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"Blizzard of '96" edition

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Snow leaves some students out in the cold

By Donya Matheny
Hilltop Staff Writer

In an effort to accommodate students and compensate for days lost because of last week's snow storm, the Office of Enrollment Management has revised its financial registration schedule.

Students are still being serviced according to their classification and the first letter of their last name, but the dates have been shifted so that all students will have had the opportunity to meet their financial obligations before the purging of classes at the close of business Tuesday.

Juanice Nicholson, associate vice president for Enrollment Management, said that the office worked consistently throughout the snowstorm to service students.

"The first day after the snow [Jan. 10] we were too compassionate to send anyone home. Students had come through the snow from Oxon Hill, Md., Takoma Park, Md., and other places to register," Nicholson said. "Everyone felt we had to show compassion. We processed in the [administration] building until 11 o'clock and then moved to the basement."

Kimberly Smith, a first-year student majoring in human communications, was on the receiving end of that compassion. She said the hardest thing for her was choosing classes and finding the different buildings on campus, but that many people were eager to help her.

"This is my first time out, but everything has been fine. Everyone was really nice," Smith said.

Felicia Harrod, a freshman majoring in nursing, said she was not as lucky as Smith.

"I wasn't refused service, but it wasn't service with a smile," she said.

Nicholson said that because registration has been extended, late fees will not be charged to anyone who has registered by their revised registration date or by the seniors and graduate students' makeup date, which is Jan. 22.

She added that students who have payments that were delivered late because of the mail backup or any other delays caused by the weather would be evaluated on an individual basis.

"We are going to accept that fact in any decision that is made. We're always going to consider a number of factors," Nicholson said. "We're looking at individual cases."

Margo Vickers, Howard

University Postmaster, said that on some of the snow days, the Post Office was operating with 25% of its regular staff.

"We had a backlog this week because of the snow and the holiday. All of the backlog was delivered by Wednesday and we are now current," Vickers said.

But Nicholson added that payments sent by mail are often sent to a specific person instead of the correct office. She said mailing payments to the wrong location causes them to float around campus and only delays the registration process.

Trey Allen, a junior transfer student majoring in Afro-American studies, said he also ran into problems, but he attributes his registration woes to the weather. Allen said that, due to the fact that he never received his acceptance letter or permit to register, he was sent around the campus and from building to building trying to obtain the proper materials.

The University's mainframe computer system was moved from the basement of Locke Hall to the second floor of Wonder Plaza during the semester break. But Charles Moore, deputy director of Information Systems and Services, said the move did not affect the registration process in any way and



Last week's "Blizzard of '96" has forced the University to extend Spring registration, but the usual long lines were still in place this week as students returned to school from the Winter recess. Photo by Nikia Puyol

that the computer system was moved and reinstalled by the afternoon of Dec. 28.

Lashonda Pigott, a freshman majoring in biology, is experiencing registration problems

because her payment is floating in the mail and she feels she is not getting adequate guidance.

"I'm probably the most confused person on campus. I don't know if my funds are here. They're

coming in the mail," Pigott said. "I understand they're frustrated, but the students are frustrated too."

Howard student, 22, shot to death over winter break

By Janelle L. Thompson
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1996, another promising young male was murdered. And, once again, it was one of the University

community's own.

Larry "Donnell" Wyder, Jr.

was a graduating senior in the School of Business. A native of Washington, D.C., Wyder was an honor student and loved by many who knew him.

Shannen Strachan, associate director of Student Activities had many positive things to say about the 22-year-old.

"He was very nice and dedicated," Strachan said. "He was a lot of volunteer work and will be missed."

While leaving a local carry-out restaurant, located on 7th and T streets, both Wyder and a friend were shot and killed by an unknown assailant. D.C. police are still searching for a suspect.

A graduate of Dunbar Senior High School, Wyder received numerous awards, citations and recognitions during his short life. After graduating from

high school, he received a scholarship from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., where he studied for one year before transferring to Howard to major in accounting. Upon graduating from the School of Business, Wyder had plans to attend law school and become an attorney.

From 1993 to 1994, Wyder was employed as a technician with Arden and Hodden Law Firm, where he was recognized

acceptance into a church, he became active in his church's Sunday school, choir and youth program. He was also honored as the church's student of the year.

"What I will remember most about Donnell is the smile he always had on his face," Strachan said.

Wyder was featured in an article by Courtland Milloy of the Washington Post and, on

two occasions, was featured in programs against drugs with Gordon Peterson of WUSA (Channel 9) News.

Wyder will be remembered by his mother, Thelma Paige DeNeal, a Howard University employee in the College of Fine Arts; his father, Donnell Wyder, Sr.; step-father, Le Vorn DeNeal; five sisters; four brothers; grandparents; aunts and uncles.

"We need to stop the violence and start getting peace and unity in our neighborhoods," Baker said.

Wyder's funeral was held at New Bethel Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., on last Wednesday. In his memory, a scholarship fund has been set up in his name.

"We need to stop the violence and start getting peace and unity in our neighborhoods."

**-Faye Baker,
friend of Larry Wyder**

as Employee of the Month.

Faye Baker, a long-time friend of Wyder's and a senior majoring in administration of justice, said he was a loyal friend and full of laughter.

"Caring is the best word used to describe him. He would give his last for others," she said. "Donnell was a true comedian and always joking."

After Wyder received the Right Hand of Fellowship, the

Grapplers host first home match in four years

Howard University wrestling team kicks off 61st season today

By Kisha Riggins
Hilltop Staff Writer

Four years is a long time to be away from home. But for the Howard University wrestling team, the Grapplers, their first home match in four years couldn't come at a better time.

On Saturday, January 20th, the Grapplers will host their season opener against Norfolk State in the Gym at 1 p.m. The Grapplers will be taking the mat for the 61st season.

"We're excited because it's our first home match of the season and we want to make a good impression. We start the season off on a winning note," freshman wrestler LeVorn DeNeal said.

The Grapplers, who are coming off their most successful season since 1973, are the defending

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champions and currently have five wrestlers on the roster that placed in the conference tournament last February. They broke records last year by sending three wrestlers to the national tournament. With experienced wrestlers and promising newcomers, 12-year head coach Paul Cotton and the Grapplers are setting high expectations this season and planning to break even more records than they did last year.

"We have confidence that we can out do what we accomplished last year. We certainly have the talent. If we just stay dedicated, we will be all right," junior wrestler Alphonso Taylor said.

Among the five wrestlers that placed in the conference tournament, sophomore Jason Guyton and senior Melvin Yates are the champions of their weight division.

Guyton, last year's Howard Male Athlete of the Year, is this year's team captain and wrestles in the 142-pound division. He is also the defending Eastern Regional champion, participated in the National Collegiate Athletic Association wrestling tournament and was named to the 1995 Amateur Wrestling News Rookie Team, the most prestigious honor a freshman can earn. He is also looking to be the first Grappler to qualify for the nationals in consecutive years as well as earn an All-American status.

Yates, the returning Grappler starter in the 167-pound division, is looking to improve last year's 26-9 dual meet record. Yates is the Eastern Regional runner-up and lost in sudden-death in the first round of the Nationals to the Big-Eight champion from Nebraska.

Taylor is a returning two-year

starter who compiled a 21-6 dual meet record last year in the 126-pound division and was a runner up in the Eastern Regionals in 1994. He has a legitimate chance at qualifying for the NCAA.

Juniors LeDon Robinson and William Taylor (no relation to Alphonso Taylor) are returning starters who hope to qualify for the Eastern Regionals this year. Robinson finished third in the MEAC last year and compiled a 22-9 dual meet record. William Taylor finished in third place at heavyweight in the MEAC and had his best season as a Grappler last year.

Experience is not the only Grappler advantage. They also have a promising recruiting class. Leading the pack is Jason Guyton's brother, Jacobi Guyton. Although Jacobi Guyton is currently nursing an injured shoulder, he is slated to start at the 150-

pound position after an outstanding high school career. He posted a 112-7 dual match career record, while going undefeated as a senior. He is also a two-time state champion and a high school All-American and a blue chip recruit.

Another highly touted recruit is Derrick X. Henson. Henson will start in the 118-pound division after transferring from Ellsworth Community College in Iowa. He also has a stellar background after being a two-time junior college All-American as well as the state champion his senior year in high school.

This year the Grapplers expect for freshmen Jessie Moore and Carlos Wallace, sophomores Charles Allen, Arian Ray, Leonard Robinson and seniors Rhadi Ferguson and John Guyton (Jacobi and Jason's cousin) to contribute to the team's success.

The Grappler starters tomorrow will likely be Derrick Henson at 118-pounds, Alphonso Taylor at 126-pounds, LeDon Robinson at 135-pounds, Jason Guyton at 142-pounds, Jessie Moore in the 167-pounds class, Melvin Yates at 177-pounds, Rhadi Ferguson at 180 pounds and William Taylor at the heavyweight class.

Tomorrow's meet will be the first of seven home matches this season after wrestling all of their dual-meets on the road for the last three years. Although the Grapplers are still in the MEAC conference, the future conference wrestling tournaments have been eliminated. Moore encourages everyone to come out and attend the meet.

"We really want people to come out and support us. We are defending champions and this is our first ever home meet for a lot of the wrestlers."

Jenkins ready to represent D.C. in Miss USA pageant

By Natalie Y. Moore
Hilltop Staff Writer

The old adage says that practice makes perfect.

If that indeed is the case, then LaChanda Jenkins, the reigning Miss Howard University and Miss District of Columbia, will be able to add Miss USA to her throne of crowns.

With less than a month of preparation since capturing the Miss D.C. title, Jenkins, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, busied herself throughout the winter break for the Miss USA pageant which airs Feb. 2 on CBS.

"I'm very excited and ready to go. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity," Jenkins exclaimed as she prepared for her departure to South Padre Island, TX, where the competition will take place.

Shopping for dozens of new outfits, exercising, lifting weights, visiting salons, experimenting with make-up, eating healthier foods, practicing her walk in high heels up and down the Howard Plaza Towers hallways and religiously watching last year's Miss USA tape have become a part of her everyday routine.

"She's going to win. We think [our] prayers will be answered," said Lolita Cushmanberry, one of Jenkins' roommates.

"We're real proud of her. She's worked very hard and prayed a lot," added Monique Knight, Jenkins' other roommate.

Cushmanberry and Knight, both sophomores, drove from their homes in New Orleans to Houston, Jenkins' hometown, over the Christmas holidays for a reception thrown for her by family and friends.

The District pageant committee also held a reception for her this

on what may be her last night at Howard.

"Hopefully she [LaChanda] won't be back," Cushmanberry joked.

If she does win the national title, Jenkins will be under an employment contract with Miss USA for one year and will not return to Howard until her reign is over. After receiving approximately \$200,000 in cash and prizes, she would move to Los Angeles, reside in a deluxe apartment, travel around the world meeting with dignitaries and charity organizations and be the official spokesperson for the pageant. In addition, she would also compete in the Miss Universe pageant this spring.

The youngest of the 51 contestants, Jenkins will spend the next two weeks with a full itinerary of rehearsing for the show, going on evening outings, attending cocktail parties, interviewing with judges, attending hair and make-up clinics and keeping up with the chaperone she can not leave during her time there.

She will be judged on a personal, non-televized interview, a swimsuit competition and an evening gown competition.

"I realize how blessed I am...for me to be doing this at the beginning of my adulthood," Jenkins said. "I just graduated from high school two years ago. All of my strength lies in Jesus Christ. I truly believe I can do it."



Jenkins, the 1995-96 Miss Howard University, will appear in the Feb. 2 broadcast of the 1996 Miss USA pageant.

week at the Marriott Hotel and a few of Jenkins' close friends bid her a farewell party between packing

CAMPUS

Howard's AKA chapter donates \$12,000 to Africare

By Adrienne Carthon
Hilltop Staff Writer

"You can't talk about being Black or an African-American without reaching out to Africa, no matter how small [the contribution] may be," said Africare President C. Payne Lucas at a reception held by the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Taking his words to heart, AKA reached out and donated \$12,000 to the Africare inland fishery project in Danane, Ivory Coast.

Within the past few years, Liberian refugees living in the Ivory Coast have suffered from a depleting food supply due to the fact that surrounding creeks and streams have been overharvested and are not being given sufficient time for reproduction.

However, because of financial

contributions such as that made by the sorority, Africare foresees that next year the newly-built fisheries will bring Danane's residents a well-balanced diet with plenty of protein.

The donation made to the Liberian Inland Fishery Project was the result of last year's Stop Hunger Fast, which was sponsored by AKA, and two semesters spent soliciting funds in support of the project.

"The people involved cared and wanted to help," said Fast Coordinator Kali Gordon.

Stop Hunger Fast participant Genifer Simpson felt really good when she saw the check presented at the reception.

"You finally see a project started and a project finished. As African-Americans, we try to do so many things and never finish them. I was

so delighted we helped [AKA] reach their goal," said the first-year pharmacy student.

According to Gordon, not only was \$12,000 the highest goal the

to the dedication of its 100-plus participants.

"A lot of people got out there and gave it their all. Twelve thousand dollars is a lot of money; it was kind

"The people will always have fish to eat and it's good to know that it's because of us."

-Tracy White

Chapter has ever set, but it was also the highest amount the Chapter has ever raised.

AKA member Tracy White attributed the fund-raiser's success

of relieving because we set such a high goal and we reached it," said the senior speech pathology major.

Africare provides help and assistance to Africans and educates

Americans about Africa. According to Gordon, because Africare is an African-American organization designed to help Africans, AKA traditionally donates the fast proceeds to Africare.

White said the inland fishery project is a better solution than the alternative of providing the region with a year's supply of food, as the project offers a long-term solution to the problem.

With the fishery, the people living in Danane will be able to produce their own food for many years instead of depending on assistance from others.

The inland fishery will be located near the city and will be stocked with fast-breeding varieties of fish to help feed the more than 18,000 Liberians and 5,000 Ivoirians living in the area.

Africare, in conjunction with Union Baptist Center in Danane will monitor the program for a year and will teach the members of the community to maintain the fishery.

"The people will always have fish to eat and it's good to know it's because of us," White said.

In addition, with the money raised by the sale of fish, refugees will be able to buy other types of food to provide a variety in their diet. The project will also aid the people in their struggle for economic independence.

Members of AKA said they will receive regular updates on the progress of the project. The fishery's ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for next year.

Students recall travel nightmares due to Blizzard of '96

By Sadarie Chambliss
Hilltop Staff Writer

After the winter break, many students ran into difficulty trying to return to the "Mecca" because of the Blizzard of '96. One Howard student said she traveled the continental United States in her attempt to return to the University. Junior Rashida Syed, an English major, said that when she left Los Angeles International Airport on Jan. 6, she had no idea that she would end up in Miami early the next morning.

"The airline told me I would be on standby as a priority passenger, but after

waiting in the airport all day, I had to find a hotel," she said.

Syed returned to the District on Jan. 10 after a three-day stay in Miami and an overnight stay with relatives in Chicago.

Major transportation outlets in the District reported that the inclement weather didn't necessarily fill their lobbies with standby passengers, but did severely effect travel plans.

Tara Hamilton of Public Affairs for Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority said that because of many airlines' decisions to cancel their flights on Jan. 6, Washington National and Dulles

International remained closed for nearly three days.

"Typically, both airports see about 76,000 passengers a day, so you can see how many people were inconvenienced," Hamilton said.

Officials from Amtrak said that although traveling never stopped along the Eastern seaboard, they still did not escape the inclement weather.

Amtrak communications officer Steve Taubenkibel said, "Monday [Jan. 7] and Tuesday [Jan. 8] travel was fairly light and a number of Metroliners were canceled because people were unable to get to the

train stations. But on Thursday [Jan. 10], travel started to pick up."

Officials at the local Greyhound Bus station were not available for comment.

Syed said that even though the circumstances were beyond anyone's control, she thought the airlines could have been a bit more accommodating. Syed received coupons for certain discounts during her overnight stays, but it took a lot of time finding a hotel within her budget.

"The reasonable hotels were filled and the only vacant rooms were \$89 to \$100 a night," she said.

Susan Jackson, a senior film major, said

it was not necessarily the repeated cancellation of flights, but the customer service lines that were the most disturbing.

"The lines looked exactly like registration at Howard—very, very long," she said.

Syed said that the best part of her trip was returning to National and finding her luggage.

"Luckily the first thing I saw was luggage, but it was very damaged with several oil stains," she said.

Student Government Round-Up

1) Petitions for prospective candidates for HUSA, UGSA, GSA Representatives, Undergraduate & Graduate Trustees are available. Please stop by rooms 116 or 102 of the Blackburn Center to pick up petition forms. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Yvette Pryor at 806-4510.

2) **ATTENTION ALL STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENTS**
Please submit your appointment for the Local Election Chairperson to the General Assembly Election Committee by January 24, 1996. Contact Yvette Pryor or Tori Jones at 806-4510.

3) The General Assembly Elections Committee needs volunteers to help with the election process for Spring 1996. Please stop by the elections office (room 116 in Blackburn) or call Sharon Jackson at 806-4510.

4) There will be a General Assembly meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 1996 at 5 p.m. All representatives are expected to attend.

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The Tempo page will be highlighting Howard University's top ten ELIGIBLE bachelors and bachelorettes in the February 9, 1996 issue. Call Rashida at 806-6866 and nominate yourself or your favorite SINGLE Howard man or woman.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 10, 1996

To The Howard University Student Body:

Welcome back and best wishes for another outstanding semester. Let me share with you some of the goals I hope that we can accomplish this semester, as we move toward fulfilling the mission of Howard University.

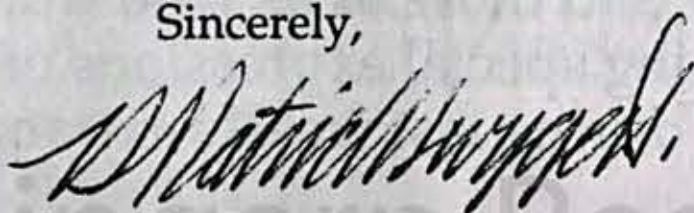
First, let me emphasize your role in the process of making our great university even greater. It is my belief that students--undergraduate, graduate and professional--and the faculty who nurture your growth, are Howard University's first priority. Through several meetings with HUSA and discussions with individual students as well, we have addressed the need to increase the on-campus presence of security, to improve the registration process, and to enhance our academic programs. I hope you will continue to see a positive difference in these areas, a difference made possible by you through HUSA, the voice of the students - your voice.

I encourage you to use your HUSA voice to inform me of any other concerns that you may have. I will be particularly interested in knowing how you view your experiences on campus and how I can improve the quality of your campus life and make your experiences more fulfilling. Open discussions with HUSA will continue, as well as open office hours, by appointment, for all students. The open office hours are 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday, each week during the semester.

Secondly, I have articulated a vision for Howard University as a comprehensive research university, unique and irreplaceable, defined by its core values, the excellence of all of its activities, instruction, research and service and its commitment to educating African Americans for leadership in service to the global community. I trust this is your vision as well. It is this powerful shared vision that represents all who believe in or have been the beneficiaries of the lasting values and traditions of this great institution.

Finally, I encourage you to assume your role in the future of Howard University by building upon the values, traditions, and the rich legacy of alumni past and present by joining and supporting HUSA, your student voice. All my best to you for a productive 1996.

Sincerely,



H. Patrick Swygert
President



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Howard University

January 16, 1996

To the Howard University Community:

The Blizzard of '96, with its three successive snowfalls totalling almost two feet of snow placed the resources of the University under extreme pressure. Throughout this period of record snow fall and low temperatures, University personnel stayed on the job and served all of us selflessly. On a 24-hour schedule starting Sunday, January 7th, the men and women of Physical Facilities Management plowed and relocated snow, and spread sand and salt to make our streets and sidewalks passable, and our parking lots and buildings accessible. While streets throughout the entire metropolitan Washington area remained unplowed throughout last week, the Howard University campus was almost completely plowed and stayed so throughout the week, even after the third snow storm last Friday.

Throughout the entire period of the region's snow emergency, the Howard University Hospital served the community with the full range of emergency and admitted patient services. Employees stayed at their posts for multiple shifts spanning several days and organized 4-wheel vehicle pools to assure that essential employees had reliable rides to the hospital.

The University opened for normal operation, including late registration, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 10 and 11. The employees of Enrollment Management and the cashier and bursar's office organized late registration under very difficult conditions and registered all who came. Without regard to the hour of the night, they stayed until the last student was served on Thursday before a third storm closed the University on Friday.

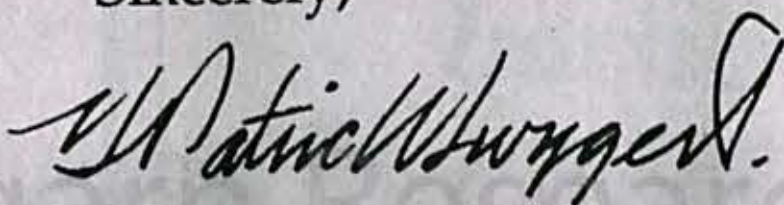
To assure that meals were available to all students the food service personnel stayed overnight on the campus to minimize the chance that they might not be able to get to the campus because of the snow. The dining hall in the new Bethune Complex accommodated all who came and served 600 dinners on Friday, January 12. On Saturday, the dining hall in the Blackburn Center was in full operation.

As if the record snowfall was not enough to contend with, on Saturday a feeder water pipe in a stairwell in Cook Hall ruptured and flooded a section of that residence hall. In seven minutes after being notified of the break, PFM's emergency maintenance personnel turned off the water flow, shut down the electrical systems and shortly thereafter initiated cleanup and systems restoration activities.

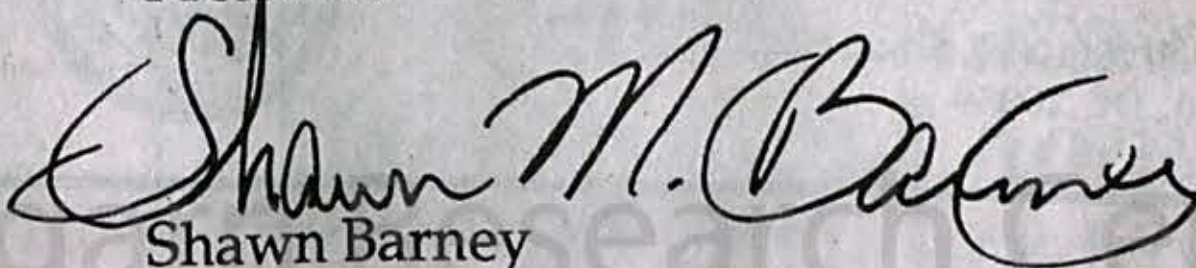
While all of these activities were underway, the University security force maintained a vigil that protected the campus and those of us who study and serve here.

Please join us in extending special expressions of appreciation to all among us who served beyond the call of duty during last week's extraordinary weather conditions.

Sincerely,



H. Patrick Swygert
President



Shawn Barney
President, Howard University Student Association

PERSPECTIVES

Black America rebounds from attacks in 1995



By David Gaither
Hilltop Columnist

This past year was one of revelation and realization for Black people in America. From the Republican takeover of Congress in January, which represented political gain for Black America, to the pledge of self-sufficiency on Oct. 16, the country's true colors shined bright in 1995. The so-called "race issue" came to the forefront with Mark Fuhrman, Black support for O.J. Simpson and the Million Man March.

In January, the 104th Congress, led by Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and the GOP, promised to issue the Contract on America, creating a political revolution in the country. Nearly a year later, with many parts of the contract still unfulfilled, the Republicans and the White House could only manage to shut the government down; twice. While politicians played child-like games, hundreds of thousands of federal employees were out of work for close to a month, once during the holiday season.

This year represented massive political attacks on African Americans especially. One of the first acts of the new Congress was to strip the Congressional Black Caucus of its funding, thereby minimizing its service. Affirmative action suffered setbacks with an unprecedented Supreme Court ruling. California virtually abolishing the policy and Louisiana has now done the same. Congress is pledging to follow up nationally.

Black congressional districts, which were redrawn in the 1990's for better Black political

representation, were ruled unconstitutional and disbanded by the Supreme Court and an urging Congress.

Other setbacks and assaults set the political condition of Black America back to before the Civil Rights Movement. The Kerner Commission warned in its study on race relations in the 1960's that America "is moving toward two societies, one Black, one White, separate and unequal." The Commission revisited its findings a few years ago and determined that they still held true. This past year supported their thesis.

Throughout the year, the nation was focused on the "trial of the century." The exposure of Mark Fuhrman as a racist cop and the realization that his attitude was pervasive in police departments around the country was frightening for African Americans.

Also statistics showed that though Blacks only make up twelve percent of the United States population, we are the majority in American prisons. One in three Black men are somehow tied to the judicial system and more prisons are steadily being built. Rehabilitation is no longer a consideration. In fact, California removed the word from its penal code. The government would rather take money from education and use it to fund the building of new prisons. Now they plan to sell these institutions to private corporations, making the inmates the personal slaves of big business.

Funding for education is being cut around the country. Congress has proposed abolishing the Department of Education and has already severely cut federal financial aid to college students. On top of a general assault on education, Blacks suffer even more. With affirmative action gone, Black students will find it harder to obtain funds for school or even get admitted to the university of their choice. An example of this is the Supreme Court ruling it unconstitutional for the University of Maryland to give Black students special scholarships, jeopardizing all such grants.

Though I've described a series of misfortunes for African Americans, its nothing that independence and self-reliance can't solve. In fact, Blacks have

turned potential short comings into positive outcomes. Take the government plot to split the Black community by setting up Quabillah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X, on a conspiracy to kill Minister Louis Farrakhan. What could have been potentially damaging to Black America, turned into the event that united two factions of the Black community torn for thirty years. The unification of Min. Farrakhan and Dr. Betty Shabazz at the historic Apollo Theater was the spark that kept the spirit moving toward Oct. 16.

That day in 1995 was undoubtedly the most joyous occasion this century for Black people in America. The gathering of well over a million Black men in this city established a new era in the United States. The scriptures tell of a stone that the builders rejected becoming the cornerstone of the kingdom of God. The Million Man March was the beginning of the fulfillment of that prophecy.

Howard University was not only the place where thousands marched from, but thirty days later, hosted the National African American Leadership Summit. The summit will be the vehicle through which the organizing efforts of the March will continue.

The best way to continue the spirit and ambitions of the Million Man March is through each individual. Farrakhan, who must be commended for having the vision and leadership to host such an event, wrote that "self-improvement is the basis for community development." Through atonement, we must get closer to God and to each other.

African Americans turned the potentially damaging Republican takeover of Congress and the ensuing political attacks into a massive call for self-reliance. America has shown that it no longer desires to carry its former slaves. We can then no longer beg a government that doesn't respect or care for us. As a people, we make enough money, have enough talent and now have the right attitude to do for ourselves. As Black students, we must use our time, resources and intellect to formulate solutions for the problems of our people.

Long live the spirit of the Million Man March! Let's learn from the past and build in 1996.

Undergraduate Trustee sets course for Spring semester

Omar Karim

I trust this article finds you in the best of health, high spirits and enough money to get validated for this spring semester. As I promised when elected to a second term as Undergraduate Student Trustee, I am writing to inform you of my progress for the semester and of recent actions taken by the Board of Trustees.

As you are aware, the University began this academic year on an excellent note last semester, as the fall '95 registration process was the best that I have ever seen. In addition, the University, through our new President H. Patrick Swygert, who has made good on its promise to make our campus safer by installing the Blue Light Security System.

Unfortunately, we also experienced several failures. On Oct. 30, the entire University community suffered a huge loss when the Board approved the decision to close the Howard University Hotel. We were further surprised by the recent closing of several stores in the Howard University owned Wonder Plaza, including Blockbuster Video, The Whiz, Kinkos and Payless Shoe Store. As a student and your Undergraduate Trustee, I, along with every conscious minded person, must ask ourselves how can we make our Black universities into hubs for Black businesses. The employees who run the auxiliary divisions of our institutions must have the vision, forthrightness and most importantly, ability to make our institutions financially strong.

Furthermore, during our upcoming Board meetings this weekend, I along with other student leaders, will present several recommendations to the Board. Among those recommendations are to: change the honors policy that will allow students to graduate with honors if they repeated no more than one course with D or F, allocate more money for academic and need-based scholarships, change the payment requirements for security personnel during campus based organizations' functions and recommend that a graduate directory be distributed to all graduates during annual commencement ceremonies.

As we begin another semester at this great institution, let us redouble our efforts to remain confident and successful leaders, strive for

excellence in all that we do and pride ourselves with a high sense of integrity, while we become the stewards for this great ship we call Earth.

Brothers and sisters, if at any time you feel as though you need to pull my coat tail, please do. No one ever told me that just because some people are elected to an office that he or she is better than a person who chooses not to run for office. The positions that we hold are temporary, but our commitment to righteousness is permanent. Remember, as we forge into another semester, I encourage each one of my colleagues to continue to become stronger, wiser and more steadfast.

The writer is the Undergraduate Trustee

America loses a pioneer for justice

Adrienne Carthon

The first African-American state senator in Texas history and the first southern African-American to the Congress since Reconstruction, Barbara Jordan, 59, died Wednesday from pneumonia.

Her death ironically occurred just two days after Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday had been commemorated across the country. Little did the carriers of the dream know that they would soon have yet another hero's memory to keep alive.

Every African American with any sense of history should be mourning the loss of the Texan with the booming voice. Her contribution to American history as an astute politician and defender of the rights of women and minorities will not be forgotten.

Best known for her ardent support of the Constitution during House Judiciary Committee hearings on Watergate, Jordan's

memory will serve as a source of pride for African Americans.

The words of the only African American and the only female on the committee were broadcast numerous times over the airwaves as she spoke with the eloquence for which she was known.

"My faith in the Constitution is whole. It is complete. It is total. I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction of the Constitution," she proclaimed.

Submerged in the depths of poverty, Jordan cultivated her well known oratorical skills by listening to the sermons of African-American preachers delivered with rumbling voices. Her skills were quite an accomplishment for a resident of Houston's impoverished Fourth Ward.

This dynamic woman, who spent her last few days in a wheelchair, was also the first African-American student at the Boston University Law School. Jordan was a living example that an

ordinary woman can do extraordinary things.

Lynchings and other wrongful deaths were the order of the day during Jordan's heyday. African Americans could not vote or share a meal at the same counter with someone with a different pigmentation. Sit-ins and riots swept the land while revolution was the word of choice among many African Americans.

At a time when African Americans had few rights and even less respect, Barbara Jordan persevered to achieve all of these "firsts" and earned the respect of such notables as President Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson.

The epitome of a true woman, Barbara Jordan's legacy challenges every African American to persevere in spite of the odds and to reach for those things that seem unattainable. The refined Barbara Jordan was simply a phenomenal woman.

EDITORIAL Blizzard '96

Many students were stuck in their hometowns waiting for D.C. airports to re-open, others came back to find their cars trapped in piles of snow, side streets no longer existed and probably worst of all, an already unfavorable registration process was made terrible. These were only some of the ramifications of the Blizzard of '96.

Though Howard's infamous registration process received rare praise last semester for its improvements, the unexpected weather conditions, added with the usual University incompetence, made for yet another year beginning to a Howard year.

As students waited in long lines, the normal "if this were a White school it would be different" comments were ubiquitous. Dormitory residents, along with being greeted by mounds of unplowed powder, came back to find their phones turned off without being given prior notice.

The snow was also successful in keeping the government closed a few more days after politicians finally lifted the longest ever impasse. The budget problems aren't nearly over though, next week if Congress and the White House can't agree on a seven year plan to balance the \$5 trillion debt riddled budget,

federal employees will be sent packing again. With presidential elections around the corner, the likely pick should be "none of the above."

Also District residents were furious with Mayor Marion Barry for a situation that he had little control over. Though residents were right in their anger because streets were untouched for days by snow plows and large piles formed on corners, Barry can't be blamed. Try Congress, who has continually cut funding for the District. The federally appointed Control Board, which seems to have it in for D.C. should shoulder some of the blame as well. Though Barry should not have initially promised swift snow removal, he finally asked President Bill Clinton for assistance, who came through too little too late.

Something we all should realize is that the Blizzard of '96 was a natural disaster, a situation nobody could manage perfectly. We could have been better prepared, but when one of the biggest snow storms in the century hits an entire coast, you better believe mistakes will manifest and emotions will run high.

Let's not let the snow get us down. As it takes weeks for the mounds on the corners to melt away, let us start 1996 with a resolution to renew our minds and develop ourselves.



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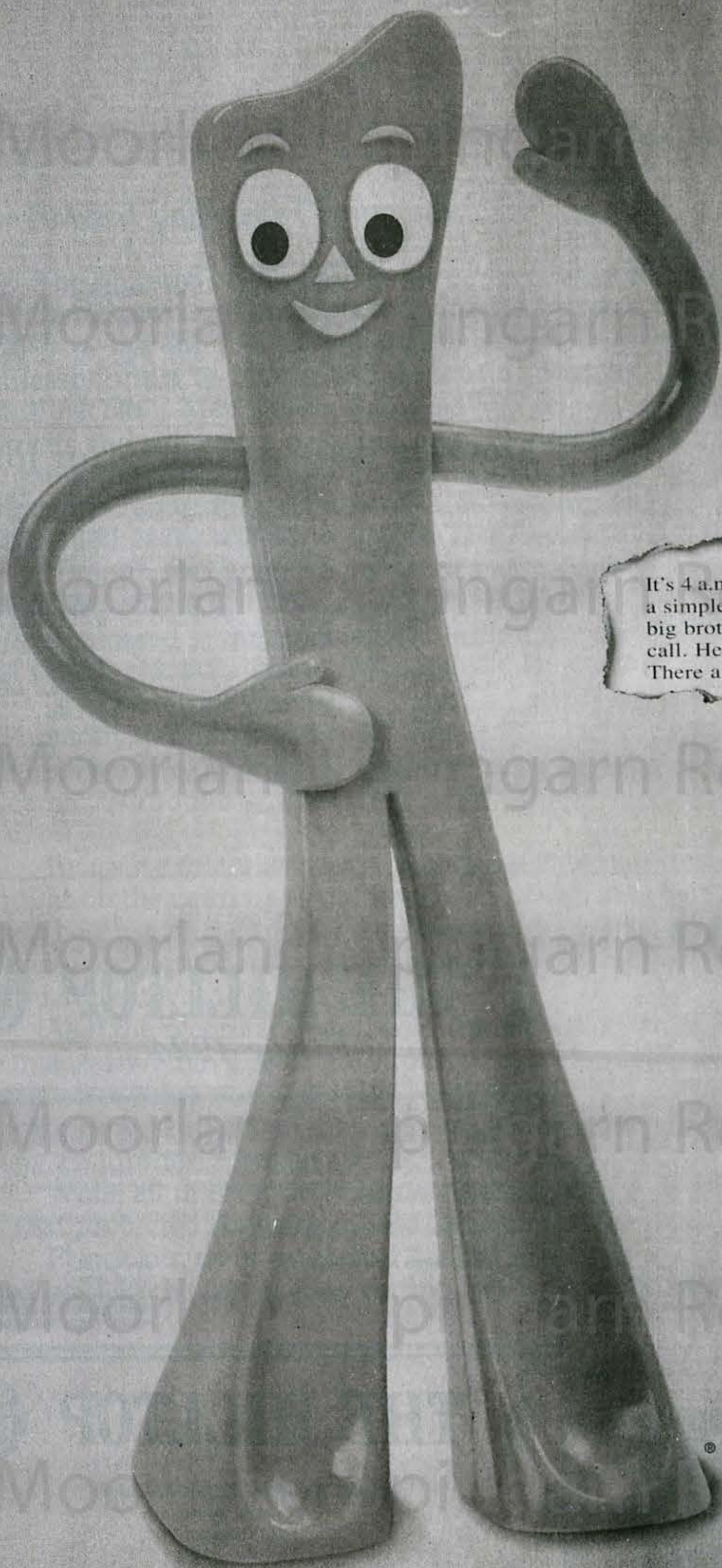
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BUSINESS

New shoe store stepping in right direction

By Tina-Renee Johnson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Lately, businesses in Wonder Plaza have been disappearing faster than David Copperfield can say "abracadabra."

First Kinko's closed last fall, then the Wiz and Payless Shoe Source followed; most recently, Blockbuster Video saw its last customer before the beginning of the new year.

But in the midst of all these disappearing acts, Wonder Plaza has a new tenant, K. Milan.

The boutique-style shoe store opened last December to high praise from area students and employees who said the store's opening is long overdue.

The store offers women's shoes from famous designers such as Kenneth Cole, Enzo Angiolini and Nine West with prices ranging from \$58-\$270.

"It's about time that we have a fashionable women's shoe store," said Telisha Peyton, a senior film major. "I've been dying for a store like this around here, but there's never been one. Howard women are some of the most fashionable

and I can't understand why it's taken this long to open this type of store."

Antonio Carruth, K. Milan co-manager, said he thought the same thing.

"We noticed that there wasn't a good shoe store in this community so students and local employees had to go out into the malls to get the type of shoes we sell," Carruth said. "The owners thought that this would be a great location."

While the store, which is named for one of the world's fashion capitals, Milan, Italy, and an owner's daughter, has only been opened for a month, the corporation which owns it, also called K. Milan, has been in existence for 10 years.

The store's design and style of shoe's make K. Milan different from the rest, said co-manager Deanna Craing.

"But the biggest difference between us and other shoe stores are Antonio and I and the type of service we offer," she said. "Besides professional and courteous customer service, we also offer personalized service."

Craing said private shopping parties are also offered. Groups of 15-30 people have exclusive access to the store while munching on hors

d'oeuvres.

"I could really get used to this store," said Mychaela Nieves. "I'm from Manhattan and the store's 'New York style' really reminds me of stores back home."

Nieves said her only alternative to shoe shopping at the Georgia Avenue mini-mall was another Wonder Plaza tenant, The Perfect Pair, a combination shoe and athletic wear store.

"But that store doesn't have a very large variety of women's shoes," she said.

Craing said she doesn't feel that K. Milan is taking business away from The Perfect Pair, because they are different types of stores.

"It's good competition," said Craing, who boasts over 300 customers a week. "We go a little bit farther than they do when it comes to women's shoes, but there's a place here for both of us."

The Perfect Pair assistant manager James Suggs said K. Milan has not hurt business at all.

"If all things go well, we plan on expanding and opening another store in Georgetown," Craing said. "I hope that eventually K. Milan will be the place for women to shop for shoes."



K. Milan's store managers envision great success for its women shoe stores.

New business hopes to give 'everlasting' life to area residents

By Reginald Royston
Hilltop Staff Writer

Each day, at the lower end of Georgia Avenue, dozens of ailing District residents walk through the dimly-tinted glass doors that form the entrance to the Howard University Hospital. Some come for checkups, while others enter nervously, ailing from maladies that may end their life prematurely.

However, just up the street in a modest-looking store-front, dwarfed in size by its neighboring shops, lies an alternative remedy for those in need.

Here, Everlasting Life Community Co-op's general manager Bro. Baruch Ben Israel furthers the mission of health awareness, staking out a claim for healthy living in a community ridden by poor nutrition and the hazards of urban life.

"We had the opportunity to go out and make a lot of money in another section of town, but we wanted to offer our knowledge and experience to our people who are being hardest hit by the effects of poor diet, high blood pressure, diabetes and decreased life expectancy," Israel said from the newly opened store, which is located at 2608 Georgia Ave, NW.

Run principally by the members of the Original African Hebrew Israelite Community, who also operate Soul Vegetarian restaurant and the Wisdom Hut Bookstore located next door, the Co-op plans to build strong health consciousness in the area, encouraging citizens to become volunteers, offering health screening, and holding classes on nutrition and vegetarian cooking.

Food cooperatives cater to health conscious dieters who follow strict eating patterns, buying only vegetables grown without the use of pesticides, organically raised grains and soy products popular among vegetarians. Members put in volunteer hours helping out at the store, receiving discounts on groceries sold there in return.

The Food and Drug Administration, together with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, developed a food pyramid in 1992 encouraging Americans to choose



Everlasting Life Community Co-op promotes healthy living by offering a variety of products.

a carnivorous diet, with daily helpings of grains, vegetables, fruits, dairy, eggs, meat and poultry. While Co-op members at Everlasting Life advocate vegetarianism, vegan food produce is not their sole venue.

In addition to dried bulk foods, natural sodas and vegan honey and peanut butters, Everlasting Life also shelves beauty aids, creams, toothpaste and shampoos free of most of the chemicals found in brand name hygienic products.

However, a problem that plagues health store operators lies in getting an unwilling public to shell out

extra dollars for costly, unfamiliar products.

"You might go down to Giant, and pay one dollar for a carton of cow's milk, but I guarantee that the two dollars you pay here for the same quantity of soy milk won't cost you hypertension, high cholesterol and heart failure down the road," Israel said.

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