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University Mourns Loss of Physician

By Venus Brooks Taylor Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard community mourns the loss of Alfred L. Goldson, M.D., FACR, professor and chairman of the Department of Radiology and Oncology. Last week Goldson suffered a heart attack on January 13, 2004 and, after being in a coma for 10 days, passed away on February 7, 2004.

In June 2003, he and his wife Amy would have celebrated 30 years of marriage. Described by many as caring and innovative, Goldson impacted the lives of cancer patients with his innovative therapeutic approaches and endearing manner.

"As one of the finest sons of Howard University, as a student, as a physician, and as a citizen of the University, Goldson made Howard University President H. Patrick Burgeant said in a memo, "His legacy will be forever with us."

A host of Radiation Oncologists and Radiation Therapists were trained by Goldson since he became the Howard University College of Medicine's youngest chairman in 1980, succeeding Dr. Frank B. Schull, who was from 1969-1979, and under whom Goldson trained.

Goldson also knew for several other firsts. His accolades include credit for being the pioneer of electron beam inoperable cancer radiotherapy (the delivery of irradiation at super high energies), the first radiation oncologist to be consequently black reperative radiotherapy with interstitial interventional hyporthymic for

In previous years, FOX News has provided Howard University students with internships as well as apprentice positions.

Program Brings Reality of HIV/AIDS Home to Students

By Rashodnne James Contributing Writer

"The Test That Binds Us," hosted by Howard University Student Association, Caribbean Students Association and the African Students Association, focused on HIV/AIDS in Africa, as well as inviting students from all walks of life.

"Staying within the theme," Booth, coordinator director of FOX News, noted that "AIDS is a disease that affects everyone."

Booth challenged students to get away the notions of being complacent about food poisoning since she began working at the Punch Out for the last year. Our company has system "It is to provide food poisoning," Hall said.

According to Hall, the temperature of all food prepared in the restaurant is taken when it is prepared and cooled. Furthermore, Hall stated that all food is dated and labeled as is mandated within the company's procedures. Nonetheless, students feel they need to take extra precaution measures when eating at the Punch Out.

Junior computer science major Chris Porter was hospitalized after experiencing the discomfort of food poisoning last year and may soon turn his back on Howard University dining facilities altogether.

"My sophomore year, I went to the cafeteria to get some lunch," Porter explained. "When I was back to get more, I started feeling really bad, but the food wasn't exactly wrong. I was throwing up and couldn't keep anything down." Upon hearing complaints of food poisoning from the Punch Out, Porter was disheartened and did not wish to take any chances.

"I just choose to eat the fruit," Porter later explained. "I always take precautions.

FOX Gives $100,000 to School of Communications

By Kellie Carter Contributing Writer

Last Thursday afternoon, Roger Ailes, chairman and CEO of FOX News, gave a $100,000 donation to Howard University's School of Communication.

"It was nearly four years ago when Howard University commenced a partnership with FOX News that blossomed into a remarkable relationship whereby Howard students have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in communications and pursue opportunities at FOX," Ailes said. Ailes is a Howard alumna, who is currently an apprentice and production assistant at the FOX Washington bureau, was recently promoted to a position with FOX in New York City.

Habitat for Humanity Gives Back: One Brick at a Time

By Natasha L. Williams Hilltop Staff Writer

Since 1990, volunteer members of Habitat for Humanity Howard Chapter, have worked to eliminate poverty and homelessness in the District of Columbia.

According to Hillary Patterson, president of Habitat for Humanity Howard Chapter, there are 40 volunteer members in the Howard Chapter. While at the working site, members work under close supervision. Not all 40 members attend the same work site. Those who are assigned to a site are broken up into groups and assist trained professionals from AmeriCorps with duties such as insulation, digging, and sheet rock.

Our platform is to spread awareness about the organization and to create a better habitat and environment for underprivileged people," Patterson said. Habitat for Humanity is affiliated with other organizations and faith groups that emphasize the importance of helping others and team work.

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Redefinition: Conrad Woody and Freda Henry

By Venus Brooke Taylor

Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University Student Association presidential and vice-presidential candidates Conrad Woody and Freda Henry are redefining life at Howard University. With a new platform, Redefinition: Woody and Henry plans to redefine student services, student leadership and the vision and legacy of Howard University.

They hope to improve customer service in all areas of the university by ensuring that all employees have training, an understanding of quality customer service and that all processes are in writing.

Undergraduate and graduate student employment opportunities will also be broadened, library and lab hours will be extended, and academic advising will be improved.

Ravin and Johnson's student leadership through a Think Tank in which the executive boards of every student organization will attend a retreat during which they can set an agenda for the year and combine similar activities to get more students involved.

The candidates also plan to have more representation for student organizations online and create a venue for more student input in administration.

Woody, a junior political science major, and Henry, a junior English major, understand the importance of giving back to Howard University and, therefore, will implement a campaign to collect donations for the Campaign for Howard in order to redefine the visibility and legacy of Howard University.

Graduate student issues will be addressed too. The candidates plan to create an open playing field for graduate students.

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Accountability: Jason Ravin and Taron Johnson

By Shara D. Taylor

Hilltop Staff Writer

With their platform, Accountability, Howard University Student Association (HUSA) presidential and vice-presidential candidates Jason Ravin and Taron Johnson, hope to restore a high level of accountability to the HLSA administration.

The platform focuses on three main pillars of the Howard community: student government and the students, the university's resources as the center of the university, and understanding the importance of giving back to Howard University.

In terms of academics, Walls and Perry plan to hold a meeting in which students can provide feedback and ideas for improvement.

By Garrett H. Sims

Hilltop Staff Writer

Under their platform entitled "The Takeover," Howard University Student Association (HUSA) president and vice-president candidates Spencer Chenier and Christian Dorsey hope to succeed in attempting to solve the many difficulties that students have with student government, which they feel are not really looking out for the best interests of the students.

"Our focus is to help enhance the whole student body, and also help students understand that we should not be satisfied with what we have," said Dorsey, a senior political science major. "We are the only candidates, we will be the only candidates, and we will be the only candidates." Dorsey said that a lot of his platform ideas are based on the open door success that former HUSA president Cornell Williamson had.

"We need to get the student government back at the level that it was once under," Dorsey explained. "Sometimes, you have to remove yourself from the situation to see what is going on.

"Ravin's past positions include vice-president and executive vice-president of the College of Arts and Sciences and assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He currently serves as the Green Party's National Director of African-American Affairs. Johnson, a junior political science major, explained, "We need to get the student government back at the level that it was once under," Dorsey said.

"The platform is divided into three components: Mind, Body, and Soul. Chenier and Dorsey hope to succeed in attempting to solve the many difficulties that students have with student government, which they feel are not really looking out for the best interests of the students.

"We can have credit hours for community service, so that the students can feel more in tune with the community," Dorsey said. "Also, there should be a peer course selection program between the upper and underclassmen. We want to have a bi-weekly check of water and schools working cameras where all the blue lights for security are, and a school spirit fund for Howard Athletics because we feel as if there is not enough support and positive response for what they do for our school."
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Thurgood Marshall
By Sharea Taylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

Thurgood Marshall was one of the most meritorious black figures in the struggle for equal civil rights for Blacks in America. After graduating from high school in Baltimore, Maryland, Marshall attended Howard University's School of Law, where he graduated with honors. Marshall was of great importance in Supreme Court of United States, when he wrote the majority opinion in Maryland v. Mapp. In 1937, when he was appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the Maryland School of Law, he decided to teach at Howard University, where he gradually rose to the position of the school's president. During his tenure, Marshall had a positive influence on many students and contributed to the advancement of African-American law students.

James T. Wormley By K.A. Peates
Contributing Writer

The first black man to graduate from Howard University's College of Medicine was James Throppes Wormley in 1958. Wormley began his pharmacological education at Howard University in 1956. He was one of its first students. Wormley began their education at a time when the pharmacy career was taught by the College of Medicine. Wormley was a pharmacist with a degree in Pharmacy. In 1964, he received his degree in Pharmacy. In 1970, he received an advanced degree in Pharmacy. Wormley is the Board of Pharmacy's pharmacist of the year. He is also the lead pharmacist of the Howard University's School of Pharmacy. Although he did not accept the offer, he viewed it as a great accomplishment.

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Library, Beach Included in Spring Break Plans

By Josie Nimmons
Contributing Writer

Spring Break is fast approaching. While some students will be enjoying the beach and the sun during spring break, other students will be enjoying the inside of their dorms. Sophomore finance major Tabitha Cooper will be going to West Palm Beach, Fla., can't wait until the break is over. "I'm going to enjoy the beach, and watch football tapes of my favorite teams," Cooper said. "I'm going to go there, and watch football tape to remember my favorite teams," she added. "The upcoming football season, the Miami Dolphins, the Dolphins, and the Dolphins." Cooper said that he will begin home for the break, and will travel to Miami to participate in the spring break festivities. Cooper added that he went to Miami last year and is excited about going again with more people.

Junior information systems major Tiara Prater is also going home to spend spring break. "I don't have any money," said Prater. "My mom will pay for my plane ticket to go home, but I don't know about anywhere else." Coles said that she will use the vacation to party at the beach. "I'm going to enjoy the beach, and watch football tapes of my favorite teams," she added. "The upcoming football season, the Miami Dolphins, the Dolphins, and the Dolphins," she said. Cooper said that he will begin home for the break, and will travel to Miami to participate in the spring break festivities. Cooper added that he went to Miami last year and is excited about going again with more people.

Howard Alumnus Delivers Sermon

By Jennifer Nicole Hunter
Contributing Writer

Reverend William H. Curtis, returned home, as the alumnus preached for the first time at Chapel this past Sunday.

"What kind of God would hide Illumination or the progress of salvation?" he asked. "The God who makes things happen in the way they are supposed to be happening, a God who can have his way in the world and make things happen."

Curtis also explained that students tries to drift to a place where his worth is by taking his shortcomings and glorifying them.

"God is not a hard-on you in failure as you are," he said. "Curtis believes that people have to stop allowing others to go down because of their failures.

"Men was created to show people the glory, grace, goodness, provision, and assenting of God," he added.

Curtis added that a lot of Christians would be better off if they learned to let things go instead of remembering people's failures.

"People who need to constantly remind others of their failures do it to feel good about their own contradictions," Curtis preached.

"During his sermon, Curtis said people must first learn to release others from their failures so that they can go on with their futures."

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panoramic cancer, and the first to conduct international cancer research that led to treatment for the underprivileged in Tanzania, Liberia, and Haiti.

Goldson's international work, coupled with his groundbreaking Radiation Research, also earned him several grants that afforded him many opportunities. In 1994 he was invited to present to President Clinton's National Security Council and the White House, Board in 1994 and the receipt of millions of dollars in research funding.

For his pioneering research and implementing of innovative therapies, Goldson wrote a multitude of articles and contributed work that has resulted in books on radiation oncology. He published his work so that students would have access to the knowledge and facilities available to him.

"It is a device that helps teach basic concepts in a fun and engaging way. This provided him the chance to teach his daughter," he said.

Fox News Donates Thousands

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"Challenging is the best word I can use to describe my experience. It has taught me that we must do the best we can to help others, to get the most out of it," Burns said. "After meeting with Ailes, and receiving his gift, I knew how thankful I am.

"I have nothing but great things to say about FOX News," Burns explained. "The very first day they were challenging but it exposed us to so many life experiences in journalism, you realize how fortunate you are to be in a place than FOX News."

Alleged Poisoning at Punch Out

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Alleged poisoning at Punch Out, a popular video game, has led to concerns about player safety. The game, which involves punching and kicking opponents, has been linked to cases of poisoning.

The incident occurred at a school in a small town where the game is popular among students. Parents and educators are now calling for stricter regulations and better oversight of video games.

FOX News Plans to Donate to Many Other Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the future.

"I want our young people to be exposed to the very best. I want them to go out into the world and be the very best they can be. I want them to be the best engineers, teachers, and so on. This $100,000 is welcomed," said an HBCU. 

HIV/AIDS Program Informs

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HIV/AIDS programs are critical in informing students that they were at a great risk. The rash of young people being at risk because they don't know what they are doing. Burns said that one of the leading causes is lack of knowledge and lack of information. 

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Schwarzenegger Under Fire For Upholding Death Sentence

By Ria Marie Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Condemned murderer Kevin Cooper was granted a last parole hearing by the California Board of Parole Hearings on Monday. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Cooper's parole hearing, had already been denied in 1987, 1990, and 1992, when he was sent to San Quentin State Prison for the murder of a prison guard. Cooper, 47, who was given the death penalty for the murders of Douglas and Peggy Ryan, both 47, and their 10-year-old daughter Jessica and her friend Christopher Hughes, 15, was granted a request for another hearing by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The ruling was upheld by the California Supreme Court on Monday.

Cooper, since his execution in 1995 has pleaded his innocence. The police in this case have been accused of planting DNA evidence by Cooper's lawyers and supporters. They also say that additional evidence capable of proving Cooper's innocence has been ignored.

Alicia Berkeley, a junior biology major, said that the circumstances of the case are similar to that of the O. J. Simpson trial. "We should be able to trust the courts and women in uniform. But if we think that the police would lie to the public, it would not be surprising."

Georgia's biology curriculum continues to meet national standards to restore it. According to the Georgia Board of Education, its science teachers met for about 270 days in protest, and the school districts have refused to comment on their employment.

Herr, 33, of Denver, said he declined to fill the prescription because Cooper's name is on it "in a sense, because he killed the victim." He had declined five or six times in the past to fill such prescriptions, he said. The two other pharmacists who were present also declined to fill the prescription. Herr would not comment on the case.

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Pilot Says Spend Flight Speaking about God

By Sean Jackman
Hilltop Staff Writer

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**JAMAICAN STUDENTS SPEAK OUT ON ORGANIZED CRIME**

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"Dons" or "Presidents" is the colloquial term for a group of individuals engaged in organized crime and violence. They possess such power and influence in the community that they are feared to be a law enforcement agency.

Born out of the early political climate in Jamaica, the dons became the political representatives of the underprivileged. Dons that were sought by politicians to manage local constituencies, to fight local elections, to encourage party loyalty and to induce votes. The dons established the "gangster communities" in Jamaica. These communities represent political strongholds promoting the interests of particular politicians often by force and intimidation.

Today, the dons are doing much more than just political organizing in Jamaica. A recent report from the Jamaica Gleaner stated that the dons of Spanish Town are running an "alternative government" which they use to control a thriving multi-million dollar extortion racket in the town which targets businessmen, market vendors, and taxi operators in the bustling town centre. But to manage their turf and owners/managers are not speaking out about the extortion activities because of fear of retaliation.

Carlton Clarke, an MBA student from Portland, Jamaica, stated that there is a good and bad side to the dons in Jamaica. "The dons get a lot of these things from extortion, but some businessmen don't view it as extortion, but rather as protection money. People have to do something or else they are one step away from the appeal of the don. No one can commit a crime," commented Clarke, "just that, because the dons bring all the communities under one order, so the people and businesses feel protected."

"The problem in Spanish town," he said, "is that there are dons supporting different political parties, so they don't cooperate with each other. Anything can happen, because there is no one order."

Denise Knight, a junior public relations major from Clarendon, Jamaica, said that the dons sometimes use their power to control the violence. "People look up to those dons. They know more about a person than they do the police. They [the people] confide in them. So on one hand, they give them a certain stability, but the politics behind it makes the whole thing creep.

"I was part of a group," said Leon Barnes, a junior broadcast journalism major from Mandeville, Jamaica, "The situation in a society will never be good. The end doesn't justify the means, because it proves that people have divided the whole of society. They have divided the whole of Jamaica by siding with political parties and they are in control here, because they don't have the money for books and uniforms. The dons provide for them, but the problem is how they get their money illegally."

"The dons are gaining a lot of respect," continued Barnes, "The same respect in the community that they are likened to that of a group of individuals engaged in organized crime."

According to the Jamaica Gleaner, "The tentacles of a recent, well-documented gala group that moved all into layers of civil society, business owners, a number of which are small 'men and pop' operations, are running scared, financially embarrassed owners are members of the gangs, taxmen and merchants are members of the groups that are promoting an illegal, undercover culture, where people don't want to talk about things, they talk to the dons and the dons talk to each other."

"The major economic main is the greatest in Jamaica, and it is an institution that is creating the power of the dons to become all," commented Barnes.

The situation in Jamaica is no different from any other country in the global community," states Home Minister, Romeo Smellie. "The idea of a power sharing factor is chiefly to access certain resources. Our society is made up and bad just like all other societies in the world." He also blamed some media houses for promoting Jamaica as a chiefly violent society. "Not everyone from Jamaica is violent nor is every Jamaican from the slums of Kingston a thug. If some people blame the image of Jamaica, that will only be blamed by the image of the dons."

"The situation in Jamaica is even different from the situation in the dons. They have everything at risk. They have everything to lose. They have everything to win."

The same security concern and the dons' involvement in the society, the dons in Jamaica are perceived to be their biggest worries. "The dons are not as bad as it seems. Dons and dons established the gang of the rival, well-organized gangs have broke. But the police can't prevent crime more so than the dons. They can prevent crime more so than the police. They will never be able to prevent crime, because they don't have the money for books and uniforms. The dons are more powerful than the police, but it wouldn't bother you to mess with them."

Christopher Brown, a sophomore computer engineering major from Manchester, Jamaica, pointed out that the dons have too much power and have the communities against each other. "They have divided the whole of Jamaica by siding with political parties and they are in control here, because they don't have the money for books and uniforms. The dons provide for them, but the problem is how they get their money illegally."

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**War Death Toll in Iraq Steadily Increasing**

The US military said yesterday it had soared from 20 to 28, the body count in Iraq, and attributed the increase to the number of enemy combatants killed. The number of enemy combatants killed was up from the 24 enemy combatants reported on Wednesday. The number of enemy combatants killed was up from the 24 enemy combatants reported on Wednesday. The number of enemy combatants killed was up from the 24 enemy combatants reported on Wednesday.

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**Slaves Found on Banana Ranch**

Brazil's Labour Ministry has said it has found more than 30 people being held in such conditions on the ranch of senator Jeano Ribeto in the northern state of Para. They said the captives worked seven days a week without pay and had no running water or toilet.

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Brazil's Labour Ministry has said it has found more than 30 people being held in such conditions on the ranch of senator Jeano Ribeto in the northern state of Para. They said the captives worked seven days a week without pay and had no running water or toilet.

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**Sumo Wrestlers Back in South Korea**

Top Japanese sumo wrestlers have been performing in South Korea for the first time since the country was liberated from Japanese colonial rule. For the first time since the end of the conflict in 1945, "peter hams" or Japanese cultural impressions, was held in South Korea.

The two-day tournament follows a goodwill trip to South Korea, during which sumo wrestlers paid tribute to the "devastation of the war" and "crimes against humanity.

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**Zimbabwe Valentines March**

Zimbabwe police have stopped an anti-government march today and arrested 20 people who were in the center of the capital, Harare. Women of Zimbabwe Artiste, an organization that encourages women to stand up for their rights and freedoms, had been planning the protest for weeks.

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Site Offers Place to Swap, Sell Gift Cards

**Gift Cards Are Purchased and Sold at a Discount on Website**

By Michael Lawson Contributing Writer

Advertised as the "best possible gift," gift certificates are easy and come from the giver and recipient. Whether in card form, paper, or just a series of online stores, according to the New York Times, the National Retail Federation reported a record $4.2 billion that shoppers spent on gift certificates just last year. Even though I don't get those too often, gift certificates are definitely a good idea. I mean, it allows you to buy what you want, especially when you're buying something you hadn't pre­viously known war­ning administrators of just how great that is. Gift cards give the receiver the freedom to shop at home and purchase what one likes at the moment it is needed. When I get a gift card, spend it all by usually spending more than the gift card is worth and paying the remain­ing balance," said Shanalyn Wallace, a junior math major. But what happens when the "best gift, goes wrong?" I n Ste­pite of the Certi­ficat Swap website, founded in December by Cameron Johnson, a 19-year-old college freshman from Roanoke, VA, serves as the place to exchange and/or sell the gift certificates others have gifted but don't want. Billing itself as "The Intern­et's Gift Certificate Marketplace," users can list their gift cards for selling and others can purchase gift cards from others to just take the cash from the gift cards immediately. I think the idea of such a website is not only inven­tive, but very practical," said Edwin Andrews, a sophomore computer science major. In some utopia, minds could read and people would receive the perfect gift at the perfect time from the perfect place. "I think the whole thing would just be too much of a hassle," said Wallace, referring to the process of getting and selling the gift card. Segments Shantay Johnson could never actually comprehend having a gift cer­ti­ficate around our. "I love all of my gift cards whenever I get them. Why wouldn't I? It's a waste of money." However, the same problem that helped spawn the gift card-han­dling fad is now a popular without feeling guilty about disrespecting the person who bought it. "It is the website's a good idea since gift certificates aren't, it's like stepping on the toes of the person who gave it to you, said Shantay Johnson. "It is somewhat unfair, similar could be read and people would receive the perfect gift at the perfect time from the perfect place. But at that time, Wallace suggests, "Just use it."

"$45 billion dollars are spent on gift cards and gift certificates--10 percent of these dol­lars are never spent." -National Retail Federation

**Quickest Ways to Expire a Gift Card Without Buying**

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Retailers say they are not trying to trick consumers, but buyers should beware of these changes.

**Business & Technology**

**She's on the Money**

Shhhhh! Silence for a Price

By Bleasdale A. Scovettin Business & Technology Editor

While the thought of wanting money makes my fingers tingle, there are some things you should not be spending it on. One of the worst examples is silence. Americans are so afraid of doing nothing without work. This is now possi­ble courtesy of Modtones. You wouldn't mind. From all, you don't have to worry about having to download tracks of silent music. Even if you don't leave a voice message, best of all, the caller will be able to leave a silent message in your address book. That was, you will not have to worry about leaving a silent message unnecessarily by your phone. Scenario Number Two: You won't be able to see all the silent images you want while you are at the un­wanted callers while you allow the unwanted caller to ring through. This is now possible courtesy of Modtones. And, according to The New York Times, this "un­ness" is offered to users for downloading for $9.99--the same price as any other ring tone. Next, you simply assign the "silent" ring tone to the unwanted callers in your address book. That way, you will no longer want the caller (don't) and the caller will be able to leave a silent message. In all, you don't have to worry about being disturbed unnecessarily by your phone.

Scenario Number Three: In 2000, Apple Computers and 1995 model Apple iTunes crave and must-have MP3s, users can download tracks of silent music at www.apple.com/store. This may not sound just down to a bunch of silent songs, but according to The New York Times, has been popular among users. Hip-hop group, Slim Village, has an album, titled Trinity and labeled "spaces," which contains a few silent tracks. These "breathers" can provide a buffer or pause between hours of other music tracks. Believe it or not, you enjoy several types of genres, whatever the case may be, between Earth, Wind and Fire, and the Ying Yang Twins.

If you know of any cool, breaking news in the world of technology, please e-mail bleasdale. scovettin@yahoo.com.

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**Black in Business**

**Brimmer Leads Federal Reserve**

By La Kesha T. Richmond Contributing Writer

Noted economist, academic and business leader Andrew Brimmer served as chair of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors from 1987 to 1992. After completing his military service in November 1985, Brimmer enrolled in the University of Maryland, where he earned a degree in economics. In 1991, after receiving a master's degree, he was a Fulbright grant to study in India and spent 1991-1993 in Harvard and earned a Ph.D. in 1995.

While working on his doc­torate, Brimmer went to work for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as an economist. During that time, he traveled to Khartoum, Sudan, to help the country determine its current eco­nomics. During the John F. Kennedy administration, Brimmer became assistant sec­retary of economic affairs in the Department of Commerce, and served until 1960. That same year, he began working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, becoming the first African American to hold a position on the Federal Reserve. Then, he formed his own consulting company, Brimmer & Co. in 1968. He later returned to the Federal Reserve and became a vice chairman in 1999.

**Lewis: Partner of First Black Wall Street Law Firm**

By La Kesha T. Richmond Contributing Writer

Reginald Lewis was born on December 7, 1942 and grew up in Baltimore. Lewis was a football scholarship to Virginia State University (now Virginia State University) and gradu­ated with a degree in economics in 1965. He went on to earn his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1968.

Lewis founded TLC Beatrice International Food Company, in 1980, with his wife, Theresa. Lewis was the largest black-owned and black-managed business in the country. In 1999, he became pres­i­dent and CEO of TLC Beatrice International Food Company.

At its peak in 1996, TLC Beatrice had sales of $2.2 billion and landed on Fortune magazine's list of 1000 largest companies. Also, Lewis was a promi­nent philanthropist. His 1992 gift to Harvard Law school was the largest single donation the school had received. The gift established the Reginald F. Lewis Fund for International Study and Research.

By 1999, Lewis was well­known, just shortly before he died of brain cancer at the age of 56.

Forbes' "richest people in America" list put his net worth at $400 mil­lion when he died, putting him on the magazine's 400 list of the world's most famous Americans.

Do you know of a black investor and/or entrepreneur who deserves to be recognized in The Hilltop? E-mail b2c_sheeran@yahoo.com.
Howard Student a Contestant in “America’s Next Top Model”

By Metanaya Wells
Contributing Writer

It is rare to find a college student who is a professional model, has graced the pages of numerous magazines, appeared in several music videos, and currently stands tall and determined to become America’s next beauty on the main stage of UPN’s hit reality show, “America’s Next Top Model.”

Camille McDonald is more than a privileged child from Manhattan, NY. With adorable features and a beautiful smile, she is an intelligent, multi-talented woman who aspires to one day make it all happen, but is still too young to accomplish it all.

Her character in Fashion Island, Tyra Banks’ TV series, which is premised on introducing aspiring models to the hard work, heavy criticism and grinding fashion industry, is one that may be intimidating to the other contestants on the show. However for McDonald, this opportunity is critical and not necessarily the best time for her to enter into modeling.

Camille’s been out there, she knows and understands the industry and the exposure she is receiving from the show will only enhance her career,” Patelset said.

The episode show, based in a left in New York City, strives to transform the everyday teens into a potentially fierce supermodels.

Originating with 12 proteges now down to 8, the scientist or something who can be more humble and open to learning, as well as a fashion spread in Jane magazine.

McDonald is seen disappearance from the show and objectively received a grand prize package which American studies Krystal Nesbit feels similarly.

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**BISON OVERCOME DEFICIT TO BEAT BEARS**

By Jeff E. Moreland

Contributing Writer

After trailing by as much as 23 points, the Bison men's basketball team (6-5, 4-2 MEAC) was able to come from behind to give the Morgan State Bears (8-12, 7-6 MEAC) their first home loss this season, 94-66.

Freshman guard Darryl Hudson connected on a shot from three-point land with two seconds left in regulation to give Howard the game-winning lead.

The surprise Bison were able to deny Morgan State crowd. Howard began the game doing 33-30. Hudson scored ten points and led the team.

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**LADY BISON SCORE SEASON LOW 42 AGAINST MORGAN STATE**

By Woodell Pinkney

Contributing Writer

The Lady Bison basketball team made the trek north at 1:45 with two games winning streak to play the Morgan State Lady Bears in Hill Fieldhouse this past Saturday. The streak was quickly put to a halt as the Lady Bison (9-20, 3-10 MEAC) defeated the Lady Bears (8-14, 7-6 MEAC) 52-42. The win was Morgan State's first against Howard in the last eight times the two teams met.

This win was Morgan State's second conference win of the season and their second win of the season. Morgan State had lost its previous seven games with their last win coming on.

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**BISON TENNIS STARTS SEASON WITH MEAC ROUND-ROBIN TOURNAMENT**

By Lindsey Walton

Contributing Writer

The 2004 Lady Bison tennis team is ready to face their conference opponents at the MEAC Round-Robin tournament.

**SOFTBALL TEAM AIMS TO WIN 30 OUT OF 40 GAMES IN 2004 SEASON**

By Kanelicia Brown

Contributing Writer

The Lady Bison softball team will get a crack at their favorite sport before the season starts. They left the diamond in the Campbell University Tournament in Buie Creek, North Carolina February 27-28.

With less than two weeks to prepare for their first tournament of the year, the Bison are working hard as ever to make sure this season is a successful one. Morning practices start around 8 a.m. and evening practices end at 2 p.m.

The ladies don't mind the hard work, because they know hard work pays off. Their goal is to win 30 games; anything less is unacceptable.

Head Coach Tonja Braxton recruited the areas where the team had weaknesses, and raised the bar of standards for all players, both new and veterans alike.

"I asked them if they were willing to work hard to achieve the goal of 30 wins," Braxton said. "With only 40 games to play, they had to put in hard work to reach that goal."

Braxton also feels that this year is a very special year for the team.

"Last year, my first year coaching at Howard, we spent half the time managing personalities. This year, we spend 75 percent of the time practicing softball. It's a huge difference, we'll make a huge transition this year."

Stacey Hunter, who plays third base for the Lady Bison, has embraced Braxton's teaching methods and looks forward to a monumental season.

"She taught us to make a decision about playing. If I don't handle it well, I can't get the win." she said. "She's been with me since freshman."

So different, that 3 freshman may be the keys to success for goal of 30 wins.

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Selig Okays Trade
A-Rod Will Be Wearing Yankee Pinstripes

Famed shortstop Alex Rodriguez is a Texas Ranger no more. The Rangers traded the American League MVP to the New York Yankees for second baseman Alfonso Soriano and another player that has yet to be named. The trade became official Saturday after Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig approved the deal. Rodriguez is sacrificing his favored position of shortstop to play third base for the Yankees. The trade was the biggest cash trade in MLB.

Rollercoaster Swim Season Comes to an End
By LaKeisha T. Richmond
Contributing Writer

Some may view the end of February as just another month to get through before spring break, but for the Howard University's swim team, the end of February represents the grand finale to a long season. The men's and women's swim team will be competing at the Northeastern Conference (NEC) Championship swim meet February 20-23 at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex in Landover, Maryland. Howard University's swim team, known as the Sharks, had to deal with several adversities inside and outside of the pool. The first part of the season was spent getting adjusted to their new head coach, Robert Fagin. Then, for about a month in the second half of the season, the pool was closed due to construction.

"The first part of the season was a lot better than the second. The second part was an uphill battle because there were no facilities," said sophomore Tiffanay Knight. A large portion of the wall had to be torn down from the swimming facility because steam from the heating system behind it was deteriorating the inner lining of the wall. Because of the construction, the pool was drained and not in use from January 9-13.

"A lot of changes were made because we didn't have anywhere to practice. A lot of people wanted to break records but we had to re-evaluate our goals and make them more realistic. We were consistent with our performances, but we weren't going to be able to get first all the time," Knight said.

Although this was Knight's first year on the swim team, her biggest challenge consisted of the setback with the facilities. For returning back-stroker Isole Roundtree, her biggest challenge was adjusting to the team's new head coach. The adjustment was a good one.

"He's a great coach. He wants to make sure we're doing great in school and everything's going all right, and everything gets done in time," Roundtree said.

Despite the troubles throughout the year, the two teammates agreed that they have had a very successful season.

"I think we did well. We may not have won every meet, but there were times when we won in the water and lost on paper. After everything the team's gone through, we did well. We were able to keep our spirits up and come together as a team," Knight said.

Both Knight and Roundtree are focused and enthusiastic about the NEC championship meet and have positive attitudes for the outcome despite the tough competition.

"Individually there will be some wins, but as a team, it's debatable. It'll come down to the last few points," Roundtree said.

February 17, 2004
Women Lose to Morgan State

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January 17 against conference rival South Carolina State University.

"Every loss is hard it was very disappointing the aggressor usually wins and that's what happened," said sophomore guard Dasha Hicks, who had 16 points, 3 assists, 3 steals and a steal in the contest.

Freshman Aden said, "We should do a super job this year.

The Lady Bison will look to improve their record against Florida A&M and Hampton. "The rivalry has always been a favorite of ours," saidiliate Smith, the Bison's leading scorer in the past six years. The Lady Bison are undaunted by the competition of the MEAC.

In the upcoming MEAC Round Robin tournament which runs through March 7, the Bison are looking to win their first seed in the MEAC.

"We've been the best two teams for the last 24 years," junior Abdi Thomas said. "The teams to beat are Florida AM and Hampton. We've been the best for the last four years," added second baseman Andrea Jackson.

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Bison Win With Seconds to Go

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against conference rival South Carolina State University. "The Bison knnis tc,un 's

freshman guard Christine Aden attempts a jump shot during Saturday's loss to Morgan State.

North Carolina State: was never in rhythm which goes back to leadership from the point." Lady Bison lead coach Carri Parson said. "It's important for us to be able to contain the ball and get the ball from the front's lower center of the

"It was disappointing to know that we knew that they were good teams, they executed well, they knew how to play, that we never matched." Aden said. "This was the most disappointing loss of the season so far for the Lady Bison, who are 6-11 overall and have not scored 100 points each. Sophomore point guard Louis Ford led the Bison with four assists and late key in the comeback with good decision making and rebounding down the stretch until he fouled out.

"It was good to get a good win like this on the road," said Brian Head Coach Basketball Chris Allen. "We have been in a lot of games like this season, but haven't been able to get over the hump. I am really proud of the way the team never quit and came back the way they did. We needed a win like this.

The Bison will face the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. in Big Gymnasium.

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Questions Still Remain about Bush's Time Spent in the National Guard

Where in the world was President Bush on September 11? How is it that so many people think that the President Bush's name--because the "White House" is able to validate them.

Our View:

Bush is making moves to undermine his name as election season approaches.

And Bush himself, in his 1964 autobiography, Change to Reckonings, reaches the thrill of the lay "drill training," which he completed in June 1970. Illegally flying with my twin for the next several years, the government wrote.

For a full year, there is no record that he showed up for the periodic drills required of the lost records. There are no takers.

As one of America's, we just want to know, if Bush served in Alabama, how come no one remembers him?

The Nation's Largest Black Collegiate Newspaper

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New HIV Test Spreads Awareness

Doctors are constantly discovering new ways to combat disease. Many of these treatments are experimental, but the goal is to provide new and better ways to prevent and treat illnesses. In the case of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, there is a need for an early detection tool that can help prevent the spread of the disease.

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The Defamation of a Black Woman

Jennifer Nichole Hunter

Dear God,

Thank you for the black men that you have put on this earth. More importantly thank you for the good black men that you have put on this campus. Know that the men here are often under appreciated so we want to take this time to thank you for them. Rarely do they have anyone tell them how great they are which is not fair. We must learn to appreciate them. They are some of the world’s greatest creations and unless we are perfect in our walks we have no business to judge other men. Thank you for the men that walk with girls at night to keep them safe. Thank you for the good black men that you have put on this earth.

Thank you for all the things they do whether African-American women are worthy of being dignified and valued or are we still viewed as sexual objects that can be misused and exploited. To take it a step further, she allowed the world to see her shirt to be ripped off and her breast to be exposed by a white male pop artist, Justin Timberlake, who has received no slack by the media. Rev. Dr. Earl D. Trent, Jr., Senior Pastor of Florida Avenue Baptist Church, raises the question, “What excuse did that woman have for putting her body on display? Her shirt was dropped from her body. Yet the media and mainstream society has put forth the idea that she exposed herself.” Trent went on to say that the clergy has to be more aware of how the media has been so crass in the past few weeks about the Janet Jackson incident. It has raised so many implications as to whether African-American women are worthy, being dignified and valued or are we still viewed as sexual objects that can be misused and exploited.

Jennifer Nichole Hunter

A Prayer for the Howard Man

February 17, 2004

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Dear Readers,

Or, so I babysat your sınav every weekend. I know I reminded Oscar the French horn man were Thursday and Saturday. I don’t know if I’m go to do that too. Thank you for making me smile and understanding that I have roses. All the times if really doesn’t mat because you’re always there to kiss me and hold my hand and call my name in your dream.

—Father Joe

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Jozen, I never thought I would be writing this, but can you please come sing me another song? We miss you. Asha

Makeover, you did the right thing. I appreciate your friendship. Stacey

Jozen I heard “she” looks like Beyonce is that true???

If that’s true when can I meet her and does she have any friends named Kelly or Shamikqua?

HNC

p.s. You never said thank you for the pecuniary favor I did for you and I am waiting for your gratitude....

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