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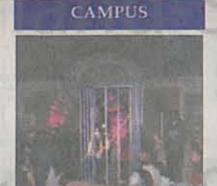
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A Moment In **Howard History**

A Glance At Student Leadership

By Leesa Davis Mind, Body &Soul Editor

Whether good or bad, Howard student leaders have made memorable contributions to the rich legacy of the University.

"Dion Diamond In La. Jail" headlined The Hilltop's March 9, 1962 campus section. Diamond was one of many student leaders at Howard University who seemed to be a magnet for con-

Diamond was the field secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and had been invited to speak at Southern University. At the time, however, Southern University had closed off sit-in demonstrations to leaders who were barred from registration. Diamond and two other members, Charles McDew and Robert Zellner were arrested on charges of criminal anarchy, disturbing the peace and carrying a book titled "The Ugly Americans" which the Baton Rouge court considered subversive.

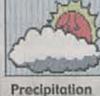
Diamond was held at \$13,000 bail while McDew and Zellner were held at \$7,000 each. Arguing that the arrests were unconstitutional, SNCC provided an attorney with assistance from the Legal Defense Fund in Baton Rouge.

The Nonviolent Action Group of Washington (NAG) demanded the intervention of the Justice Department through marches at the department's

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Student Leadership at the Mecca

Bison Student Leadership Training **Tomorrow's Leaders**

By Tiffani Ashley Bell Contributing Writer

Howard University's motto is to produce leaders for the global community. With that motto, the Bison Student Leadership Program has been training leaders for three years.

BSLP, under the direction Associate Director of Student Activities Rasheem-Ameid Rooke, was started three years ago. The program's mission "is to facilitate the development of leadership skills in first and second year students."

"If we can't be just members, how can we expect to be leaders," Rooke said, "students should be able to take away the ability to interact with people in a positive manner.

When students first enter BSLP they must learn about dealing with time management, positive communication, organizational goal setting, and positive stress management. Next, participants go through the practical experience portion of the program. Lastly, they participate in community service portion of the program.

On the way to becoming great leaders, students had their own preconceived notions of what a great leader should be.

Rooke added that the program was very diverse.

Every college and school at Howard is represented with many students double majoring, or simply majoring with a minor.

Jennell May, a trainer for the program and a junior television production major, has been involved with the program since her freshman year.

Freshman psychology major Chaundra Brown said that because she wanted to be a child psychologist, she felt it was important for her to obtain the necessary leadership skills in order to help children and be a role model in their life."

Kim Deavers, a sophomore premed Biology major, said that she joined the program to meet more people and learn better ways to serve students on campus.

Rooke said that the program, however, is much more than getting together to talk about the "what-ifs" and "whys" of being a leader and a person in general.

Ebony Stubbs, sophomore Biology major, thinks that a leader is someone that has integrity and loyalty to their work and the people they're

"A great leader is someone who has confidence, gets along well with others, and is good by themselves and in a group," Brown said.

From top, Kareem

Merrick, undergrad

trustee; Faith Walls,

Puram, health chair

Jackson, Mr. School

of Communications;

Anderson, former

editor-in-chief. The

Blakemore, HUSA

HUSA vice presi-

dent; Kourtney

NAACP; Jarred

Lauren Bayne

Hilltop; Dan

president.

It has to be a good program," Sesoo Igbazua, a freshman computer engineering major, said "If I had known about it, I would have signed

up." Registration for this program is has been every fall since the program's inception. The open application allotment lasts for a week. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served



Administrators Comment on **Expectations For Student Leaders**

By Melanie R. Holmes Hilltop Staff Writer

Many students would characterize a student leader as an elected official within a campus organization who represents various views and attempts to achieve any number of goals. However, Howard University professors and administration have their own opinions of what embodies a student leader.

"If you're a student leader, you have to play an active role in bettering the University," sociology professor Sandra P. Franklin said. "This involves the faculty, staff, students, student leaders and the community. You can't have student leaders doing everything on their own."

Adds the Director of Student Activities Carol Shelton, "I expect student leaders to uphold the tenets of the office of which they are elected as well as the goals and objectives of the University with integrity and discretion."

Due to its prestige and location, University officials agree that Howard is the ideal location for any position of leadership.

"Being a student leader, especially at the Mecca, you are provided with the opportunity to be competitive when you leave Howard," Franklin said. "It enables you to reach your highest potential."

Franklin states that there are two types of student leaders: those who are elected into a position and students who take initiative in bettering themselves.

"I think every student is a leader without having a position," she said. "When you are elected, you are held more accountable. When students better themselves, they go after their goal and actually attain it."

Political science professor Meldon Hollis believes the years students spend at Howard are some of the most important years of their lives. According to Hollis, it is during college that many people form customs they practice for the long term. Risk-taking abilities and learning to lose are skills Hollis feels are important in order to be a strong leader.

"The habits you work out and pick up during these four to six years stay with you," he said. "You will never have as much freedom to develop leadership skills as you have now."

On the other hand, Hollis believes that a wide-range of positions need leadership but is uncertain whether or not students are equipped to handle them at such young ages. He suggests that issues of violence and AIDS in the black community as well as the relationship between black people and the justice system may be too heavy for students to deal with at this point in

You can train students, but at 18, I'm not sure if you're ready,"

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Mr. and Miss Howard serve a one year term as goodwill ambassadors for Howard University,

Life After the Crowning

Past Royalty Speaks

By Shara D. Taylor Hilltop Staff Writer

Each year during homecoming, two students are selected to represent Howard University in the capacity of Mr. and Miss Howard. As Mr. and Miss Howard, two students serve as ambassadors for the university, representing the school in a variety of functions.

Alex Dixon, 2001-2002 Mr. Howard, believes that his time as Mr. Howard gave him an outlet to hone his public speaking abilities and show his peers who

Dixon, who currently works as a financial analyst for legacy he left as Mr. Howard will continue with future candi-

"I hoped that I conducted myself in a manner in which everyone could be proud and restored dignity to the position. It is not something that should be taken lightly," Dixon said.

Last year's Mr. Howard Jamal Jowers values the time he spent serving the Howard community.

"It was a great opportunity," Jowers said. "I have the

chance to meet and interact with students, faculty, and different people coming to Howard. I gained the whole Howard experience and was able to do a little bit of travel-

Jowers views his mark on the position as one of interaction and getting people aware and involved.

"We need to use our own resources and power to do things and not wait for other people to do them for us. We are sitting on a goldmine," Jowers said. "We have so much potential that is not being used, and we don't realize it."

As Jowers' counterpart last Goldman Sachs, hopes that the year, Tiffany Gainer believes that her experience is beyond anything that she could have ever imagined.

"It was a surreal experience, a wonderful blessing from God," Gainer said. "I was able to interact with different students and represent [Howard] in a different way than if I had not been chosen."

Gainer wants the Howard community to know that becoming Miss Howard entails

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Business Program Host Job Fair

MBA Fair Opens Doors For Howard Students

By Candace Lee Contributing Writer

The Howard University Master Business Administration program held its annual job fair Thursday and Friday in the Blackburn Center. The career event, which is entirely organized by students and has been going on for eight years, was created to network and expose different corporations to Howard's MBA students.

"This is the biggest event of the year for the MBA program so we try to feature anywhere from ten to twenty companies," said Noel S. Grant, the event



Photo Courtesy of Career Services Grad students discuss careers

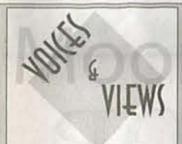
coordinator and a second year MBA student.

Companies including Allstate Financial, Barclay's Emerson, IBM, Capital, Raytheon, Sandler O'Neill &

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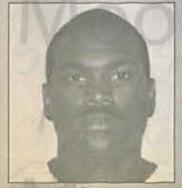


What Do you Hope to see student leaders do this semester?



Deandra Judge Freshman Psychology

"As a freshman I would like to see student leaders reach out to us and encourage us freshman to become involved around Howard and in the community."



Sean Ward Junior Speech Communication

"Actively converse and interact with the student body about the concerns they have with the administration."



Resheida Brady Sophomore Film

"I hope to see student leaders bring the D.C. community and Howard, students together."



Jason Johnson Sophomore Engineering

"I would like to see them uphold their position and do what they promised to do"

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Howard Competes for \$5 Million Grant

By Venus B. Taylor Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University is one of 15 finalists selected to submit a proposal for a multi-milliondollar grant from the Kauffman Foundation to promote the Kauffman Campuses initiative. each institution that receives a \$5 million award must place \$10 million into entrepreneurial programs.

In a July press release, Kauffman Foundation president and CEO Carl Schramm expressed that the purpose of this effort is to make entrepreneurship an innate part of college life through campus-wide opportunities in entrepreneurship education.

"These grants will unleash the power of entrepreneurship on campus," Schramm said. "We want all students - not just those enrolled in business or engineering schools - to have access to the skills, orientation and networks that lead to greater opportunities for them In this 2:1 match initiative, and result in more jobs, innovation and prosperity for America."

> In order to take advantage of this chance. Howard is diligently drafting a proposal that will address how the university will make entrepreneurship collective and accessible for the entire campus. To ensure that this is truly a campus-wide initiative, Howard officials have American as well as the global met with the various schools community. and colleges for their input.

"We're looking for programs that will allow students, regardless of major, to access entrepreneurship either in a traditional mode or online, if we're successful," Dean of the School of Business Baron Harvey said. "We're hoping that the final thrust of this vision is that there will not only be a number of student-run enterprises on this campus, but we will spur the next round of entrepreneurs from the ideas that are hatched."

According to Dean Harvey, the grant would help to implement programs that embody the motto of Howard University by promoting leadership for

"We also are trying to



design an entity that will embrace what Howard is all about - its uniqueness and abilities - that will not only affect campus but the African American community as a

whole," Harvey said. "We envision an entity that will not only serve the campus but will also serve African Americans and

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Int'l **Students** May Pay

By Tiffani Ashley Bell Contributing Writer

More

With the introduction of the Patriot Act in 2001, international students have had to pay to be registered with the Exchange Student and Information System(SEVIS). However, with the new proposed legislation by Congress, students might have to increased fee.

The United States kept track of international students via the SEVIS. The database is a repository of information about international students' address, program of study, social security number and other biographical data. The fee for registering with SEVIS was originally \$54. but under a new proposal, the fee will be increased to \$100.

Senior Systems and Computer Science major Brian Galloway believes the fee is wrong and pointless.

"It's unethical," Galloway said. "It's an invasion of privacy. They're students just like everyone else; I don't agree with this."

The Department of Homeland Security defends the assessment of the fee. "This fee is levied on students...to cover the costs of administering and maintaining the SEVIS system and en uring compliance by individuals, schools, and organi-

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'Showtime' Competes in Band Battle

By Candice Jones Hilltop Staff Writer

Young black men and women from all over the country will fill the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on January 24, 2004 for Honda's second annual Battle of the Bands.

This history-making occasion consists of two components: the Celebration Tour and the Invitational Showcase.

The Celebration Tour allows a chance for 45 participant schools to receive grants based on their performances during halftime shows at fall football games. The Invitational Showcase takes place in Atlanta where only 10 bands will perform their music.

American Honda Motor, Co., Inc.'s purpose for this event, the competition is a unique experi- ture," Wendell Bugg, manager during the battle; however, only



The Showtime Marching Band will be featured in American Honda Motor's Battle of the band this January.

ence and a chance to embrace of American Honda Corporate the love and pride held among Affairs and Communications fans of HBCUs.

"This program is an oppor-

The well-known and well-According to a written tunity for Honda to recognize respected bands of Historically the tradition and excellence of Black Colleges and Universities Black college bands which have in America are given a chance to long been a part of HBCU cul- compete for the title of the best

the best of the best will be allowed to compete.

There is a three-part process in deciding who will be chosen to showcase their talents in the Georgia Dome. Thirtythree percent of the process will be from online fan voting at www.hondabattleofthebands.co m; the second 33 percent comes from the votes of commissioners of the four conferences (MEAC, SWAC, CIAA, and SIAC) and school presidents, and the remaining percentage will be from bands directors.

Freshman percussion player Jarius Howe is excited and confident about this year's com-

"Being there in itself shows that you are recognized as the top in your conference and it's an honor for every band to be able to experience that," he said.

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Richardson Preaches on God's Peace

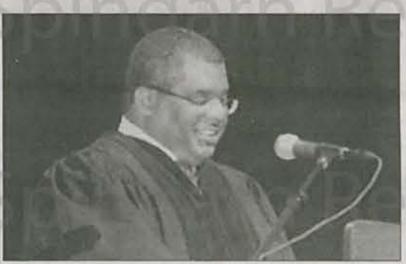


Photo by Roger Roman Dean Bernard L. Richardson delivered his sermon on sunday

By Richard Dorceus Contributing Writer

during his sermon at Rankin

Chapel on Sunday.

Richardson used one of his Dean of Chapel Bernard L. chapel assistants as an exam-Richardson encouraged stu- ple. She was not her usual self dents to discover God's peace so he asked what was wrong.

She was not doing well in one of her classes and she had a test coming up. Richardson prayed for her and later on that week she was her usual self, because she passed the test with a C.

"When you give it to God in prayer regardless of the outcome some how God can give you a peace about it," Richardson said.

He also preached about people that take credit for something they don't deserve.

"I have a difficult time with people who take peoples' struggles so lightly," Richardson said." I feel for them because some how they were taught their faith in a way that robs them of the joy of living"

Richardson continued, saying, "They have an unrealistic view of life, because they see themselves above you and the give the impression that they have it all together.

"They do a lot of God talking but don't love God's people," Richardson said. "They use their religion like a weapon to hurt people rather than to heal people."

Richardson made the point that the Bible says that God's people should be gentle.

"Our gentleness ought to be evident to all; I declare to you this morning that it is hard to be gentle with others when you are hard on yourselves," Richardson said "The reason why we are not gentle because we are so anxious about everything because no matter how big the situation one citisizm can take use to the edge of despair"

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Activists Discuss Reparations at Bunche Forum

By Shara D. Taylor Hilltop Staff Writer

On Thursday evening, International Possibilities Unlimited (IPU), along with the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center and Armour J. Blackburn University hosted a forum entitled "Economic Rights and Reparations." Panelists and audience members discussed the need for some form of compensation for the descendants of

enslaved African people. Among the panelists were Raymond Winbush, author of Should America Pay?, Ramona Edelin, Social Action Commission co-director for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Ajene Abayomi,

major and Ubiquity co-chair, and tion is impossible because there has Keenan Keller, minority counsel for Congressman John Conyers.

Winbush spoke about the atrocities that enslaved people faced and the discrimination that was prevalent in American society after the end of the Civil War.

"Reparations has nothing to do with a handout. It has to with justice," Winbrush said. Winbrush also cited the large numbers of Blacks that were lynched between 1865 and today. According to Winbush, estimates show that 8,000 lynchings have been reported, although some experts suggest the

number may be as high as 24,000. "Most men were lynched for their Howard University political science property," he said. "Racial reconcilia-

never been a time in this country when Blacks and Whites have loved each away," he said. Abayomi compared other.

Edelin views the dilemma facing Black America as a problem that must be solved as a collective group. She referred to the works of W.E.B. DuBois and his understanding of the double consciousness that she believes still exists today.

"We must have a cultural renaissance as African people. Identity questions must be dealt with."

Ajene Abayomi, a political science major and co-chair for Ubiquity, Inc., addressed the need for economic reparations and power for the Black commu-

"Power is not something that will be given. Power will be taken-wrestled chattel slavery to the reign of Hitler during the Holocaust.

"Slavery is a crime above all crimes,' Abayomi said. "White America would have to acknowledge everything that they know is beyond a lie, and [they] would rather destroy [themselves] than acknowledge their crimes around the world."

Keenan Keller, who serves as the minority counsel for Congressman John Conyers, expressed his feelings about the need for a bill that calls for detailed

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KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC. EASTERN PROVINCE



OFFICE OF THE PROVINCE POLEMARCH AND PROVINCE LEGAL COUNSELS October 28, 2003

Open Letter to the Howard University Community Armour J. Blackburn University Ctr, Ste 117 Washington, D.C. 20059

Dear Students at Howard:

Please know and note the following: The charter of the Howard University chapter, the Xi of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., was revoked effective November 10, 2001, by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.. The charter at Howard University had been granted on December 27, 1920. Prior to the revocation of the charter, the chapter had been placed on restrictive probation, but violated the terms of its probation status, consequently, the charter was then lifted for a period of at least 10 years.

The only chapter at Howard University now is the Theta Tau of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Theta Tau was chartered on June 5, 1976. Its membership is restricted and limited to students who are in a graduate school at Howard University, i.e., law, medicine, dentistry, or the student is pursuing the MBA, Ph.D. degrees, et al. In other words, only men who possess the undergraduate college degree can apply for membership. This same limitation also applies to undergraduate men who are Kappas prior to transferring to Howard University.

In 1991, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity abolished its pledgeship program and announced this abandonment publicly, coupled with a zero level of tolerance, respecting violations of its current membership intake program procedures, which absolutely forbids hazing and other proscribed activities. On October 13, 2001, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. filed a civil lawsuit in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia against Kappas and non Kappas alike, for remedial, punitive and injunctive relief, based on underground pledging activities that had taken place at Howard University and also in the city. This action is still pending. Zero tolerance for not adhering to the post 1991 membership intake program, applicable throughout the United States, still exists. Additionally, there can be no legitimate undergraduate intake program at Howard University for at least 8 more years in the future, if then.

If there are any questions concerning the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Richard Lee Snow, International Headquarters, 2322-24 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19132-4590.

Sincerely,

Rufus F. Clanzy Province Polemarch (E)

9428 Old Man Court, Columbia MD 21045-4418



STUDENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP SURVEY

Interested in starting your own business? Have an innovative idea?

Are you are risk taker?

Should there be more classes in entrepreneurship? Does Howard prepare you to be a successful entrepreneur?

Should entrepreneurship be limited to business schools?

Please visit the Howard University Main Webpage at www.howard.edu and under Announcements, complete the survey entitled "Howard University Student Survey on Entrepreneurship"

For further information, contact the Office of the Dean in the School of Business 202-806-1696.

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Haunted Hilltop II a Frightful Success

By Jennifer L. Williams Asst. Life & Style Editor

On the day before efficient and Halloween, Cooke Hall was transformed into a spooky playground. Halloween Hundreds of Howard students and D.C residents came out in droves to be a part of the Haunted Hilltop II.

"The event staff went all out out for this years' event," Lauren Williams, a sophomore everyone, marketing major, said. "The front of Cook looked spooky, and the dancers in the cages in front was a great touch. Also, the fact that there was a DJ made the crowd hype."

Jessica Brown, a freshman political science major, volun- of two caged teered for the event.

The event overall was the turnout was great,



I like the fact that they opened the event to area residents...the fact that they opened their event and welcomed us means a lot.

Russell Jenkins, D.C. resident

I'm happy everything went effect.

and preparations were put into the event.

Jimmy Prude, senior com-In order to prepare Cooke puter information systems Hall for the Haunted Hilltop. major and RA at Cook, spoke countless security measures about the planning process for

of the the dormitory through back entrance, heavily guarded by campus Resident Assistants, various committees set up. handle food, crowd control, and security.

Prude said. "It was crunch time this year, because we didn't have that much time; however, this Haunted Hilltop event had the and everything went extremely well."

Roger Cartledge, a senior RTVF major, enjoyed himself at the Haunted Hilltop. "It was fun, even for a kid event," Cartledge said. "It was like a Shrek of haunted houses.'

Russell Jenkins, a D.C. resident, enjoyed the Haunted

"On the Hilltop as well. of the "I like that Howard e v e n t , opened this event to area resi-Residents of dents," Jenkins said. "Howard Cooke hall is so closed off to a lot of peohad to enter ple who live around it, so the fact that they opened their event and welcomed us means

> Stephanie Lewis, also District resident, appreciated the event as well. "I know that Howard and the residents of D.C. don't always see eye to eye on a lot of issues, but events like this that include everyone make good situations for everybody involved.

> In addition to the Haunted House, Cook had a special area designated for young children.

> For children who got scared and were unable to go through the entire Haunted Hilltop, we made the clubroom into a kiddy area, with coloring books and stories," Prude said.

"The Haunted Hilltop was successful and it got a lot of people involved," Sikoka Frett, a freshman international business major said. "I thought it was well put together and defworth initely through.

SEVIS wants more money

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zations with the system's requirements."

"America claims to be the land of opportunity, so why can't students enjoy that opportunity without somehow paying extra for it?" Keron George, a engineering mechanical major from Trinidad and Tobago said.

George added that the new fee would be a turnoff to other international students.

"I think America would be telling them that they don't want them," George

Grace Ansah, Director of International Student Services, has a problem with the collection of the

"One of the difficulties I have is that you ought to take into consideration the population you're talking about," Ansah said. "We're talking about people in places who may not have access to resources to pay the fee."

Ansah said that the government offers the option for people to pay online with credit cards. Indeed, the government is assuming what might not be safe to assume.

The government has set up a 60-day period to solicit public opinion. Students write rfs.regs@dhs.gov, or the Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Department of Homeland Security, 425 I Street, NW., Room 4034, Washington, DC 20536. Reference ICE

Howard Competes for Kauffman Grant

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The preparation for the Haunted took months

of planning and several days of setting up.

Halloween."

dancers said. "I feel like

people of color from around the world who are interested in entrepreneurship

Lenora Robinson, a sophomore international business major, is excited about the opportunities that such a grant would afford. "Howard University does not focus on entrepreneurship enough," Robinson said. "When I think of entrepreneurship I think of the

not know much about owning a business either."

Some students, however, do not believe that the grant would be beneficial to Howard students.

ration because there is less risk and I America," Little said. "We're often qual-

students who are into entrepreneurship, ly with what I'm learning now," fresh- udices of society, thus having a harder like Fine Arts student who wants to man international business major Brett time obtaining a traditional job. While

Little said that entrepreneurship is a inherent part of the fabric of the African American community. "Its only natural for African Americans to be entrepreranking official in an established corpo- other ethnic groups in corporate

School of Business, but other Howard know I would be able to advance quick- ified but overlooked because of the prejopen up their own dance school, might Calhoun said. they may discourage some, it can also Senior management major Leah S. serve as a motivating factor for blacks to go out and start business where they can help their own."

To participate in the online survey, visit the Howard University homepage "I would prefer to become a top- neurs because we have it harder than at www.howard.edu and click on "Howard University Survey on Student Entrepreneurship."

Activists Discuss Reparations

FORUMS from A2

examination of the institution and its continuing impact. Since 1989, Conyers' bill, House Resolution 40, has not been able to pass legislation in the House of Representatives

"I am an American. This is my country. It was built with the sweat and blood of my ancestors. I'm not giving it up," Keller said.

He believes that everyone shares the responsibility of

people is never forgotten.

selves as a nation and realize that we have a responsibility to ourselves and our community," he said.

Aaron Nelson, a junior political science major, would like to further explore the concept behind reparations.

"If given the opportunity, I would like to dedicate my life and fight for it in the future," Nelson said. "I wish more

ensuring that plight of enslaved Blacks were conscious about it. [The forum] motivated me to We need to educate our- see that the movement is so vibrant."

Junior political science major Jason Ravin believes that there is a significant amount of mis-information surrounding the topic of reparations.

"This is not a black and white issue. Until [reparations] is seen as an institution where people are seeking redress, we will never come up with a solution."

'Showtime' Gears Up For **Honda Battle of Bands**

BAND from A4

Howe, who attended last's year's Battle of the Bands, described the feeling, adrenaline and competition in the atmosphere as a major part of the sold out event.

"The energy in the place makes you feel competitive, even if you are just among the thousands of people in the crowd," he said.

Sophomore political science major Shari Johnson recalls her experience at last year's battle.

"The crowd itself makes you want to hit the field and join a band," Johnson said. "The Georgia Dome was definitely the place to be. I'm excited to attend next year's battle and I will definitely hold it down for Howard University."

In addition to grants, the

ten bands chosen to perform will receive \$10,000 towards its scholarship fund, as stated in the press release. \$144,000 will be issued in grants during the celebration tour. Although the celebration tour runs through November 22, American Honda will announce the bands that will perform at the Invitational Showcase on November 17.

Even though this is only the second annual Battle of the Bands sponsored by Honda, it is already a common conversation among band members of HBCUs, students, friends, and alumni alike.

Students can support the Howard University Showtime Band and vote at www.hondabattleofthebands.com.

Richardson Urges Discovery of Peace

PEACE from A2

Richardson said that students can have joy even through failure because through failure God says that he has something more for you.

"We will never discover God's peace until we are at peace with ourselves and we will not be at peace until we learn how to deal with our weakness."

Richardson added that Paul was an example to us understood that his weaknesses did not disqualify him from the kingdom of God, but he discovered that God's power in his life was made more perfect in his weaknesses.

Richardson concluded by saying that students must realize that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

The peace that you need does not come from success; it comes from being in a relationship with God," Richardson

Students who were present said that the message blessed

them significantly. Senior biology major Aiko

Barkwell said the message encouraged her to know that as long as she is in Christ everything would work out for the

Senior biology major Monique Nichols said that the message gave her a sense of peace because she does not have to worry about tests and trials of the day, but only has to concentrate on how God always has her back.

Attention All Staff Writers:

There will be a mandatory meeting for all Campus Staff Writers after the 7:00pm Budget Meeting Tonight in The Hilltop Office. Want to be active on Campus? Do you want your voice to be heard? Then the Campus · Section is the place for you!

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A Moment In Howard History Student Leaders of the Past

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headquarters. After spending 58 days in jail, Diamond, McDew and Zellner were released.

Controversy continued to stand in the way of the prosperity of some Howard leaders even through the 1980s. On March 18, 1982, the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) President Walter Woods was asked to resign by the HUSA policy board.

According to the board, Woods' cumulative 2.3 GPA was not par performance.

In a fit of rage, Woods velled obscenities to the student leaders in the forum of the University Center and physically threatened them. More than 50 students had gathered in the forum for the General Assembly Meeting. In addition to being asked to resign, Woods was upset about the attendance of HUSA members for the meeting that particular night. The Vice President at that time, Aziz Ahmed, was appointed the next day as HUSA president and the assembly froze HUSA's budget to ensure the prevention of Woods spending HUSA funds.

the target of slander. April Silver and Ras Baraka, HUSA leaders for the 1990-1991 school year managed to impress the student body with their platform of "Leadership For The Masses." Although it took a second vote for the duo



to win 64 percent of the majority of Howard's population, Baraka and Silver proved capable of handling just about any situation.

and Silver Baraka remained committed in ensur-HUSA hasn't always been ing the investigated charges of an incident involving police brutality against a Howard student. The incident took place outside Burr gymnasium during a Howard- Morgan basketball game that nearly incited a



Former HUSA President Cornell Williams was responsible for the Black Tuesday March

After the Crowning

Mr. and Ms. Howards of the Past

CROWN from A1

more than a just being a contest

"I hoped that I continued the legacy as more than just a pageant winner. Miss Howard is an intellectual, multi-faceted woman who represents the university in the best way possible."

Juniors Chequan Lewis and Crystal Sumpter were crowned 2003-2004 Mr. and Miss Howard.

platform, "Activating Awareness in African-Americans" rests on

seven key dimensions, including political, economic and cultural awareness. He will present the Black community with the chance to address the multiple issues facing its people.

"My primary goal this year is to carry myself as an exemplar of the Howard male and ensure full implementation of my platform and Crystal's platform," Lewis said.

Some of his extracurricular activities include: Executive Chief-of-Staff for the Arts and Sciences Student Council; president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Chapter; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; and the Texas Club.

Under her platform "Opulence," Sumpter plans to work with young girls ages 12 to 17 and expose them to the performing arts, including jazz and ballet.

"I hope to teach them discipline and give them an outlet from a situation they may not otherwise have had," Sumpter said. She also aspires to hold several workshops focusing on the topics of self-actualization and self-worth.

Graduate Business Program Host Career Fair

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Partners, L.P. Unisys and United Technologies were present to give information sessions, as well as to recruit for internships and permanent positions.

President H. Patrick Swygert is on the board of directors at United Technologies, which donated \$1 million to Howard last year.

Sabrina Harris and Howard alumnus Debbie Castro, were representatives from United Technologies.

"We are here looking for students in fields from finance to marketing," said Harris.

The session Thursday was followed by a reception, which was sponsored by Unisys.

The president of the Graduate Business Association, Tammara Warren, was present to give the opening remarks for



Photo Courtesy of Google.com

the reception. Warren was followed by remarks from David Porter, director of graduate programs, Lisa Franklin, an MBA candidate, Aquaris Moore, the consortium relations chair, and Kiahnna Patton, the mistress of ceremonies.

Friday's schedule included a

breakfast, interview sessions, as well as a luncheon.

Toni Townes, a partner with Unisys corporation, spoke at the luncheon and stressed the importance of having the ability to adapt to change and having characteristics that differentiate students from other students, which would open more opportunities when entering the workforce.

Vimbai Mhungu, the MBA graduate student assembly representative and graduate student fiscal coordinator, said that Townes' message was extremely relevant and important in today's competitive workforce.

"The whole program was excellent because it showed the continued support of corporate America for the MBA program at Howard University," said Mhungu.

Howard University Adminstration Officals Comment on What They Expect From **Current Student Leaders**

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Hollis said. Some officials feel the mere presence of student leaders impacts Howard University students as well as professors and administration. "They serve as the voice and in the best interest of students," Shelton said.

"Without student leaders, Howard would be like elementary school or a primary school. Not many voices would be heard other than administra-

Overall, officials feel the elected student leaders on Howard's campus are doing a good job and encourage them to do the best they can.

"Look at failures as well as successes and grow from them," Franklin said.

Adds Shelton, "Everyone with it that matters."

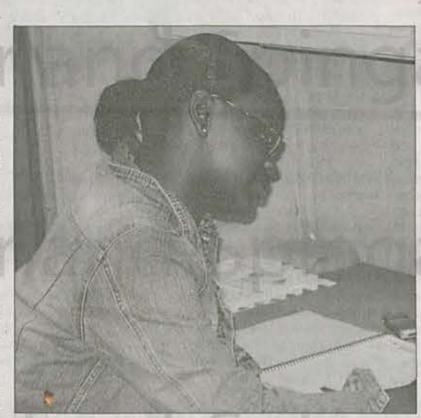
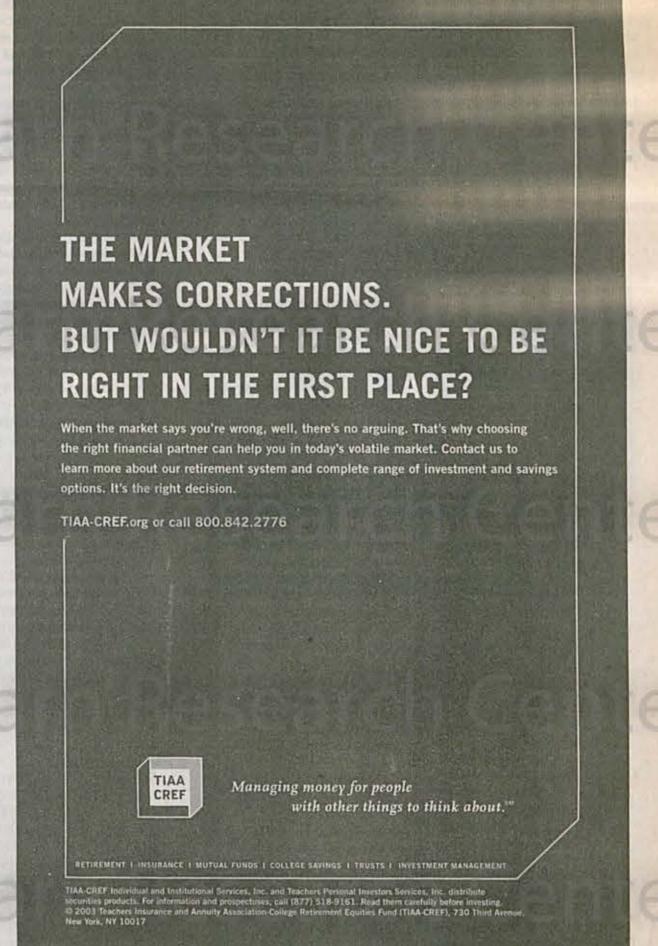


Photo by Roger Roman on this campus has potential Student leaders work to make the school better, however for greatness. It's what you do many students do no' know what adminstrators expect.

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Global Warming Bill Rejected

(BBC) - The US Senate has rejected efforts to curb carbon dioxide emissions from industrial power plants. Senators voted 55-43 against the bill, which would have required power stations and factories to reduce their emissions to 2000 levels by 2010.

Many scientists identified greenhouse emissions as a major source of global warming. The measure

opposed by the Bush administration, which said it would seriously damage the economy.

Posthumous Citizenship for Irish Soldiers

WASHINGTON (CNN) -Half a century after they died fighting for the U.S. Army and Marine Corps, 28 Irish men were granted U.S. citizenship Thursday under a law passed in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

It took years of wrangling and lobbying to get a law passed that would allow immigrants who die fighting in the U.S. armed forces to be awarded citizenship posthumously.

The ceremony on Capitol Hill Thursday was as much a celebration of the success of that effort as it was a somber honor for the 28 fallen troops.

Consumer Spending gives Economy Big Boost

(BBC) - The US economy rocketed ahead in the three months to September, fuelled by a consumer spending spree and the long-awaited return of business investment. During the third quarter the economy expanded at a rate which - if it lasted for a year - would equate to 7.2%, more than twice the rate in the previous three months and far ahead of what most observers had expected.

The engine for the expansion - the biggest quarterly figure since 1984 - was a 6.6% rise in consumer spending, the Commerce Department said, boosted by tax cuts and credits.

But despite the massive boost to the economy, some economists are warning that growth - forecast at about 4% for the final quarter and into next year - could stumble if the US's jobs drought continues.

Almost 3 million jobs have gone since 2001 despite a surge in productivity, reflecting companies' decision to work staff harder rather than expand pay-

High Uranium Levels North Nevada

RENO, Nevada (AP) -More than a dozen wells at an old open pit copper mine in northern Nevada tested positive in 1984 for what conservationists say are "very high" levels of uranium, according to newly revealed documents that have raised pollution concerns.

Uranium levels were up to 40 times higher than current legal limits, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopted regulations in 2000 limiting uranium to 30 micrograms per liter of water.

"Nobody knows if that went into the groundwater." said Tom Myers, executive director of the Great Basin Mine Watch in Reno, who provided AP with the documents.

CIA Let False Data Convict former Operative

HOUSTON, Texas (AP) -A federal judge threw out the conviction of a former CIA operative who has spent 20 years in prison for selling arms to Libya, saying the government knowingly used false evidence against him.

Edwin P. Wilson, 75, was convicted in 1983 of shipping 20 tons of C-4 plastic explosives to Libya - something he said he did to ingratiate himself with the Libyan government at the CIA's request.

In a scathing opinion released Tuesday, U.S. Judge Lynn N. Hughes said the federal government failed to correct information about Wilson's service to the CIA that it admitted internally was false.

Fingerprints and Photos for Visa Visitors

By Eleisha John Contributing Writer

Airlines are now using a computerized profiling system aimed at identifying passengers who may present a threat. On Tuesday October 28, Homeland Security undersecretary, Asa Hutchinson, unveiled plans for the system, which uses inkless scanners to capture fingerprints and photos. The new program, called US-VISIT (U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Technology) should be implemented at 115 major airports and 14 seaports by January 2004.

A press release from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security states that the program is among the department's top priorities and has been appropriated \$380 million this year. Secretary Ridge announced in April that the "biometric" system is designed to scan travel documents and take electronic fingerprints and pictures, which are then checked against a database to determine whether the individual should be detained or questioned.

The press release also states that arrival information on students will be sent to the

Planning to travel over the holidays? If you're an international student, you may be required

to show more than just your passport and Visa.

Student and Exchange Visitor BASTCALLY, WEFELT Information System (SEVIS) to notify schools that a new foreign student should arrive at their school within 30 days.

On Tuesday, Homeland Security officials Washington demonstrated the process, in which arriving visitors place both index fingers on a scanner to have their prints recorded. At the same time, a digital camera snaps a photo.

Economics student Peng Yu says that such measures are necessary to "prevent people from entering illegally and to protect those who enter legally." However, George Aduhene, a political science senior, is not as supportive of the new policy. He understands the need for protecting the borders, but says that such "superficial security measures underestimate the patience, intelligence and level of commitment" of the terrorists. "The really determined terrorists," says Aduhene, "will not be deterred by measures like

Testing of the new technology has already been conducted

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at a few airports and border crossings. Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport will be the main testing site over the upcoming month. It was selected in part because of its wide range of international flights and the inspection booths built there for the 1996 Olympics. Jim Williams, director of the project, said that by early December, inspectors at Hartsfield will be able to match the fingerprints with federal computerized "watch lists."

The increased security

measures in post-911 America have left many foreign nationals with mixed feelings. "Why does the threat always have to come from outside?" says Aduhene, "Look at Timothy McVeigh. We should be going to the root of the cause instead of just giving people a false sense of security." Most students on campus are still unaware of the US-VISIT system, which is expected to take effect at nearby Dulles International Airport by next January.

DC has one of Nation's Lowest Recycling Rates

By Ria Marie Davis Hilltop Staff Writer

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hopes to boost the national recycling rate from 30 to at least 35 percent by 2005. The Resource Conservation Challenge introduced by the agency last year, calls for Americans to incre their recycling efforts and to curb by 50 percent the generation of 30 harmful chemicals found in hazardous waste. According to the Agency, 28 percent of solid waste is currently recovered and recycled or composted in the US, 15 percent is burned at combustion facilities, and the remaining 57 percent is disposed of in landfills, although the number of landfills in the United States is steadily decreasing -from 8,000 in 1988 to 2,300 in 1999.

Since the 1990s, recycling has developed a steady momentum. In 1996, the EPA met its initial goal of 25 percent in nationwide recycling, a triumph which prompted the agency to set a new target for 2005. In its Annual Report for 2002, the EPA also noted improvements in air quality and acid rain data, despite the fact that the country has seen marked increases in energy consumption, gross

State Recycling Rates 30 - 39% 0-9% 40% or more unavailable

usage.

Some states however are doing far better than others in the recycling effort. Virginia, Carolina, Maine, Minnesota, South Dakota and New York all have recycling rates of 40 percent and above. Marjorie Haizlip, president of the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and

domestic product and vehicular Recycling, has said that, "In Central New York, (the recycling programs) are leaders in New York state. Elected officials have wanted to do the right thing," she said. They put the money where it's supposed to be."

Some of the states with the lowest recycling rates include Montana, Wyoming and the District of Colombia. In 2002, the recycling rates in the District

GRAPHIC COURTESY WWW.EPA.GOV of Columbia were among the lowest still at about 10 percent. Since then the District has established a citywide recycling initia-

Source: BioCycle Magazine, April 1999

cling level in three years. Stevland Charles, vice president of Howard University's Environmental Society (HUES) and a junior biology major said

tive to achieve a 45 percent recy-

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For this year, as of

The Benefits of Donating a Body to Science

Would you rest in pieces?

By Sean Jackman Hilltop Staff Writer

When people send their loved ones to be cremated, the last thing they expect to end up doing is identifying body parts in a freezer. Such was the case with Regina Welsh, who was asked to discern her husband's severed head after parts from his body were found in the freezer of a crematorium.

The culprit was one Michael Francis Brown, the former owner of Pacific Care crematorium in Lake Ellsinore, just southeast of Los Angeles in California. Brown was found to have removed heads, knees, spines, and other body parts from corpses to sell them to medical researchers, earning estimated \$435,000 between 2000 and 2001.

sentenced Brown to 20 years in prison, the maximum punishment he could give. Brown pleaded guilty to 66 counts of embezzlement and mutilating grave remains, while over 200 other counts were

While Brown's actions were chiefly motivated by monetary compensation, many students are aware of the scientific benefits of donating body and organs... and contrary to popular belief, donation does not lead to the disfigurement of the

dropped.

body. A person can legally donate their body for research or transplants by the age of 18, provided they are of sound mind. Some organs

Judge Rodney Walker and tissues, such as kidneys and skin, may be donated while the person is still alive, while others, like the heart, are better left alone until death.

> On October 24, the Organ Procurement Transplantation Network (OPTN) reported 80,000 wait listed candidates in the US alone. They also reported that over 14,000 organs were transplanted but less than 8,000 organs were recovered from donors in the time period from January to July of 2003. The numbers highlight the severe shortage of organ donors in the US.

In fact, a study done by LifeCenter in Cincinnati

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October 24, there have been 3,714 Deceased Organ Donors. 453 (12%) of which were African-American donors.

There are 82,685 people wait-listed for organ donations. 22,255 (27%) of these are African-Americans.

(Figures courtesy the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network)

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NATION & WORLD

World Cyber Games Gaining

By Gregg Wallace Contributing Writer

Germany emerged as the newest online-game powerhouse as it topped the medal rankings at the World Cyber Games 2003, a large-scale international gaming event that wrapped up its seven-day schedule in Seoul, Korea on October

After intense regional qualifying rounds, some 600 players from 55 countries participated in the third annual WCG 2003 Grand Final held at Olympic Park in Seoul, showcasing their skills and strategies in seven of today's most popular online were "StarCraft: Brood War" games.

Germany proved its prowess in the soccer video game "FIFA 2003," grabbing the gold medals for both individual and team matches. It also won the gold medal in the "Age of Mythology" competition, raising its gold-medal count to three.

two gold medals in the team competitions for "Age of Mythology" and "WarCraft III."

Korea had taken the number 1 spot in the medal rankings for the past two years, but the country was knocked down to number 3 this time, with two gold medals - both in the "StarCraft" category.

About 600,000 players joined the preliminaries to make it to the finals held in Seoul, reflecting the growing popularity of the annual tournament. The total prize money amounted to \$350,000 this year.

Official PC games this year and "WarCraft III" of Blizzard Entertainment, "Age of Mythology" of Microsoft, "FIFA Soccer 2003" of EA Sports, "Unreal Tournament 2003" of Infogrames and "Half-Life: Counter-Strike" of Sierra Studios. Also, one video console game, "Halo" based on

2 slot in the medal ranking with was included in the competition.

The WCG is part of the Korean government and hightech sector's efforts to create and cement a de facto standard for the online game industry, a legitimate move for Korea, which has one of the world's largest online-game markets.

Last year, some 180,000 players from 45 countries joined the WCG preliminaries and finals, while a growing number of foreign media covered the

The gaming event started in 2000 when International Cyber Marketing Inc. (ICM), organized a testing-level game league, World Cyber Game Challenge, with Samsung Electronics, the world's largest computer memory-chip maker, footing most of

Notably, San Francisco's bid was accepted to host the WCG Grand Final in 2004, marking a major step toward expanding the world's largest Taiwan secured the number Microsoft's Xbox game console, gaming event beyond Korea.

The WCG Grand Final will continue to be held in different cities across the globe, organizers said.

Sophomore electrical engineering major, Annushka Chin Fong, thinks the games are good for competition amongst nations on a different level, she says, "I think with games like these, it gives countries another way of competing with each other outside of sporting events like the World Cup and Olympics," and that, "It gives a chance for people to represent their country and bring home a medal."

Conversely, there are the critics. Gareth McCartney, senior biology major states, "I guess this kind of competition gives everyone a chance to take part in the Olympic arena, more or less, but I think that those people are just too idle."

"Austria, the Netherlands

and Denmark have all seen

openly anti-immigrant parties

enter government in the past

five years. The richer the people

in Switzerland get," said Gross,

to 26,125 in Switzerland does

not help. Barbara Polla, the cen-

tre-right liberal party parlia-

mentarian told the BBC that "I

think there is a very large

amount of work that needs to be

done to reassure people, and to

show that the presence of for-

eigners... is a positive factor,

of the Institute of Federalism

said in the BBC analysis that "at

the moment people are very

insecure." Economic growth has

turned to recession, and unem-

ployment has hit a new high of

nearly 4%. That is what Mr

Blocher appealed to with his

anti-immigration campaign,

which is in any case an issue a

lot of people are worried about.

We are seeing a political polar-

ization in Switzerland, which is

Professor Thomas Fleiner

especially for the economy."

Kevin cations rose by 26.6% in 2002

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Average Person creates 800 Mb every year

Growing net, computer and phone use is driving a huge rise in the amount of information people generate and use. US researchers estimate that every year 800Mb of information is produced for every person on the planet. Their study found that information stored on paper, film, magnetic and optical disks has doubled since

Paper is still proving popular though. The amount of information stored in books, journals and other documents has grown 43% in three years.

Hindu Polygamy Broken for Disabled Woman

For a man flying in the face of Hindu tradition, Amar Nath Verma is mighty pleased. The 27-year-old from the north Indian town of Lucknow will walk away from his wedding next month with not one, but two wives.

Bigamy is strictly forbidden amongst Hindus - but Verma believes his is a special case. His prospective father-in-law only allowed him to marry 18vear-old Ragini on the condition that he also weds her elder sister, Preeti. The girls' father, Sohan Lal, set the condition because he feared there would be no one to take care of Preeti, who is physically disabled, once he had died.

Pigs to guard Jewish Settlements

An organisation in Israel has gained rabbinical approval to train pigs to guard Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Until now, Jewish settlements

have been guarded by men with guns and also by guard dogs. But a new idea - guard pigs - has been thought up by an organisation called The Hebrew Battalion. The man in charge, Kuti Ben-Yaakov, insists it is a serious proposal.

developed than that of dogs," he said. The pigs will also be able to identify weapons from huge distances, and walk in the direction of the terrorist, thereby pointing him out. "Moreover, this animal is considered to be dangerous by Islam and, according

"Pigs' sense of

smell is far more

to the Muslim faith, a terrorist who touches a pig is not eligible for the 70 virgins in heaven."

Bosnia gets War Crimes Court

The international community has pledged \$18m towards the creation of a special war crimes court in Bosnia to lighten the load of the UN tribunal in The Hague. The funds were raised during a meeting at the tribunal of 30 donor countries including the United States. Canada and the European Union. The BBC's Geraldine Coughlan in The Hague says the new court - to be based in Sarajevo - is being seen as a major step in Bosnia's post-war reconstruction.

The pledge came as prosecutors at the tribunal asked for a 15-20-year prison sentence for a Bosnian Serb officer who admitted participating in the murder of more than 7,000 Muslims at Srebrenica in 1995.

Source: BBC News

Anti-Immigration Policies win Swiss Favor

By Ria Marie Davis Hilltop Staff Writer

Swiss general elections have ushered in the nationalist People's Party, an outcome which signifies a major change in the longstanding tone and structure of the Swiss parliament. The Swiss People Party (SVP), formerly the smallest of four governing parties in the Swiss coalition, won the biggest share of the parliamentary votes away now." He in the recent election.

This has upset the traditional system of "consensus polities" known as the "magic for- tion is a prelude to mula," which was established to more political distribute power between the four Swiss parties since 1959. The SVP - a far-right party, won on an anti-foreigner platform, which depicted asylum seekers as "criminals and drug dealers." But the campaign according to the BBC's Imogen Foulkes in Bern, "found favor with more voters than it offended."

Jason Morancie, a junior math major, suggested that, II." "Perhaps the Swiss were dissatisfied with the current makeup of the government. The BBC may have highlighted the negative aspects of the SVP, but there has to be some positives about the party which struck a chord with the Swiss public."

Christoph Blocher, the party's leader and billionaire industrialist, said that it "looks superb for Switzerland. The fact that the Swiss have expressed

such trust in the SVP means they want a change in policy." Analysts however do not share Blocher's optimism.

Julius Baer's Chief told the BBC on Sunday that, evening surely show us that the to federal funds." myth of a stable

political Switzerland is probably waning continued, stating that, "The result of the general elecinstability in this country and probably the prelude to the vanishing of another myth - the special status (wealth and stabilthat Switzerland has enjoyed since the

end of World War Switzerland's

been faring well and may soon be in a slump, given increasing unemployment and cut backs in social benefits. But according to the BBC, the SVP's anti-immigraelection campaign and stole the limelight from economic concerns.

Keisha Mc Lean, a junior for "wealth and stability."

political science major, said that 911 could be one of the factors behind the Swiss vote for the SVP. "Since 911, the perception of immigrants has changed. Not Economist, Janwillem Acket only are immigrants being seen as a threat, but people are "the more they are afraid to "The developments of this beginning to resent their access lose."

> "Not only are immigrants being seen as a threat, but people are beginning to resent their access to federal funds." - Keisha Mc Lean, junior. political science major.

economy has not

their strong ideals." tion propaganda dominated the from Switzerland's own eco-

of the election could be linked to the composition of its electorate. "The older heads," he said, "tend to be deeply rooted in their beliefs. They probably judged the campaigns not on was presented on

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Andreas Gross, an MP from the Socialist Party, said that the vote for the SVP could stem nomic successes. In recent cope with this, or whether an years, far-right parties have entirely new form of politics is done well in countries reputed

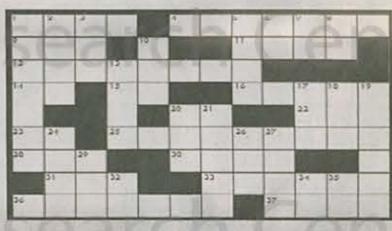
a country that has always stressed the importance of consensus." He continued, "And the big question now is whether the system of Swiss Government and the consensual style can needed."

> five years. The agency admits that it faces more complex challenges in 2003 in terms of population growth, scientific advances and technological developments, and as such, has outlined its priorities to "anticipate potential threats to human health and the environment."

> "clean air and global climate change, clean and safe water, land preservation and reservation, healthy communities and ecosystems and compliance and environmental steward-

In addition, the Agency will look at the application of its strategy across areas such as science, human capital, innovation, information, homeland security, partnerships, and economic and policy analysis. Charlene Talbot, a junior telecommunications management major, firmly believes that, "Recycling for the future is essential. The environment is need to be environmentally conscious."





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RECYCLE from A6

that Howard is playing its own part in boosting the recycling effort. "In 2002/2003," he said, "HUES initiated its own paper reduction initiative with Facilities Management, when recycling bins were placed in

Recycle MORE! the dorms. HUES wanted the bins placed on the floors, but residence life directed that the bins be located in the lobby area to allow access to facilities management staff. I think the initiative would have been more effective," he said, "if students had the convenience of access-

containers and products; repair what is broken or give it to someone who can repair it. RECYCLE REDUCE as much as the amount and possible, and toxicity of trash buy products with you discard.

ing the bins on their floors, instead of going to the lobby with their trash. I'm not exactly sure how successful the effort has been in creating student awareness or even if the bins were used properly."

Charles says however that HUES intends to renew its recycling initiative this semester. "We are trying to promote a more effective awareness and use of recycling bins in the dorms. Delta Sigma Theta has agreed to help us make students more aware of recycling laws in the District and HUSA is also organizing a neighborhood cleanup to get students involved."

Jessa McFarlane, a junior graphic design major, welcomes the HUES recycling effort. "More people need to take their recycling seriously," she says, "Everyone should know that no matter how small, they can make a difference.

On September 30, 2003, the EPA submitted its 2003 everyone's problem, so we all Strategic Plan to Congress outlining its agenda for the next

Among its new goals are

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BUSINESS&TECHNOLOGY=

Savings Bonds; Investment Option for Students

By Candace Lee Contributing Writer

Savings bonds are one of the many options available that allows students to invest and make money without putting forth much effort.

from a company, the U.S. government, municipalities, or a government agency that continues to mature the longer the buyer keeps it.

Many students like junior print journalism major Stacey Gates, can recall having savings

bonds but have no idea what became of them.

"I can remember receiving bonds as gifts when I was younger," Gates said. "But they clearly did not earn enough money at a fast enough rate because if I knew where the Savings bonds are loans money was then I would have long made use of it."

> While U.S. Savings Bonds can be purchased at most credit unions and banks, they are issued by the U.S. Treasury Department. The bonds are exempt from state and local income taxes.

can be deferred until the bond bought for as little as \$25 and reaches its full maturity or when it is redeemed, whichever comes first. However, the Education Savings Bond Program allows students to earn tax-free interest from their bonds if they are used to pay for higher education in the year that the bond is redeemed.

U.S. Savings Bonds can be redeemed at any time after the initial 12-month period of all bonds bought after February 2003.

Savings bonds are inexpen-

have no extra charges for being bought or redeemed after the

Betty Cassidy, a financial advisor for Wachovia Bank, suggests that savings bonds are excellent for saving for college.

"Savings bonds are a good way for parents with young children to prepare for college for their children in the future, however savings bonds take several years to reach their full maturity so they are not neces-

Federal tax on the bonds sive considering they can be sarily a good way to make large sums of money fast," said Cassidy.

> Darryl Lockett, a junior aforementioned amount of finance student, said that deciding whether a savings bond is the right choice depends on the specific financial situation.

> > "Savings bonds may not provide the high returns of the more risky stock market but they are a safe and insured investment that beats leaving your money in a box under your bed," said Lockett.

Spotlight on a Bison in Business

Howard Student Creates Trendy Designs for Future

Flashing light bulbs aimed at him and thumping music playing in the background. The life of a hip hop artist? No, the possible future of fashion designer Jeron Ravin.

By Erica Nzei

Contributing Writer

Ravin is the founder and head designer of the J. L. Raven Attire clothing line for men and the Grown and Sexy line for women.

"The idea came up my senior year in high school," Ravin said. "It came along when I [noticed] the way I dress wasn't out there."

However, Ravin said he has always known he wanted to be a fashion designer.

T've always had a love for fashion since I was about six or seven-vears-old, due to my mother,' Ravin said. "She's real big on fashion, that's kind of how I got into

And his identical twin, Jason

> Ravin, junior political science major, agrees with him.

"It's not surprising, for him to want to branch out and do his own clothing line, he's always had his own style," Ravin said. "The only surprise is the fact of how short of time it took him to get it off the ground."

Although Ravin is a fashion designer, his major is advertising.

"I switched over to

to incorporate the two," Ravin Fashion Show. said. "I'm working for the

manager, and I use that to help advertise [the label]."

So what is J. L. Raven

"A lot of brothers like to dress neat and nice but still like to support urban clothing, and you either have to do one or the other," Ravin said. "J. L.

Raven Attire is supposed to be a bridge between urban clothing and contemporary American clothing.'

burbs, the block, the black labels.

room, there could be five case, that's not true at all." wearing your label," Ravin said. "Urban designers get caught up in making clothing for black people, that only [black people] buy clothing. their [Business-wise], you can't alienate everyone eise except 12 percent of the US population."

Although J. L. Raven Attire catered towards men, Ravin also has something in store for women.

"Grown and Sexy is a women's wear line, to trigger the grown and sexy woman," Linda Spruill, head designer for Grown and Sexy said. "It's going to be very different, but stylish; daring but classy."

Neither line is ready to be sold, however, both lines will make their debut April of BRAPHICS COURTESY OF GOOGLE COM

"I don't have any clothes -District ready for sale yet, that's much Chronicles as an advertising further down the line," Ravin said. "The way I planned it out was to just promote the line. I got a little bit of anticipation from Howard students; they really want to know when it's coming out."

> Anticipation from students probably because Ravin's whole production team consists of budding entrepreneurs who all attend Howard, includ- social life he said. ing Spruill and Akadius Barry, promoter for the line through his company, New Era Ravin's slogan, "the Strategies, Inc.

"There has been a lot of city," goes way beyond the support," Ravin said. "There's a hip hop influence of most quote in Do the Right Thing by Spike Lee, 'If black people had "A great fashion label to depend on each other to eat, is if you walked in a we would starve' and in this

different ethnicities Although Ravin has been

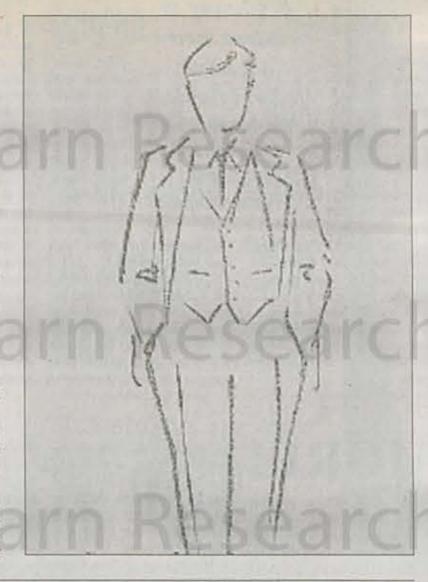
advertising and decided to try 2004 at the Fashion Council discouraged at times, he said he has never wanted to give up.

"The reaction has been too positive for me to give up, there has been too many good things for the bad things to knock that off," explained Ravin.

Classes are always a first priority with Ravin, however, from midnight until close to 4 a.m. he can be seen meeting with his production team to discuss new designs and promotions for the line.

He still finds time for a

"A lot of people I hang out with are involved in fashion. I can still hang out with my friends and have fun and do business at the same time," said Ravin. "[The late night meetings, though], that's the life of an entrepreneur; if there's a will, there's a way."



Author Gives Women Advice About Corporate America

By Chizoba Udeorji Contributing Writer

dozens of ways to say it, and thousands New York Times Best Seller. of scenarios for it, but the bottom line is that women still have it hard in the she's lived through the struggle as well. work place.

Gail Evans lectured this past Friday at the Women's Health Institute at Howard University Hospital. The program was put on to teach women to learn to achieve in a corporate environ-

Man, Win Like a Woman, is the recipe for success in the corporate world.

"This book isn't only for women, them.

but it can be useful to minority groups as well," Evans saids.

This is Evans' second book on suc-I work twice as hard as he does, cess in the business world, the first and he still got promoted," There are (She Wins, You Win), quickly became a

> Evans has not only wrote a book, Evans has had a vast, successful

New York Times Best Seller author career, first as a White House aide, and eventually becoming the first female executive vice president for CNN. Her road to success was not an easy one, but her dedication is what made her stand

"It's important to keep a positive Gail Evans' latest book, Play like a attitude," said Evans. There are several key suggestions that can almost guarantee success to anyone who follows

Negotiate. According to Evans, say about other female co-workers said women do not negotiate their salaries, or their positions.

"Women are told what their wages are, and they accept. We have to be willing to step out of our comfort zone. mentor, because we have to remember Ask questions," Evans said.

Evans explained that women should never feel they have to work longer or harder then men to be validated.

"If you come in early and leave later, your efforts might be misinterpreted. Instead of being seen as a hard worker, you may be seen as a slow worker who needs the extra time," Evans said.

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Evans.

"It's important to share info about what's going on with other women around you. Find a mentor and be a that we're all in this together," Evans added.

Play Like a Man, Win Like a Woman, is full of helpful tips for anyone who wants to climb the corporate

In her short time at Howard University, Evans seemed to leave an impact on the women who heard her

"The lecture was motivating, food for thought," said Lynetter Mundey, tend to be their own worse enemies in medical director of the student health center at Howard.

Money Matters



Refund Checks are for Education, Not Clothes

By Ashley Kelly

Business & Technology Editor Rain beats against Diva's lavender umbrella as she rushes to Cramton Auditorium to pick up the piece of paper she has been waiting for all semester.

Her refund check.

Briskly walking past everyone else in line she reaches the woman giving out the checks.

"I've come to pick up my refund check," Diva says as she tosses her freshly curled hair out her face."

"So are the other 10 people in line," said the refund check lady. "So I suggest you go ahead and join them."

She is just grouchy because her weave is wrong," she thinks. "I won't tell her off this

"Whatever," Diva

reluctantly walks to the end of the

"I don't know who the thinks she is, just walk up in front of the line like she's VIP or something. This Howard, not the club," a girl in front of Diva says to a friend.

"Who is she talking about?" Diva wonders as if it isn't obvious.

Diva finally reaches

the front of the line. "Let me have your

ID." Diva hands her ID to the woman.

The woman types it in the computer and turns the monitor towards Diva.

You will be getting \$500.

"What, that's it? There must be some mistake," Diva squeals.

How am I gonna buy a new winter coat, boots and a hat to match with that? We don't handle

problems here. Go to the A-building. "I don't have time to

go to the A-building?" "That's not my problem," said the refund check lady, who was past

Diva leaves Cramton to decide what she is going to spend her refund check on.

being tired of Diva.

Keep in mind that Diva does not have all her books and she still owes Sally Mae (loan company) money.

"Maybe I should do the right thing with my money this time," she thinks, "I still need that psychology book and I do have mad loans to pay back. I could start paying my interest rate now. Or...maybe not."

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African-American Organ Donation Rates Insufficient

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showed that the African-American consent rate dropped from 50 percent in 2001 to 36 percent last year. Some experts attribute the lack of interest partly to a fear of mutilation of the body or distrust of the medical establishment.

Medical research facilities are willing to accept donated bodies, also called a "gift of body", or specific tissues and organs. Many diseases are hereditary in nature and so medical research done on a body directly benefits that person's next of kin. In the distri-

bution of organs and tissues, transplants are given priority over research, but those designated for research purposes are sent to the most appropriate research institution in an international network of prestigious institutions.

Despite the benefits, some students are still wary of the gory nature of scientific research on dead bodies. When asked of her willingness to donate organs to science, Ashanti Brown, a senior finance major, said, "I would not want my body going towards medical research. I may donate my organs for transplants but defi-

nitely not medical research."

However, Tamika Smith, a freshman majoring in broad-cast journalism, believes that bodies should be donated to science. She defended Brown's actions by saying, "At least they're [Brown and accomplices] trying to do something positive,"

A small student survey conducted across campus, revealed that over 60% of those polled would not want their bodies donated for medical research when they die, while only 28% would consider organ or tissue donation.

Diva's Refund Check

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After cashing her refund check, she plans the rest of her

"I have to go to Bloomingdales before the sale is over and then later I will get ready for a night out at Dream," she thinks. "Maybe I'll find some sucker to pay me all the money back I'm going to spend shopping."

It seems as though Diva's shallow mentality will never change.

Spending your refund check for pleasure is not the

purpose of the refund check. The purpose is to put the money towards necessities.

For example: paying back loans or interest on loans. Another possible thing to do is open a bank CD with the money. This way you will not be able to touch the money until the allotted time period is over

Do something more than shop with your refund check away.

Please.

Dedicated to C squared and William.

Cross World Puzzle Solutions

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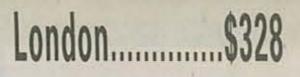
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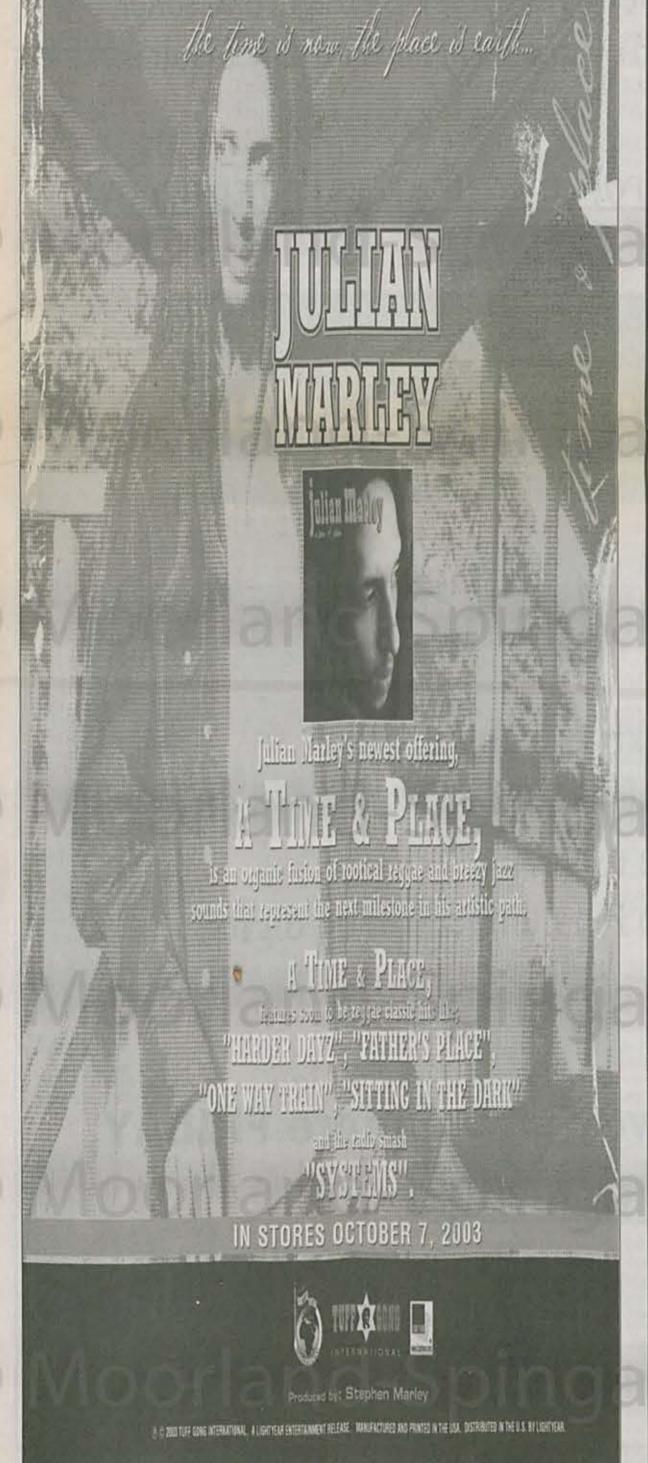


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FOOTBALL:

N.C.A&T 13 Bethune-Cookman, 7

SCSU 36 Delaware St. 13

FAMU 34 Hampton 23

Howard 42 Norfolk St. 28

Morgan St. 45 Savannah St. 14

Standings:

(MEAC, Overall)
Hampton (5-0, 6-2)
NC A&T (4-0, 8-1)
Bethune-Cookman (3-2, 6-2)
SCSU (3-2, 5-4)
Morgan St. (3-3, 4-4)
Howard (1-3, 3-5)
Delaware St. (0-4, 0-8)
Norlolk St. (0-5, 1-8)

VOLLEYBALL:



FAMU 3 Coppin State 0

UMES 3 SCSU 0

Jacksonville 3 Bethune-Cookman 0

SCSU 3 Norfolk State 0

NC A&T 0

Navy 3 Coppin State 0

Howard 3 Delaware St. 0

Hampton 3

Norfolk St. 0

Wake Forest 3

NC A&T 0

Standings:

(MEAC, Overall)

Northern Division

UMES (7-1, 21-9)

Morgan (6-2, 11-15)

Howard (3-5, 7-12)

Hampton (3-4, 11-10)

Delaware St. (1-6, 2-19)

Coppin St. (1-8, 2-23)

Southern Division

FAMU (8-0, 18-3)

NC A&T (6-2, 13-13)

SCSU (5-4, 14-9)

Bethune-Cookman (3-5, 7-20)

Norfolk St. (1-6, 2-18)

SOCCER:



MEN'S SOCCER SCSU 0. Howard 2

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Howard has a new Strength and Conditoning Coach. See who it is . . . page B2

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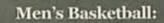
Coach Cathy Parson



By Soraya N. McDonald Sports Editor

The time has finally come for the biggest annual bash in Burr Gymnasium: Madness at the Mecca 2003, formally Midnight Madness. But no matter the name, or the date, the celebration of the beginning of collegiate basketball season at Howard will take place this Thursday in Burr Gymnasium at six p.m.

The kickoff will feature an intra-squad blue and white scrimmage for the women's basketball team, and an exhibition game for the men's team.



There is life after Ron Williamson and Kyle Williams if you ask men's Basketball Head Coach Frankie Allen. Allen thinks that the team is better than their seventh-ranked conference standing implies.

Though the team will be missing last season's scoring leader—Williamson scored a career-high 52 points against NC A&T—Allen is positive that this year's team members can step up to fill his shoes.

"I have confidence in the players that we have. We have a more balanced attack, and other players have stepped up to fill Ron and Kyle's shoes," Allen said.

Sophomore point guard Louis Ford will be one of the keys to the Bison's scoring attack this season; Ford helped carry the team down the last stretch of the season, when they one 11 of their last 14 games.

Junior James Wilkinson and sophomore Daniel Wright will now act as sizy post players. Wright red-shirted last season.

According to Allen, senior forward Seye Aluko has been the most consistent performer both offensively and defensively in preseason practices.

Sophomore Bilal Russell didn't see any playing time last year due to a medical red-shirt because of his heart. This year, he will be late in playing with the team because of a broken finger. However, Russell should become more of a factor in the Bison game plan in December; his versatility allows him to play as a small forward or big guard.



"We have a solid nucleus of players. We're not trying to rush things," Allen said.

One factor in this year's schedule that Allen is pleased

By L. Michael Flanagan

Asst. Sports Editor

this year.

thing on my mind."

tant to any basktball fan.

Jonny Seymour.

Coach Frankie Allen.

Throwback Night:

No Madness at Midnight!

The basketball party at midnight didn't take place on

Due to NCAA rules and the way that the dates fell this

Midnight madness for a coach is a sacrifice. Midnight

the Friday before the start of the collegiate season. Instead,

it's been switched to happy hour time (this Thursday at six

particular school year, the teams would not have had

enough time to prepare if Howard had Midnight Madness

madness wasn't the first thing on my mind. Because of the

way it fell on the calendar we had no choice but to resched-

ule it," said Head Women's Basketball Coach Cathy

Parsons. Preparing the team for the season is the first

HU Style," an ode to the old school. Having the annual tra-

dition a couple of weeks later has provided Bill Keene more

time to prepare for the type of event that would be impor-

professor Deborah Johnson's Sports Marketing class,

Keene has worked to create an exhibarating atmosphere for

forward. I think it's a good idea," said graduate student

Either Jimi Hendrix's or Marvin Gaye's version of the

national anthem will open the event. Also, the student who

comes dressed in the best throwback outfit will win a prize.

Still, many are excited about "A Blast From the Past:

Keene is the Special Assistant to the Vice-Provost for

With the help of his committee and volunteers from

"I think its time for a change, time to strive and move

The main feature of the event is its old school theme.

Pepsi, WHBC, and a local radio station will also have

The basketball teams will be able to provide a better

For the first time in Burr Gymnasium history, the

The kids will be in shape and we will put on a pretty

'November 6 will be the same atmosphere and same

Unlike Howard, other local institutions, including

'For the students it's a party," Parsons said. "They

Georgetown University and the University of Maryland still

held Midnight Madness at the traditional date, the Friday

don't understand the way that dates fall and how NCAA

rules go are apples and oranges. We had six new freshmen

product as well. They've gotten two weeks of practice and

Howard basketball introductions will include a women's

good show. People will be impressed," said Head Basketball

blue and white scrimmage and a men's exhibition game.

conditioning and time to adjust to the start of the season.

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with is that the Bison have four home games in December, and a game against Georgetown at the MCI Center. In previous years, home games didn't really start in

earnest until January, and it wasn't until midway through January
that fans started to some to games
consistently.

"By playing those games in December, we can create a fan base prior to students going home for the break," Allen said.

Women's Basketball:

Like the men's team, the Howard women's basketball team lost two of their most substantial players—Courtney Kirk and Asia Petty—at the end of last season as well.

Assistant Coach Andre Bolton isn't too concerned though.

Head Women's Basketball Coach Cathy Parson was busy recruiting in the off season, and there are six new freshmen to show for it.

"They will probably make an impact right away," Bolton said.

The women's basketball team is currently picked to finish fifth in the MEAC, a rating the Bolton thinks the women can supercede.

"I think we will surprise a lot of people; a lot of people are sleeping on us," Bolton said.

Thus far, much of the leadership on the team has come from starting point guard Daisha Hicks, who chides and encourages her teammates in practice.

Defensively, the Bolton thinks that sophomore Brittany James will play a significant role in the Lady Bison's success.

Bolton was also enthusiastic about Shannon Carlisle, who is only 5'4, but very quick. "She's going to give a lot of people problems," Bolton said.

While good recruiting has only helped the top-ranked Hampton Pirates, Bolton still believes the MEAC title won't be a shoo-in for them because everyone in the MEAC has improved.

With the six new freshmen and eight returning players, the Lady Bison are looking to grab a piece of that improvement and success.

"They all combine to be a Courtney Kirk," Bolton said. "The scoring will be more evenly balanced, not just one or two people shining."

Howard Tramples Norfolk, Rutherford Breaks Record

By Kaneica Brown Hilltop Staff Writer

Six straight losses turned to seven for the Norfolk State Spartans as fans watched the Bison football team destroy their homecoming hopes for a win. Howard (1-3 MEAC, 3-5 overall) defeated Norfolk State (0-5 MEAC, 1-8) 42-28 Saturday at William "Dick" Price Stadium.

Freshman standout Antoine Rutherford had a phenomenal game, rushing for 230 yards and five touchdowns. Rutherford broke the school record for rushing touchdowns in a game (four) that was held by six former Bison.

Junior linebacker Kevin Talley provided one of few bright spots for the Spartans; he broke Norfolk's record for most tackles in a game.

Otherwise, joy belonged to the Bison, who snapped a two game losing streak.

Early in the second quarter, the Bison took charge. On the first drive, Rutherford a touchdown on a 28-yard run, putting the Bison up 6-0.

The Spartans were forced to punt on their first drive, and the Bison blocked the attempt. Sophomore safety Antoine Bethea recovered the ball and rushed 26 yards for another Bison touchdown. A successful two-point conversion brought the

score to 14-0.

come in. We have work to do."

quality of entertainment," Parsons said.

before the start of collegiate basketball season.

The Spartans retaliated with running back Terrell Johnson and he scored on a nine-yard rush, to put the Spartans back in the game.

The Bison's inability to convert on the ensuing possession put the Spartan offense back on the field. Quarterback Dontrell Leonard connected with a Norfolk wide receiver on a 47-yard pass and running back Terrell Johnson leapt inside the goal line for his second touchdown of the game on the next play.

"We knew it was a big game today,

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Senior linebacker Greg Spriggs prepares to make a tackle.

SPORTS

Sean Combs Runs **New York City**



PHOTO COURTESY OF ENTERTAINMENTWEEKLY.COM Sean "P. Diddy" Combs ran the New York Marathon to raise money for children this past Saturday.

By L. Michael Flanagan Asst. Sports Editor

Today he turns 34, but just a couple of days ago an exhausted, tired, sore, and cramped Sean Combs raised his arms past the finish line in Central Park. Combs, better known as P. Diddy, "Ran the City" this past Saturday. He finished the 26.2-mile New York Marathon in 4 hours and 14 minutes to raise money for New York public schools.

Comb finished 11,359 of 35,100 participants. He raised two million dollars for New York public schools, children suffering from HIV and AIDS and his own charity organizations.

"I was in real trouble and I wanted to stop. It was a life changing experience because I did not stop," Combs said in a post-race press conference.

Combs said his motivation was to beat media mogul Oprah Winfrey's time of 4 hours 29 minutes.

The Bad Boy started training two months ago, when he announced he would be donating the proceeds from the race to several children's charities. He lost 15-pounds during training and gained tendonitis in his knee.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg helped support Combs' cause with \$10,000. Fellow New Yorker Jay-Z, gave\$25,000; and Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez, donated \$78,000.

Kenyan Martin Lel, won the men's race in two hours and ten minutes. Margaret Okayo championed the women's race and clocked a time of two hours and 22 minutes.

Many people encouraged Combs during the race, including several off-duty police officers, children in Harlem, and cameramen from MTV, all of whom ran with him.

Combs wanted to send the message to children that people must finish what they start and that they can do anything they put their minds to.

Turner Strengthens and Conditions Bison Athletes

By Shatarah Ramirez Contributing Writer

It's a well-known fact that any successful athletic program has people working it from every angle. These days, it's not enough to simply rely on the head coach to give a team that extra edge. The current trend in athletics is to hire a strength and conditioning coach to help athletes maintain peak performance during the off-season.

Howard University had a strength and conditioning coach for over a year, Keith Comeforo, until he moved on to bigger and better: the National Football League (NFL).

But not even the NFL could keep "Ty" away, the newest addition to the Bison athletic Strength and Conditioning Coach Ty Turner.

back and member of two championship football teams at the University of Richmond. The Clinton, Maryland native served as the assistant strength here.'

and conditioning coach at the University of Maryland, where he worked until he came to

Turner, who is 27, was also training for the NFL, as he had plans to go pro.

opportunity However, came knocking after at least encounters three Comeforo.

"I kept running into him while I came to this campus to train," he said. "After he kept mentioning that he would be leaving Howard soon, I thought it was more than coincidence."

Turner was convinced that the position was right for him because he would be working with athletes.

"I know how important it

(working with athletes) can be in one's career, and it truly can make all the difference," he said. "I took this job because, as Turner is a former running an athlete myself, I was never the biggest or the fastest. I had to work hard at it, and because of my experiences, I believe I can truly relate to the athletes

Ty Turner is Howard's newest strength and conditoning coach.

Turner has a different outs and left the majority of the approach to his training than Comeforo did.

Comeforo used team work-

work up to the individual.

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Bowling Team Prepares for MEAC Championship

By Kira Lee Hilltop Staff Writer

Located deep at the heart of the Blackburn Center, the Howard University Bowling team is shaking the foundation of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

The humble beginnings of this dynamic season took place at the September tryouts. One senior, three juniors, one sophomore, and one freshman made up the six varsity members of the Fall 2003 varsity

Every weekend the Bison Bowlers travel to a different school to compete for points that accumulate toward an Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland Intercollegiate Bowling Conference (EPMIBC) division title.

The Bison bowl against two teams on Saturdays and one

other type of play after col-

lege. I wouldn't mind coach-

ing here at Howard, but that is

graduate interests lie in televi-

during his first two years at

Howard didn't go as well as he

would have liked. Though he

received the honors, he didn't

sion production.

Rather than pursuing a

Long's athletic experience

team each Sunday, in either a singles or doubles match. The opmental year for our team. teams with the highest totals We are very focused on buildare awarded the point for that ing talent this year, so to be match.

"This is considered a develdoing so well is wonderful. Our

averages have been extremely good," said Sam Amoako-Atta, the coach for the coed intramural bowling team.

The Bison have been leaving their competition in the gutter. Until last weekend's loss, the Howard University Varsity Bowling Squad was undefeated. Their current record is

As the fall 2003 MEAC Championship approaches, excitement on the Bison bench is growing.

Bowler Kimberly Williams is very enthusiastic about the upcoming tournament.

"We have been doing really well this year," said Williams. "We could definitely take the championship.'

The MEAC conference championship will be held in Dover, Delaware this year.

Long Invited To Play in All-Star Classic



PHOTO COURTESY HOWARD SPORTS INFO Vontrae Long was named as an All-American athlete.

By Kaneicia Brown Hilltop Staff Writer

When he's not forcing or recovering fumbles, senior Bison football player Vontrae Long is receiving accolades for his on-field accomplishments. Recently, Long was invited to play in the Division I-AA All-Star Classic football game to be held December 30 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

"It's a great accomplishment for me to be accepted and to play in that game," Long said. "But I am going to treat it as I would any other game." The All-American safety is

still unsure as to whether or not he will participate in the After the regular football

season ends on November 22,

he may not be physically ready of going into the league, or any to play in the December classic at Lockhart Stadium.

"It really depends on what type of shape I am in when the it as far as football is contime comes," Long said. "It's cerned," Long said. up to Coach Bolton and how he prepares me for the game. career in football, Long's post-If I am not in the best of shape, I won't play."

The game will be televised on TFN (The Football Network), a national and regional sports network that is available to 35 million people.

Long isn't brimming with enthusiasm about taking an See LONG page B3

all expenses paid trip to ort Lauderdale because he is anxious for football season to be over, and for his adult life to

begin. "November 22 will be the last time I in a am football uniform (with the exception of December's



game). I have Senior safety makes tackles a Texas

no aspirations Southern opponent.

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Name: Antoine Rutherford

Sport: Football

Position: Running back

Classification: Freshman



Rutherford leads the MEAC with 786 rushing yards, and broke the Howard record for touchdowns in a game with five. Saturday, he rushed for 230 yards on 30 carries. Rutherford was selected by The Sports Network as this week's I-AA Offensive Player of the Week. He was also named MEAC Rookie of the Week for the third time this season.

SPORTS

New Coach Helping Athletes

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Conversely, Turner pledges to do what is necessary with each athlete, one-on-one.

"I'm going to push you, and if you have set a goal for yourself, I will be sure to help you reach it," Turner said.

His style may require a unique kind of discipline, because most students he's worked with find him fairly relaxed.

"It may seem that way now because I am new and this is kind of my observation period," Turner said. "I need to get a feel for everyone. But just wait until December. I don't think everyone will be saying that then."

Turner's influence has already begun to show through the basketball team. "It took some getting used to at first,

because we switched coaches in and conditioning. the middle of our conditioning season, but he is great," said Will Gant, a freshman on the the basketball team is the first team he began working with, tive, and focus on the areas we really got a feel for him. He where you are weak. The is a strong coach, and he will be the one I go to get back into

Not only does he want to be an integral part in making sure each team has an edge on the field, but Turner also wants Howard's facilities.

reach optimal performance, which is why I plan to bring in more assistants, including a I think he has an effective way massage therapist, a nutritionist, and a flexibility specialist," Turner said.

Turner has his own philosophy and approach to strength Hall.

"I believe in the initial assessment of the athlete, and designing a workout based Bison basketball team. "Since around that," he said. "My workouts tend to be informamajority of them are sport specific too, because a lacrosse player is not going to need the same thing as a hurdle jumper, who will not need the same thing as a swimmer."

The athletes Turner coachto work toward improving es are pleased with his comprehensive, sport-specific "I know what it takes to approach to strength and conditioning.

> "He is helping us out a lot. of working with us swimmers, because he allows us to do strength training we need for our sport," said freshman Josh

Bison Trample Spartans

BISON from B1

and we had a huge focus on the game, because it was homecoming," Johnson said.

The second half kick-off return to the Bison running back James Smith resulted in a 70yard gain, the longest in his career. Rutherford then took over, scoring a 23-yard touch-

The 93-yard gain in 19 seconds stunned the Spartans, who missed their kickoff return. The Bison regained possession and Rutherford scored again. The Bison went for another 2-point conversion, raising the score 28-

The Spartans stepped up their own running game with a combination of running backs Johnson and Monte Anthony. The drive gave the Spartans the opportunity to tie the game again.

"We knew it was going to be a game of motion, from Coach Petty being a former coach here," said Talley.

In the fourth quarter, two major plays put the game out of reach for the Spartans. A fumble from Johnson gave possession to the Bison. Shortly thereafter, Bison quarterback Marcos Moreno threw an interception that the officials ruled as pass interference, giving the Bison possession and momentum. Rutherford scored again to put the Bison up by two touchdowns.

"The fumble by me and the interception that was called pass interference cost us the game," said Johnson. "At that time, we



PHOTO BY KEN SHIPP/ALL-PRO PHOTOGRAPHY Sophomore safety Antoine Bethea scored a defensive

touchdown against the Spartans.

felt the game slipping away." The game slipped right into the hands of Bison offense, particularly to Rutherford, who

scored two more touchdowns in

the fourth quarter. Rutherford also broke records of his own Saturday. He broke his own game high of 206 rushing yards by rushing for 230. Saturday's efforts put him at number two in the Howard record books for most rushing

yards in a single game. "The offensive linemen were really on their blocks," Rutherford said. "My fullbacks, out of reach."

linemen, tight ends and receivers all did a great job, which opened up a lot of play for me."

Willie Gillus, who is in his first season as the Spartans' head coach, wasn't happy about the officiating, but commended Howard on their play.

"We wanted to come execute our best defensively and offensively," Gillus said. "The socalled 'fumble' and the interception call was the momentum breaker. But Howard played a great game, they put together some drives that made the game

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

All-Star Classic Picks Long to Play

LONG from B2

care for the coaching system.

"Before Coach Petty's staff came in, I don't think I was pushed hard enough to reach my full potential," Long said. "Coach Ronald Bolton (the defensive secondary coach) influenced me to increase my work ethic. I had difficulty with the transition between coaching staffs, because the players did what they wanted to do. The new staff was not

having that, and I had to change because I was used to continue his college career in doing my own thing."

This season, Long was suspended from the team for a However, he says that his relaprogressed.

"I have an excellent relationship with Coaches Bolton legacy to Bethea, I taught him and Gilmore," Long said. "I can go to them with major situations. Coach Gilmore offers torch to the next greatest safewords of encouragement to ty of HU's history." keep me going."

This spring, the senior will Howard's graduate program for education.

He will also be here to week for not following rules. watch the growth of next year's team, and work with tionship with his coaches has sophomore safety Antoine

"I'm going to leave my everything I know," Long said, smiling. "I'm going to pass the

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FEATURE

A New Beat To Vibe With. esearch Center VH1 Soul Hits the Mark While Others Miss

By Rivéa Ruff Contributing Writer

You come home after a long day in classes. All you want to do is relax and watch Living." MTV is having another "Real World/Road and VH1 is showing "I Love the 80s," yet again. If you were at home with your digital cable box, you would most station like VH1 Soul. cal options are limited.

Digital cable video net- the time." works, particularly VH1 Soul and MTV Jams, which are BET," said sophomore busigeared more toward the ness management major African American market, are a staple of many Howard students' television viewing during the summer months. than BET lately." Unfortunately for those who live on campus, these sta- VH1 Soul airs "24 hours of tions are not included in the basic cable provided by the University. Some dormitories '90's." At any given hour of do not even receive channel the day, viewers can see the 51, WHBC radio, much less latest video from Monica, an extra video station.

station known to play the most music videos made by ence major Kevin Chavous

blacks, as well as programs geared toward and starring blacks. At any given point during the day, most televisions on campus are likely tuned into BET. Though BET a few videos. You turn on the is supposed to be the station television, only to see that that entertains black people, BET is showing a "special some students are dissatis-'baller' episode" of "How I'm fied with the format of BET programming.

"I think BET is supposed Rules Challenge" marathon, to be more educational and inform black people of what is going on," said sophomore biology major Roshni Rountree, who felt that BET likely turn to a 24-hour video had a responsibility to focus on more than music. "Instead However, in Howard it's just videos all the time. University dorms, your musi- VH1 Soul and MTV Jams are supposed to show videos all

"Anything is better than George McClendon when asked about BET's programs. "Regular VH1 is even better

According to VH1.com, the hottest soul and r&b hits from today and all of the then see an old 112 video The primary source of from 1997 only minutes later. music video entertainment Among those listed as core for most HU students is artists for station program-Entertainment ming are Mary J. Blige, Television (BET). This is the Usher, Brandy and D'angelo.

Sophomore political sci-



cable BET.

"They mix it up more with new and old stuff and they don't repeat all the time like BET," he said.

videos and BET be playing all that extra mess all the time."

prefers VH1 Soul to basic want to watch videos, you there is no "hard" rap or hip- Although you may be ale to you want to watch TV," he see the new Monica video as said.

"I just want to watch back to VH1Soul is it's essentially mellow format. Though the station broadcasts the said Bradford, who also pre- majority of popular songs

mentioned before, it is highly The only potential draw- unlikely that you will see the latest David Banner video that is all over BET and MTV

The same problem perferred VH1 Soul, "When you from today and yesterday, sists, however, for MTV Jams. music whenever you want it.

want to watch videos, and hop played on the station. catch the new TI video severwhen you want to watch TV. Though you are quite likely to al times a day, it's not likely that that old 112 joint will be in rotation as well. Both stations offer what many seek when they are in the mood for music: all videos, all the time. Having 24-hour video stations gives you the option of

INDULGE Chic of the Week Nana the Place for the Stylish and Savvy

By Glory Edim Contributing Writer

The words "something borrowed, something new" come to mind when exploring the chic boutique Nana located in the historic U Street district of D.C. Nana is the combination of new and vintage clothing, along with an assortment of accessories and bath products. Owner Jackie Flanagan didn't study design in college, nor did she aspire to become a fashion mogul.

"The only fashion career I ever had was being an avid shopper," says Flanagan. Her vision was to provide stylish, tasteful clothing for women like herself. Flanagan simply took her sense of style, creativity (along with years of shopping preneurship. Thus, Nana was

Nana is charming in every aspect; the colorful walls and rows of fabulous clothing are a savvy shopper's dream. The store may only be six months old, but it quickly found clientele, and for good reason. Entering the store you're welcomed by friendly faces and the warm scent of candles. The store specializes in women's clothing. It's filled with incredible blazers, funky sweaters and vintage handbags, all at affordable prices. The quaint set-up prepares you to discover an array of different fashions and shop comfortably. The boutique is named after and inspired by Flanagan's grandmother, who she proclaims a fashion idol.

"I call my grandmother experience) and pursued entre. Nana...she has this really great way of dressing very smart and



not spending a ton of money," says Flanagan.

The boutique appeals to the sensible but adventurous consumer. Flanagan's goal is "to put together clothing that is unique and affordable and fun

and very smart looking." Whether you want to splurge or simply pick up an accessory, you can do so at Nana. The clothing prices range from \$5 to \$100 dollars depending if the item is new or vintage, along with the detail of the design. Many of the vintage items are one of a kind or hard to find pieces. Every piece caters to individual style and personality, which makes the shopping experience even more rewarding.

"They have awesome vintage stuff. It's in really good condition...The girls who work

here are really cool. They always have new stuff all the time," says Nicole Grant, a Nana shopper.

Up and coming designers and alternative companies add to Nana's unique appeal. The clothing label, Preloved, has become a signature Nana line. Two savvy Canadian designers have specialized in recreating incredible vintage pieces into new works of clothing. For example, they can suddenly transform a trench coat into a skirt. This innovative sense of style and the grouping of both new and old is what make Nana's so special. The clothing simply stands out in a crowd.

Although Flanagan knew she wanted a store, she had no idea what she would sell. She's gone from indecision to great success. "I love all the small



parts being small busin e s s owner, whether it's budgets or spreadsheets, ordering, or marketing," she said.

Jackie Flanagan has now lived in the U St. area for the last eight years

and, with her flourishing business, she considers her success fortunate. Nana is a "new store that respects the amazing history of U Street...I feel really lucky to have a store on this block because it's surrounded by other innovative and creative people...it's a very genuine

shop," Flanagan said. The future of Nana looks

promising. "I see this really solid longlasting store with a great reputation," says Flanagan. "The addition of a men's clothing line

is possible and perhaps a larger store in the future." But for now Nana is a wonderful addition to U Street and a fun place to shop.

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'Girlz' unveils seedy world of flesh peddlers

By Stella Ukaoma Contributing Writer

A well-sculpted body, flat stomach, a nice pair of breasts plus tons of personality may be the winning combination to making plenty of money, but at what price would that money come? Set in the Badlands, Philadelphia, Bad Girlz is a surprisingly emotional and thought-provoking story about peddling flesh for cash and the associated pitfalls. Both fresh and fast-paced, Shannon tumultuous path of women enticed by the alluring prospect of quick and easy money.

Tonya Morris is an average African American teenager stepfather betray her. With no roof over her head and no idea where her next meal will be coming from, Tonya begins trading sexual favors for food and shelter. With the help of her boyfriend and his cousin

Kat, Tonya quickly progresses style is simple but very effective to stripping at a nightclub.

Initially overwhelmed by the sea of naked bodies at Wild Things, Tonya, now re-christened Tender, soon finds her niche. The ever helpful Kat and Goldie, her protégée, assist her. At 31, Kat is a gorgeous, lightskinned woman who has no qualms about hustling either friends or strangers. To keep tabs on Tender and her money, Kat moves Tender in and becomes her mentor.

Smoothly written, Bad Holmes leads us down the Girlz is an excursion into the dark and sometimes dangerous world of strip clubs. however, Bad Girlz contains Surprisingly sympathetic for an onlooker, Shannon Holmes, a blasé New Yorker, is not afraid until both her mother and her to appear soft as he tells the story of betrayal and exploitation in the seedy flesh peddling industry. Instead, he paints a picture of a strong tidal wave that easily bears off with young girls who are not well anchored by love and support. Holmes'

as the characters are well defined and intense. While there is not much character development in the plot, it is hard to ignore the faint stirrings of pity for the girls as they live in a world of self-delusion.

Though not a cliff-hanger, Bad Girlz is delightfully entertaining as well as profound with many layers of treacherous currents running through it. With the alcohol, drugs and sex freely flowing, it is hard not to imagine that a crash course with reality is imminent.

Not for weak stomachs. many graphic accounts of violence and sex, which perhaps lend credence to the dangerous environment in which these females operate. Bad Girlz is a spunky, exciting piece of work about fast girls on a rollercoaster ride of fast money, a dizzying ascent that can only plummet with equal speed when confronted with the real world.

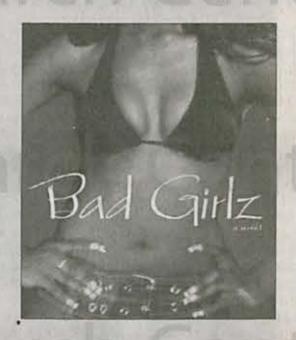
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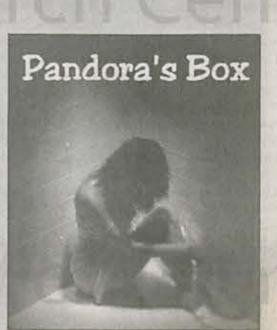


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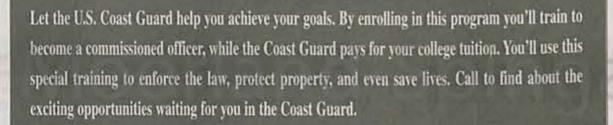
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Diddy Caught in Sweatshop Scandal

rights accused Sean "P.Diddy" Comb's clothing line "Sean be a busy man, but it is not that suppliers' factories are John" of using sweatshops in enough for Combs to own a Honduras. According to the clothing line and not know National Labor Committee, what is going on behind the Sean John factory managers scenes. If he does not have the paid workers as little as 15 cents for a shirt that would sell

for \$40, fired workers who became pregnant, refused to pay overtime, and hindered workers from forming a union. No one is attacking Sean Combs personally for these startling allegations, but activists hope that he will do something response.

We hope he will too. With all of his different business venues, it is a team of people that will be United States, we are sure that safe to say that there is a pos- invested in making sure that sibility that Combs was things are done right. unaware of the conditions in the factories. It is not too

manner in the future. He may time to be more involved in his business, then he needs to hire

Our View:

P. Diddy may not have known what his suppliers were doing in factories, but he can help change conditions for the future.

Sean John executive vice president Jeff Tweedy said much, though, to ask for him that the company had no to actively ensure that these knowledge of these conditions

Activists for workers' workers are treated in a fair and that they conduct thorough inspections to make sure

Well, obviously, if workers are complaining that they are being abused by supervisors, then something is not right. Perhaps the supervisors are on

their best behavior when they are being inspected. Maybe inspectors are not doing as good of a job as they should.

Either something needs to change in the Sean Jean factories in Honduras. If Sean Combs can raise two million dollars running the city and open charities for children in the

he can look into the allegations and try and help change the conditions for the workers from this point on.

A Work of Fiction or a Threat?

spree at Colorado's Columbine High School, the issue of school safety has reached immeasurable heights of year-old Rachel Boim

found out just how careful schools can be when their daughter was expelled from school for writing a story about a girl who dreams of killing her teacher.

While many people think that the school acted irrationally in taking the girl's fictional writings so seriously, we think otherwise. Recall the story behind the

headlines of the Columbine shootings: The two young killers showed numerous signs of instability and depression, but no one said anything. No one thought to take seriously walked around calling themselves the "Trench Coat Mafia." Their parents didn't notice the artillery in their rooms, nor did

After the 1999 shooting here is to be proactive in situations like this.

It is very likely that Rachel Boim never intends to murder any of her teachers. But story seriously, expulsion was importance. You can never be because our society has been not the answer. too careful. The parents of 14- tainted by the terrorizing

Our View:

Schools have to take signs of potential violence seriously in order to ensure the safety of teachers and students.

> occurrence of school violence, we have to be proactive in considering the possibility that her story just may have been more than that.

We do believe, however, the fact that two young men that Boim's school, Roswell High, should have offered the girl counseling and tried to found out if there was some reason behind her writing such

they bother to look. The lesson a disturbing story. If she really was a threat, the school simply passed her off to be a threat at another school. Though the school was right to take her

Boim certainly had the right to write a story. There is no crime in that. But as unfair as it may seem, we have to remember that we live in a day and age where school shootings do happen. Children and teachers are killed in a place where everyone should feel safe. Because these reali-

ties exist, certain

measures have to be

taken that may seem ridiculous. That deadly day at Columbine High School four years ago made it impossible to write off a story about killing a teacher as a simple work of fiction spawned from a young girl's imagination.

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Child Welfare Agency Guilty of Neglect

One of the most shocking under fifty pounds. child abuse cases in history was recently revealed in New Jersey last week. Neighbors found nineteen-vear old Bruce Jackson looking for food in their garbage can. When they reported this to the state's child welfare services, the findings were almost too much to stomach.

The adopted sons of Raymond and Vanessa Jackson were so malnourished that their bellies were protruding and their teeth and gums were black. The sight of the children was similar to the photos of starving children in poverthird ty-stricken world countries - not of boys who were sup-

posed to be taken in out of love to be cared for in the absence of their biological parents. It is incomprehensible to think that three different state workers failed to report the fact that boys between the ages of nine and nineteen would all be

Incomprehensible, yes but not impossible. The alarming condition of the boys must not have been so in the opinion of the state workers who visited the Jackson home ten times in the last eight months. Where were the teachers? What about and accept the parents' shady

Our View:

We are outraged that New Jersey's Child Welfare system would overlook the fact that foster children were being starved.

> health care professionals? Was everyone blind to the blatant evidence of abuse in this household?

clear case of negligence. flawed system. Though the adoptive parents, Raymond and

Jackson, should certainly be punished for this abuse, the ultimate responsibility lies in the hands of these individuals who are paid to ensure the safety of these children. It is unacceptable for them to take literally ignore the signs of abuse,

> excuse that the children had "eating disorders." Even if they were naïve enough to believe that all four boys had eating disorders, why wasn't this reported?

> These state workers have lost their jobs, but that s not enough. Their negligence is criminal and they should be prosecuted for it.

Moreover, the entire child welfare system in the state of New Jersey

needs to implement some serious policy reforms. It just saddens us that it took the health of four innocent boys to bring What it sounds like is a about change in an obviously

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What's Your Anti-Drug?



Old Enough to Take a Sip

Quincy Ewell

How is it that at the age of 18, we are able to make a decision about who we believe would be the best person to represent our political ideologies as well as our personal interests, but we are unable to walk into a liquor store and purchase alcohol? How is that at age 18, we are eligible to serve our country and die in war, but cannot buy a bottle of "Cris" (not that too many of us can afford it anyway)?

According to a study conducted by the International Center for Alcohol Policies, sume the product in public."

United States citizens the ability to make choices and sacrifices that may alter their life or could even take their life, but he or she cannot purchase alcohol. The rationale often stated for imposing a minimum legal drinking age is that younger people are neither physically nor emotionally ready to consume alcohol. But yet, are we physically prepared to fight a

The issue is not whether or not young adults are ready to consume alcohol; it is whether or not young adults are respon-To some, it is baffling to significant increase in highway Belgium and Spain. Many

comprehend that age 18 gives deaths of the teens affected by countries, including China, these laws. So, in the 1980s, a movement began to raise the drinking age back to 21. After the age limit was changed back still if a person is under age 21, to 21, many states were monitored to check the difference in not being able to drink responhighway fatalities. According to sibly. These ambiguities are a study conducted by National fabricated by those who are Highway Administration, researchers found that teenage deaths in fatal car crashes dropped significantly when the laws were moved back to 21. It is clear that more young people were killed on the highways when the drinking age was 18.

For some countries, the "Most cultures, where the con- sible enough to confront the minimum ages for consumpsumption of beverage alcohol is consequences that may come tion of alcohol are based on the drink is also denying adults the permitted, have established a along with drinking. In the alcohol content or the type of liberties that come along with threshold age at which it is 1960s and early 70s many beverage. These age limits being an adult. The bottom line deemed appropriate for young states lowered their drinking range from as high as 21 in the is that legal adults should be people to purchase and/or con- age from 21 to 18. In many of United States to as low as 16 in treated like actual adults. these states, research noted a countries such as Italy, France,

Portugal and Thailand currently have no established legal

There are many assumptions about college students Traffic Safety concerned that a lowered drinking age will lead to a greater number of alcoholics. Darren Harris, junior international business major, speculates, "The drinking is appropriately defined at 21; lowering it to 18 could be hazardous to the youth."

> While this could happen, denying adults the right to

Howard Needs Homeland Security

Michael B. Bakely

It's rather amazing how the United States Congress passed legislation regarding the nation's security, with the USA Patriot Act and the Homeland Security Act here in the Nation's Capitol. However, the implementation of this legislation must have certainly missed Howard University, because many students, staff, and faculty experience domestic terrorism everyday as they make their daily trek on or off campus.

The domestic terrorism I am describing entails the following: 1) students feeling apprehensive of walking to and from the East and West towers on the main campus; 2) parking one's motor vehicle on the university parking lots; 3) attempting to locate a book in the UGL/Founders Library; and not to mention 4) the feeling of personal insecurity if you live in any of the campus dormitories.

If such is the case, then why have the Howard University administrators merely taken this "Johnny come lately" response in dealing with the issue.

It appears that the security and safety of Howard University students, staff, and faculty is not one of their higher priorities. Let us simply say that campus security is not treated with the similar enthusiasm as that of fall convocation, homecoming, or graduation. I am most certain that many within the administration would disagree with these claims. With that being said, here are some recommendations for the Howard University Administrators to implement expeditiously in order to have a first rate security system for the entire Howard University commu-

First, there should be an immediate installation of security cameras (of similar caliber to those at the U.S. Capitol or the White House) that provide a 360 degree panoramic view of any property of Howard University, whether on or off campus that runs twenty-four hours a day, seven-days a week This should include having cameras in every parking lot, every building (Continuing\ Education building in Silver Spring, MD, the Divinity School, and the Law School) and all of the immediate areas of the University.

A public affairs campaign should be initiated, for instance utilizing flyer distribution and announcements on WHUR, for those living in the immediate area of the University will know that protecting Howard University has become a priority.

Second, in order for this equipment to be most effective, there must be a cadre of professionally trained officers to use such equipment to make clear and concise decisions relating to crime response and to devising preventive measures (this requires ongoing internal and external training). We must remember that in order

to have such professions, the University must offer a comparable and competitive salary similar to that of those who protect the U.S Capitol Building or the Metropolitan Police Department (how does \$36,000 annually sound?).

Another key component that must not be forgotten is to have permanently included in the University budget (operating preferably) to have monies spent on first rate equipment for all officers. This should include officers being issued Gore-Tex and polypropylene to protect the officers from the hot and cold weath-

In addition, officers should be given military grade boots (cold weather and hot weather) that make standing up for eight hours or more not so traumatic on the officers' joints and lower back. Believe me! If you ever had the opportunity of participating in a static or roving guard duty in a extreme weather conditions, your personal equipment is second in importance next to your firearm.

Third, there should be a revamping of the standard operating procedure (SOP for those military personnel) as it relates to how all the officers must conduct themselves. This should include training the officers to always stay alert, not have civilians see them or eating or drink in the presence of students, etc., the maintaining a high level of physical fitness, ongoing training in interpersonal communications, and to stop socializing with female students.

If Howard University implements such recommendations, one will see a drastic decrease in the number of crimes taking place on campus, the overall perception will change of campus police, and not to mention there would probably be a decrease in the number of officers resigning from their positions in an effort to secure a livable wage. It is my guess that only when a University Administrator personally experience some domestic terrorism on campus, that Homeland Security will become a priority at Howard. How dysfunctional can that be?

For those in the Howard University community who feel that the local media is intentionally not reporting the crimes taking place on campus, like they are reporting at the University of Maryland, I recommend that students call the local media and tell them what is taking place on your campus. As of matter of fact, the students at the University of Maryland demand that the media report the crimes that take place on their campus. I just wish that Howard University students would do the same.

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Cory Lindsay

the scores and highlights hours, maybe days. of the NBA games the to begin my morning rou- thought of it as nothing channel nineteen is wait- back. It ain't funny! tine. I turn to channel and my NBA TV would be ing for NBA TV. I can't go nineteen to catch up on back on in a couple of on living like this. I never

had cable until I arrived Well H. Patrick, it's here on this campus and I turned on the televi- night before. To my been a couple of days (a you teased me with a sion in my dorm room amazement the channel year) and the NBA season channel dedicated to the after Thanksgiving break was off. I was ticked but I has begun once again and NBA. Give me my channel

Tribute to Mayor Walter E. Washington

By H. Patrick Swygert Howard University President

Walter Edward Washington, proud family man, loyal friend, and triumphant statesman, died on Oct. 27, after 88 years of life.

A double alumnus of Howard (public administration and sociology '38 and law '48), whose civicmindedness was apparent even as he assisted the lawyers who litigated the cases involved in the Brown v. Board of Education case, Mr. Washington was the first elected mayor of the District of Columbia, bringing the federal city into its modern age.

Born in Dawson, Ga., was able to do that. and raised in Jamestown,

and the Vietnam War, tration. when men of all races and creeds were fighting for that befell the District in tions better and had an their country as well as 1968, after the assassina- unfailing belief in the tritheir inalienable rights to tion of Martin Luther umph of the human spirit. walk tall as an equal part- King, ner in determining the Washington took a stand his spirit forever be a part future of this country, against federal officials of the District's continued Walter E. Washington, as who wanted to shoot loot- growth and development. a trusted governmental ers, thus siding with

NY, this great-grandson of 12 years as mayor, he sion between the police of ex-slaves initially was used his position and and community, set plans appointed mayor of the stature to unite the neight to heaf the city's frag-District by President borhoods and business dis- mented bureaucracy, and Lyndon B. Johnson on tricts of the city. His style laid the foundation for Sept. 6, 1967, at a time in and finesse allowed him to self-rule for the city. American history that inspire righteous leaderwas filled both with possi- ship among those with believed in enlightening bilities and growing whom he worked, as well those who were denied the as earn the confidence of opportunities so many of It was the time of the the members of Congress us were granted. He Civil Rights Movement who oversaw his adminis- believed in working

Jr. leader and friend to all, humanity over commerce.

He fought for better pub-During his tenure lic housing, reduced ten-

Mr. Washington together as a collective to During the riots make our everyday situa-Mayor May he rest in peace, but

Expressions

Life's License Sitting at a bus stop Summer winds coast by Hands deep in my pocket, mind drifts in wonder as a car as smooth as fluid rolls by. When will my life come? When will I be able to drive? Get behind the wheel in full control. Knowing the road I must take, knowing my future is up ahead. When will I be able to make those final decisions-"We are turning left. That's it!" When will I be able to grip destiny in the form of a slick steering wheel, knowing the man within me, emerging, who knows the road.

who knows what exit ramp I should take? Time, how much longer will you leave me blind without headlights, without wheels? A man of the streets- pedestrian Lost in wistful, summer thoughts I turn and see my bus rolling in.

- Bryan I. White

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If for only a moment I could look into your eyes and see what your thinking, Some people say that the eyes are the windows to the soul well it seems as though look at the wrong times because the blinds are drawn at my every glance. So I ask that you allow our souls to touch for ust a moment so that you would know how deep my love goes until then I'll continue to walk behind you so our shadows can hold hands.

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dreams.

Thanks for all those who worked hard this issue.

Aisha thanks especially.

Corey I don't know which is worse buying you dinner or driving you home but your sayings are funny.

Ruth don't work so hard

Ashley get well soon physically and mentally

Derec Kindle- what happened to church Sunday and thanks for playing me Friday... I will get my revenge... Oh tommorow don't forget...

Courtney and Laura Miss and Mrs. Junior Hilltop you owe me dinner or your title will be stripped... ASAP

Miriam- I smiled today...

Asha - good job today

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Ok I am out of shoutouts so thanks for reading my boring Hilltopic...NOW GO READ THE EXCITING PAPER

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