invasion and the U.S. manipulated the U.N. to get other nations to go along with it. And again, unfortunately, many brainwashed African-American soldiers foolishly assisted them, a nation that has never treated us fairly.

Colin Powell again, orchestrated and bragged about this military invasion and became a military hero for America. A hero for allegedly protecting democracy and freedom which was not what that war was about. The war was for controlling economic and mineral wealth under the philosophy of global White supremacy.

I also wonder what he knew or didn't know about Ollie North's activities and about the military's role in Somalia. It didn't have one thing to do with feeding people.

Finally, America hopes we forget history and vote for Colin Powell because he's Black and he's being rewarded for being a good patriotic soldier. An American who fought to protect America's interests, which in reality is global White supremacy.

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Physician's Assistant, an innovative career choice

Brad Teague

Today, Howard University Physician Assistants, faculty, students, the School of Allied Health, The American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) and Physician Assistants (PAs) across the country celebrate Physicians Assistants Day. PA Day is a day to celebrate an innovative and relatively new career and to increase public awareness of its existence.

The PA profession began at Duke University in 1965 as a strategy to off set physician

hospitals, clinics, and HMOs across the nation.

Before enrolling at Howard, I knew nothing about the PA profession. Similarly, I did not know that Howard had a PA program, or that it possessed one of only three PA programs located at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (there are over fifty PA programs nationwide). As a PA student, I frequently encounter questions such as, what's a PA?, and what do they do? With this in mind, it may be hard to believe that the PA profession is listed among the top 15 career choices by the U.S. Department of Labor and ranks among the top as being one of the

privilege to prescribe medications has been a major legislative issue for the profession. Currently, 39 states give PAs prescription privileges.

At Howard, the professional phase of the program spans two and a half years, after completing the core curriculum and being accepted. The first three semesters are the didactic phase. Classes taken at this time include: Gross Anatomy, Human Physiology, Pathology, Laboratory Procedures, Pharmacology, Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Emergency Medicine, and Psychiatry. Core courses and acceptance are first required before beginning any

AAPA says that there are more jobs than there are PAs to fill them. There is an estimated seven to eight positions available for each new graduate and this trend is expected to continue over the next 15 years. Starting salaries for new graduates averaged \$45,961 in 1994 and the average salary for certified PAs with experience was \$56,289, up 6.5 percent from 1993. As a result of this popularity, entrance into PA programs is becoming more competitive. This trend reflects the growing need for more primary care practitioners and the need to contain the growing cost of health care. Indeed, PAs have played a vital role in lowering the cost of

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maldistribution and increase the accessibility of high-quality health care to underserved areas like inner cities and rural communities. Emerging through politics and red tape, the profession has attained a permanent position in the forefront of shaping the health care system, and in particular, lowering the cost of services to the consumer. Providing medical services to people in areas where no doctors are available has been a hallmark of the profession, although PAs are becoming increasingly common in

fastest growing and most lucrative careers.

Physician Assistants practice medicine with the supervision of licensed physicians. PAs provide services that at one time were provided by physicians only. Some of the duties that PAs perform are: taking histories and physicals, ordering tests, making diagnoses and determining treatments. Along with providing primary care, PAs work in specialty areas like general surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, orthopedics and pediatrics. Having

program. The last two semesters are the clinical phase and comprise students "rotating" through the various disciplines of modern medicine at Howard University Hospital and other hospitals, HMOs and clinics. The education of PA students is similar to that of medical students, except it is shorter in length. PAs then take the national board exams to become certified.

The future is bright for graduates of accredited PA programs. An Information Specialist for the

health care and in making quality care more accessible and affordable.

To learn more about the profession and Howard's program, visit the PA Day booth today in the College of Allied Health Sciences or the PA Department in Annex II of the CAHS or call the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) at (703) 836-2272.

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Will O.J. march?

By David Gaither

Two weeks before the biggest demonstration ever to take place in this country, the "Trial of the Century" ended, releasing a renewed Black hero from the Los Angeles County Jail. As I sat

people. It was especially Black men who were uplifted by this verdict. The situations surrounding Rodney King, Mike Tyson, Michael Jackson, Benjamin Chavis and many other Black men have created an anti-Black male society. This was vindication. Now the question is: Will O.J. participate in the Million Man March? With the exception of Rodney King, all the

Simpson or Mark Fuhrman, but it has become a symbol of irreparable damage done to race relations in this country.

The tables seem to be turning. The images of a fallen Black hero redeemed and loved more now than ever and of a paralyzed White Superman (Christopher Reeves) unable to help himself, resonate widely. Mike Tyson is out, Jackson is back on top, O.J. is free and Black

I hope to see O.J. on Oct. 16, and for now, I can only repeat what I heard my brother say on the radio, "I'm proud to be Black today."

listening to the County Clerk read the verdict, my entire dormitory roared with excitement. The reaction was similar around the country, wherever large crowds of Black people were gathered to hear the outcome of this very racially polarized court case.

As millions listened to reaction from various settings, it became extremely apparent that this case has everything to do with race in the eyes of the American people. "I'm just proud to be Black today" was the reaction of a young man in a barbershop in Landover, Md. Though everyone may not have expressed it quite like that, the major sentiment was pride among Black

above mentioned Black men have expressed desire to participate. Yes, Michael Jackson, too. In fact, in keeping with the theme of "atonement," the Jackson family plans to stand together on Oct. 16. And, yes, O.J. was contacted even before his acquittal. Unconfirmed reports claim that through his lawyers, O.J. expressed that he plans on attending the Million Man March.

Most Whites seemed to be upset by the not-guilty decision. Even the possibility that a Black man who may have killed two White people walks free has Whites across the nation enraged. This case has gone beyond the individuals of O.J.

leadership has united behind a call for one million Black men to march on Washington. In just over a week, Black people will honor their first "Holy Day of Atonement and Reconciliation."

O.J. was reunited with his sons, and what better way to spend time together than at the kick-off of a new movement and era in Black America. I hope to see O.J. on Oct. 16, and for now, I can only repeat what I heard my brother say on the radio, "I'm proud to be Black today."

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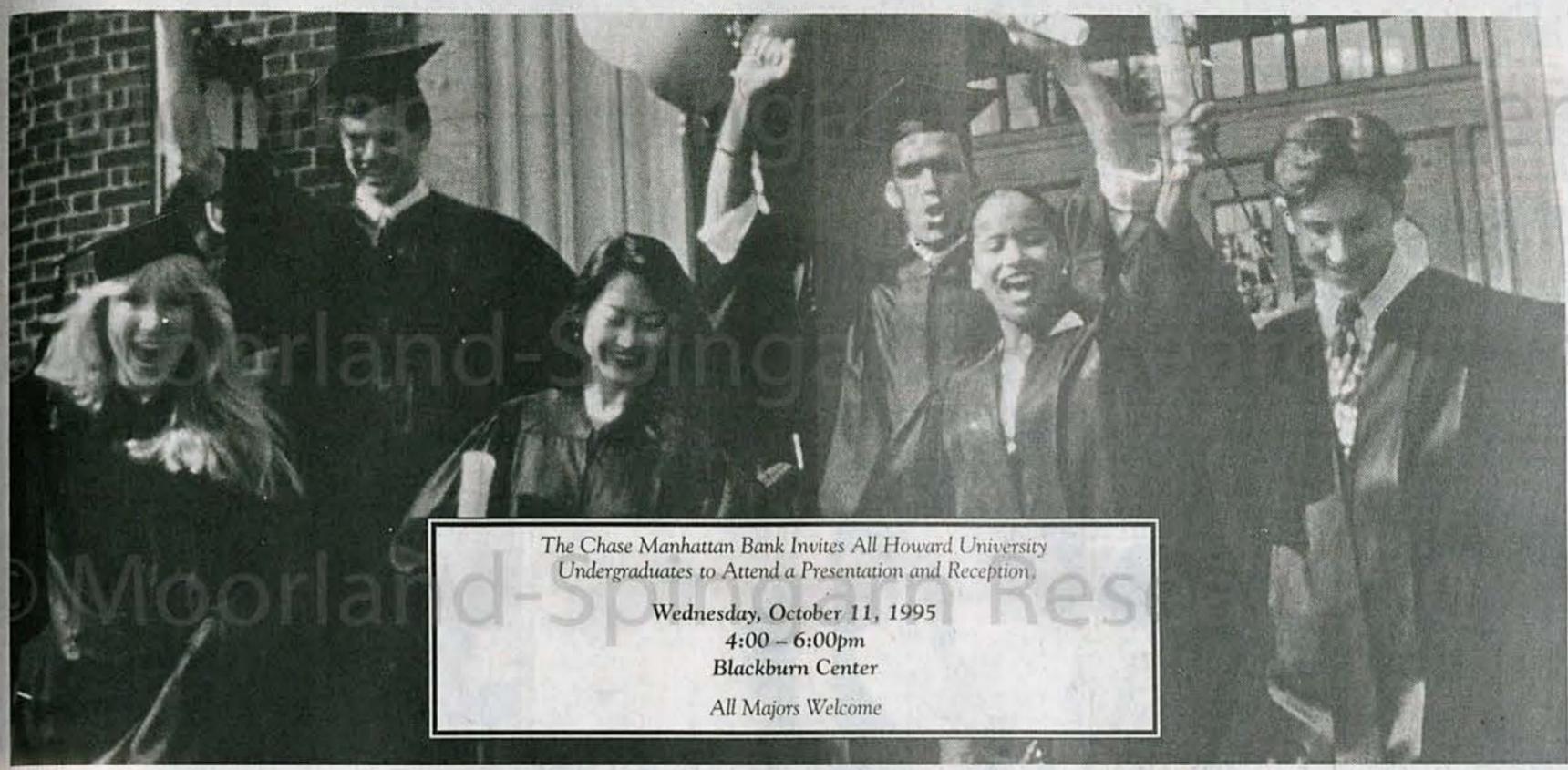
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The great hair debate: Where do Howard women stand?

By Russell Rickford
Hilltop Staff Writer

Nappy, fuzzy, puffy, wooly, shiny, glistening, streaked, weaved, fingerwaved, cornrowed, microbraided, texturized, twisted, knotted, tossed and whipped. From gaudy to glamorous, Howard hair runs the gamut. But some HU women are detangling themselves from the processed versus natural debate to discover that convenience and health are what really make "good hair."

Michelle Marrion wanted to go natural. A third-year film major from Rockland, N.Y., Marrion grew up in a community that demanded that little Black girls get perms.

"That's what I had to do to be normal. Hardly anybody was wearing their natural hair," Marrion said.

So, in the seventh grade, after years of having her hair pressed for special occasions with a stove-heated hot comb, Marrion finally got her first real perm. She thought then that it would be easier to handle her hair. It wasn't.

Constant washing, blow-drying, curling, styling and conditioning, combined with pricey beauty shop treatments and trims, finally drove Marrion to "go natural" upon arriving at Howard. "I cut it off because I wanted to start over," Marrion said. "I was coming to realize that it's totally absurd and unnatural. It's easier to be more like yourself."

Now, Marrion sports a short, natural "do," often tied back with a Kente cloth-patterned wrap. She says that with a touch of coconut oil to the scalp and religious washing, she can create a style in line with her own aesthetic sense—and no one else's.

Leslie Browne, a junior communications major from Chicago, also felt the pressure to have a mane of floss instead of yarn. Like Marrion, she recalls a childhood spent wanting to "go straight."

As a little girl, Browne would drape a towel over her head and toss her terrycloth tresses in the bathroom mirror. She would even use the fuzzy toilet seat cover, rolling it into a tube around her natural curls and letting it fall like a ponytail.

But then Browne started to become a woman, and simply pretending to have the kind of hair that tumbles instead of the kind that corkscrews wasn't cutting it any longer. So Browne got a perm.

Leslie Browne is all grown up now, 20 years old and ultra chic in a bob that teases her earlobes. Almost a decade after she first straightened her hair, however, she is thinking about cutting it.

"I can look at a strand of my hair and see that it goes thick and thin, thick and thin," Browne said, referring to the weak points in her hair's shafts caused by a processing routine that includes biweekly "touch-ups" (a chemical relaxing of coarse undergrowth at the hair's roots).

"Our hair is so much weaker and drier than white people's hair. You have to do all that extra just to keep your hair from breaking off," Brown said, adding that Pert Plus just can't tame her locks.

Ifatunbi Adefunmi, a biology major from a Nigerian Yoruba community, believes that sisters dilute the power of their locks when they put in straightening chemicals.

"Black hair is not meant to be stretched out," Adefunmi said. "After perming your hair over and over, you see it falling out. Our hair is not equipped to handle all that."

After a short-lived stint with an inverted bob in 1988, Adefunmi abandoned processed styles. Now she sports her untreated mane in a shaken-out, air-dried mass of coils, or tethered under a headwrap. She describes her style as a "natural progression of twisting," and keeps it manageable with Indian hemp.

Adefunmi does not buy the often-heard explanation that women give for relaxing their hair: "My stuff is just too thick, girl. It's out of control!"

According to Adefunmi, most African-American women have lost sight of the traditional techniques for manipulating their hair in beautiful ways. Perms are even dirtying their minds, she says.

"When you perm and dye your hair, your skull is porous and the chemicals enter your brain," Adefunmi said.

But Tifani Jackson and Lesly Robinson, senior mechanical engineering and biology majors, respectively, have been getting "relaxers" for half their lives, and they're not making any apologies.

"We handle our hair the way our parents and grandparents did," said Jackson, who says that her family is very afrocentric, regardless of the way they wear their hair. "My hair is heavy. The perm makes it feel light."

After relaxers, trims, hot oil treatments and deep conditioners, Robinson says she spends more than \$1,000 dollars a year on her hair.

"If my hair's not done, I don't feel completely dressed," she said. "I feel if you visit a hairstylist on a regular basis, you can still maintain healthy hair."

According to stylist Liz Nolan, owner of a salon in the Howard Hotel that serves mostly Howard students, most Washington-area women still put their hair through some type of process, whether they're wearing a bob, a natural or a finger-wave.

Nolan's shop is called "Natural Motion By Liz," a rather misleading name considering that the three most popular aforementioned styles are hardly ever done naturally.

And, yes, like many other styles sisters are wearing, even the close-cropped "natural" is usually texturized, said Nolan.

But, while most of it is treated in some way, all Black hair is not created equal.

"Some hair is healthier, stronger or has a tighter curl; we don't call it 'nappier' than other hair," Nolan said. But all processed hair should be treated with professional salon conditioners containing anti-breakage proteins every 10-14 days, says Nolan, a regimen that she says most of her student customers follow.

But, whether she kicks a processed or a natural style, it appears that the hairstyle of the Howard woman is less an expression of politics and consciousness than it is an expression of personal elegance.



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It's A She Thang! Twelve fall fashion essentials for women

Okay, ladies take out your pens and paper and prepare to take notes:

Fall fashion 101 is about to begin.

Although some things never change, what works (and what doesn't) in fashion is not one of them. Although certain items are considered to be fashion classics, most clothing trends fade out as quickly as they appear. Here's a simple, but concise list of 12 pieces of clothing and accessories that will keep you on top of the fashion industry this season.

(1) Small backpack- Whether it's made of cotton, satin/nylon or leather, having one is very necessary. These handy little bags are the greatest fashion accessory created. Purses are such a nuisance, why even bother with them? Just strap one of these on your back, and you're good to go. However, please make sure that the fabric of your bag compliments your outfit. For example, you wouldn't wear a satin/nylon bag with a sweatshirt. Nor would you wear a cotton bag with a nice blouse and skirt, would you?

(2) Satin shirt- What woman doesn't like the feel of satin against her skin? It can be worn with a pair of jeans for a casual look or dressed up with a skirt or a pair of dress slacks. Hot colors for satin this fall are silver and brown.

(3) Three-piece suit- This suit consists of a matching jacket, pants and skirt. Mix and match the bottoms at your convenience. Let your mood determine your choice. Feel like showing a little leg? Opt for the skirt. Believe it or not, polyester suits are a big item now. First platform shoes, now polyester—everything is coming back!

(4) Sweater or cardigan with a fur collar- You have probably seen these with outrageous patterns such as tiger or leopard print (which does not look good on everyone). But don't worry if you don't think you can pull it off or if you're not the daring type. They are available in subtle colors such as black fur on a black sweater or black fur on a brown sweater.

(5) Bubble/Quilted vest- You'll see a lot of women wearing bubble vests this fall. It's a style copied from the boys, but with a feminine twist. Also look out for bubble/quilted jackets in long and short, cropped lengths.

(6) Mohair sweater- I know what you're thinking—"Those itchy things?" Though they may be a bit uncomfortable to the skin, they are so cute, aren't they? To prevent the itchiness, always wear something underneath them.

(7) Wool blazer- Not only is it a cozy cover-up on those chilly days, it can turn casual jeans into nightwear. Try a turtle-neck sweater or simply a button-front shirt underneath.

(8) Cropped sweater- You don't have to wait until next summer to show off that tummy you've worked so hard to get. Cropped sweaters give you the warmth you'll need, as well as accent your "six-pack."

(9) White cotton blouse- A must-have every season is a long-sleeved white cotton blouse. The style can range from form-fitting with a wide collar to loose-fitting with big cuffs.

(10) Ribbed tights- Draw a little attention to your legs by wearing ribbed tights. Why wear plain tights when you can add a little excitement with ribbed ones? They can bring out the best in any outfit.

(11) Leggings- Whether you wear them with a sweater or a sweatshirt, leggings are a comfortable choice. Available in any color imaginable, they can be mixed and matched with any top of your choice.

(12) Ankle boots- Throw these on with a pair of leggings, wide-legged pants or even jeans and a nice top. Ankle boots will add a classy touch to any look.

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By Jaymes Powell
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Sorry, no good, son of a b—h!" is what Joe*, a junior psychology major, had to say about his freshman roommate. "We never got along. All he did was smoke weed. Sometimes he would even snort cocaine."

Joe and his roommate ended up getting into a fight and, upon returning home the next day, Joe received quite a surprise. "He urinated in my Sega." This prompted Joe to move out of Drew Hall and into the Towers. "I couldn't win. That dude was crazy. I saw him last year and he threatened to shoot me!"

Joe's story may seem out of the ordinary to some, however, several students on campus would say otherwise. Many confess to having conflicts with roommates. Problems range from roommates being dirty or irrational, to stealing or making unwanted homosexual advances.

Ron*, a senior business major, was living in Cook Hall during his sophomore year when he encountered his roommate from hell.

"Steve* was foul. He stunk so bad that the whole suite smelled like him. He would walk around naked. One time [he] sat on my pillow while he was naked... his butt left a stain. I had to throw the pillow out," Ron recalled. He said his roommate even went so far as to break things in the suite and blame it on him.

Stacey's* story is one of theft. A sophomore majoring in biology, she was living in the Howard Plaza Tow-

ers during her freshman year. She had a very good relationship with her roommate, or so she thought. During the course of the year, she discovered that some of her belongings were missing.

"I didn't really think anything of it at first. I just thought I was losing things," she explained.

One day, her roommate was going to the grocery store. "I asked her to get me something. I gave her my ATM card and told her the number. I told her to take out \$20. The next time I went to the ATM, I was missing \$120," she said.

Stacey confronted her roommate about the missing money, but she denied taking it. However, during Christmas break, Stacey returned early and found her roommate's door open.

"I went in and found most of my 'lost' stuff in her closet. When she got back I punched her dead in the eye."

When problems occur between roommates, tensions can lead to severe actions. One of these actions may be physical confrontation. Slowe Hall Resident Assistant Kevin Tostan urges students not to use violence to settle their disagreements.

"If you and your roommate have a problem, try to work it out by talking. If that doesn't work, try to get your R.A. to mediate. That's what we're here for; you shouldn't fight. You won't settle anything, and you might get kicked out of the dorm," Tostan said.

Michele*, a graduate student who also attended Howard as an undergraduate, did not try to talk or work out her roommate "situation." All she wanted to do after her roommate came on to her was get out.

"She was cool; we always hung out together," she said of her former roommate.

"I was at home, so I would just walk around in a night shirt. Sometimes she would stare. And, when my boyfriend would come over, she would catch an attitude with him," Hayes said. "Then, one night, I was doing curls [exercises] in my room, so I was real sweaty..."

Michele recalled that her roommate offered to wipe the sweat off. But, after informing her roommate that she already had a towel, she said that the girl had other ideas

in mind.

"I had to push her off," she said. Michele stayed with her boyfriend until she could change room assignments.

Living with someone can be a hard task. Sharing a room means that the occupants must accept a difficult situation. Students share the good, bad and ugly sides to having a roommate every way of doing things. If the occupants respect one another and their way of doing things, then roommates can have a good relationship, and actually become good friends.

"When I first came to the Towers, I didn't have a lot of stuff, so she let me use hers," LaDawn James, a sophomore acting major, said of her roommate, Cherie Black. "She cooks for me and she shares her things. We never argue; she's really sweet," James said.

James is not alone in saying that having roommates can be a positive experience. There are as many good stories about roommates as there are bad ones. Roommates can act as friends, supporters, and confidants. Many students could not stand to be without their roommates and make mutual decisions to keep the same ones from year to year.

"She's really nice and we haven't had any problems. We respect each other; she's my best friend at school," said Ayana Charleston, a sophomore majoring in biology, referring to her roommate Narochele Hammond. They were also roommates last year.

Experts agree that having a roommate can be a positive experience.

"It is a good experience to share a living space with another individual," said Dr. Thomas R. Wessel, associate director of the Howard University counseling service.

Wessel believes that living with and accepting another person can have a positive impact on students.

"In the interest of well-being and mental health, it is good to have a roommate. The benefits outweigh the risks."

* names have been changed

Reflections

Women, let us men march—alone

By Jaymes Powell

Sisters, let me thank you for carrying our community for the past four centuries. Now, it is time for the Black man to step up and take his place in his family and in the Black community. On Oct. 16, there will be a march designed to help the Black man regain his position. It is to be a Million Man March. Sisters, please do not attend!

The march was conceived by Min. Louis Farrakhan to encourage Black men to assume a greater responsibility for the community and their families. The Million Man March is designed to demonstrate unity and brotherhood among Black men. For too long, Black women have been our sole community leaders. For too long, Black women have had to play the role of both mother and father in the home.

For these reasons, sisters, it is important that only Black men march. Over the past few weeks, I have heard many Black women saying that they plan to attend the march. The reason most of them cite is that they want to stand with their men in show of support.

Women, we do need your support. The organizers of the march say that Black women must abstain from going to work or school. Black women must not buy into the mainstream economy. They must teach youth the power of Black unity. Black women must also help with voter registration. These are things that

Black women can do to support the march. However, one of the most detrimental things Black women can do is attempt to part the million MEN.

Sisters, just imagine one million Black MEN. Marching strong; telling the government that they will no longer stand for the injustices suffered by our people. One million Black MEN hearing and understanding why it is more important to raise a child than to make one. One million Black MEN learning to settle their differences and unite, rather than shooting and killing. Sisters, you must admit that that would be an awesome spectacle.

Women, we know that you care. If there was to be a "million Black person march," women would outnumber men at least five to one. All I ask is that you give Black men a chance to stand up for ourselves. Black men need to do this. Sisters, please do not cause differences among our people by insisting on marching. Men are still men.

Once a few women show up at the march, men will start to compete for your attention. It is in our nature. Let us have this day without distractions.

PEOPLE

Determined film student shoots for the stars Freshman aspires to be the 'next Denzel'

By La Chanda Jenkins
Hilltop Staff Writer

At eighteen years old, he stands six feet tall and has dyed red hair. No, he is not your average guy.

But it's not just Larry Brown's appearance that sets him apart from the hundreds of other freshmen on campus.

"I'm an independent, powerful, optimistic, determined, open-minded person," Brown said.

This film major decided that he wanted to be as involved at Howard as he was in high school.

In high school, Brown was senior class president and graduated salutatorian of his class.

At Howard, he is a disc jockey at WHBC, a volunteer for both the School of Communications Student Council and the Undergraduate Student Assembly and a member of the Howard University Film Organization (HUFO) and the School of Communications Annenberg Honors Program.

And Brown is also a posse member for Black Entertainment Television's Teen Summit.

Brown's early involvement at the University sets him apart from other new students. Brown considers himself different from other students because he has always known what he wanted to do.

He knew what he was doing when he attended an interest meeting for WHBC. Hoping to learn about different areas of the entertainment industry, Brown applied for a position at the station and attended a training session.

Calling himself "Cream," Brown now deejays the Sunday noon to 2 p.m. shift. He sees his work at WHBC as a learning experience and an opportunity to listen to music he enjoys.

With the clear goal in mind of learning more about the film industry, Brown then joined HUFO. Membership in this organization, he said, will enable him to network with future Black film directors and producers. Even though Brown's immediate career goal is to

be an actor, in the future he wants to produce and direct films. His major and work with HUFO will help him reach this goal.

To further his involvement in the School of Communications and challenge himself academically, Brown applied for the Annenberg Honors Program in the school. He hopes that the program will help him reach his goal of maintaining a high grade point average and graduating with honors.

As senior class president, a member of the marching band and the National Honor Society and a regional winner in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program, Brown had an impressive high school career, graduating with a 4.3 grade point average. It was these credits that gained him a tuition scholarship to Howard.

Brown hopes that good grades in college, as in high school, will breed more scholarship money.

But Brown's dedication doesn't stop there.

He decided to be active in student government. So the eager freshman knocked on the door of

UGSA and the School of Communications Student Council. Impressed with the positive things both organizations were doing, Brown decided to volunteer.

But Brown's mission did not stop where the boundaries of the campus end. This year, Brown applied for and auditioned to be a Posse member on Teen Summit. Eighteen Posse members were chosen and Brown was one of them. The aspiring actor sees Teen Summit as an excellent opportunity.

"It's nationwide television exposure. It will help me to reach my goal of becoming an actor," he said.

In addition, he wants to influence youth by presenting a positive young Black role model on television.

For Brown, prioritizing is very important. His recipe for success includes balancing social activities and academics. Brown makes sure he goes to all his classes, which start at eight o'clock every morning.

A social life, Brown said, comes after school work.

"I'm here for education and the social part comes later," he said.

If devoted isn't the best word to describe Brown, then determined is.

About a week after he arrived at the University, Brown was robbed at gunpoint. But not once after the robbery did he think about leaving Howard.

Unlike some other students who shared similar experiences, Brown used the incident as a learning experience rather than a reason to head home. He knows now to be more careful and more alert on campus.

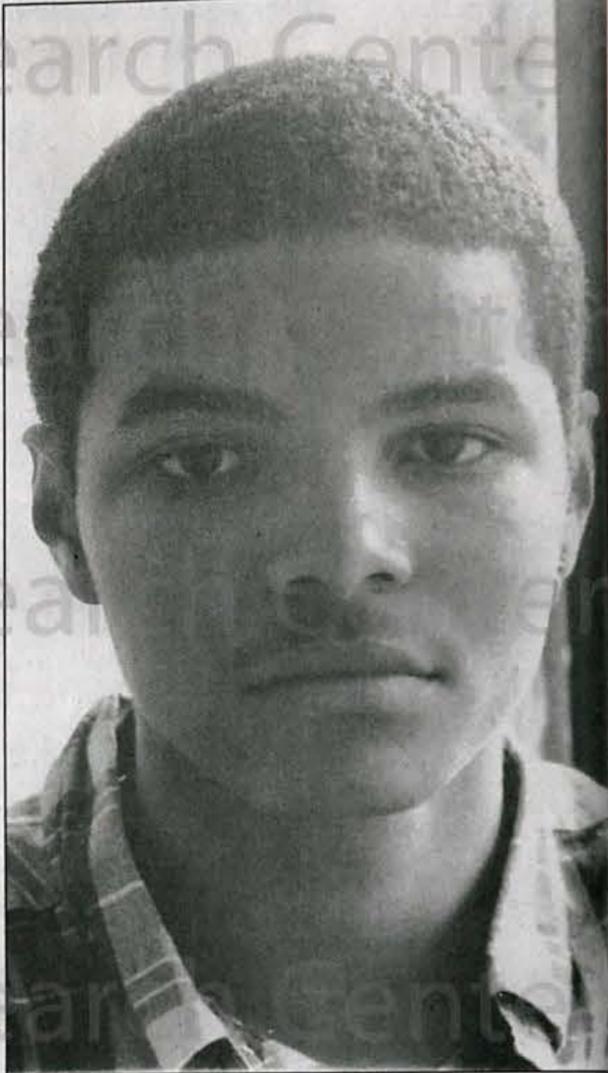
No, Brown's spirits are not easily broken.

For instance, he tried out for the University's production of the play "Before It Hits Home," but did not make it. Not to worry, said Brown, he'll keep auditioning for plays. He said he will not quit because of one rejection. Rejections, he said, more than acceptances, will characterize his acting career.

"When you fall down, you're going to have to get back up."

After graduating from the University, Brown wants to move to New York to pursue his acting career. He said he considered being a doctor, but decided that his school stay would be too long.

Even if he's "just doing commercials," Brown wants to act. "I'll call Spike Lee if I have to,"



Larry Brown

he warned. "I know I will become an actor. I want to be the next Denzel Washington."

Brown is criticized when he reveals his career goal to others. Many people tell him that acting is not a good career choice. However, Brown takes all negative comments as constructive criticism and remains focused on his goals.

"I feel that if you're determined enough, anything is possible."

Brown wants to share this message with others through the field of communications. He picked

his film major because he thinks communications is one of the strongest influences on American youth.

For Brown, getting what he wants out of life translates into distinct goals.

Coming to Howard has allowed him to reach the first goal. Then, he hopes to graduate with honors. The third will be achieving his acting goals.

"When I receive my academic award, that will be the end of a dream," Brown said.

VITAL STATISTICS

Name: Larry Brown

Age: 18

Major: Film

Hometown: Petersburg, Va.

Words of Wisdom: As long as you believe in yourself you can accomplish anything in life. Nothing can bring you down, unless you let it bring you down."

Bookstore owner seeks to celebrate Black 'sheroes'



Faye Williams

By Dawnica Jackson
Hilltop Staff Writer

"I am proud or one might say even arrogant about my story—enough to tell it," Faye Williams, a political activist and proprietor of SisterSpace and Books, said. Growing up in Gainesville, Fla., which she calls, 'socially backward, politically corrupt, racially racist, and free of ugly people,' gave her an insight into her self-consciousness.

She lives her life by two African proverbs which state, "Much like the

peacock, if no one else celebrates you, celebrate yourself," and "Know thy self." Williams believes this should become not only the anthem of African-American women but of all African-Americans.

In the 11 years since moving to Washington, D.C. from Florida, Williams has graduated from college, opened up her own bookstore, began a women's support group, and most importantly began the 1st annual African-American Women's History Month to be held each year in Washington, D.C. Williams is now working to have African-American Women's Month placed on the national register. She believes in reclaiming and celebrating our "sheroes" as well as our heroes.

"January belongs to Martin, February belongs to Martin, Malcolm, and Marcus,

and March belongs to White women; we needed a month," Williams said. "You never hear about the women warriors who are just as important as the men."

"April was chosen because April is synonymous with spring—revival, hope, new and renewed expectations. This month gives us inspiration and energy to excel, struggle and survive throughout the year," poet Sandra Jowers said. "This month is a time for us to declare that we will treat ourselves and each other kindly even though we and history have not always done so," she added.

Williams prides herself on making a difference. "If you died tomorrow and no one cared then you had nothing to say," she said. For this reason, she started the In Her Light women's discussion groups to help women on an individual basis.

The title of the group came from Williams' personal "shero," Fannie Lou Hamer, a civil rights activist who was known to sing, "This Little Light Of Mine"—hence the title of the group.

Every Saturday for the last year the group has met. Twenty to 30 women come together to discuss everything from skin complexion and hair texture to Black womanhood.

Williams believes that the most important function in our lives is to make the world better for the next generation.

"I could make much more vending on 14th Street than in my store," Williams said. "I had to answer my calling, stop talking about making a difference and just do it."

Williams has seen quite a bit during her 11 years in D.C. Unfortunately, it has not all been positive, especially her experience at Howard.

"Howard University is living proof of what a history used to be," Williams said. "Howard used to have such energy. The only place international students knew in Washington, D.C. was Howard University and the Lincoln Memorial."

According to Williams, Howard students used to volunteer all over the area and the residents of D.C. embraced Howard students with love and respect. Today it seems as if Howard and the residents of D.C. have a love-hate relationship.

She added, "Howard cannot afford to lose its OB/GYN accreditation and its hotel. It is losing the health and business of Howard, two of the most important aspects of human survival."

Even so, Williams believes there is hope for Howard. With instructors like Dr. Eleanor Traylor [Chairman of the Department of English] and students who understand the importance of Howard it will again become great.

Williams subscribes to the ideology that sexism has prevented African Americans from moving forward. "We could have better leadership, more educated individuals, and a stronger sense of unity if sexism was not alive and well in our culture and society," she said.

Fortunately, advancement has begun in the African-American community, Williams noted.

In the midst of all the controversy over the Million Man March, Williams has taken a neutral stance. "I'm glad to see Black men uniting," Williams said.

Other than impartial answers Williams said little else about the march.

"I do believe African-American men and women need to both be up front in the fight," she added.

Williams' struggle started several years ago when at the age of 15, she was kicked out of high school for trying to form a Black Student Union at her high school. Her later involvement in the Malcolm X Political Liberation Foundation helped solidify her desire to change the world.

The Malcolm X Political Liberation Foundation is now defunct; it was resolved in 1975. While in operation, it provided

social science and Black history classes.

"It showed me what Black people centrally without money could accomplish and give back," Williams said.

After high school Williams was disenchanted with the education system in America. Yet, a full scholarship to George Washington University changed her mind. It helped open her eyes to the truth.

While at George Washington, Williams studied a combination of history, English, placing heavy emphasis on African-American literature and women's history. It was here that she realized the importance of the African-American women's voices and their stories. Therefore she opened SisterSpace and Books. The primary goal of the book store is to preserve, promote, and produce the writings of African-American women. In the hope of Williams that SisterSpace and Books provide the general public with a sexist, non-racist, non-homophobic and generally progressive books and other items which reflect the spirit and the genius of African-American women.

"The most important function in our lives is to make the world better for the next generation," Williams explained.

VITAL STATISTICS

Name: Faye Williams

Hometown: Gainesville, Fla.

Profession: Owner, SisterSpace and Books

Words of Wisdom: "Know thy Self."

PULSE!

Howard alumnus breaks into fashion industry



Howard alumnus Don Williams, owner of The Nonod Group.

By Dortricia Penn
Hilltop Staff Writer

Clothing makes a very important statement about who we are and what we represent, but some question who sets the trends for fashion and to what

extent the African-American community is represented in these trends. "We [Black people] set the pace for the fashion industry," said Don Williams, creator of The Nonod Group.

Williams, 28, a native of Buffalo, N.Y. and a former marketing major at Howard, said that Black people need to be more cautious of where we spend our money, in order to make it work for us.

What started as a one-man operation soon grew into what Williams now calls The Nonod Group, a company that specializes in everything from consultation and research, to product promotion and marketing distribution for up-and-coming fashion designers with innovative apparel. He also hopes to one day own his own marketing firm.

He believes he has revolutionized the term "cooperative economics." "Lots of people have talent, but they don't know where to begin. They can't afford to pay some big advertising firm to push their product, and that's where I come in."

Williams explained that the best thing one can barter with is one's services, and this idea has developed into what he calls "front-line marketing," a marketing concept that helped him start his business.

He says he calls the concept "front-line marketing" because he gets input from consumers. He listens to their opinions and presents those opinions to the designers.

Williams thought of the concept after he got his first taste marketing clothing when he bought a shirt and a hat from designer Andre Byron of Authentic Clothing and wore it to a couple of parties—people went wild.

"Black people, White people, old people, even little kids were like, 'Where did you get that [shirt] from? That is nice!'" Williams recalled.

Williams said he had his first big hit at the IBEX club. The Fugees were performing and he circulated about a dozen shirts between the Fugees, their managers and a band that was performing, as well. He said he never gave it a second thought until the shirt was spotted on MTV. At that point, Williams realized the marketing potential of working with hip-hop artists and, he said, "It was on!" What had started out as a venture with the initial intent of making a couple of dollars turned into something "phat."

"Everyone likes the gear; not only Black people but everyone... it has mass appeal." The designs range from the extreme to the very subtle, cool style.

Williams added that he has not only been supported by the Howard community, but by the D.C. community, as well. He said the Black

community supports him and 'makes' him, therefore he must give his services back to the community.

"I'm just happy to see young brothers with an entrepreneurial spirit, trying to do what they do best and doing things from their own perspective," Williams said. "There is no greater joy than to be able to do something that you enjoy doing and know that it will benefit you in the long run. Particularly knowing that I can make some money and give it back to the community."

Some of the designers Williams has worked with include Leslie Ali of Inner City Wear, Dwayne Lewis and Mike Cherry of Dada Supreme, Gary James of Darksyde Posse, and Andre Byron of Authentic Clothing. He



The Nonod Group promotes clothing by up and coming fashion designers.

has also worked with artists such as Pete Rock and C. L. Smooth, The Fugees, Lords of the Underground, AZ, and The Roots.

Williams is working on a catalog that will feature some of the clothing he promotes. The fashions will also be featured in this year's Howard homecoming fashion show.

Unity, survival of Black men characterizes "Dead Presidents"

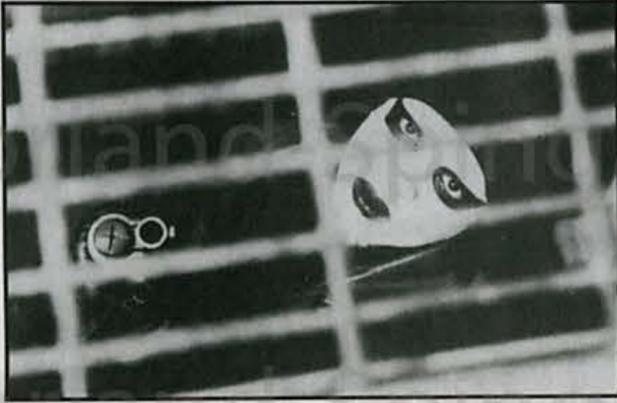
By Awanya Deneace Anglin
Hilltop Staff Writer

Quentin Tarantino and Ron Howard watch out—the Hughes brothers have returned with their new, riveting drama entitled "Dead Presidents."

Albert and Allen Hughes produced, directed and wrote the movie, which stars Larenz Tate ("Menace II Society," "The Inkwell"), Keith David ("Clockers," "Platoon"), Chris Tucker ("House Party III," "Friday"), Rose Jackson (FOX's "The Crew") and N'Bushe Wright ("Zebrahead," "Fresh").

The movie begins in 1968 and Anthony Curtis (Tate) is a young street hustler from the Bronx who decides to join the Marine Corps to fight in the Vietnam War instead of attending college. He is later joined by his friends Skip (Tucker) and Jose (Freddy Rodriguez).

During the war, Anthony and the other soldiers face many challenges to maintaining unity—a component



Anthony Curtis (Tate) masterminds heist in 'Dead Presidents'.

of war that is necessary for survival. The film recreates the realities of war faced by many Black soldiers. In one scene, Anthony and other Black soldiers in the platoon deal with the Viet Cong trying to question the place of Blacks in the war. The Viet Congs and North Vietnamese, in hopes of weakening

the unity of the American soldiers, leave papers around the war grounds stating that Black men should not be fighting in a White man's war.

"Presidents" also shows how soldiers witnessed the gory atrocities of war. Those with a weak stomach should be warned: The movie showed plenty of blood, intestines and maimed body parts.

Emotional trauma is another major theme. During the war, Anthony re-evaluates his life. Upon his release from the military, he decides to return to his girlfriend.

In 1972, after finishing his four-year duty, Anthony returns to the Bronx. Upon returning, Anthony and his friends have difficulty adjusting, since they expect to be greeted as heroes, but aren't. They also must deal with the responsibilities of new families.

After searching for work, the only job Anthony is able to find is a low-paying one at a butcher shop. In the meantime, he, his girlfriend, Juanita (Jackson), and their four-year-old daughter are forced to live in an filthy South Bronx apartment.

Unfortunately, Anthony never finds substantive employment. Pressured to make ends meet, he constructs a plan to acquire "dead presidents" (slang for cash).

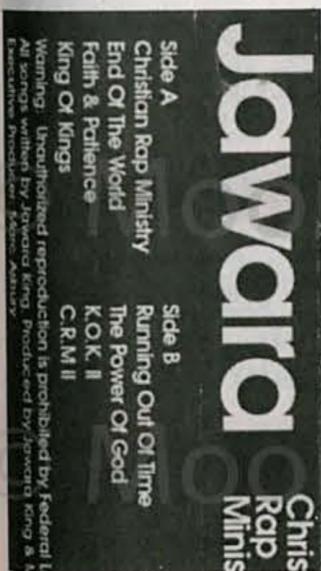
"Dead Presidents" is a movie well worth seeing. It's informative, humorous, dramatic, and down right enjoyable.



Anthony (Tate) and Juanita (Jackson) make plans for the future.

"Dead Presidents"
Rating: A+

Student spreads Gospel with Christian rap album



Jawara enters hip-hop scene with 'Christian Rap Ministry' album.

By Katrina Pratt
Hilltop Staff Writer

Jawara King "entas da stage" as a lyrical acrobat seeking victory in the name of God with his new album entitled "Jawara Christian Rap Ministry."

"I consider my rap 100 percent based on] the word. I try to stay focused on God and not on myself," says Jawara about his rap expression as compared to other rap artists.

Jawara fell into Christian rap at age seventeen, but, surprisingly, his family is not religious. "I used to be a secular rap artist when I started at fourteen and I didn't feel good writing songs about smoking blunts and knockin' honies. I feel as though I'd be more productive rappin' about Christ," Jawara explained.

"Picture Raekwon or Method Man speakin' something positive. A lot of people would listen." Through funky melodies, jazzy interludes and true hip-hop beats, Jawara speaks on such issues as

"Faith and Patience" and "The Power of God," which are the titles of two songs on the album.

"I did my album in two weeks because I was really pressed for time, but this is a good album."

Jawara hopes to get some phat remixes such as the ones produced by Sean "Puffy" Combs. "I'm hoping to get a few people such as the ones that produced Kwame to work with me... Yeah, I wish 'Puffy' or C. L. Smooth could do some remixes for me. As a matter of fact, I wish Christ could just come in the studio and throw some wicked tracks up on my album. I want the best."

Jawara criticizes much of what he terms "negative rap."

"Most of the nation glorifies getting high and shooting people. Women are constantly disrespected. Snatch Biggie off of "One More Chance" and let me have it; I'll tell a real woman how she should be loved and honored by a man through Christ."

"People think that this physical world is all there is and make songs like, "Life's a b—h and then you

die;" that's not true because we are spirits and God created everything you see."

A native of Atlantic City, N.J., and a criminal justice major at Howard, 19-year-old Jawara has a contract to produce three more records on his current label. His record hit stores less than a month ago and he feels it has been fairly successful.

Jawara hopes to add flavor to his rap and to convince people that Christian rap can be as hard as some secular rap.

One of his aspirations is to be versatile enough to perform in various situations.

"I don't want to be labeled into the Christian rap world and only be able to perform at church functions. I want to perform in concert with secular artists, too."

Jawara says that he hopes Christian rappers will one day get the respect that secular artists have, and gives his philosophy on life and music: "If I have a problem, the Bible has all the answers I would ever need. God honors his word and I hope to spread that to others."

The Hilltop Presents
"WHBC'S Bison Big Ups And Buck Downs"
Whether You Should...ROCK IT Or Keep The \$ In Your Pocket!!!
This is a music guide for the Howard student. Since there are few record stores in the area, the music should be worth your trip.

RATINGS: BREAK YOUR NECK TO BUY IT NOW!
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Das Efx - Hold It Down (EastWest)
Rating: Just Wait Til Payday
 After their sophomore slump, the Diggety crew have come back nicely. The album has 18 tracks and, surprisingly, the lyrics keep your head noddin' for the whole album, without overusing their trademark flow. What is nice about this album is that the beats are tight and, at times, experimental, showing that they want to take their skills to the next level. Check for "Real Hip-Hop" (of course), "40 & A Blunt," "Represent the Real," "Can't Have Nothin'" and "Microphone Master."

D'Angelo - Brown Sugar (EMI)
Rating: Break Your Neck
 If you don't have this album by now... well, what are you waiting for? There is not one song that you won't like. You can feel the rhythm, blues and soul in every song. The beats, lyrics, soul... we can go on and on, but this is definitely good for play on any weekend. Check for **every** song on this album.

Beenie Man - Blessed (Island)
Rating: Buy on Sale
 This Dancehall king has many flavors to serve you. 14 tracks of pure dancehall keep your body movin', but some of the tracks give you the feeling that a remix should have been done. For the pure dancehall fans, this is one to get. For those who are only occasional listeners, you can wait a little bit. Check for the #1 hits "Slam," "Modelling," "Tear Off Mi Garment," and "Stop Live A De Pass."

Kool G. Rap - 4.5,6 (Cold Chillin')
Rating: Buy on Sale
 There has been much anticipation for this one, but, regrettably, it falls a wee bit short. The problem lies in the production—if G Rap has a nice beat, he makes the song lovely; when he doesn't, you want to push the fast-forward button. However, the cut with Nas ("Fast Life") has the potential to be a smash hit and should be pumped. Check for "It's a Shame," "Money on My Brain" and "Take 'Em To War."

Soul II Soul - Volume V (Virgin)
Rating: Get A Dub
 We're still waiting for this group to return to the form they showed on their first album. However, they did make the right move by bringing back Caron Wheeler to supply vocals and soul to the album. The sound of the album is mature, but the beats are often cluttered, and you don't know if they're trying to please the American or European crowd. Check for "I Care," "Love Enuff" (remix) and "Pride."

Luniz - Operation Stackola (Noo-Trybe)
Rating: Just Wait Till Payday
 This Oakland Crew provides phat beats and tight production to give the listener a taste of the West Coast lifestyle. Samples are present on almost every track, but the lyricists keep it real with their flow. Of course, "I Got 5 On It" plus the reprise makes the album a keeper. Check for "Put the Lead On Ya," "1-900-Blame-A-Nigga" and "Playa Hatas."

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BUSINESS

MBA students compete at National Black conference

By Tina-Renee Johnson
Hilltop Staff Writer



Members of the Masters of Business Administration Association

Williams, Brown and Reed examined the marketing strategy of the Chrysler Neon automobile and translated the case in English, French and Spanish.

"The judges were really wowed when they saw that the case was translated," Williams said. "Since this is the corporate world, it is essential to be global and that's what we were trying to do."

The Howard team came in second place in the semi-finals. The University of Tennessee at Knoxville and John Hopkins University placed first and second,

respectively, in the finals. Students also had a chance to meet and interview with representatives from over 400 Fortune 500 companies.

"The most important thing I learned in my four years as an undergraduate at Howard was networking," Williams said. "This conference gives students an opportunity to use those skills. There's nothing better than being surrounded by hundreds of African-American professionals and leaders."

The NMBAA was created by a

group of University of Chicago students in 1970 in attempt to increase networking at their school and to inform other Black students about the importance of pursuing an MBA.

Today, in it's 25th year, the organization has 32 domestic chapters, one international affiliate and over 3,000 members.

The group grants over a quarter of a million dollars in scholarships annually and is the leading Black organization of business professionals, students and entrepreneurs.

PROFILE: T.F. Group Stresses Investing

By Tina-Renee Johnson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Two years ago a group of young African Americans discussed the state of Black people and the ills of society. The group decided to stop talking and do something about it.

That day, the T. F. Group Investment Club was born.

The T. F. Group is a minority investment club that is devoted to educating its members and the community about the various financial options available to them.

The six major investments of the club are currently: one money market, three mutual funds and two aggressive stocks.

The group's 34 members, composed of business owners, teachers, a doctor and a car salesman, pay monthly dues of \$45.

"It's not that we [African Americans] don't make as much money as others, it's just that we don't know what to do with it," Daron D. Fullwood, president of the T. F. Group, said. "That's one of the club's major goals . . . to educate people on how to make their money work for them."

In addition to education, the group also stresses networking, giving back to the community and earning a profit.

"I don't really understand people who make it and don't give back," said Fullwood, who is also a financial manager for the United States Navy. "What they say about it being lonely at the top is really true. We want to change that."

That sentiment was demonstrated last week when the T. F. Group sponsored a reception for Black congressional staffers during the Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference at

the Grand Hyatt Hotel in D.C. "The Black staffers on the hill are some of the hardest workers whose work really goes unnoticed," Fullwood said. "The reception was an opportunity to say thank you and salute them as well as provide another way to network with our peers and grow stronger economically."

Fullwood said he also has unofficial plans to mentor high school students in Washington.

The group will take five percent of every investment project and invest into a child's college education.

While new members are no longer being accepted, Fullwood still encourages people to get involved in investing, especially students.

"I generally find that college students have energy that others don't present. You need that kind of energy when you're involved in something like this," he said. "I would strongly suggest that students start investing now! Start your own investment clubs, look into mutual funds. It's never too late to start saving for retirement."

Fullwood also invites anyone who is interested to attend the group's monthly meeting at It's Your Mug Cafe, owned by a Howard University alumnus, on the last Wednesday of every month.

By the year 1998, the T. F. Group will have assets totaling over \$150,000, and will be a force to be reckoned with, Fullwood said.

"If you're living in the D.C. area, you will know the T. F. Group. But that will only happen with hard work and dedication and this is something that all African Americans can do," he said. "Remember, Donald Trump didn't become Donald Trump by being late."

Making your money work for you



Financial representatives say students have many options when it comes to establishing a budget.

By Mafara Hobson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Knowing how to plant and grow money during college years can be beneficial early in life. Most people in their late teens and early twenties have become experts at spending money, but few know about the benefits of savings and checking accounts, let alone mutual funds and Certificates of Deposit (CDs).

"There are lots of ways to grow or stretch your money without having to accept a second job or take out a loan," said Adjoa Tussah-Accolley, financial customer service representative for Signet Bank.

Accolley said that students' major problem is balancing their

accounts.

"Many college students write checks and withdraw money from the ATM without properly balancing their records. This often leads to an overdrawn account."

Students should make a habit to balance their checkbook every month, she added.

One way to stash money is to have two separate accounts—one for checking, and one for saving.

"With two separate accounts, you can spend what you need in your checking account, and still have some money tucked away in your savings account for emergencies," Accolley said.

Savings and checking accounts are good investments because they collect interest. For big investments, students should look to CDs.

"CDs accumulate more interest over time," she said.

Mutual funds are the best way to get acquainted with stocks because they allow you to invest your dollars

with several other investors.

The risks are reduced because they are divided up among a number of investors.

Growing your money: Do's and Don'ts

Do...

Keep a weekly or monthly budget

Keep two separate accounts

Have one major credit card to begin establishing credit

Don't...

Fail to balance your checkbook

Burden yourself with department store credit cards with high interest rates

Spend what you need, not what you don't have

AT&T split may hurt employees, but help consumers

By John Guyton
Hilltop Staff Writer

After realizing it had become too large to manage its affairs effectively, AT&T, the multimillion-dollar telephone service company, has decided to split into three different divisions: communica-

tions equipment, communications services, and computers and technology. The break-up is the largest dismantling of a corporation in U.S. history.

AT&T feels the split will make operations more efficient.

"The split will affect AT&T positively . . . it will be more innovative," said Al Wann, AT&T

public relations director for the Mid-Atlantic states. "Customers will see more values as rates in the long-distance industry continue to decline . . . consumers have a lot to look forward to in the near future."

Over 8,500 jobs will be affected by the split. For those not laid off, reductions in salaries and benefits are expected.

"They gave us no warning about the break-up. I think they were making a lot of money and I don't feel this break-up was necessary," one AT&T sales representative said.

The break-up will not as harshly affect consumers because of legislation passed by Congress last summer to deregulate control in much of the telephone industry.

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*The O.J. Simpson trial cost Los Angeles County \$9 million.

*Keeping the jury in sequestration for 266 days cost \$2, 985,052.

*Jurors were paid \$5 per day, a total of \$1,330 per juror for their nine months of "work".

*Networks asked advertisers for \$200,000 for a 30 second spot when the verdict would be announced, but few responded. Among advertisements that did air commercials: Campbell's Soup, Kentucky Fried Chicken, L' eggs, and a promotion for presidential candidate Steve Forbes.

*Tuesday, the day the verdict was read, was the most unproductive day for businesses since the start of the Gulf War in 1991.

*Trading at the New York stock exchanged fell 41 percent during the announcement of the verdict.

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The multimillion-dollar Microsoft company is planning to drop prices on consumer CD-ROM titles, perhaps starting market-wide trend.

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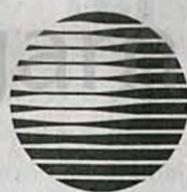
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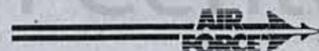
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HEALTH & FITNESS

A beef with beef: Vegans pair health, activism

By **Reginold Royston**
Hilltop Staff Writer

First of a four part series

Health-conscious consumers are discarding their "all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese" for low-fat burgers, garden salads, and even vegetable patties. Fast-food restaurants have noticed the trend and capitalized on the wave of interest in dietary issues.

But the prospect of turning an Extra Value Meal into a vegan dish, devoid of milk, cheese and egg, would have Ronald McDonald choking on his Shamrock Shake.

Vegan (pronounced vee-gun or vej-un), came into practice as a word during the 1940s to signal a strict and dynamic vegetarian philosophy, incorporating a moral and spiritual quest to halt use of animals in scientific research, in sports, as well as in food consumption.

Vegans, unlike the lacto-ovo vegetarians, refrain from consuming dishes that contain eggs, milk or cheese, in any of their various forms. Fruitionists consume principally fruits and juices and the disputed "half" vegetarians eat everything but red meat (cattle beef). Vegan diets include grains and oats, vegetables untreated by chemicals, unbleached sugars and flours, and tofu, a soy bean product

which can be a major source of protein.

The ranks of people who call themselves vegans include not only health physicians and dieters. They are also organic produce farmers, animal rights activists, political-economic rights advocates from underdeveloped countries, and religious people.

"I wouldn't imagine eating my own flesh, animals have just as much right to live on the earth as we do. It's not even simply a statement for me. It's the way I want to live," said Seba Ndayishimye Johnson, a senior graphic design major.

The St. Croix native was raised as a vegan by her mother who abruptly stopped eating animals after visiting a slaughterhouse. She described her mother's experience as horrific; the cows noticeably shaking fearfully as they were prepared for slaughter.

Johnson, who has been a member of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), was also a former Olympic athlete and feels her veganism did not stop her from becoming a strong competitor in sports.

"The strongest animal on earth is the elephant, and they're vegetarians. I, myself, have never broken a bone. At the Olympics there was a big population of vegetarians from all over the world who only ate vegetarian meals,"

Johnson said.

However, nutritionists and dieticians differ greatly in opinion as to the general health benefits of removing meat from one's diet. At the center of this debate is the issue whether or not a strict vegan can

mean they go to work right away and the body can utilize their nutrients most quickly and easily, if they're from animal sources than if they're from plants," said Dr. Barbara F. Harland, head of the Department of Nutrition at

consists of unrefined grains, pita bread and chick peas, their growth rate rose as a result, in some instances, as much as 6 inches per year.

The 25-year veteran of the FDA feels that people who believe meat generally contains numerous hormones and impurities are misinformed.

"You cook red meat to enhance its nutritional value and in case there are any microorganisms. A vegan can not get all the nutrients they need. They have to supplement," Harland said.

But health advocates who favor an organic vegetarian lifestyle flatly reject this argument. Drawing on a body of statistics of their own, physicians in the vegan camp reason that every vitamin and protein received from animal consumption, can be received in greater amounts from a wide variety of plants, grains and vegetables.

The Vegetarian Resource Group (VRG), whose organization consists of a world society of nutritionists who staunchly support veganism, provides a yearly guide with an extensive list of meat, cheese, egg and milk substitutes for those of the mealtess persuasion.

"You don't need to kill animals in order to get all the nutrition your body needs. Meat has a lot of

unnecessary fats and cholesterol and generally is not a necessary component of one's diet," Rosanne Silverman, a V representative.

"The fact of the matter is that fruits, nuts, grains and vegetables one can obtain all of the elements your body needs. When you go back to the beginning, that man's original diet. It did consist of animal flesh. Why your nutrients secondhand, you can go right to the source," said a local fruit vendor, known as Brother Nathan.

But skepticism remains. Although lacto-ovo vegetarians, vegan diets accompanied fortified soy milk have acceptance by several groups including the American Dietetic Association, the federal government still recommends an omnivorous diet as devised by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the FDA in 1992. This diet represented by a pyramid of food including grains, vegetables, fruits, meats and poultry, dairy, eggs, and cheese.

Next week Reginold Royston discusses vegan food alternatives in the second article of a four part series.



Vegan Identity sign furnished by the Vegan Society of the United Kingdom which stresses strict vegetarian activism.

Photo by Reggie Royston

receive all the nutrients, vitamins and proteins the FDA advises are essential for good health.

"There are some advantages to a vegetarian diet, but I think, as a nutritionist, the disadvantages outweigh the advantages. The foods we need are more bio-available,

Howard's School of Allied Health.

Harland cites a study conducted in Iran, where a significant number of men were ineligible for military service because of low height and weight. When doctors introduced meats, eggs and milk into their Middle Eastern diet, which largely

Relax, relate, release: a students key to coping

By **Cristel Williams**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Jamiyah Brown could feel it coming. Her entire weekend was spent with a thick chemistry book, the faint glow of a desk lamp and a drawn shade at the Howard Plaza Towers. The very thought of Tuesday's exam made her shoulder's throb.

"It's just the anticipation of taking the chem test," the sophomore biology major said. "It stresses me out, and I just want to hurry up and get it over with."

Tension manages to attack students when worries are at their peak said Tuyat Nguyn, owner of The Oriental Oasis salon. It strangles the back muscles and seeps into the shoulders. The body seems to protest with blemishes and under eye circles; everything is thrown off kilter. Many students feel they don't have a spare second, let alone time to relax and just "be."

Therapists and counselors agree that taking time for yourself keeps you healthy, stress-free and more apt to handle a busy schedule. Day spas and full-service salons have emerged as the answer to stress relief. For the right price, it can be massaged, steamed or exfoliated out of the body. But for today's students, there is an array of effective home remedies to relax, relate, release!

Rachel Rosnick, manager of Disegno, a full-service salon, says it's especially important for students to care for their bodies both inside and out.

"Sometimes you need to stop and let the rest of the world keep

going. I know you want to be at every party, get an 'A' on every test and meet people, but it will burn you out. Put on some nice music, stretch and let your mind flow, just be with yourself."

Some students are doing just that. J. Logan Campbell, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, enjoys solitude when times get rough.

"I'll stare out a window and let my mind run wild when I'm stressed. I wouldn't want to go to a spa because all those funny people would be touching me; I'd rather go on a nature walk."

Stretching has also proved to be an extremely effective way of ridding the body of stress, said Dr. Thomas Wessel, Associate Director of the University Counseling Service. He urges students to try it during their private time.

"We teach systematic stretching (stretching chronologically from head to toe) in our stress management workshops as a way of coping," Wessel said. "Many students suffer from task overload. They need to relax and pamper themselves, build it into their schedules if they have to."

What else can weary students do to rejuvenate themselves? Relax tense nerves by drawing a warm bath, said Kay Southworth, director of operations at Cynia European Day Spa. They provide a moisturizing, peaceful and economic way to become one with yourself.

Soak for five minutes before adding bath oils; pine and eucalyptus stimulate, jasmine and chamomile soothe.

Dorm dwellers can try a Swiss shower. Turn the shower nozzle to



Home treatment for your face will help you relax.

Photo by Carlos Jackson

pulse and alternate warm and cool water; direct spray on tense areas such as the neck and shoulders. "Facials, manicures and pedicures are a good way to pamper yourself," Nguyn said. Pick the correct mask for your skin type and let it dry while you take care of hands and feet.

Bask in the golden warmth of scented candles, they're another way to create a private haven, Nguyn said. Choose candles laced with vanilla to comfort, geranium to uplift or thyme to relax.

For extremely busy students, a healthy state of mind and relaxed body are still attainable. The key to relaxation can be less extensive and

expensive than bath kits or facials. "Get more sleep. If you can't increase the quantity of hours you get, improve the quality," Southworth said.

Cut down on stimulants and drink herbal teas like chamomile or mint before bed. Most importantly, stay in touch with your inner self.

"It's easy to put spirituality on the back burner, but it's more important than you think," Southworth said. "Stay in touch with your values and think about why you do what you do; you'll find that a lot of stress is self-imposed. When you keep things anchored to a value system, relaxing doesn't take a lot of effort."

Heads up: Are soccer players harming their brains?

By **Kimberlin Love**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Ray Fisher, a Howard University soccer player, has been playing soccer since the third grade and says he hits the ball with his head. "I head the ball an average of five times a night," said Fisher, a sophomore international business major.

Is he headed for trouble? Adrienne Witol, a neuropsychology fellow at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, thinks so. Witol, last month presented a study that indicates that soccer players who repeatedly hit the ball with their heads scored lower in tests of mental skills.

Keith Tucker, Howard's head soccer coach, disagrees with the study, and said that students could

possibly benefit from heading.

"Based on my experience from 1975 to 1995 with student athletes, 60 percent or more of my soccer players have had 3.0 or better averages and scored 900 or better on their SATs . . . so maybe more students should hit balls with their heads."

The study tested 60 male soccer players, ages 14 to 29, and 12 nonplayers ages 18 to 29. From this, Witol determined that those players who average 10 or more headers a game measured significantly lower in test of mental skills than did nonplayers or those who headed the ball less often.

Coach Tucker says that most players do not head the ball.

"During the game the ball is coming at such a high speed that it is difficult to head the ball . . . but players that do head only an average

three to four times a night."

Blain Jones, a Howard soccer player who heads an average of five times a night, says he has not been seriously affected from heading.

"It never hurts . . . unless the ball comes straight at you, and that is not often," said Jones, a sophomore biology major.

Witol's study has created a "migraine" for officials at the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), where parents have been calling with concerns. As a result, the USSF youth division issued a statement calling the study "flawed" and "pure alarmism."

Dr. Roger Ware, head of Howard University Hospital's Neurology Department, says that any damage that occurs would be minimal.

"I think what we're talking about is minimal head trauma that can

result in headaches or being unconscious for a few days."

Fisher agrees, "I don't head the ball a million times . . . when I do, it hurts occasionally, but eventually it goes away."

Ware supports the youth division's notion of the study being flawed.

"I think you have to analyze and look with great detail the replications with a prospective study . . . (to see) if it is substantial and if this occurs to be a significant finding and having long-term effects."

The Youth Soccer Division advises teaching heading to children around 10 years of age and older. Although their are differing opinions on the techniques safety, most expert say heading should be taught by a qualified coach.

Lupus through the eyes of a survivor

Most severe cases are among Black women

By **Shaune' Jackson**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Traci Hunter had the sniffles. After running errands in and out of the cool weather, she knew she had caught a cold. She was tired. Very tired.

Her condition did not improve that winter night in 1985. A temperature of 104 degrees, breathing complications and a series of blackouts prompted her family to rush her to the emergency room. She was scared. They were scared. She stopped breathing.

Comatose for three weeks in the intensive care unit, Hunter eventually learned that she had double pneumonia. Her white blood cell count had "gone out of control" and an excessive amount of fluid was on her lungs. Tests and X-rays revealed that she had lupus. Hunter was 17.

It still hurts Cheryl Hunter, a senior psychology major, to see her sister-in-law in pain. One day 27-year-old Traci Hunter can be fairly active, but nearly incapacitated the next. "My sister-in-law frequents the doctor and at times she seems so helpless," Hunter said. "I constantly keep her in my prayers because there is really nothing she can do to change her condition."

According to Duane Peters, director of communications and development of The Lupus Foundation of America, lupus is an autoimmune disease that causes the body's immune system to turn against itself and attack its own tissues, joints and internal organs.

"In a sense, it's as if the immune system gets confused and is unable to distinguish between what's a germ and what's not," Peters explained. "Instead of attacking foreign invaders, it attacks the skin, joints and main organs."

Only a small percentage of patients die of lupus. In fact, Peters said, the outlook for many is good.

Unlike many people, Traci Hunter who resides in California, had heard of lupus. Working as a laboratory technician, she was somewhat knowledgeable about the disease that was once considered a death sentence 20 or 30 years ago. Her condition would soon force her to retire. "My job couldn't risk me passing out on a patient or during the middle of a blood draw. Neither could I risk it," Hunter said.

Peters said that lupus occurs mainly in three forms: The most common, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), affects many

parts of the body including skin and vital organs such as lungs, kidneys, heart and in cutaneous lupus targets the skin with its characteristic "butterfly rash; and drug-induced lupus caused from using certain medications to treat heart problems, seizures and hypertension.

Lupus is often hard to detect. More prevalent in women, between 1.4 million and 2 million people have the disease according to reports by The American Lupus Society. Research also shows Black women tend to have more severe cases of it and higher mortality rates.

Many experts contribute failure to get early diagnosis and limited access to health care Blacks have. Furthermore, they feel that because lupus affects African-American women, people take on a "who can attitude."

"For some reason, Blacks reap the same benefits in knowledge about lupus as Whites do," Cheryl Hunter said. "This disease affects so many Black women, but we are still many people who have no idea what it is, who has it and these patients are dealing with it."

For each patient, the symptoms vary greatly. Many people with lupus can look healthy but be ill. Symptoms range from aches, fevers above 100 degrees and prolonged fatigue to rashes, hair loss and sensitivity to sunlight. Often people miss these symptoms for other reasons and fail to get proper treatment. It is then that lupus becomes fatal. In many cases, the symptoms leave and patients go into remission. However, flare-ups occur in which symptoms return or worsen) are still possible.

There are no known causes of the disease, and it is not contagious. Doctors can't even recommend a way to prevent lupus, but according to Peters, they are learning about the disease and the drugs that can be used to manage it.

Traci Hunter has lived with lupus for 10 years. "It is possible to live a normal life, you just have to take plenty of rest and take good care of your body," she said.

Some days fatigue overcomes her. Other days she is fine. She can't spend her entire days in bed anymore, but she is living. "It's hard sometimes. I have to take each day as it comes. It is possible to live with lupus," she said.

SPORTS

Bison whipped by Florida A&M Rattlers

By DeWayne K. Gissendanner
Hilltop Staff Writer

It was an afternoon marred by a deluge of penalties and missed opportunities for the Bison, as Florida A&M University shaked, rattled, and rolled its way to a 29-17 victory and a share of first place in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

The Bison (2-3) got off to a promising start by scoring nine points within the first three minutes of the game. On the opening drive, Bison quarterback Ted White scrambled away from a heavy rush. While almost on his knees, White heaved a 57-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Marco Ward, who caught the pass, eluded two FAMU defenders, and sprinted into the end zone untouched for the score.

"You know, Ted did a great job of just getting me the ball," Ward said. "When I saw the ball in the air, I did my best to go and get it."

The second early score of the game came when FAMU (4-1) quarterback Damian Slaughter got tripped in the end zone, where Bison defensive tackle Shawn Hall pounced on him for a safety. That made it a 9-0 ball game.

For the majority of the game, the Bison defense stuffed the Rattlers offense but the Bison offense played very sluggishly, rushing for only 11 yards on 12 attempts for the entire first half.

"We play in spurts, and until we get clicking it's going to be a long season," running back Steven Wesley said.

With 3:10 left in the second quarter, the Bison missed a 37-yard field goal that would've made it 10-0 Howard going into the half. "I'm disappointed but I know where we are as a football team,"

Howard Coach Steve Wilson said. "But by the same token we can't expect to tear the world up playing like this."

At the start of the second half the Bison offense was still in its first half funk. White, who finished the game 24 of 47 for 212 yards and two interceptions, dropped back and threw an errant pass down the sideline that was intercepted by a FAMU safety and returned 21 yards to the Bison 45-yard line.

FAMU then put matters into the hands of halfback Kwame Vidal. After Vidal had two runs of 13 and 16 yards, he was nearly decapitated on the next play by hard-charging defensive end Marques Douglas. But Vidal, who finished the game with 107 yards on 31 carries, punctuated FAMU's 7-play 61-yard drive with a 16 yard touchdown run off left tackle, running over several would be Bison tacklers.

With a minute left to play in the third quarter, the Bison offense continued to struggle, as FAMU held them to 28 total yards and one first down for the quarter. Meanwhile, Vidal added a one-yard touchdown run to give FAMU a 17-9 lead.

"In the first half I thought we did a good job of setting up plays and running screens," White said. "You have to give them credit. They were very quick defensively and they have a tremendous defense. Their speed is what really beat us today."

According to Bison running back Rhadi Ferguson, after the Rattlers' got the momentum they were very hard to stop. "When ole' mo starts working against you it's mighty hard to get him back," he said. "We let them get up on us and as a result, got away from our game plan. They're a good team but our execution was definitely lacking."

The Bison had more than a

couple of chances to capitalize on FAMU's errors. FAMU fumbled a total of four times but recovered three of them that were all but sitting in the laps of Bison defenders.

"We had plenty chances to win but we just didn't take advantage of the situations," said visibly disappointed senior middle-linebacker Marc Christie.

Just when the game seemed to be all but over for the Bison, its special teams unit came up big when freshman defensive back Jarvis George blocked a FAMU punt and Billy Jenkins ran it 14 yards into the end zone. A missed two-point conversion left the Bison trailing 17-15.

After Jason DeCuir booted a 32-yard field goal with 9:30 left to put the Bison up 18-17 FAMU head coach Billy Joe replaced Slaughter with backup quarterback Mario Allen.

"We just thought that a change was in order," Joe said. "It was critical that we regain momentum."

Allen made Joe a coaching genius. By throwing two touchdown passes that eventually sealed the Bisons fate. On his second series of the game he hit streaking flanker Tony Bland with a 69-yard bomb and later for a 32-yarder.

"For us to be in the fourth quarter with a chance to win, and with the offense playing like it did, our defense did a super job," Wilson said. "We're a young team we're not going to blow anyone out. We also knew that we were going to have to throw but we just didn't get it done," he said.

"The key is to be able to contain people. We did that, you simply have to give credit to FAMU they made things happen."



Injured Bison out for the season

By DeWayne K. Gissendanner
Hilltop Staff Writer

Just when things were already not going to well for the Bison, they quickly got worse. Bison quarterback Ted White will miss the rest of the season because of a lacerated kidney which he suffered in last week's loss to Florida A&M University.

White, a redshirt freshman, will be replaced by junior Alfonza "Pep" Hamilton. White got hit a number of times in last weeks game but showed no signs of injury. "He complained about it a little after the game," wide receiver Marco Ward said.

According to trainer Bernard James, White was examined at Howard University Hospital and kept overnight Sunday for observation. He was released

Monday. "He seemed to be feeling alright last time I talked to him," Ward said.

In Hamilton, the Bison do get a somewhat experienced quarterback. He has only thrown two passes this year, but started the first three games of last season completing 42 of 95 passes for 501 yards with seven interceptions and three touchdowns.

Bison face Alcorn State Braves in Circle City

By Kevin Paige
Hilltop Staff Writer

After dropping its second conference loss of the season last week to the Florida A&M University Rattlers 29-18, the Bison will go to war against Southwest Athletic Conference (SWAC) foe, Alcorn State University tomorrow in the 12th Annual Circle City Classic.

Each year the Circle City Classic draws 10,000 plus fans, and pumps approximately

\$10 million into the Indianapolis economy. The first ever Circle City Classic in 1984 featured Mississippi Valley State and Jerry Rice against Grambling State.

Tomorrow's game in Indianapolis, Indiana will mark the fourth meeting between the Bison and the Braves in five years. Howard has won two of the past three meetings. The last meeting between the two schools was the 1993 Gateway Classic which featured Howard's Jay "Sky" Walker, and Alcorn's Steve "Air II" McNair

dropping bombs. The Bison won that year on defense and a late field goal.

The Braves enter this year's Classic coming off a big win last week and without McNair at quarterback, who is now with the Houston Oilers. Last week the Braves were on the road taking on the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association opponent, the University of Arkansas at Pine-Bluff. Like the Bison did two weeks ago, the Braves also had no trouble taming the Golden Lions. The Braves went on to skin the

Golden Lions 44-28.

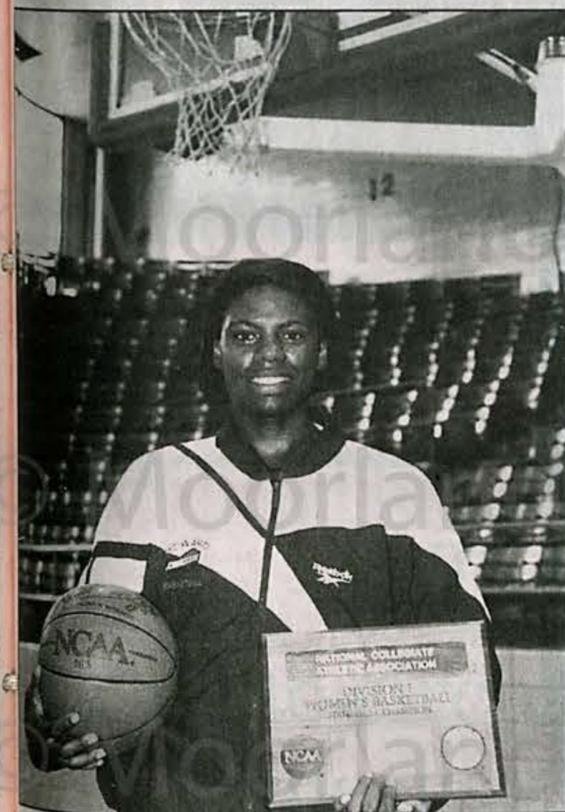
The Bison on the other hand (2-3;0-2), are coming off their rattling loss to the Rattlers, and will go into tomorrow's game without starting quarterback Ted White. White, who was injured during the FAMU game, is expected to be out for the season. Junior quarterback Alfonzo "Pep" Hamilton is expected to start tomorrow's game for the Bison.

Starting Thursday, the entire weekend will be filled with events. Scheduled events

are: a parade through downtown Indianapolis, a Black college fair, a step show, two golf tournaments, Miss Circle City Coronation, battle of the bands, live concerts, a live, on-site broadcast of BET's "Video Soul," and much more.

Tomorrow's Classic will also provide valuable exposure for the Bison before a big crowd, and a national TV audience. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. However, BET will air the game in its entirety tomorrow night at 8 p.m.

Alisha 'Tough' Hill displays unprecedented team spirit



Alisha "Tough" Hill

By Marcus Matthews
Hilltop Writer

In today's world of sports, where top athletes are more concerned about themselves and how much money they can make. It's nice to see there are still some decent ones out there. Alisha "Tough" Hill is one of those decent ones left. For those of you who don't know Tough, you are about to be introduced.

Alisha "Tough" Hill is the star forward on the Howard University Women's Basketball Team. She is a first-year conference All-American, was freshman of the year in the MEAC Conference and lead the NCAA in field goal percentage last year. Tough was a

key ingredient to the Lady Bison coming within one game of the NCAA Tournament last year. The women's team lost by two points to Florida A&M in the MEAC Tournament final.

When it comes down to all of her accomplishments, Tough is really not concerned about any of them. "I wasn't really thinking about all of the records and awards. I just came out and tried to play the best I could to help the team win. I give a lot of credit to my teammates because they helped make me successful. I was surprised by my success. I was just trying to win," Hill said.

If you were to sit down and talk to Alisha you would see that she is a very different person off of the court. On the floor she is all business doing whatever it takes to get points and scraping to get every rebound. But off the court she is very shy and laid back and doesn't make a big fuss over her success on the court. She would rather have her teammates in the spotlight than herself.

Hill came from Huntington High School in West Virginia and handled her freshman year in top form. Leading the nation in field goal percentage, and receiving defensive player of the year are not done by some players in their four years in college and to do it in her first year proves there is more success to come. "I knew I was going to do well but I had no idea I was going to do this good," [sic] said Hill. "She had a great freshman year and was a part of a great freshman class. She was a good compliment to our All-American power forward Denique Graves," said head coach Sanya Tyler.

Tough is anxious to get the season started and is ready to handle the increased leadership expected of her this year. "I'm kind of used to the pressure. I've been expected to be a leader ever since high school. I'm going to lead my team the way they want to go. We're going to be an exciting team this year. Everybody should come out and watch," Hill said.

"As a rookie Alisha was outstanding. She will be the first to give her teammates the credit. If she 2/3 of the year she had last year, she will be the first sophomore, male or female, to surpass 1000 points at Howard. By her stepping up and succeeding, it puts a lot of pressure and pushes other teammates to achieve. This year will definitely be her hardest test," said Tyler.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: The University Community
FROM: H. Patrick Swygert, President *H. Patrick Swygert*
DATE: October 4, 1995
SUBJECT: The Million Man March

Howard University will remain open for all scheduled classes and activities on Monday, October 16.

The University is aware that numbers of its students may take time to participate in The Million Man March and its related activities. It is left to the discretion of individual faculty to decide their requirements for all scheduled activities in accordance with the principles of academic freedom and sound academic administration.

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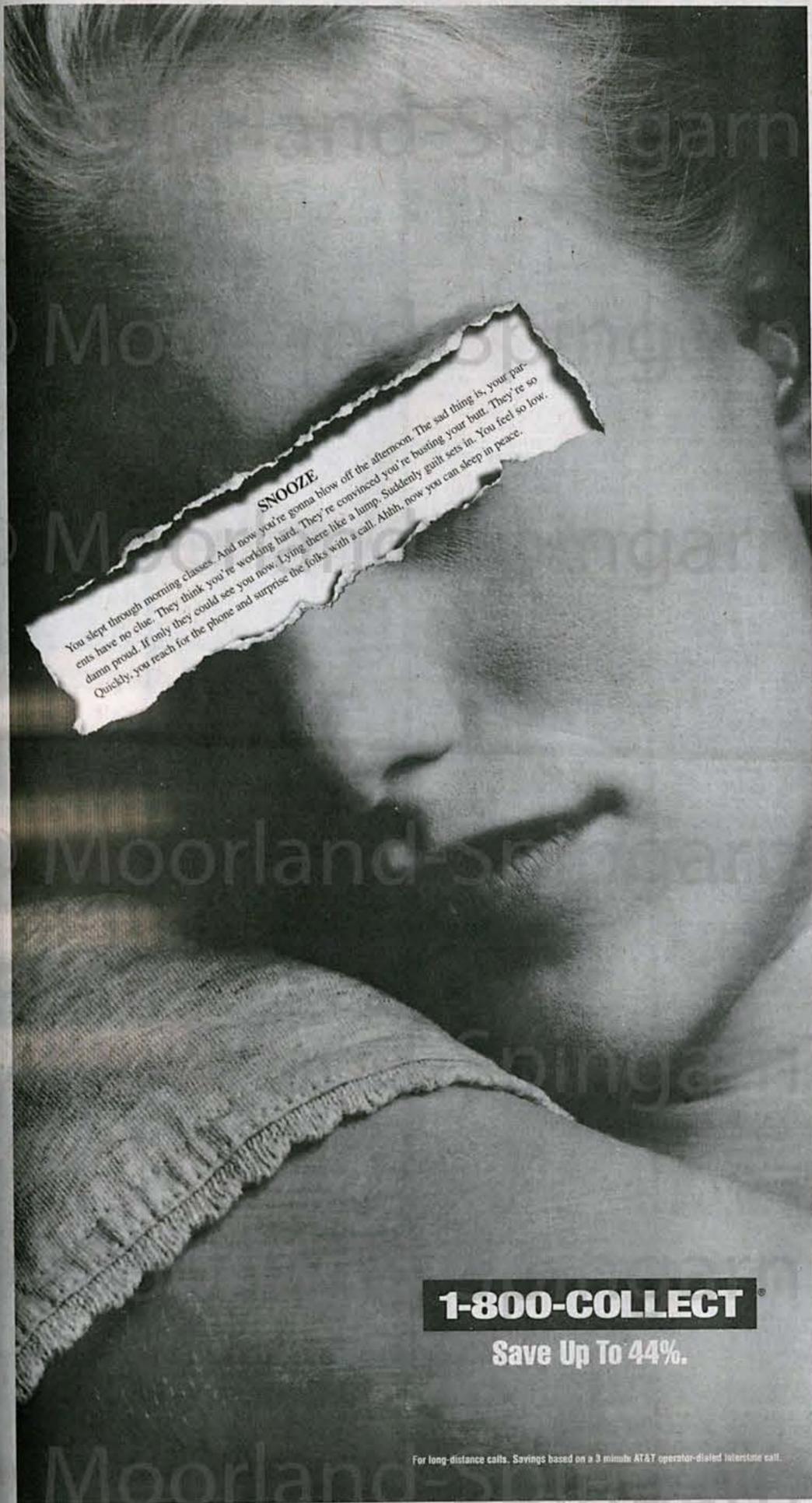
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Sincerely,
Gallery Editor

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PERSONALS

CHARRONDA- IF HE DOESN'T CALL DON'T LISTEN TO YOUR RUMP ROAST ROOMY, 4 GET DUDE!!
SHOUT OUTS 2- PRETTY RICKY, VAN PEEBLES, FIGERHEAD GREG, O.G. BOBBY JOHNSON, ARIZONA K.I.D., E-DOUBLE. JOHNNY FEVER REPRESENT ALWAYS

TAHEEEEMA- WANNA BE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HE-WOMAN MAN HATING CLUB?
STEVE J. HAVE A HAPPY B-DAY! I.O.U.(GIFT) SW &MR

MARCUS- HEY SWEETY WHAT'S UP? I'M GLAD YOU CAME BACK TO HU THIS SEMESTER. I WANTED TO TRY WHEN I HEARD YOU MAY NOT HAVE COME BACK. SEE YA - LOVE SANDY PS. - DOWN WITH BLOCKBUSTER

TO MY BIG BROTHER LANCE A.K.A. EXTRA FAB - THANKS FOR LOOKING OUT FOR ME DURING THE 4 YEARS I'VE KNOWN YOU. REMEMBER I ALWAYS GOT YOUR BACK. LOVE, AYANNA

SEI & NAN - WHAT UP COOL GALS? LACHANDA JENKINS & RUSSELL RICKFORD - GOOD LUCK IN THE MR. & MRS. SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS PAGENT. I'M SURE YOU WILL COME OUT ON TOP. -SADARIE

SHOUT OUT TO THE BROTHAS OF DMP! FROM YOUR 4-EVER (LOVELY) SISTAS OF DT
JORIELLE BROWN - CONGRATULATIONS! YOU CONTINUE TO MAKE US PROUD AND WILL ALWAYS BE OUR MS. ARTS & SCIENCES. LOVE- YOUR ALPHA TAI BROTHERS - PHILIA

FAM: THANKS FOR ALL YOUR WELL WISHES AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. YOU KNOW HOW TO REACH ME IF YOU NEED ME. LOVE, MONICA LEWIS
IN FONDEST MEMORIES OF JUDY DEARING. WE WILL MISS YOU. D.I.V.A., INC.

GINGIR: WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU! YOU WILL ALWAYS BE OUR "JEWEL OF THE NILE!" WE LOVE YOU, YOUR SORORS OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED. 00-0000!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE LITTLE EAGLETS.....LOVE GENISIS & THE EAGLES OF PHI ALPHA MU.

FAM. WHAT'S UP! WHAT'S UP! WUSUP, WUSUP. JUST GIVING YOU A SHOUT OUT. HOW IS YOUR SEMESTER GOING? GIVE US A SHOUT BACK! (202) 529-7718! GENISIS & DON

KARIM & AL YOU GUYS ARE THE SEXIEST GUYS ON HOWARDS CAMPUS. WHEN ARE YOU GONNA GIVE ME SOME PLAY?? -YOUR SECRET ADMIRER

DUCE-TRES- WE HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING ALL TOGETHER IN THE LARGEST HOW ABOUT FRIDAYS ON THE 14TH? LETS DO THE GROUP THING AGAIN SATURDAY! LOVE, KNOCK-KNOCK

KOF- ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS LIKE US AS MUCH AS WE LIKE THEM. THATS ALL WE ASK.....

TO SHAKIRA AND KELLY- JUST WANTED TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR MAKING THE TEAM. YOU BOTH ARE WONDERFUL DANCERS!!!! FROM THE OTHER ONE, KIM

JOHN W- YOU NEED TO STOP FRONTIN, PUNK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! FROM YOUR UNDERGRADUATE LOVER

THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL MOURNS THE LOSS OF OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE MR. H. MAYNARD CLARKE. MR. CLARKE'S COMMITMENT TO HIS COMMUNITY WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED. MAY THE LORD BE WITH HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS

AND LOVED ONES IN THIS TIME OF SORROW.

DIEDRA- CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW JOB AT THE YEARBOOK. GOOD LUCK. PS. WHAT HAPPENED TO MY DINNER? R.J.

NIK- CHEER UP AND FEEL BETTER. WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON THE FREAK IT'S BUZZARDS FOR HIM. REMEMBER ALL GUYS ARE JERKS.

HEY GLO- TRUE FRIENDS AREN'T ALWAYS HARMONIOUS WITH EACH OTHER, TRUE FRIENDS HOWEVER WILLGET THROUGH ANY AND EVERYTHING.

LOVE YA, A.D.A.
KIMMY- HI! I'LL BE OVER TODAY FOR ALL MY CHILDREN. LOVE, SANDY

DIMPLES- I KNOW THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN DREAMY WITH POOH-BEAR, BUT TRY NOT TO LET IT EFFECT YOU. YOUR A BEAUTIFUL PERSON, BUT I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT! (SMILE)

S.C.H.
MIKE S. ARE YOU SURE I HAVE ENOUGH HILLTOPICS?

TO THE PORTUGESE LIBRA- HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! FROM YOUR "LIL CHICKADEE" PS. NOW YOU OWE ME-YOU OLD HEAD!

KIMMY (D.W.) SMILE CONGRATS ON MAKING BISONETTES & TO ALL TH OTHER "NEW" BISONETTES (YALL GOT SKILLS!) WE KNOW THEY'LL BE THE BOMB THIS YEAR! WORK IT OUT GIRL, D.T. STYLE!

PROPS ON THE GURP ALSO (6TH FLOOR) I RAISED YOU WELL! LOVE, M&M (& DUCE TRES 4 EVER)

SHOUT OUTS GOING TO BETHUNE HALL 94-95 5TH FLOOR WEST AND 3RD FLOOR EAST. STAY STRONG! WE DON'T NEED THE PHAT FARM CREW OR F.N. CLOWNS.

IHSAN, KENDRA, MUTHONI, DAWN, VENUS, NURISHA, SANDY, KOFL DAVE, ALAMO, SYDNEY, WES, PAUL, NIKKI, ELSIE, MONTY WHAT'S UP?

APRILLE CHOUDHURY HEY APEY-DOGGS!!! LUV - PUNKIE-BUM KEVIN BROWN

WHAT'S UP NIG....R? YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO CALL NOBODY. S & A CHOUDHURY ALAMOOOO WHAT'S UP BABY?

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YOUR HILLTOP LOVE
 Mia Love, Even though were I'm still thinking of you. We'll miss this long-distance thing. I love you. Act right and don't forget about Love, Quincy Eugene
 Peace out! Have a good, long end. Much love, the Hilltop Staff

TO THE HILLTOP

To L. Ross
 Our sky rocket has finally fallen. To bad couldn't have had softer landing.
 Blazing Saddles

PABLOO
 Just a little note to let you know that someone is thinking about you.

RASHIDA SYEL
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