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Administration Building’s Hours Leave Some Students Frustrated

Administrators cite extra duties as reason for new hours of operation.

By Natas B. Villaniz

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As students walk into the Administration Building after 3 p.m., it is a waste of time because of the new office hours. Even though this may be inconvenience for students, University officials say there are valid reasons for the early closings of these departments.

In the Administration Building, the window on the first floor and in the Financial Services Department all operate from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the exception of the Captone ID Card Window, which operates from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Office of Student Financial Services also operates from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. - except on Wednesdays as they close at 2.

Workers in these departments say the workload is overwhelming and prompted the decision to close two hours earlier than last year.

“The main reason why we close at 2 p.m. is because we have to work to do that cannot be done while we are at the window,” said Barbara Eiler, Administrative Assistant in the Records Department. “We operate similar to a bank. After 3 p.m., the workers do not just go home. They use that time to tally out responses and to reply to the requests of the day.”

Eiler explained that other work has to be done such as preparing papers, research, filing cards and papers and resolving problems that can’t be done the day before.

Officials say students can complete much of their paperwork online instead of waiting in long lines.

“Regardless of the time you visit the office, you are still going to have the same experience,” said Carmen Muhammad, Contributing Writer. “They can still do the same things.”

However, some students are disappointed with the entire process.

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Chair McKnight, a sophomore political science and English major, needs transcripts to apply for internships.

Multiple Lives, conflicting information and an extended response are all factors that make the process difficult for her.

“It’s not a very easy process,” McKnight said. “If you think that you can go fill out a form and go on to class, then think again because it takes much more time than you expect.”

McKnight was also surprised with the cost involved to order transcripts.

“I didn’t know about the cost being five dollars per transcript.”

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While current students experience problems with transcripts, some students turned in applications months before the February 15 deadline, expecting to receive an early response. However, students still received letters this month after sending their applications to Howard.

I applied early December and I got a letter at the end of April, early May,” said freshman advertising major Diondra Mason.

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“Now, about to send my check off to spend, but there is another group of prospective students who have not received acceptance letters from Howard.

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“Way, I would never apply to another school, ” said Mason.

A-Bldg. Program Aims To Improve Service

University strives to improve interaction with students through three-day training program on customer service.

By Carmen Muhammad

Contributing Writer

Customer service at Howard has long been an issue with students. In an attempt to improve the relation between students and staff, the University offers customer service training.

Unfortunately, many Howard staff members fail to attend the training set up this fall by the University.

The Achieving Outstanding Customer Service course allows employees the opportunity to learn concepts and procedures
Town Hall Meeting Addresses Dress, Accreditation

By Natasha L. Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Thursday, the John H. Johnson School of Communications held a Town Hall meeting that focused on the purpose and benefits of the school's accreditation, as well as other concerns of faculty and students.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dean of the School of Communications Janette L. Date explained the significance and purpose of accreditation.

Among the attendees were former Dean Diana Jones, Apryl Jenkins, and Becky Burch.

Jenkins noted that the purpose of AACEJC is to review the journalism and radio-television-film departments in the areas of print journalism, advertising/public relations, broadcast journalism, audio, television production and telecommunications management.

Senior account executive for the AACEJC Doreen Kirkpatrick shared her perspective on the meeting.

During the Town Hall meeting, Dr. Janette Dates addressed the School of Communications' accreditation status in addition to professional dress rules.

Reverend Charles Adam
Preaches at Chapel

By Jennifer Nicole Hauser
Contributing Writer

“How much will you take before you realize that God is always with you and never against you?” asked Reverend Dr. Charles Adam, pastor of the Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Adam taught the congregation many reasons that believers should never forget that God accompanies them through everything. He explained that God does not get involved when they are experiencing troubles or are facing turmoil.

“God wants to teach us, but first we have to give our attention,” he said.

Raising his sermon on Romans 8:31-39 when Paul tells

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“Showtime” Snowed To Receive New Uniforms for Fall Season

By Byron Stewart
Contributing Writer

For the fall 2004 marching season, the “Showtime” Marching Band will be showing off brand new uniforms.

For the past four years, the marching band has petitioned the University for new uniforms, but has been unsuccessful in their attempts. The “Showtime” band had not had new uniforms in almost six years, with the expectancy for a uniform being about six to seven years.

“The amount of work that the band puts in, we should have new uniforms,” Tyrice Woodyard, a sophomore psychology major, said.

The Bison Express, an athletic board that assists the band in the allocation of money, has responded to raise money for new uniforms by selling CDs, but have not raise enough money.

“All of the funds from alumni also did not remedy the problem,” said Tyrice Woodyard.

The “Showtime” band has been working hard to raise enough money for new uniforms.

“We have been working really hard to raise enough money for uniforms,” said Godiva Preston.

The problem had been evident to faculty when it was consistently brought up at meetings and articles in the newspaper, I would hope that Howard would do something,” said Janice Ross, a freshman

How Can the “A” Building Improve Customer Service?

By Nancy A. B. Thompson

“How can the ‘A’ Building improve customer service?”

“Many people who care about the students and their well-being.”

Ashley Mack
Sophomore

English

“I think the administration should hire more people to monitor the amount of the duties so that people don’t continue to do the same thing incorrectly.”

Calvin Serton
Junior

Music

“They shouldn’t try to delegate responsibility of paper work to the colder, rather they should do what their job description is to do administration work.”

Utei Maligai
Sophomore

Psychology

“There is a need to employ workers who are patient and courteous and take pride in the jobs that they do.”

After 10 years of waiting, the “Showtime” Marching Band can be proud to march next fall in brand new uniforms.

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Correction:

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, The Hilltop reported that meal plans would increase 4 percent. The correct number is 6 percent.

Annie Hypolite
Junior

Accounting

“Help people who care about the students and their well-being.”

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you come home late at night in need of a snack. you discover a slice of cake in the fridge. it's not yours. what do you do? answer the question. compare your opinions with others. explore what matters at pwc.com/lookhere.
The Movement: Tahman Bradley and Alexis Logan

By Shara D. Taylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

Under their platform "The Movement," Howard University Student Association president and vice-presidential candidates Tahman Bradley and Alexis Logan hope to reach out to a segment of the Howard population that is largely ignored.

"We would like to re-direct and redefine the goals of HUSA to get more ordinary students involved," said senior and foreign relations, and political science major Bradley and coordinated junior and philosophy major Logan.

The Movement centers around three main points. It elevates the effectiveness of HUSA, encourages and organizes student advocacy, and promotes excellence in education.

The platform aims to address the difficulties that students encounter when they attempt to access their student government officials.

Elections Kick Off with First Speak Out

By Shara D. Taylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Thursday evening in Whitaker Hall, candidates for Howard University Student Association (HUSA) president and vice-president and undergraduate trustee participated in the first of a series of speak outs to introduce the student body to their platforms.

Candidates addressed a number of questions posed to them by the Elections Committee, including informing the student body of issues that affect them, and their thoughts on the current administration.

When asked about the importance of a trustee at a historically black university such as Howard, undergraduate trustee candidate Chequan Lewis replied, "The reason this job because the welfare of the university is at hand, and the trustee is the representative of the undergraduate student body."

Undergraduate trustee candidate J.P. Howard believes that the experience he has gained is more than enough for him to be effective as a trustee. He said, "There was a lot of candy coating going on. Anybody who选举s to be a trustee must be able to open and find the best interest of the Trustees."

Bradley and Logan hope the speak outs to introduce the candidates to the Howard population and their goal is to inform the student body of their objectives. "The intent was to inform the student body of their objectives for their positions sought, some students to talk about the details of their platforms. "The speak-out was very important because they were not focusing on the main point," freshman Adrielle Bazemore said. "Participants were very engaging, and they were very knowledgeable about their platforms."

Bradley, who is the current director of policy and development for HUSA, believes that he has the experience needed in being Undergraduate Trustee.

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Undergraduate Trustee: J.P. Howard

By Shara D. Taylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

Undergraduate Trustee candidate J.P. Howard believes that student government and certain administrative aspects of the University need to be run with more common sense. Howard, a political science and philosophy major, is currently serving as the HUSA University and External Affairs Committee Coordinator. He said that he would institute a high level of communication between the Undergraduate Student Association (US) Board of Trustees and the student body.

"We would like to redirect and redefine the scope of the Student government and the administrative board to make more details available," he said. "We do not know too many things until after the fact, and even then we would like to know where our money goes exactly when it gets spent."

Howard believes that "Common Sense" is needed in being Undergraduate Trustee.

"[Candidates] should have a first-hand account of what needs to be done with the students and have a passion for making a difference."

-Michael Betra, freshman political science major.

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Lead and Contamination in D.C. Water Frustrates Students

By Candice Jones

Staff Writer

As sophomore telecommunication major Radiance Salesi looks at her face and notices the small blemish on her cheek, she thinks about the skin that made it so smooth and even. Having recently returned to the D.C. area from New York, where it's cold and windy, Salesi is used to the harshness of the winter weather.

In recent years, D.C. residents have noticed a change in the quality of the water they drink. Some have complained about the smell, taste, and even the color of the water. This problem has become a source of frustration for many D.C. residents, including Salesi.

"I have noticed a distinct change in the quality of the water," Salesi said. "It's not as smooth and even as it used to be."

Salesi is not alone in her concern. Many D.C. residents have reported similar problems with the water quality. The Washington Area Water Authority (WASA) has been working to improve the situation, but progress has been slow.

"We are doing our best to address the issue," WASA spokesperson William Williams said. "We have implemented a number of measures to improve the water quality, but it's a complex problem that requires ongoing efforts.

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"We have implemented a number of measures to improve the water quality," Williams said. "We have increased the frequency of water testing, improved the treatment processes, and increased the number of water quality personnel."

Despite these efforts, many residents continue to have concerns about the water quality. Salesi and others are calling on WASA to take more action to address the issue.

"We need to see real progress," Salesi said. "It's not just a matter of waiting for things to improve on their own. We need to see tangible results."
Cheney-Scalia Liaison Raises Concern

Two Departmental Inspectors General for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Patrick J. Leahy and Joseph Patrick J. Leahy, have written to nominees travelling to Sunday’s All island told the Washington Post, “It makes it seem more like Cheney was courting Scalia.”

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Deadly Bird Flu Flying Over Asia

By Ria Marie Davis

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Singapore boasts one of the highest standards of living in the world, but some believe that censorship levels are too extreme to be beneficial.

Largest Nuclear Network Broken

The world's biggest terrorist movement, the Pakistan-based Taliban, has been broken after a massive military operation in the rugged mountains of northwestern Pakistan. The Taliban, who control much of the country's western border, have been a major threat to world security for years, but have been weakened by a combination of international pressure and a new military campaign. The operation, which involved thousands of soldiers, destroyed the group's main headquarters and its leaders. The Taliban have vowed to rebuild and continue their campaign of violence, but it is clear that their days are numbered. The world can breathe a sigh of relief.

Kenya Muslims Second-Class Citizens

Kenya Muslims are being targeted by the government due to its efforts to combat terrorism, in response to a terrorist attack in Mombasa that killed several people. The attack, which was carried out by the al-Shabaab Taliban, was a clear indication of the group's growing strength in the region. The government has vowed to crack down on terrorism and ensure the security of all its citizens.

Some 5000 to Liberia

The international community was disappointed to see the new government of Liberia abandoned after 14 years of civil war. The new government, led by the UN and the US, had sought to rebuild infrastructure and fight corruption. The government was expected to receive a significant amount of aid, but the country remains struggling. The government has already announced plans to privatize several major industries, but the future remains uncertain.

Second Head Removed From Baby

Singapore's largest newspaper has reported the discovery of aBaby whose head was removed after birth. The paper quoted a senior official as saying that the reason for the operation was to remove a large tumor. The operation was successful, and the baby is expected to make a full recovery. The case has sparked a debate about the ethics of removing body parts from newborns, and the government has promised to investigate the matter thoroughly.

Singapore: Censorship - Social Booster or Freedom

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New Program Stresses Home Buying Among Students

By Jasmine Avent  
Contributing Writer

When senior Robert McPherson graduates in May, he will have a degree from Howard University in one hand, and a down payment for a new home is the other. The Rhodes University, dream being made possible through the Verna and Charles Foundation, Inc.'s Student Homeownership Opportunity Program.

The program was set up for 264 graduating students from Howard, as well as seniors from 10 other universities will receive $1,000 toward the cost of a home, a initiative funded by Bank of America.

The program is for African American students who have been a grant from the Federal Housing Authority.

"This is the first program of its kind in the county," said Simmons. "We hope that this will help students in the future.

"We believe in reinventing the wheel when it comes to opportunities for young African Americans." Griffin spent the evening encouraging students to challenge themselves by taking advantage of great opportunities.

"To further inspire the audience, Griffin offered her own personal story of becoming a homeowner before age thirty. If I can do it, so can you," she said.

The interactive business workshop that was held last Wednesday evening in the Dobson Music Business offered information along with practical advice regarding African Americans and homeownership.

Catherine Winkin, an agent with State Farm Insurance Companies, discussed becoming a homeowner from a financial standpoint. She talked about figuring out a budget that will lead to a loan. She also covered types of home loans and how credit is established very little, if any, of those students who are majoring in business management. The student had the facts that her credit score or net financial worth per household is a factor in how much credit is a mortgage, which is only about 7.2 percent of income.

However, there are young adults who have been affected and need assistance during this time. A new group was formed to help them.

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The Punch Out

Late Night Menu
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Late Night A La Carte

Burgers
1/4 Pound Cheeseburger $2.30
1/4 Pound Bacon Cheeseburger $2.75
1/4 Pound Hamburger $1.90
Veggie Burger $2.50

Add Grilled Onion, Grilled Mushrooms, or Grilled Peppers $0.35
Add Swiss Cheese $0.50

Chicken
Chicken WIngettes $4.80
B (ufalo WIngettes $4.60

Grilled Cheese $1.65
Stak’s Cheese $3.95
Stak’s Cheese $2.75

Add Mushrooms and peppers $0.35
Fish Sandwich $2.50

Onion Rings $2.00
Waffle Fries $1.65

Late Night Combo

Burgers
1/4 Pound Cheeseburger $3.55
1/4 Pound Bacon Cheeseburger $4.00
1/4 Pound Hamburger $3.15
Veggie Burger $4.50

Add Grilled Onion, Grilled Mushrooms, or Grilled Peppers $0.35
Add Swiss Cheese $0.50

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Feel free to attend with any questions or concerns about service, policies, improvements or suggestions that you may have for the Dining Service Management.

If you would like to attend, or have questions about the event, please feel free to email Kean at kiemorris@hotmail.com

Food and refreshments will be served.

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Limited Hours Effect Students

New ID System on Campus

**TRANSCRIPT**

**Ron Wyatt**

Ron Wyatt, assistant director of the Student Financial Aid Office, announced last week that, starting March 2, the office will not be open on weekends or after 5:30 p.m. He said this decision was made after a careful evaluation of the office’s needs and the needs of the students.

** Furious Customer Service**

The customer service program’s goal is to improve the relationship between the administration and the students.

**Transcript Process Difficult**

**Ryan Thompson**

Ryan Thompson, who has been with the Transcript Service for two years, said that the office has been struggling to process transcripts in a timely manner.

**New Uniforms for the Band**

The new uniforms for the band are set to debut in the fall, and they are expected to improve the band’s performance and appearance.

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From Howard to... An Exclusive Interview with Stan Verrett

By Absha Chaney Managing Editor

Long before he became an ESPN anchor, Stan Verrett was a Howard University student. He lived in Drew Hall, dined on the yard, immersed clubs, and attended football games. But more importantly, he achieved his goals and graduated with a wealth of knowledge that he taps into daily. While still in high school, Verrett aspired to have a career in sports. "I was an athlete when I was younger but I wasn't good enough to play college or professionally. When I got to Howard, I realized there had to be a way I could be around sports so I decided I'd get into3 intersporting," he recounted. His communications career began his freshman year in radio where he became Howard's WWHLU station's only network anchor. It was a learning process. "I was a greenhorn," he expressed. Upon graduating, he worked in radio for three years in South Carolina. He then relocated to Norfolk, Virginia where he worked in radio and television for five years. "After leaving Howard, I returned to his roots in journalism, when he worked for an NCIS office for about two years, before accepting a job at ESPN headquarters in Bristol, Conn. For nearly four years, he has been the steady anchor for ESPN News, but occasionally appears on SportsCenter. Verrett loves his job, and says that it's gratifying just to be included in such a distinguished group. (SEE ESPN page 82)

Broken Leg and Nose Don't Fracture Gant's Spirit

By Karinela Brown Hilltop Staff Writer

Freshman point guard, William Gant enjoys his thriving relationship with his "wife," and spends as much time with her as he possibly can. He's not bored, or need to relax. I can go shoot or work on my game." Terry Thompson, gave the rules that prevent athletes from entering the draft until discussing (who else?) his status. The fact that I left Howard is the fact that I get to, so I decided I'd get into intersporting," he recounted. His communications career began his freshman year in radio where he became Howard's WWHLU station's only network anchor. It was a learning process. "I was a greenhorn," he expressed. Upon graduating, he worked in radio for three years in South Carolina. He then relocated to Norfolk, Virginia where he worked in radio and television for five years. "After leaving Howard, I returned to his roots in journalism, when he worked for an NCIS office for about two years, before accepting a job at ESPN headquarters in Bristol, Conn. For nearly four years, he has been the steady anchor for ESPN News, but occasionally appears on SportsCenter. Verrett loves his job, and says that it's gratifying just to be included in such a distinguished group. (SEE ESPN page 82)

INDOOR TRACK CONTINUES TO SHINE

By Patricia Collins Correspondent

The Hilltop: How did you become involved in indoor track? Patricia Collins: I participated in a race at this past weekend's Black College Indoor Track Classic. Alicia Williams placed first in the 800 meters, and the women's distance medley team placed first as well. FACTS ABOUT STAN AT HOWARD

Facts about Stan at Howard

- Finisher of the paper done at Howard: "I actually finished the paper on my own."
- Staying at Howard: "I was really surprised by my performance." - Having a steady anchor: "I felt like I was making a difference." - Having a resume: "It's gratifying just to be included in such a distinguished group." - Having a job at ESPN: "I'm really proud of achieving this goal." - Spending time with his "wife": "We're really close, and I see her every day." - Having a sense of humor: "I think it's important to have a sense of humor." - Having a great spirit: "I'm really proud of achieving this goal."
Howard Football Gains New Recruits

By Yann Givens
Contributing Writer

Sunday marked the culmination of Howard University's fall sports seasons for this academic year as Bison student athletes were recognized at the Fall Athletics Awards Banquet held in the Blackburn Center on November 6.

Howard University Director of Athletics, Linda H. Mendola, distributed Fall All-Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference awards to Bison student athletes.

By Anthony Ross

The Bison's kicking game was plagued by injuries this past season. But the addition of Danual Turner of Philadelphia, Pa., has an especially affecting effect on the team.

The Way Stan Sees It

The recent firing of African American coaches in the NBA..."
Gant Still in the Game

Two days later, Gant woke up with a swollen nose and bags under his eyes. After being admitted to a Tallahassee hospital, he was told he had a small nose fracture. Because there would be no long-term affects, Gant decided against having surgery, and opted for a facemask.

"Everybody has those 'phantom' jokes now," Gant said. "I'm the masked marvel. But the mask doesn't bother me; it actually improves my tunnel vision."

Despite the roller coaster relationship Gant has had with basketball, he continues to play wholeheartedly and give 100 percent whenever he's on the floor.

Head Basketball Coach Frankie Allen can't wait until he's at his maximum level of competition. "The injuries have set him back, but I want him to play more at the point," Allen said. "I want to get stronger so we can rest Lou a little more.

One of the greatest things Allen likes about coaching Grant is his demeanor. "He's a coachable player, always says 'Yes sir' and works hard despite the losses. Although the mask bothers him, he doesn't complain. He reveals true character."

Right: Will Gant drives past a Norfolk State Spartan. A broken nose hasn't kept him from playing; he simply wears a brace to protect it.

The Hilltop holds budget meetings every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the West Towers

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The Office of the Dean of the Chapel -Presents-

Theology 101

How do we talk and think about God?

How does God call people?

Rev. Dr. Kortright Davis

Dr. Davis will discuss theological exploration and vocational discernment.

Wednesday, February 11, 2004
Carnegie Building
7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the PRE-MINISTRY INTEREST GROUP

Dr. Kortright Davis is a professor of theology at Howard University School of Divinity. Dr. Davis is the author of several books, including Servant with Power: Reclaiming the Heart of Christian Ministry, Emancipation Still Comin', Can God Save the Church? and Creathe Explorations of the Divine.

ALL ARE INVITED!
Candidates Shouldn’t Make Promises They Can’t Keep

What is a political scientist’s “authority” in defining a mayor, a mayor of a town? The answer is, “Authority is given to a person who is elected.” But the authority of this person is limited by the Constitution and the laws of the state. The mayor of a town is elected to represent the people of that town. The mayor is not elected to run the town like a business, but to be a representative of the people. The mayor is elected to make decisions that are in the best interest of the people. The mayor is not elected to be a dictator, but to be a leader who listens to the people and represents their interests. The mayor is not elected to be a dictator, but to be a leader who listens to the people and represents their interests. The mayor is not elected to be a dictator, but to be a leader who listens to the people and represents their interests. The mayor is not elected to be a dictator, but to be a leader who listens to the people and represents their interests.

Our View: Campus elections luring candidates need to create realistic platforms and not run off of “campaign promises.”

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A Different View: Men, Respect the Ladies!
Heather M. Lave

I picked up "The Hilltop" early Thursday morning, as my psychology professor was giving a presentation for my Marketing class. It was raining hard, so the gray sheet was torn to shreds inside my book bag until after the million and one things to be done during the day were done. I rushed through the day, and compiled most of the tasks I had set out to do. I was so preoccupied with the idea of American Idol, I decided to pull it out.

I read through the main topics of news and finally got to my favorite part of the Perspectives. I thought the "Master's vs. MRS" article was the same; the article for every woman here at Howard must have been "Men, Respect the Ladies!" I really expected an article that provoked astonishment and saving yourself for marriage. (I guess I shouldn't have looked at the picture first.) However, what I read was instead an article telling the female what they are doing wrong and what should be done. And once again I hear saying that goes like this, are you the former or the latter?

I would like to know when the day will come when female students will control themselves. When a man can pump his own brakes. I feel like I can respect "Respect Yourself" was not the answer. I think a good response to her article should be that every woman here at Howard has "worth- and then toss her aside. I tell them that they should be true to themselves. I'm not saying that they shouldn't be true to themselves. I'm saying that they shouldn't be true to themselves at the cost of their own wellbeing. I'm saying that they shouldn't be true to themselves at the cost of their own beauty. I'm saying that they shouldn't be true to themselves at the cost of their own desires.

I'm writing this letter to the editor, the "Save Our Carl's" one online February 19th. There are two major misconceptions, as well as misconceptions in the article. First, the Howard University Board of Trustees has nothing to do with the decision of President. This government is claiming that President's decision falls under the Constitution. The Constitution gives the President power of the President. Therefore, regardless of what passed by Congress. Congress cannot pass a new presidential decision. As such, the Government has specific jurisdiction over the executive branch. In fact, that's why the appeals court found this decision illegal.

Secondly, President has not been released. He is still being held by the military, without access to a lawyer. President has no access to any court. It has no access to the outside world, and does not know when he is going anywhere. The order to release President (if ever) would also allow him to be transported to maximum security, and then exchanged with a winner.

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