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University Students Say Punch Out Food Caused Sickness

Mourns Loss of Physician

By Venus Brooke Taylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard community mourns the loss of Alfred L. Goldson, M.D., FACP, professor and chairman of the Department of Radiation and Oncology.

Last week Goldson suffered a heart attack on January 28, 2004 and, after being in a coma for 10 days, passed away on February 7, 2004.

In June 2004, 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 ingenious therapeutic approaches and endearing bedside manner.

"As one of the finest sons of Howard University, as a student, as a physician scholar, and as a citizen of the University, Goldson made Howard University a better place," Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert said in a memo. "His legacy will be the thousands of grateful patients and a generation of physicians who trained under him."

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 his mentor, Henschke Ulrich, who was chair from 1969-1979, and under whom Goldson trained.

He is also known for several other firsts. His accolades include credit for being the pioneer of electron beam intraoperative radiotherapy (the delivery of irradiation at surgery) in the United States, the first radiation oncologist to concurrently link intraoperative radiotherapy with intraoperative interstitial hypothermia for

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Goldson invented the baby bonder. A device that conveniently places the baby bottle on the chest of the caregiver.

By Melanie R. Holmes
Hilltop Staff Writer

At least two students suffered from food poisoning last week, allegedly due to food from the Punch Out. The Punch Out's onion rings are one of the food items said to have poisoned students while the other is unknown.

Retail Manager Renee Hall claims she has never had com-

plaints about food poisoning since she began working at the Punch Out last July and maintains that there is no proof the students received food poisoning from the Punch Out.

"Our company has systems in place [to take precautionary measures]," 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 the need to take extra preventive 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 went back to my room, I started feeling real bad, but the next morning was worse. I was throwing up and couldn't keep anything down."

Upon hearing complaints of food poisoning from the Punch Out, Porter was dis-

turbed and does not wish to take any chances.

"I just choose to eat the fruit, but I always take precaution," said junior radio-television-film major Lakisha Burns. Burns was aware of the fact that students have gotten food poisoning from eating at Blackburn's main cafeteria, but had heard no allegations made

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FOX Gives \$100,000 to School of Communications



PHOTO BY RON ROGERS

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

FOX's Donation Adds to its Effort Of Diversifying The Newsroom

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 new John H. Johnson School of Communications.

It was nearly four years ago when Howard University commenced a partnership with FOX News that has now flourished into a remarkable relationship whereby Howard students gain competitive internships and apprentice positions with career opportunities at FOX.

Tina Martinez, a Howard alumna, who is currently an apprentice and productions assistant at the FOX Washington bureau, was recently promoted to a position with FOX in New York City.

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Program Brings Reality of HIV/AIDS Home to Students

By Rushondra James
Contributing Writer

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

Staying within the theme, Salih Booker, executive director of Africa Action, used HIV/AIDS in the African world as his topic. Booker said that though most people do not want to discuss AIDS in Africa, it is a phenomenon that should be dealt with.

"There are 42,000,000 people in the world living with AIDS with 30,000,000 of them living in Africa," Booker said.

"AIDS is the biggest challenge of our era."

Booker challenged students to put away the notions of being



PHOTO BY TOSIN ODUNSA

The program challenged students to participate in the fight against HIV/AIDS in America as well as in Africa.

tired of hearing negative images about Africa and join the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Booker also said that in America, African Americans

make up only 13% of the population, yet they represent 40% of those infected with HIV/AIDS.

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Habitat for Humanity Gives Back: One Brick At a Time

By Natasha L. Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

Since 1996, volunteer members of Habitat for Humanity Howard Chapter, have worked to eliminate poverty and homelessness in D.C. by building affordable, adequate homes for low-income families.

Habitat for Humanity International is a non profit, non-denominational Christian based organization formed in 1976 and has since built more than 125,000 homes for low income families around the world.

According to Hillary Patterson, president of Habitat for Humanity Howard Chapter, there are 40 volunteer members in the Howard Chapter. While at the working sites, 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 in DC," Patterson said. Habitat for Humanity is affiliated with other organizations and faith groups that emphasize the importance of helping others and team work.

Members of the Howard Chapter believe that this organization gives them an opportunity to give back to those who do not have many advantages and to

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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.

On their platform, Redefinition, Woody and Henry plan 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 nametags, 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 I-lab hours will be extended, and academic advising will be improved.

Redefinition enhances 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



FILE PHOTO
The slate of Woody and Henry, plans to redefine the role of HUSA administrators.

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 vision and legacy of Howard University.

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

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'Tap into the Source' Faith L. Walls and Danielle Perry

By Venus Brooke Taylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

Two students have set out to change the image of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Junior psychology major Faith L. Walls, who is the current Howard University Student Association (HUSA) vice president, and sophomore political science major Danielle Perry, current HUSA Assistant Financial Advisor, are running for Arts and Sciences President and Vice President under the slate "Tap into the Source."

"The idea behind the platform is that Arts and Sciences is the center of the university, since the institution was founded in 1867 as the University for the Education of Youth in the Liberal Arts and Sciences," Walls said.

The three prongs of "Tap into the Source" are academics, student life, and student government.

In terms of academics, Walls and Perry plan to utilize



FILE PHOTO
Walls plans to take her experience as vice president of HUSA to the College of Arts & Sciences.

the university's resources through a lecture series, mentoring and post-baccalaureate preparation.

"Tap into the Source" will enhance student life through an innovative newsletter and a book swap, resource fair and voter education drive.

When they make it into office, Walls and Perry will also hold a meeting in which stu-

dents and teachers can present their grievances to the student government and come to a happy medium.

"Tap into the Source" tries to make it possible for people to understand that Arts and Sciences has a lot of resources available to the students," Perry said. "We just don't use it."

The Takeover: Spencer Chenier, Christian Dorsey

By Garrett H. Sims
Contributing Writer

Under their platform entitled "The Takeover," Howard University Student Association (HUSA) president and vice-presidential candidates Spencer Chenier and Christian Dorsey acknowledge that in order for them to succeed, they must be able to represent the Howard student body in every aspect.

"Our focus is to help enhance the whole student body, and also to help students understand that we should not be satisfied with what we have right now," said Dorsey, a senior political science major. "We are the only candidates, Spencer and myself, that are running on a platform as to making HUSA self sufficient."

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, 'The Awakening,'" he 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 food, 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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FILE PHOTO
Chenier and Dorsey's slate plans to 'takeover' HUSA by starting a new regime.

Accountability: Jason Ravin and Taron Johnson

By Shara D. Taylor
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With their platform, Accountability, Howard University Student Association presidential and vice-presidential candidates, Jason Ravin and Taron Johnson, hope to restore a high level of accountability to the HUSA administration. The platform focuses on the three main pillars of the Howard community: administration, student government, and the students.

Ravin, who is a junior political science major, believes that his time away from the inner workings of Howard student government has helped him to realize the problems that perpetually plague student leaders.

"I took time off to see what was fundamentally wrong with the present state of student government," he



FILE PHOTO
Ravin and Johnson's accountability slate plans to hold student leaders more accountable to the student body.

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 for the College of Arts and Sciences and assistant

fundraising chair for the Green Party of the United States. He currently serves as the Green Party's National Director of African-American Affairs.

Johnson, a junior political

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VOICES & VIEWS

What do you look for in a student leader?



Tony Hutch
Sophomore
Radio-TV-Film

"Someone whose looking out for students, not themselves."



Gabrielle Donley
Junior
Nursing

"Organization, dedication, honesty and someone of reputable character."



David Dawson
Junior
Biology/Pre-Med


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Jasmyn Bowden
Senior
Political Science

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EMPLOYEE of the WEEK



Ms. Vivian Parnell

By Nicole Marie Melton
Hilltop Staff Writer

Gifted with a warm personality and a gentle spirit, Vivian Parnell, an account technician in the Assistant Treasurers Office, has been working at Howard since 1981. The Cleveland, Ohio native moved here with her family and found out about an opening at Howard through her neighbor.

"One of my neighbors worked in transcripts, and the office needed some extra help," Parnell said. "My neighbor asked her boss if she could bring in a lady to help out, and I've been here ever since."

After taking the position, Parnell also worked in Student Accounts before moving to the Assistant Treasurer's Office two years ago. Currently, Parnell distributes refund checks in the Administration Building and at Cramton Auditorium. Her job allows her to work with students a lot, which she says is the best part of her position.

"My job is very complicated," said Parnell. "It's more than just giving you a check. I interact quite a bit with the student, which is great."

Working with the refund checks is also fun for Parnell because of the happiness a check can bring to a student.

"Looking at the kids when they get their money is fun," Parnell said. "It's fun to see the reactions on their faces."

Parnell often finds herself going above and beyond her job duties. Her experience in Student Accounts has given her a greater understanding of what happens with students' money which helps her better assist students.

"It shouldn't take us more than two minutes with each student, but the bottom line is you have to take your time and explain these accounts to the students," said Parnell. "I find myself doing what I used to do in Student Accounts, even with the refund checks. You have to have a knack to break down these accounts and make the students understand what you're talking about, and I have that. That's all I've ever done since I've been here."

For Margaret Pritchett, a cash management technician, seeing how Parnell lends herself to students is refreshing.

"Vivian always goes beyond the call of duty to

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Moment in Howard University's History: Ossie Davis Speaks at HU's SOC Conference

By Candace Jones
Hilltop Staff Writer

Ossie Davis, playwright, TV/film producer, director, writer, alum and long time member of the Howard University family, served as the keynote speaker of the fifth annual Communications Conference of Howard University's School of Communications in February of 1976.

The conference was held from February 13-16 and the theme was "360 Degrees of Total Communications." The purpose of the confab was for career enhancement and participation and investigation into the situation of African-Americans in the mass media.

Throughout the lecture, Davis stressed the importance of communication among the black community. "Black communicators to raise hell to make our presence felt," Davis said. "We must do it collectively." He

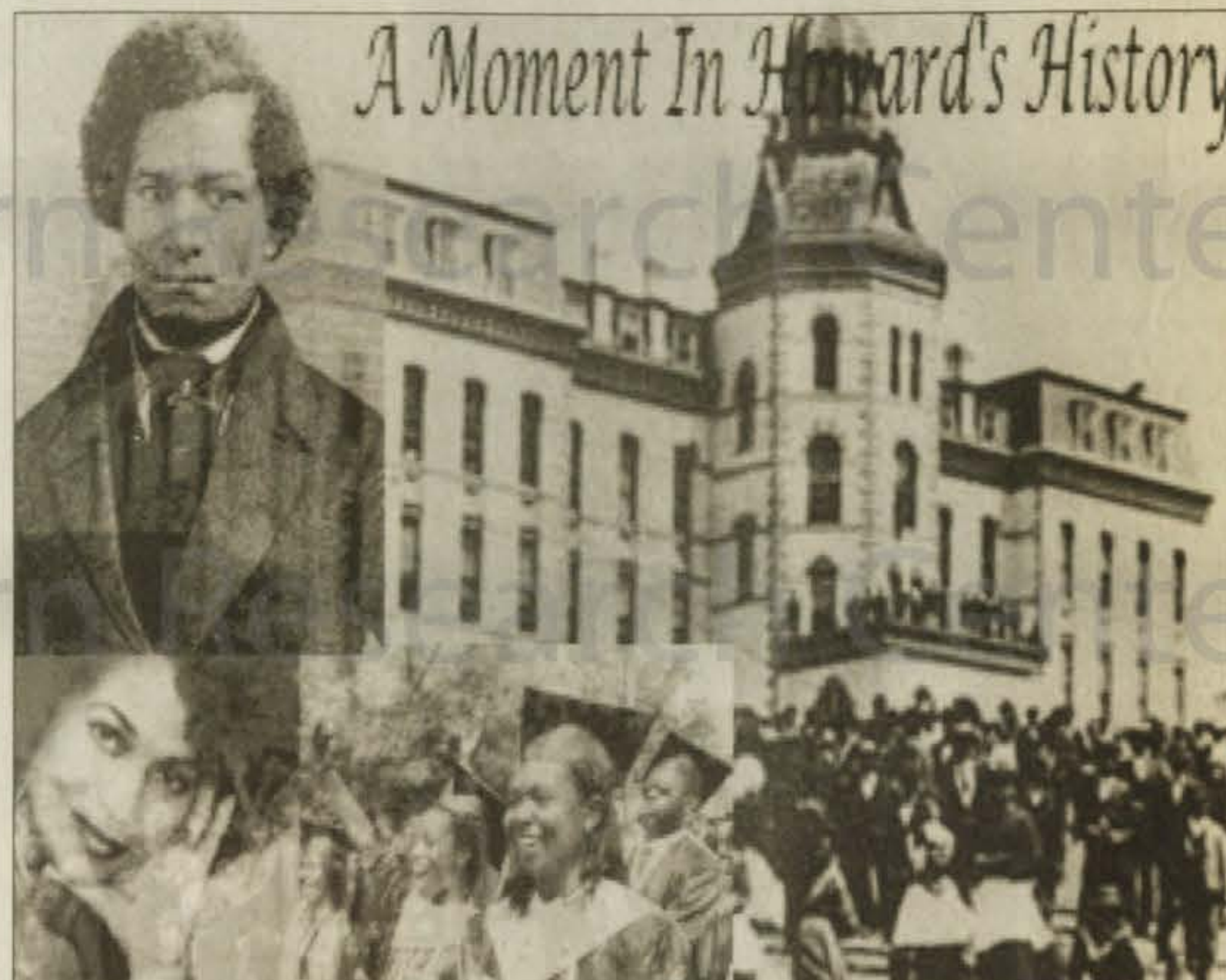
repeatedly addressed that a "cultural explosion" will occur in America.

Then Dean of School of Communications Lionel C. Barrow formally opened the conference and welcomed student participation through plays, student panels, and workshops. Barrow estimated that 1,000 students, job applicants and professional communicators attended the conference.

Other notable speakers in presence were Maureen Bunyan of WTOP, Joel Dreyfuss of the Washington Post, Calvin Rolark of the Washington Informer, Gwen Franklin, then Assistant Programmer of WHUR, and a host of other prominent attendees.

Students such as senior engineer major Nathaniel Jones are excited to hear about Ossie Davis returning to Howard University to provide wisdom for the journey for the next

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Background History

Thurgood Marshall

By Shara Taylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

Born in Baltimore, MD, in 1908, Thurgood Marshall became one of the leading fighters in the struggle for equal civil rights for Blacks in America. After graduating from high school, Marshall attended the nation's oldest historically black college, Lincoln University, where he graduated with high honors in 1930. When he was rejected from the University of Maryland School of Law, he decided to pursue his law degree at Howard University, graduating at the top of his class in 1933.

Serving as the chief counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from 1938 to 1961, Marshall argued over 30 cases to break down the barriers of racial discrimination.



Marshall's most notable feat occurred during the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka trial in 1954, when the United States Supreme Court ruled that separate facilities within the educational system did not translate into equal treatment and opportunities for black children.

As a result of failing health, Marshall retired from the Supreme Court in 1991, and he died in 1993.

James T. Wormley

By K.A. PSULES
Contributing Writer

The first Black man to graduate from Howard University's College of Medicine was James Thompson Wormley in 1870.

Wormley began his pharmaceutical education at Howard University in 1868. He as well as seven of his colleagues began their education at a time when the pharmacy curriculum was taught by the College of Medicine.

Wormley was a Sergeant Company I 5th Massachusetts Calvary in 1864. Soon thereafter, he pursued an advanced academic degree at Howard University. Upon completion of his Doctor of Pharmacy degree on March 7, 1870, he continued his pursuit of excellence.

He went on to make many advances in the profession of pharmacy, and contributed to expanding the



horizons of medical innovation and technology. He also worked as a staff pharmacist at Freedman's Hospital. He gave back to the community by providing health care for newly freed slaves.

Wormley was also recognized by the university for his contribution to science. In 1872, the Board of Trustees recommended him to be the lead lecturer of Practical Pharmacy. Although he did not accept the offer, he viewed it as a great accomplishment.

Howard Alumnus Delivers Sermon

By Jennifer Nichole Hunter
Contributing Writer

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

Curtis delivered a brief and to the point sermon entitled "The Hidden Treasure." He compared God's love for man, to that of a man that found a treasure in a hidden field. In the parable, the man sacrificed everything he owned in order to have full possession of that field.

Curtis told the audience that God sacrifices everything for mankind because they are treasures to him.

"What kind of God would hide illumination or the promise of salvation?" he said. "Though sometimes people have a tendency to hide and assimilate to the things that they find worldly comfort in, God sacrifices in order for them to have salvation."

Curtis also explained that society tries to dictate to man what his worth is by taking his shortcomings and glorifying them.

"God is not as hard on you in failure as you are," he said.

Curtis believes that people have to stop allowing others to hold them down because of their failures.

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

Curtis added that a lot of Christians would be better off if they learned to let things go instead of reminding people of their 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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Library, Beach Included in Spring Break Plans

By Isoke 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 a library.

Sophomore finance major Tekia Coney from West Palm Beach, Fla., can't wait until the break so she can "go home where it is warm." Coney said there is nowhere she wants to go over the official break but is anticipating going to Daytona Beach later in the semester with her friends. She plans to spend time with her mom and relax her mind.

Freshman Torrence Simon who's undecided said that he is going to use his time to train for



During spring break, many students will trade coats and scarves in for bikinis and sun.

the upcoming football season.

"I'm going home," Simon said. "I'm going to lift weights, run, and watch football tapes of my competition."

On the other hand, senior

biology major Christopher Cooper said that he will bypass home for the beaches of Miami. Cooper said that he and his friends 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."

While some students will use the vacation to party at the beach, College of Medicine students will be busy studying for upcoming tests.

First year medical student Jimi Benson came to the College of Medicine after completing his undergraduate degree at Lincoln University in

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Talented Physician Dies

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pancreatic cancer, and the first to conduct international cancer outreach work that led to treatment for the underprivileged in Tanzania, Liberia, and Haiti.

Goldson's international outreach work, coupled with his groundbreaking Radiation Oncology research, afforded him many opportunities, including an appointment to President Clinton's National Cancer Advisory Board in 1994 and the receipt of millions of dollars in research funding.

In addition to conducting pioneering research and implementing innovative therapies, Goldson wrote a multitude of articles and contributed work to numerous books on radiation oncology.

He published his work so that it would be made avail-

able to the public.

One of Goldson's innovative approaches to radiation oncology dealt with carcinoma of the cervix, or cervical cancer. He was part of the team of researchers who created clinical applications and dose schemes for High Dose Rate Cobalt-60 Brachytherapy techniques.

Goldson also displayed innovation outside of radiation research.

According to Floyd Malveaux, M.D., Ph.D., dean of the Howard University College of Medicine, Goldson was very caring and innovative.

"When his daughter was born, he invented the 'baby bonder.' It is a device that holds baby bottles in a position on the chest of a caregiver. This provided him the chance to nurse his daughter," he said.

Friends and family knew no one else whose enjoyed life as much as Goldson. He took great pleasure in several sports, mainly tennis and golf. He was also a champion swimmer and keen deep-sea fisherman. His other hobbies included boating and skiing.

Goldson was also known as a family man. He especially took pleasure in spending time with loved ones.

In addition to his wife, Amy, survivors include his daughters, Erin and Ava and his mother, Marjorie Goldson. His siblings, in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews, patients and friends will also miss him.

All cards and other condolences can be sent to the College of Medicine.

Organization Builds Homes

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realize how fortunate they are.

Junior biology major Kendall D. Jefferson, who joined Habitat for Humanity in October 2003 explained that she felt a responsibility to give back to the community.

"The organization has allowed me to better understand the responsible of people who are able to give and help their communities," Jefferson said. "Because we are so blessed we must help those that are less fortunate. I get upset when there is no clear hot water in the Towers, but many people struggle to find warm places to sleep and safe environments to raise their children in. We all must use the blessings and natural gifts we have to better our lives as well as others."

Families are chosen according to their need, their ability to repay the no-profit, no-interest mortgage, and their willingness to work in partnerships with the organization. "The process is similar to applying for a scholarship," explained Patterson.

According to the D.C. Habitat for Humanity website, future homeowners make a \$500 down payment and contribute 300 hours of service which must



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Habitat for Humanity has provided low-income families with homes for many years.

be completed in one year toward the construction of their own homes and homes for others. As of January 2003, volunteer programs like Habitat for Humanity Howard Chapter have helped D.C. Habitat build over 69 homes and they have also helped renovate 75 low-income homes.

Patterson also believes that working with Habitat for Humanity has helped not only low-income families, but herself as well.

"Working with Habitat for Humanity is great, fun, and effective community service and community service is important because it builds your character," Patterson said. "You develop compassion and awareness. Also,

community service is important because I believe in using my blessings from God as blessings for other people."

The organization's most recent project was assisting on a build site in Southeast D.C. in January. Jefferson described working at the site as a way to build better relationship with other members.

"I felt that it brought us closer together as an organization because we were able to spend an entire day together and to get to know the people we haven't spent time with before," Jefferson said. "We were also able to meet one of the future residents of the houses we were working on."

FOX News Donates Thousands

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"Challenging is the best word I can use to describe my experience. It has taught me so much and made me just want to come in and strive to shine every single day," Martinez said.

Mentored by Doug Rohrbeck, a producer for Weekend Live, Martinez said that she would strongly recommend her experience to other students.

"I have nothing but great things to say," Martinez explained. "I'm very grateful for the opportunity. It's very challenging but it exposed me to so many real life experiences in journalism, you couldn't ask for it at a better place than FOX News."

Ailes commented that he believes Howard is special and that FOX has always had a commitment to diversity to combat the low numbers of minorities in the field. Ailes also plans to donate to a dozen other HBCUs in a plan to partner with other schools in an attempt to recruit more exceptional minorities to FOX. Ailes also noted that FOX is the only network that has an African American and Latino vice president.

Congressman Elijah Cummings was also present to celebrate the contribution from his friend Ailes, and recognize the quality and appeal of the School of Communications.



FILE PHOTO

FOX News plans to donate money to 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 that they can be. And the only way that they can be the best is if they have the kind of equipment, teachers, and exposure that they need. So this \$100,000 is welcomed."

Miss School of Communications, Kadia Edwards, also voiced her support and appreciation of the donation. "I really believe that there are a lot of great things in store for the School of Communications. I'm happy that I have been able to see the changes that are being taken into effect and I definitely think there will be more changes to come."

"This is what it's all about, good corporate rela-

tionships, Corporations do well and I think it's their responsibility to turn around and give back. And Ailes has done that continuously," Cummings said.

"This is a great load of confidence in the students in the John H. Johnson School of Communications and we accept the gift knowing full well that it's about the students and the leadership of Dean Dates," President H. Patrick Swygert added. "Once again, our students are being recognized and we're just delighted."

The money from the donation will be used to fund a training room and editing suite with equipment and technology for communications students.

Alleged Poisoning at Punch Out

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about the Punch Out. Still, she says she was not surprised.

"This is not a top-notch place," Burns said. "I don't trust the workers, so I always watch and see what they're doing."

"I've never had any beef with the Punch Out," he added. "But if people got [food poisoning] here, I don't even want to roll the dice. I never want to experience that again."

"We also take the temperature on the refrigerators and

refrigerating units," she said.

Some students believe that the Punch Out should ensure a quality dining experience due to its pricing.

"I don't eat here; I just come here to chill," said junior computer science major Scott Burns. "But the Punch Out is too expensive to have food poisoning."

Students are reluctant to put their health on the line for a trip to the Punch Out, but are hesitant to cut off ties with the restaurant because of two supposed incidences of food poi-

soning.

"There are not many other resources for students to go and eat," Burns said. "You just have to make the best out of it and pray before you eat."

Hall urges students to report any complaints they have about their food to General Manager John Parker as soon they recognize the problem.

"Bring the item in so we can examine it," she said. "Come immediately and let us know."

HIV/AIDS Program Informs

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informing students that they were at a greater risk.

"The reason for young people being at risk is because they don't know they are at risk," Booker explained.

According to Booker young people are not the only ones that are at a high risk, but also men and women who do not use condoms, men who have sexual intercourse with men, and men who have sexual intercourse with both sexes.

During his closing remarks Booker challenged the audience to make a commitment to be involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

In response to the challenge, freshman advertising major Carlynda Smith said that she thinks the program reached its goal.

"I plan to look more into the AIDS epidemic and become involved," she said.

Co-coordinator of the program, Kristen Howard said that the theme of the program, "The

Ties That Bind Us" was not just a historical tribute to African Americans, but a program to recognize issues that can affect change today.

"This is the first year hosting a program of this caliber in this [HUSA] administration," Howard said. "We really wanted to promote the importance of working together, and we would like for this to be the forerunner of programs that promote unity."

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Observation

Climax T-Shirts Too Much for Schools

Showing town spirit in Climax is cause for punishment in this Minnesota town. Shirley Moberg, superintendent of Climax-Shelly schools, said T-shirts bearing the town's slogan "Climax — More than just a feeling," are inappropriate because of the sexual innuendo.

About a dozen students wore centennial T-shirts to school this week in protest, and one girl was sent home Wednesday for refusing to turn her shirt inside out. School officials had said nothing to students wearing the shirts until recently, when a teacher wore it to school and a person complained. The shirts are no longer allowed to be worn at school, she said.

Climax, a town of 270 near the North Dakota border, adopted the "More than a feeling" slogan in 1996 for its centennial. The slogan was used in advertising and promotions, and the T-shirts have been around for years.

Judge Continues Gay Marriages

A Superior Court judge in San Francisco, California, rejected a motion Friday from a conservative group that asked for an immediate temporary restraining order to stop San Francisco from issuing same-sex marriage licenses. The Alliance Defense Fund, based in Arizona, said in a statement on its Web site that the city is acting "in blatant violation of state law."

A separate group, Campaign for California Families, sued San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and County Clerk Nancy Alfaro on Friday "for violating California state law on marriage and the issuing of marriage licenses." California law defines marriage as a union of a man and a woman, The Associated Press reported.

Pharmacists Fired for Refusing Rape Victim Morning-After Pill

Eckerd Corp. in Denton, Texas, has fired three pharmacists who declined to fill an emergency contraception prescription for a woman who had been raped, one of the pharmacists said.

Gene Herr said Wednesday he and two co-workers were fired January 29, six days after refusing to fill the prescription. He said his own

refusal was based on religious grounds.

Eckerd has declined to comment on their employment status.

Herr, 33, of Denton, said he declined to fill the prescription for the so-called "morning-after pill" because he believes it could have killed the embryo if the woman already had conceived. Though he had declined five or six times in the past to fill such prescriptions, it was the first time he had been handed one for a rape victim, he said. The two other pharmacists who were present also declined to fill the prescription. Herr would not name them.

Restoring Evolution to Georgia Curriculum

A dozen science teachers have proposed revising Georgia's biology curriculum to meet national standards while restoring the word "evolution." Education officials hope the quick revision will end the well-publicized flap spurred when Superintendent Kathy Cox called for replacing "evolution" with "changes over time" in the curriculum. Cox reversed her position after a week of criticism from science teachers, college professors and politicians.

A team of about a dozen science teachers met for more than three hours Thursday night to draw up the changes. Cox has assembled teams from every subject area to help revise a Georgia curriculum critics say is too broad. The new draft, which the panel approved with little dissent, states that "molecular evidence substantiates the anatomical evidence for evolution."

Most Eligible Bachelors are in Sheboygan, WI

Sheboygan, Wisconsin, known best for its bratwursts, also is among the top spots in the nation to find young, wealthy bachelors, a new rating says. Teasley, a New York City marketing firm, rated the Sheboygan area fourth in the nation, behind No. 1 San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, California; second-ranked Anchorage, Alaska, and No. 3 Washington, D.C.-Baltimore.

Teasley created a "golden ratio" for each metropolitan area, using U.S. Census Bureau figures and other factors, such as cost of living and the ratio of single men to single women. Sheboygan's golden ratio, as calculated by Teasley with additional data from a firm called GeoLytics, is 180 percent, meaning there are 18 single men ages 25 to 34 available for every 10 women in the same age group. Sheboygan also ranked first in adjusted median income, where median salary is factored in with cost of living, so men living here have more income to spend.

SOURCE: CNN

Schwarzenegger Under Fire For Upholding Death Sentence

By Ria Marie Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Condemned murderer Kevin Cooper was granted a stay of execution in the 11th hour last Wednesday, after his plea for clemency was rejected by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Cooper, 46 who was given the death penalty for the murders of Douglas and Peggy Ryan, both 41, their 10-year-old daughter Jessica and her friend Christopher Hughes, 11, was granted a request for another hearing by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The ruling was upheld by the California Supreme Court late Monday.

Cooper, since his conviction in 1983 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 Berkley, a junior biology major, said that the circumstances of the case are similar to that of the OJ Simpson trial. "We should be able to trust the men and women in uniform, but in the society we live in today, we sometimes don't know what to believe or who to trust."

Cooper's execution would have been the first in California in two years and the first case dealt with by Schwarzenegger. The case

however is now under the review of an 11-judge panel, following the Supreme Court's decision to reject a final request by state lawyers to overturn the Court of Appeal's stay of execution.

Schwarzenegger's decision to continue with the executions was met with wide disapproval. The Governor's home last Sunday was overcome by about 100 death penalty opponents who gathered to protest his decision. Protests were also organized in Austria, Schwarzenegger's homeland, where the death penalty is illegal. The BBC reported that the mayor of the Austria's city of Graz, where Schwarzenegger launched his bodybuilding career, even sent a letter asking him to reconsider his decision.

Cooper's case has caught the attention of many reputable political figures like the Rev. Jesse Jackson and celebrities, including actors Denzel Washington and Sean Penn who supported the appeals court decision. Prosecutors and family members of the victims however, were outraged. Cooper's attorneys say that they have come across new evidence, as a woman on Sunday said that she saw men covered in blood at a bar near the scene on the night of the murders.

A CNN report stated that "the court will decide whether the law authorizes renewed DNA testing of blood evidence linking Cooper to the crime,



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and whether he can seek testing of hair found in one of the victims' hands. The hair has not undergone forensic testing."

The report also stated that John Kochis, the prosecutor who tried Cooper, said that the hair was from the victim's own

head. DNA testing was not yet available in 1984 so the authorities' conclusion could not be substantiated.

Andy Hai Ting, a chemical engineering major said, "The DNA evidence should be corroborated, before this man's life is taken away."

AA Pilot Alarms Passengers Pilot Says Spend Flight Speaking about God

By Sean Jackman
Hilltop Staff Writer

A pilot's mention of God threw passengers into frenzy on Friday 6 February. The American Airlines flight was scheduled to fly cross-country from Los Angeles to New York. At the beginning of the flight, the pilot came on the speaker system to greet everyone and give the customary comments for the morning and the trip. However, passengers got a little more than they expected.



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The pilot continued to share that he had recently been on a mission trip and requested that all the Christians raise

their hands. Passenger Karla Austin recalls the moment vividly, "He said, 'If you're a Christian raise your hand. If you are not you are crazy.'"

When all hands remained down, the pilot then asked passengers to look around at each other and use the flight wisely or to 'just sit back and watch the movie,' recalls Jen Dorsey, another passenger on the bizarre flight.

Austin recounted that, "Just given the history of what's happened on planes in this country, anything can happen at this point. So we weren't sure if something was going to happen at takeoff, if he was going to wait until JFK (John F. Kennedy) to do something. But there was definitely an implication there that we felt that something was going to happen."

Passengers complained to the flight attendants who conveyed the message to the pilots. Forty-five minutes later, the pilot apologized to his crew for putting them on the spot, but neglected to apologize to the passengers for the fright he put them through. He also offered to discuss his comments with anyone willing after the flight.

An American Airlines' spokesperson has said that the incident would qualify as being against company policy, if the internal investigation reveals it to be truth. "This personal level of sharing may not be appropriate for one of our employees to do while on the job," read a statement from the airlines. The pilot has denied using the word crazy, his claims being that he had recently returned from a mission and was only trying to encourage the passengers to speak to each other about their relationships with God on the four and a half hour flight. The result of the investigation will remain private as it is an internal matter, but they promise that they will handle it with utmost professionalism.



I FIND THAT THE HARDER I WORK THE MORE LUCK I SEEM TO HAVE.
Thomas Jefferson

JAMAICAN STUDENTS SPEAK OUT ON ORGANIZED CRIME

By Ria Marie Davis
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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 likened to that of an alternative government.

Born out of the early political climate in Jamaica, the dons became the leaders of urban gangs that were sought by politicians to manage local constituencies, to dole out political favors, to encourage party loyalty and to induce votes. The dons established the "garrison 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 political organizing in Jamaica. A recent report from the Jamaica Gleaner said that the dons of Spanish Town are running an 'alternative government' which they use to control a thriving multimillion-dollar extortion racket in the town which targets businessmen, market vendors, and taxi operators in the bustling town centre. But many business owners and managers are not speaking out about the extortionist activities because of fear of retaliation.

Carlington Clarke, an MBA student from Portmore, Jamaica, said that there is a good and bad side to the dons in Jamaica: "The dons get a lot of their financing from extortion. But some businesses don't view it as extortion, but rather as protection money. Nothing can happen in a community without the approval of the don. No-one can commit a robbery or murder just like 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."

Romeo Smellie, a senior electrical engineering major from May Pen, Jamaica, explained that the so-called dons are a manifestation of inequity in Jamaica. "For many people with limited resources, especially in the garrisons of urban Jamaica, gang activity seems to be the only way out of hopelessness and despair." He continued that, "Every society in some way or another cultivates an underclass, from which the so-called dons emanate." He also blamed the increased influx of deportees who implement criminal tactics they learnt abroad, as contributing to the high level of crime.

Denise Knight, a junior public relations major from Clarendon, Jamaica, said that the dons some-

times use their power to control the violence. "People look up to these dons. They know more about what is going on in the community than the police. They [the people] confide in them. So on one hand, the dons can keep the peace and stability, but the politics behind it makes the whole thing corrupt."

Roseanne Barr, a junior broadcast journalism major from Mandeville, Jamaica, agreed: "The situation with the dons is not as bad as it seems. Dons are a powerful network throughout the country, so they can prevent crime more so than the police, but it wouldn't behoove you to mess with them."

Christopher Brown, a sophomore computer engineering major from Jamaica, claimed that for some the dons are "robinhoods." "They steal from the well-off to give to the less fortunate. Some people in the ghetto can't send their children to school because they don't have the money for books and uniforms. The dons provide for them, but the problem is how they do it, they may use drug money or blood money."

Pavel Byles, a senior computer science major from Kingston, Jamaica, said that the dons can be a voice for the community. "The dons stick up for some communities and make decisions on their behalf. Whatever the don tells the community to do is what they will do."

Joelle East, a junior architecture major from Montego Bay, Jamaica, said however that the outcome in a society with dons could never be good. "The end doesn't justify the means, because it promotes violence. People will still be confined to a life of poverty and they have to do whatever the don says. People should not have to depend on the dons who get their money illegally."

Andre Henry, a graduate civil engineering major from Mandeville, Jamaica, pointed out that the dons have too much power and have the communities against each other. "They have divided the whole of downtown Jamaica, by siding with political parties and putting people at war. The system has promoted a lackadaisical culture, where people don't want to work, because they look to the dons and their parties for everything."

Chad Cowan, a junior economics major from Mandeville, Jamaica, believes that there is nothing good about the don system. "It is inherently wrong. It is an institution that is eroding the power of the government and it has been going on for decades."

According to the Jamaica Gleaner, "The tentacles of the rival, well-organized gangs have burrowed into all layers of civil society. Businesses, a number of which are small 'mom and pop' operation, are running scared, gainfully employed residents are members of the gangs, taximen and vendors are powerless, civilian witnesses have clammed up, and the police are impotent." The don system has basically put a choke hold on many communities.

"The situation in Jamaica is no different from any other country in the global community," states Romeo Smellie. "The differentiating factor is chiefly access to certain resources. Our society is made up of good and bad just like all other societies in the world." He also blamed some media houses for painting Jamaica as chiefly a violent society. "Not everyone from Jamaica is violent nor is every Jamaican from inner city Kingston. Some media houses tend to broadcast that which will provoke some kind of emotion and generate ratings regardless of accuracy or fairness. Jamaica has produced some of the global society's most prominent figures over the years; put those contributions on blast please."

THE DONS

WHO RUN TINGS

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Slaves Found on Brazil Senator's Ranch

Brazil's Labour Ministry has said it has freed more than 30 people being held in slave-like conditions on the ranch of a senator. Officials said they discovered 32 slave-workers on the ranch of right-wing Senator Joao Ribeiro in the northern state of Para. They said the captives worked seven days a week without pay and had no running water or toilets.

Senator Ribeiro, of the Liberal Front Party, denies mistreatment.

The Brazilian congress is currently debating a bill to confiscate farms where slavery occurs. If the bill is passed, the land will be given to some of the 180,000 families waiting in makeshift camps across Brazil for redistributed land.

War Death Toll in Iraq Steadily Increasing

Insurgents have stormed two security targets in the town of Falluja, west of Baghdad, triggering a gun battle which killed at least 22 people. The daylight raid by masked gunmen was the third major attack on Iraqi defense forces this week, following bombings that left around 100 people dead. Many prisoners were freed from a police station as attackers went from room to room throwing hand grenades. Fourteen police officers and three gunmen were reported among the dead.

The same security compound in the flashpoint town was attacked two days earlier during a visit by the top US commander in the Middle East, Gen John Abizaid. He escaped unharmed. Up to 50 men took part in the latest raid, which also left about 30 people injured.

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 decades after the end of the occupation in 1945, performances of Japanese culture were banned in South Korea.

The two-day tournament follows a gradual lifting of restrictions on Japanese cultural imports. From 1 January, Japanese pop music has also been permitted in South Korea.

Zimbabwe Valentines March Stopped

Zimbabwe police have stopped women activists from holding a Valentine's Day march in the capital Harare. The group, Women of Zimbabwe Arise, had been planning to march against political violence and what they call the spread of hate across the country.

Earlier the police apparently warned they would shoot any demonstrators who defied a legal ban on the protest. Women of Zimbabwe Arise - a group that encourages women to stand up for their rights and freedoms - deliberately chose Valentine's Day to mount their protest.

SOURCE: BBC NEWS

"U cyah fight at Passa Passa Wednesday because is one order that the President ("Don") say."

- (Elephant Man, Crazy Hype)

Linux Steps into the Limelight

By Gregg Wallace
Contributing Writer

Major global computer companies are now embracing Linux. IBM, for one, is currently running a series of television and online ads proclaiming that the future is open, as in open source computing. They have even enlisted author Kurt Vonnegut to help promote the open source ideal of sharing your computer code with others.

It is a far cry from the days when the only people who knew about Linux were a small community of zealous enthusiasts. The interest from big companies is helping Linux programmers get the recognition they deserve.

The Linux operating system was created more than a

decade ago by Linus Torvalds, then just a student at the University of Helsinki in Finland. Since then, the program has been further refined by programmers worldwide. The code of Linux is open source, meaning anyone can look at it and modify it, as long as they agree to share their changes with everyone else.

Large companies have been benefiting from Linux for years now. They use it to run large servers and networks. The number one advantage for many of these companies is money. Linux can be a low-cost alternative to other, proprietary operating systems like Microsoft Windows. Because Linux is open source, it can be obtained for free, although most companies pay software developers for a package of

Linux-based applications, including e-mail and word processing. They also pay for customer support. But usually not near as much as they would pay to a proprietary vendor.

Linux is also proving popular in the public sector. Governments like the idea of not paying a proprietary vendor huge licensing fees for years and years. They also like the fact that open source software allows them to modify the code themselves.

The German city of Munich, for one, recently decided to move from Windows to Linux. Israel and Brazil have also begun initiatives to increase their use of open-source solutions.

Microsoft rival, Sun Microsystems, is currently working with the Chinese

Government on open-source software development. China wants to use Linux to create its own, home-grown software industry.

The majority of the Linux community is excited about how their creation is being put to use, both in business and in government. Some worry, though, that large corporations may be reluctant to share their Linux-based software with others, and that, say long-time Linux programmers, would violate the tenets of the open source philosophy.

At this year's recent LinuxWorld Expo in New York, it was clear that corporations, governments and programmers are united by one goal - getting Linux onto as many personal computers around the globe as possible.



LATITUDE

1. Capital of Sierra Leone (8)
8. Eastern Daylight Time abbr. (3)
10. Money withdrawal machine (3)
11. Shack (6)
13. Ground provision (3)
14. Capital of Portugal (6)
15. Capital of Canada (6)
16. A key with no K (2)

LONGITUDE

2. In the middle of DO-ME (3)
3. Estimated time of arrival abbr. (3)
4. Movie award (4)
5. Capital of Norway (4)
6. Color of surrender (5)
7. Dirty (5)
8. England's most famous public college (4)
9. —mic (4)
12. Most popular basketball league (3)

ANSWERS
LATITUDE: 1. Freetown, 8. EDT, 10. ATM, 11. Shack, 13. Ground, 14. Lisbon, 15. Ottawa, 16. NY
LONGITUDE: 2. Pay, 3. ETK, 4. Emmy, 5. Oslo, 6. White, 7. NAB, 9. Dyna, 12. NBA

SHE'S ON THE MONEY



Shhhhhh! Silence for a Price

By Rhasheema A. Sweeting
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While the thought of wasting money makes me cringe, there are some "nothings" that may be worth buying.

Take for example being able to purchase silence.

Sounds weird or impossible, right? But you can do just that.

Scenario Number One:

Your cell phone rings incessantly and normally you wouldn't mind. However, there is only one caller you want to hear from.

Wouldn't it be nice to silence all of the unwanted callers while you allow the anticipated caller's to ring through? This is now possible courtesy of ModTones (www.modtones.com).

And, according to The New York Times, this "un-tone" is offered to users for download for \$1.99—the same price as any other ring tone.

Next, you simply assign the "silent" ring tone to the unwanted caller(s) in your address book. That way, you will see that you missed the call (darn!) and the caller will be able to leave a voicemail. Best of all, you don't have to worry about being disturbed unnecessarily by your phone.

Scenario Number Two:

In the midst of the latest Apple iTunes craze and must-have MP3s, users can download tracks of silence at www.apple.com/itunes.

This may not make sense to download a bunch of silent tracks, but, according to The New York Times, has been popular among users.

Hip-hop group, Slum Village, has an album, titled Trinity and labeled "explicit", which contains a few silent tracks.

These "breathers" can provide a buffer or pause between hours of other musical tracks.

For example, if you enjoy several types of genres, you can add pause between Earth, Wind and Fire and Evanescence and the Ying Yang Twins.

If you know of any cool, interesting or unusual technology, please e-mail biz_sheema@yahoo.com.

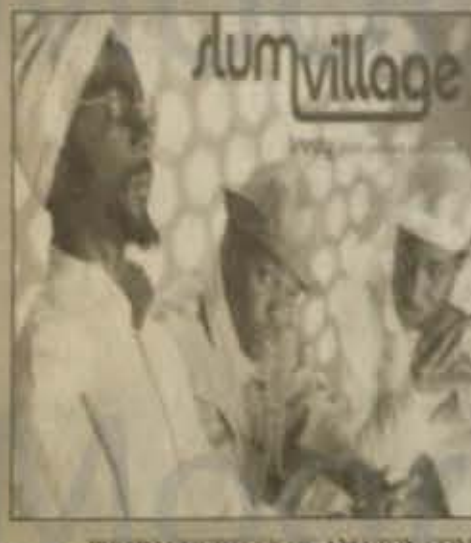


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Site Offers Place to Swap, Sell Gift Cards

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 worry-free for the giver and recipient.

Whether in card form, on paper, or just on a server of an online store, according to the New York Times, the National Retail Foundation reported a record \$45 billion that shoppers spent on gift certificates just last year.

"Even though I don't get them too often, [gift certificates] are definitely a good idea because it allows a you to get what you want, especially when the person giving it has a good idea of what you like," said senior administration of justice major Quenisha Davis.

Gift cards give the receiver the freedom to shop at leisure and purchase what one likes at the moment it is needed.

"When I get a gift card, I spend it all by usually spending more than the gift card is worth and paying the remaining balance," said Shanayn Wallace, a junior biology major.

But what happens when the "best gift" goes sour?

Enter CertificateSwap.com. The 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 gifts that others have given.

Billing itself as "The Internet's Gift Certificate Marketplace," users may list their gift cards for sale and purchase gift cards from others or just take the cash from selling the gift cards minus fees.

"I think the idea of such a website is not only very innovative, but very practical," said Edwin Andrews, a sophomore computer science major.

"I can speak for myself as I know that I have a ton of gift cards and certificates I never got around to using."

CertificateSwap.com

The Internet's Gift Certificate Marketplace!

At certificateswap.com, users can find discounted gift cards or post the gift cards for sale.

Andrews is not alone. According to Consumer Reports, 10 percent of gift cards and gift certificates go unused forever.

"I have some from restaurants that I probably will never go to," said freshman economics major Daniel Shannon.

CertificateSwap.com lists certificates from every category, ranging from a Pep Boys gift certificate worth \$25 to a Brooks Brothers gift certificate worth \$693.

Also, independent sellers must discount their offerings by at least three percent—meaning that a Pep Boys gift certificate is available for \$23 and the Brooks Brothers gift certificate sells for only \$520—a nearly 25 percent difference off the face value. A processing fee of at least 7.5 percent is subtracted from the sale amount if requesting cash back.

"I think the whole thing would be just too much of a hassle," said Wallace, referring

to the process of posting and selling the gift card.

Sophomore Shantay Johnson could never actually comprehend having a gift certificate around to sell.

"I use 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 proliferation of the gift card—handling the situation of an unwanted gift without feeling guilty about disrespecting the person who bought it.

"I think the website is a good idea but since [gift certificates] are gifts, it's like stepping on the toes of the person who gave it to you," said Shannon.

In some utopia, minds could be read and people would receive the perfect gift at the perfect time from the perfect place.

Until that time, Wallace suggests, "Just use it."



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"\$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

- MONTHLY SERVICE FEES
- BALANCE INQUIRES
- HANDLING CHARGES
- REPLACEMENT COSTS
- EXPIRATION DATES
- INACTIVITY FEES

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

Blacks in Business

Brimmer Leads Federal Reserve

By La Kesha T. Richmond
Contributing Writer

Noted economist, academic and business leader Andrew F. Brimmer was born in Newellton, Louisiana, on September 13, 1926.

After completing his military service in November 1946, Brimmer enrolled in the University of Washington, where he earned a degree in economics in 1950.

In 1951, after receiving a master's degree, he won a Fulbright grant to study in India and in 1952 enrolled in Harvard and earned a Ph.D. in 1957.

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 establish a central bank.

During the John F. Kennedy administration,

Brimmer became assistant secretary of economic affairs in the U.S. Department of Commerce, and served until 1966. That same year, he began an eight-and-a-half year term on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System becoming the first African American governor of the Federal Reserve.

Then, he formed his own consulting company, Brimmer & Co in 1976.

He later returned to the Federal Reserve and became vice chairman in 1999.

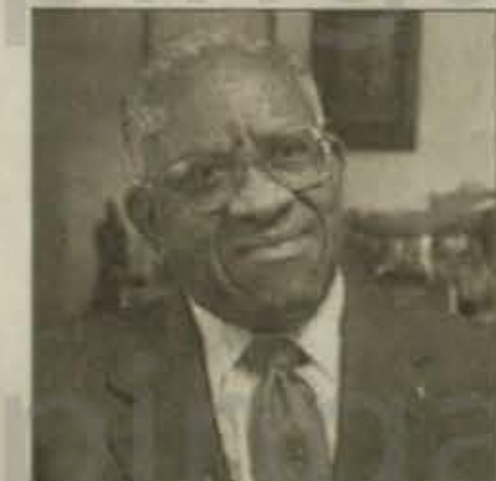


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Lewis: Partner of First Black Wall Street Law Firm

By La Kesha T. Richmond
Contributing Writer

Reginald Lewis was born on December 7, 1942 and grew up in Baltimore. Lewis won a football scholarship to Virginia State College (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 worked at several law firms and was a partner at Murphy, Thorpes, and Lewis—the first black law firm on Wall Street.

In 1987, Lewis bought Beatrice International Foods for \$985 million and created TLC Beatrice, a snack food, beverage, and grocery store conglomerate. This company was the largest black-owned and black-managed business in the U.S.

In 1989, 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 1,000 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 1993, Lewis was well-known, just shortly before he died of brain cancer at the age of 50.

Forbes Magazine estimated his net worth at \$400 million when he died, putting him

on the magazine's 400 list of wealthiest Americans.

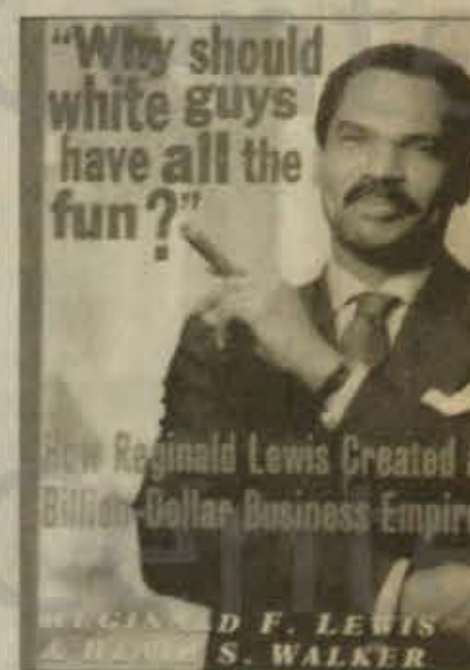


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Howard Student a Contestant in "America's Next Top Model"

By Metanoya Webb
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 who currently stands tall and determined to become America's next runway beauty on the second season of UPN's hit reality show, "America's Next Top Model."

Camille McDonald is much more than a privileged child from Mamaroneck, NY. With admirable etiquette and a beautiful smile, she's an intelligent, multi-talented woman who's committed to conquering whatever it is that she sets out to accomplish in life.

Her character in Fashion Icon, Tyra Banks' TV series, which is premised on introducing aspiring models to the hard work, heavy criticism and consistent cut throat rivalry of the 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 worry about making friends.

McDonald's sister Paulette, strongly supports her baby sister's role on the show and objectively admitted that Camille has what it takes to not only be America's next top model, but the world's next supermodel.

"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," Paulette said.

The 13 episode show, based in a loft in New York City, strives to transform the everyday woman into a potentially fierce supermodel.

Originating with 12 protégés now down to 8, the winner will receive a grand prize package which includes an opportunity to be managed by the esteemed IGM modeling agency, a chance to appear on the cover of the Sephora catalogue, as

well as a fashion spread in Jane magazine.

Although McDonald is portrayed an over confident diva, who judges and other contestants, feel needs to be more humble and open to constructive criticism, her close friends and family stand in her corner.

"My sister's character makes the show interesting," Paulette explained. "It's a competition and she's there to win and jealousy and intimidation is to be expected."

Patrick McDonald loves his daughter's attitude and the professional manner in which she handles herself.

"Camille has a very strong personality; she's a natural born leader who grew up around achievers," he said.

From a very young age her parents noticed her gravitation towards fashion. Whether it was from their boutique, "Things Exquisite" in Bronx, NY, to her dressing up in big hats and putting on excessive amounts of her mother's make-up, it was obvious to the McDonalds that their child was going to be a star.

Born to educated Jamaican parents who never deprived their daughter of anything, McDonald is no stranger to "the good life." With a mother who's a nurse practitioner and a father who works heavily in the mass media and fashion industries, McDonald has been accustomed to certain things in life which reflect her exceptional academic experiences and the productive environments in which she was reared.

McDonald has plans to graduate from Howard University with a degree in Advertising and Fashion Merchandising. Those closest to McDonald constantly encourage her to continue working towards her goal to finish school.

For more information about the show or to cast your vote for "America's Next Top Model," visit UPN.com.

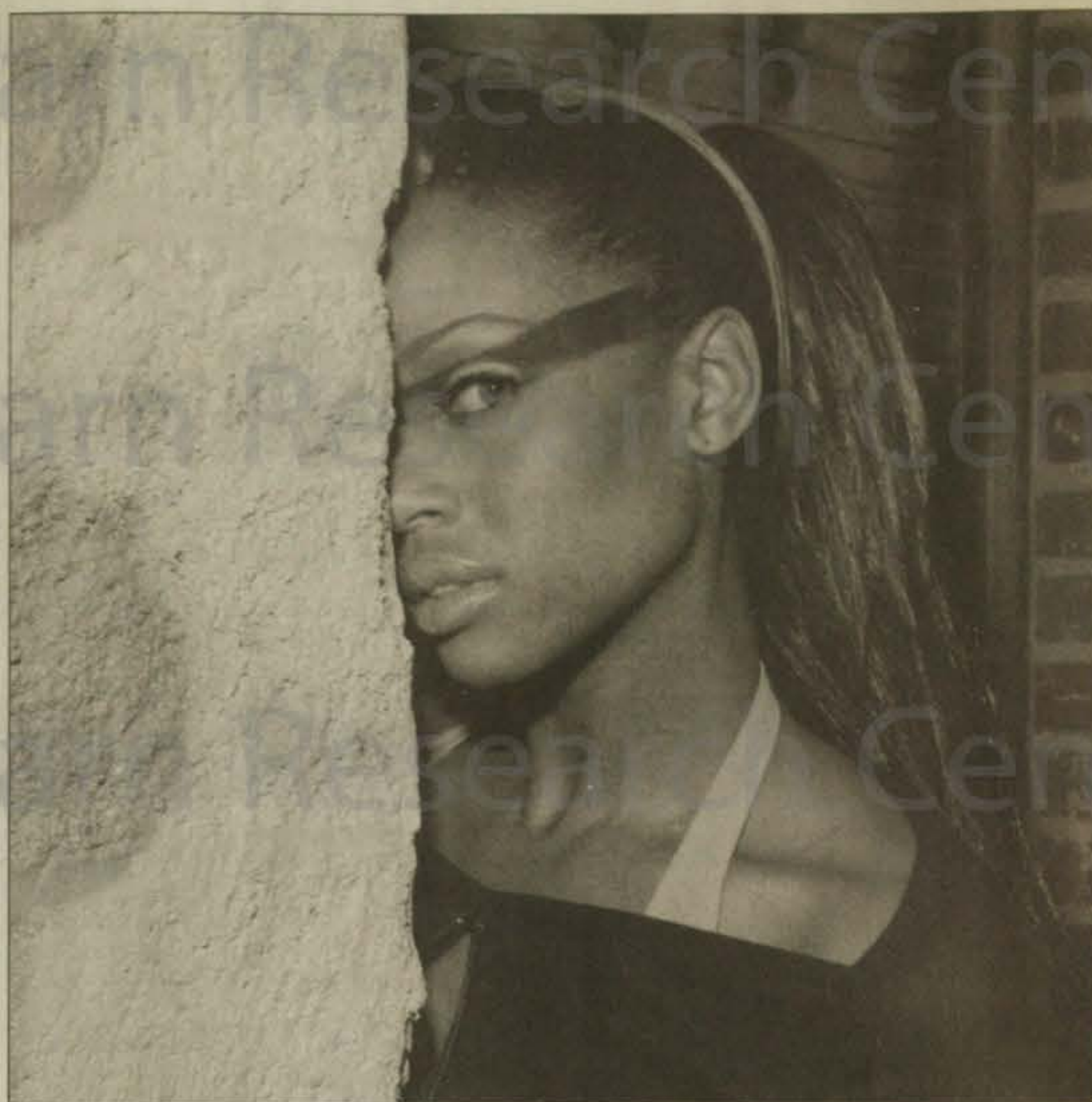


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Howard student, Camille McDonald is currently a contestant on UPN's hit show, "America's Next Top Model."

Candidates Plan to Redefine

REDEFINITION from A2

assistantships because it is not fair for everyone to have the same rules but different rewards.

"What separates Conrad and Freda from all other HUSA

candidates is that we have been actively helping students and serving student needs since we arrived here at Howard," Woody and Henry said. "In addition to being involved, we have empowered students to take an active role in their

Howard experience. We have held ourselves accountable and made ourselves visible as president and vice-president of Arts and Sciences."

Accountability On Political Slate

RAVIN from A2

science major, wants to reach out to students who are not traditionally involved in the politics associated with student government.

"Our platform addresses the concerns of the people who are not on Power Hall, and it is indicative of the student who hang out on the Yard or in the Punch Out," he said.

One of his leadership qualities, Johnson explained, is the

ability to hear and understand the views of others.

"I can engage people about anything and try to incorporate their opinions and feelings into our [platform]."

Candidates Propose Takeover

TAKEOVER from A2

Dorsey and Chenier said that their relationship does not stop on the political scene.

Dorsey believes that this is an advantage that he and first year graduate student Chenier have over the opposition.

"We are not only good running mates, but we are the best of friends," Dorsey said.

"Spencer and I have known each other for a long time, and we communicate well with each other. We have a lot of school pride, especially Spencer, whom I believe has never missed more than four basketball or football game since being at Howard."

Other goals that the candidates hope to fulfill if elected are having a December graduation ceremony, as well as a free

morning exercise at Burr Gymnasium. They would also like to have an agenda in The Hilltop specifically outlining what HUSA does each week, publicizing the food service committee, and also have a question and answer response to the State of the University address given by Howard President H. Patrick Swygert.

Moment in Howard's History

HISTORY from A4

group of young communicators.

"I'm an engineering major, but I would not miss a chance to hear such a prominent African-American man like Ossie Davis share knowledge with us," she said.

Senior psychology and

African American studies Krystal Nesbitt feels similarly.

"I am just so used to seeing people like Mr. Ossie Davis on television that when you see them in person, it's like a dream," Nesbitt said. "Ossie Davis is an African-American icon, this is history in the making."

The three-day conference

ended with Davis giving Howard students some advice. "We must become as serious as the Europeans were in taking gunpowder from the Chinese," Davis concluded his speech by advocating the use of all media by communicators to promote progress not only for black people, but for oppressed people everywhere.

Employee of the Week: Parnell

PARNELL from A4

help students," said Pritchett. "She's great with kids and she's been here a long time so she knows how to treat students. She treats students the way she treats her family."

When she is not working, Parnell is a devoted mother and grandmother. She has three sons and four grandchildren who she says always keep her busy. Her hobbies include reading, doing crossword puzzles, fishing and traveling.

"I've been to a lot of places," said Parnell, who also

visits her hometown of Cleveland about four times each year. "I've been to Las Vegas, Canada, Atlanta, California, and quite a few other places. I eventually want to go on a cruise."

Other future plans for Parnell may include going to college. With a year of college credit under her belt, Parnell is considering pursuing a degree in her favorite subject-math.

"If I go back to school now, it would be strictly for the education," Parnell said. "I would study math because I love working with figures. Even in

high school, that was my thing. I could do that with my eyes closed."

Of all the attributes Parnell has, she says it is her personable nature that is her best characteristic. Being able to work well with others has helped her throughout her life, especially while working at Howard.

"I'm a people-person," Parnell said. "I can deal with all kinds of attitudes. When I get through with you, you are either going to be mad at me or you're going to like me. That's just the way it is."

Spring Break Plans for Students

BREAK from A4

Pennsylvania. "I'll be studying for a big test I have after the break," said Benson.

According to Sheik Hassan, associate dean of Academic Affairs for the College of Medicine, said the

curriculum drives the calendar, which is one of the major differences between their school and undergraduate.

College of Medicine students are given a short recess from the end of class on March 18 until March 23. Resident assistants also have a limited vacation because they are need-

ed on campus to serve dorm residents. Although students will be on vacation, they are not required to vacate the dorms. Resident assistants will be working on activities that will occur during ResFest and other upcoming activities to improve resident life for students.

HU Alumnus Preaches at Chapel

CHAPEL from A4

"Don't give up on people," he said. "By giving up on another, [that] is doing the complete opposite of what God has done for you."

Curtis explained that believers should also learn from their failures.

"God kept you alive in order for you to get over whatever it is that bumped you," he said, emphasizing that "Jesus finds value with us."

"Jesus went into the field of human experience, and in order for mankind to have joy, he gave his life," he said.

Curtis implored the congregation to think about what

they are willing to sacrifice for God. He said people constantly ask God for more and more but don't want to give to God. In order to get the many gifts from God people must work to maintain their relationship. Curtis closed by saying that God sacrifices so much and no matter what, God should get all the worship.



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	FEB. 10, 12	TH	6:00PM - 7:30PM		
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SENTENCE EFFECTIVENESS	MAR. 8, 10, 12	MWF	1:00PM - 2:00PM	103	C. SUBRYAN
	MAR. 9, 11	TTH	9:40AM - 11:00AM	100	
TEST TAKING	FEB. 23, 25	MW	3:00 PM - 4:00PM	103	S. FLETCHER
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	MAR. 29, 31	MW	3:00AM - 4:00PM		
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	MAR. 4, 11, 25	TH	11:10AM 12:30PM		
	APRIL 1,	TH			
READING STRATEGIES	FEB. 10, 17, 24	T	9:40AM - 11:00AM	103	E. SAWYERR
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This Week in MEAC



BASKETBALL:

Men's Basketball:

B-CC	51
Norfolk St.	50
FAMU	77
Hampton	59
UMES	65 OT
NC A&T	58
Coppin St.	50
Delaware St.	39
Howard	63
Morgan St.	62
Savannah St.	73
UMES	59
Coppin St.	65
B-CC	52
FAMU	83
Morgan St.	67
Hampton	85
NC A&T	58
UMES	56
Howard	55
Norfolk St.	88
SCSU	74

Standings (MEAC, overall):

Coppin St.	(10-3, 12-12)
SCSU	(9-3, 12-9)
FAMU	(8-4, 9-12)
Delaware St.	(7-5, 8-12)
Morgan St.	(7-6, 8-12)
Hampton	(7-6, 9-15)
Norfolk St.	(6-7, 7-15)
UMES	(5-8, 6-16)
Howard	(4-8, 6-15)
B-CC	(4-8, 5-16)
NC A&T	(2-11, 2-20)

Women's Basketball:

Norfolk St.	78
B-CC	62
Coppin St.	60
Delaware St.	47
Hampton	71
FAMU	46
UMES	83
NC A&T	49
Morgan St.	52
Howard	42
UMES	86
Savannah St.	60
Norfolk St.	65
SCSU	56
Coppin St.	62 OT
B-CC	60
FAMU	76
Morgan St.	61
Hampton	72
NC A&T	60
Howard	88
UMES	74
Savannah St.	62
Delaware St.	59

Standings (MEAC, overall):

Delaware St.	(10-2, 15-6)
FAMU	(8-3, 13-8)
Coppin St.	(9-4, 13-9)
Hampton	(9-4, 9-12)
B-CC	(7-5, 10-10)
Howard	(7-5, 7-14)
SCSU	(5-7, 8-13)
Norfolk St.	(5-8, 6-16)
UMES	(3-10, 8-14)
NC A&T	(3-10, 6-17)
Morgan St.	(2-11, 2-20)

Spring Is Here...

With a few weeks until Spring Break the softball and tennis teams have been hard at work. Check out the season previews and don't miss lacrosse next week.

Bison Tennis Starts Season With MEAC Round-Robin Tourney

By Lindsey Walton
Contributing Writer

The men's and women's tennis teams will start the 2004 spring season off with a few tallies under the win column. The Lady Bison look to continue where they left off last year as one of the top teams in the MEAC. The women went to the semi-finals of the MEAC championship last year losing to Hampton University. Two-time New Jersey all-state selection, Nicole Henderson is eager to start her first season for the Lady Bison.



PHOTO COURTESY HOWARD SPORTS INFORMATION

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

"I'm overall excited. We have a strong team this year and I know the men's team got some new players and we've got a few seniors who will give us some experience, so I think we're ready. I mean its not so much I'm nervous, but more anticipating," Henderson said.

The women will also look for an outstanding season from sophomore transfer Kristen Harris who won the flight-A singles division in the D.C. Metropolitan tournament at Georgetown this fall.

Head Coach Larry

See TENNIS page B3

Softball Team Aims to Win 30 Out of 40 Games in 2004 Season

By Kaneicia Brown
Hilltop Staff Writer



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Senior All-MEAC outfielder Kenisha Cross steps up to bat.

The Lady Bison Softball team will get a crack at their favorite sport before the ground has a chance to thaw. They hit the diamond in the Campbell University Tournament in Buise Creek, North Carolina February 27-28.

With less than two weeks to prepare for their first tournament of the year, the ladies are working hard as ever to make sure this season is a successful one. Morning practices start around 6 a.m. and evening practices end at 11 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 in the areas where the team had weaknesses, and raised the bar of standards for all players, both new and veteran alike.

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

Tracey Hunter, who plays third base for the Lady Bison, has embraced Braxton's coaching methods and looks forward to a successful season.

"She forced us to make a decision about playing Division I softball or not," said the senior from Sunrise, Florida. "She pushed differences."

So different, that 5 freshman may be the keys to success for goal of 30 wins.

See SOFTBALL page B3

Bison Overcome Deficit to Beat Bears

By Joy E. Moreland
Contributing Writer

Saturday's Game

Howard	63
Morgan St.	62

After trailing by as much as 23 points, the Bison men's basketball team (6-15, 4-8 MEAC) was able to come from behind to give the Morgan State Bears (8-12, 7-6 MEAC) their first home loss this season, 63-62. Freshman guard Darryl Hudson connected on a shot from three-point land with 20 seconds left in regulation to give Howard the game-winning shot.

The surprise Bison win silenced a noisy Morgan State crowd; Howard began the game down 13-0.

Hudson scored ten points and led the team

See WIN page B3



PHOTO BY LAWRENCE JOHNSON/ALL-PRO PHOTO

Freshman guard Derek "Skip" Mitchell (3) scored all of his 17 points in the second half to help Howard defeat Morgan State.

Lady Bison Score Season Low 42 Against Morgan State

By Wardell Pinkney
Contributing Writer

Saturday's Game

Howard	42
Morgan St.	52

The Lady Bison basketball team made the trek north on I-95 with a two game 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 Bears (2-20, 2-11 MEAC) defeated the Lady Bison (7-14, 7-5 MEAC) 52-42. The win was Morgan State's first against Howard in the last eight times the two teams have 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

See LOSS page B3



PHOTO BY CARROLL SMITH/ALL-PRO PHOTO

Howard junior guard Daisha Hicks (21) scored a game-high 16 points against Morgan State, but it was not enough as Howard fell, 52-42 on Saturday.

SPORTS

BISON ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



PHOTO BY CARROLL SMITHWALL

Name: Darrell Hudson

Sport: Basketball

Position: Guard

Classification: Freshman

Hometown: Belleville, Michigan

Hudson, who scored 10 points in Saturday's game against Morgan State, can be credited with at least three game-winning shots against Norfolk State, NC A&T, and Morgan State.

Selig Okays Trade

A-Rod Will Be Wearing Yankee Pinstripes



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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 yesterday 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.

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Rollercoaster Swim Season Comes to an End

By La Kesha 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 Tiffany 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 7-26.

"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 real-

istic. 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 Isoke Roundtree, her biggest challenge was adjusting to the team's new head coach. "The adjustment was a good one. We came from a coach that was aggressive and not understanding, to someone like Coach Fagin who got to know our individual expertise."

"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 dilemmas 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.

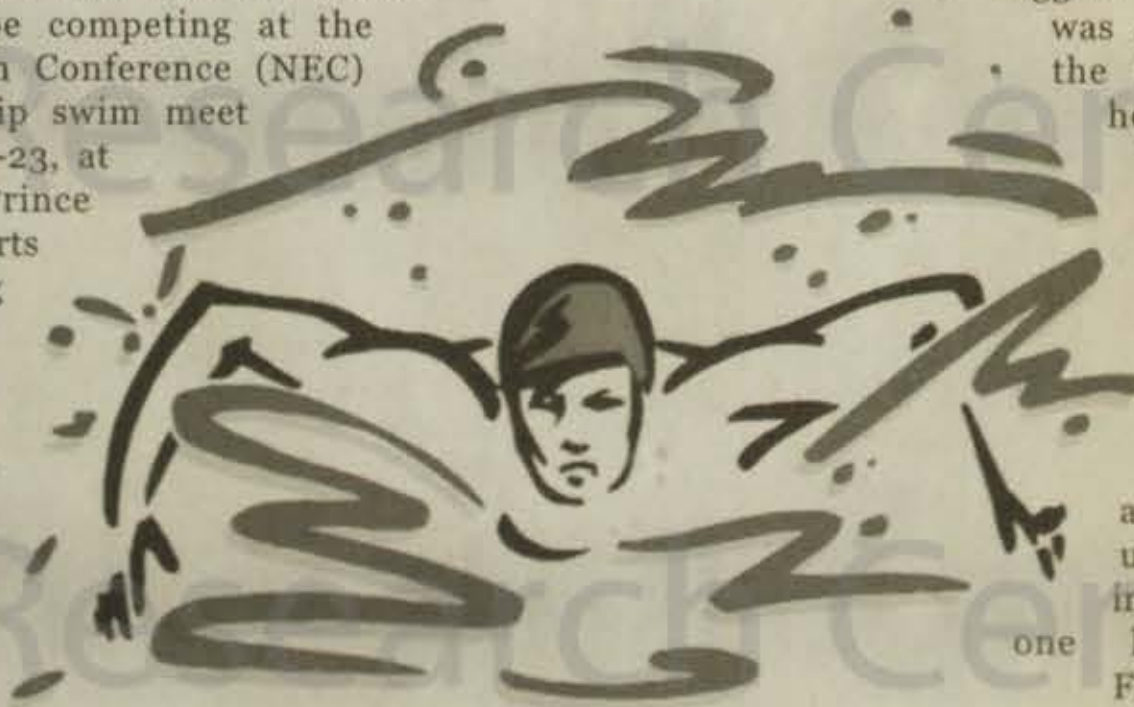


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Softball Aims for Good Season

SOFTBALL from B1

"We needed to see our pitching strengthened," Braxton said. "We needed more speed. Our freshmen will definitely be difference makers."

Of the five freshmen recruited, Tracey Javier will make a difference right away. The Bison needed a good lead off batter, and Javier fills the position nicely.

Freshman Larcus Pickett, a great all around ball player and lead off batter, adds balance to softball team both defensively and offensively. Kelly Posey, younger sister to senior pitcher Krissy Posey, adds versatility and strength to the pitching

position.

With the mix of the freshmen and the bulk of the team back, Braxton feels they can hold their own with anybody. Although their toughest competition is Bethune-Cookman, Florida A&M and Delaware state, Braxton remains optimistic about the outcome of the season.

"We beat everybody once last year," Braxton said. "We also lost a lot of close games last year. We were not as effective as we needed to be last year. But this year, we have group of competent, hard worked young women. We should do a super job this year."

With the assistance of vol-

unteer coaches Kenny Coles and Mike Grooves, the Lady Bison's pitching techniques should improve as well.

"The dedication and growth of our veteran players will make a big difference also," Hunter said.

Sophomore shortstop Nayrobi Nicholas, junior third baseman Tamra Jordan, senior pitcher Krissy Posey, junior utility player Carmen Smith and senior catcher Andrea Watkins, will have the experience and knowledge to give the freshman players guidance on collegiate softball competition.

The Lady Bison's first home game is March 4 against Towson at Banneker field.

Bison Win With Seconds to Go

WIN from B1

with eight rebounds.

Freshman guard Derek Mitchell was four for six from three-point land and led the Bison with 17 points in Saturday night's conference matchup in at Hill Fieldhouse in Baltimore, Maryland.

With 15:13 left in the left in the second half, Morgan State was up 46-23, but Howard pulled off a 34-11 run in the ensuing 14 minutes.

The game got heated as the Bison continued to score at a torrid pace.

Morgan briefly regained the lead 58-57 with a free throw from Joseph McClean, but senior guard Hekima Jackson added three points to give the

Bison their first lead with 58 seconds left in the game.

Though the Bears were able to steal the ball from the Bison, shots by Cedric Barrow and Aaron Andrews refused to go down.

The win was redemption for the Bison, who lost to the Bears by 17 points in Burr Gymnasium earlier this season.

"We struggled in the first half, but we were able to pull it off in the second with heart and the ability to keep working," Mitchell said.

The Bison were shooting bricks in the first half with a shooting percentage of 20 percent, but improved 53 percent in the second half.

Forwards Bilal Russell and Seve Aluko chipped in with 11

points each. Sophomore point guard Louis Ford led the Bison with four assists was the 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 Bison Head Basketball Coach Frankie Allen. "We have been in a lot of games like this season, but have not been able to get over the hump. I am really proud of the way the team never quit and came back the way they. We needed a win like this badly."

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

Women Lose to Morgan State

LOSS from B1

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 tonight," said sophomore guard Daisha Hicks, who had 16 points, 3 assists, 3 steals in the contest.

Freshman Christina Aden, who played a team-high 34 minutes, was close behind with 14 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals. However, Aden and Hicks took 36 shots just to get the 30 points.

Candace Holmes led the Lady Bears with 13 points while going shooting 5-9 from the field. Whitney Johnson scored 12 points and whose quickness on two breakaway lay-ups in the second half.

The Lady Bison shot a horrendous 7-29 (24 percent) from the field, in the first half; the second half didn't fare any better as the Lady Bison continued to shoot blanks at the basket while only connecting on 6 shots for the entire half on 34 attempts. The 42 points scored was the team's lowest output of the season.

"It was disappointing no disrespect to them we knew that they were a good team, they executed well; they brought another level of intensity that we never matched," Aden said.

"This was the most disappointing loss, topping the



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Freshman guard Christina Aden attempts a jumper during Saturday's loss to Morgan State.

Norfolk State loss; were never in rhythm which goes back to leadership from the point." Lady Bison head coach Cathy Parson said, "It's important that we take care of the ball. Despite the first half, we were still in the game." The score Lady Bears led 26-22 at half-time.

Parson was disturbed with the Bison's playing in the low post. The frontcourt, Shauna Ruglass, Andrea Jones, Tracie Suggs, Melloni Benson and Sherice Gamble, who are all over six feet tall, combined for

only five points while going 1-13 from the field. Morgan's zone defense was effective in nearly wiping out all post play and reducing Howard's offense to perimeter shooting.

"I am very concerned about the lack of a consistent post game," Parson said. "We have just been able to get the production that we are looking for. It is very frustrating."

The Lady Bison will look to improve their record against conference foes Bethune-Cookman Wildcats Saturday afternoon in Burr Gymnasium.

Tennis Season Begins



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TENNIS from B1

Strickland, who's been leading the Bison tennis program for the past 19 years, is also enthusiastic about the spring. Although the team is rather young with two freshmen, two sophomores and three juniors, Strickland remains optimistic. "Both teams have an influx of new players, especially the men who should improve their seventh place finish last year."

Strickland stressed the success of sophomore Los Angeles native, Kenny Brown, junior transfer Brandon Smith and also freshman Faron Carter on the men's side.

Brown believes the fresh faces will aid in the team's success as well. "We've got a lot of new guys coming in who will help us with victories. We should have a positive year," he

said.

In the upcoming MEAC Round Robin tournament that starts this Thursday, the Bison tennis teams will get a preview of the competition of the championship tournament.

The teams to beat are Florida A&M and Hampton.

"They've been the best two teams for the last 4 or 5 years," junior Jibade Thomas said.

FAMU and Hampton faced each other in the men's championship game in 2003, resulting in a Hampton victory, its seventh in the past eight years. The Hampton women walked away with the championship trophy in 2003 after defeating FAMU as well.

The FAMU men are currently 2-2 and the women remain winless (0-2), while the Hampton men are undefeated (2-0). Strickland knows the

enthusiasm the Bison have towards facing these top MEAC schools. "The rivalry has always been there. We know they're going to be strong and we look forward to playing them every year," he said. Outside the MEAC the Bison and Lady Bison expect strong competition from James Madison and the University of Maryland Baltimore County. UMBC's men's team has won the Northeast Conference the past four years its women's team has won it for the past five years. The men's schedule also includes local competitor American University, who has been ranked among the top 75 teams in the nation for the past two years.

The Bison tennis team's schedule runs through March and ends at the end of April with the MEAC Championships in Orlando, Florida.

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EDITORIALS



Atkins Diet—Low On Cholesterol, Highly Out of Control

Since the ball dropped on New Year's Eve, restaurants and fast food places have included "Atkins-diet" foods to their menus as a marketing ploy to help people with their weight loss resolutions. Subway, Friday's and even McDonald's have Atkins-friendly menus, made for the modern dieter.

The Atkins Diet has been in use for over 30 years, but it has only recently enjoyed a surge in popularity. We do not understand the whole Atkins craze and frankly, we think it's getting out of hand. What makes Atkins' diet the canon of all diets?

Leading health experts claim that Atkins has no sound scientific basis and that the new products are dangerously high in fat. According to iVillage.com, "Dr. Atkins' theories of metabolic advantages from 1957-1975 are now considered dated and his studies are poorly designed. He only used a small number of subjects and there is no evidence of

a control group for comparison."

It concerns us that so many people think that the Atkins diet is the end all to weight loss and it further bothers us that so many fast food places are endorsing this unhealthy diet. While users of the Atkins diet have seen quick results, short-

Our View:
The recent increased popularity of the Atkins diet capitalizes on a fad, not a healthy dieting choice.

term side effects of the diet include halitosis and dehydration (due to rapid ketosis), constipation (due to lack of fiber and too much meat based protein) and extreme mental and physical lethargy.

Long-term side effects can be more serious, and research has associated the diet with kidney damage, osteoporosis, heart disease and even cancer. Also when persons come off of

Atkins, they rapidly regain most of, if not all of, the lost weight.

Instead of using an unhealthy diet, we would rather see restaurants make a permanent change for a nutritious menu.

We think that restaurants should endorse a menu that will perpetuate a healthy lifestyle. Doctors say that if you incorporate some of the principles of Atkins, such as lowering your consumption of carbohydrates and eating more natural-state foods, you'll likely find that you can achieve pretty good results without having to deprive yourself of everything. Focusing on making changes for a healthier lifestyle would be a lot more beneficial than following a fad.

Doctor Robert Atkins died obese. Before his death he suffered a heart attack, congestive heart failure and hypertension. We think that should tell you something.

New HIV Test Spreads Awareness

Doctors are constantly coming up with what they think are new ways to combat diseases and often we take that for granted. But every once in a while, a new medical breakthrough can make you really stop and appreciate the efforts of many dedicated doctors.

In North Carolina, doctors recently spotted an outbreak of 84 HIV cases amongst male students in North Carolina. Most of the students were black. Dr. Lisa B. Hightow of the University of North Carolina led the investigation of the outbreak, using a new HIV test which is based on a technique known as PCR (polymerase chain reaction) and can detect HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, weeks earlier than the previous standard test.

Many of the 84 students that were tested with the old HIV test came up negative, but were found to be positive using the new test.

This situation was a wake

up call for us. In the college setting it is dire to protect yourself because you never know whom you or what you will encounter. This particular investigation started with two men, and from there, 84 male students and 651 males that were not college stu-

Our View:
The recent case in North Carolina brings an appreciation to the new HIV test.

dents tested positive for HIV. Because the investigation only involved men, there is no way to determine how many women were infected.

More than anything, this case makes us appreciate the new HIV test and the efforts to research and combat HIV and AIDS. If this new test had not been discovered there is no telling how much further the transmission would have

spread.

This new test is a small step towards stopping outbreaks of HIV. In this particular case doctors said that the outbreak became "amplified not only because the pool of partners was small, but also because many people had sex soon after they became infected—a time when the amount of virus in their bloodstream is often 10 times higher than it would be years later."

The investigators believe that the people in this case were found at the beginning their infection.

Doctors say that the new test is about two dollars more than the old one, which ran about \$3.50. We believe that if this new test can identify HIV in patients earlier and inform them that they have the virus, they can take preventative measures.

The extra money is undoubtedly worth it.

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

Where in the world was First Lt. George W. Bush? This is the question that many people want the answer to. Questions about President Bush's National Guard service have arisen in every campaign he has run since his 1994 race for governor.

His 2004 re-election campaign is no different, with Democrats pointing to apparent gaps in his service record with the National Guard.

We think that the release of the records is just a attempt to clear Bush's name—because the "records" seem to have no validity to them.

Our View:

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

And Bush himself, in his 1999 autobiography, "A Charge to Keep," recounts the thrills of his pilot training, which he completed in June 1970. "I continued flying with my unit for the next several years," the governor wrote.

For a full year, there is no record that he showed up for the periodic drills required of part-time guardsmen.

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meanwhile workers on Bushes campaign have been trying to do some name smearing of their own. Reportedly, Bush's campaigners are sending emails to Kerry supporters in an attempt to smear Kerry's name.

During the 2000 campaign, The Boston Globe reported that there was no record that Mr. Bush showed up for Guard drills between May 1972, when he moved to Alabama from Texas to work on a United States Senate race, and May 1973.

In response to The Globe's article, Bush's election campaign offered \$1000 to anyone from the Alabama Air National Guard to come forward and vouch for his service. There were no takers.

Like the rest of America, we just want to know, if Bush served in Alabama, how come no one remembers him?

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PERSPECTIVES

The Defamation of a Black Woman

Tori L. Scarborough

On Sunday, February 1, 2004, a black woman was defamed once again — this time, in front of a live audience of over 99 million viewers. What appeared to be another brilliant performance by one of the greatest pop divas in the world ended in a shameless act of sexual exploitation. Janet Jackson, who has received a lot of flack in the past few weeks about the poor choice of her "surprise," has brought forth yet another negative image to the world that in order for black women to be accepted, we have to depict our bodies in a vulgar and crass way. What image does this bring

forth to young black teenage girls?

"It is a sad depiction of where society is heading. I am really surprised that there are no feminists who are speaking out about this incident," said Khorl Smith, a second year Master of Divinity student. He went on to say, "This is what kicked off our Black History Month, a Black woman allowing herself to be degraded on national television." Several students were outraged about this incident. The question that must now be raised is what next? Will we allow another one of our black women to be raped on television in order to sell a few albums? One must take a stand on this because it raises so many implications as to

whether African-American women are worthy of being dignified and upheld, or are we still viewed as sexual objects that can be mistreated and exploited.

To take it a step further, she allowed the section of her shirt to be ripped off and her breast to be exposed by a white male pop artist, Justin Timberlake, who has received no flack by the media. Rev. Dr. Earl D. Trent, Jr., Senior Pastor of Florida Avenue Baptist Church raises the question, "Has anyone realized that Janet was the victim? Her shirt was stripped 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

look beyond the surface and realize that we cannot continue to perpetuate the image of black women being exploited by white men and sit back and be quiet. Many people remember a few months ago when Britney Spears, Madonna and Christina Aguilera (on the same network that produced the Super Bowl halftime show, MTV), french kissed in front of a live audience; it was applauded and looked on as a form of creative expression. Now that Janet Jackson has had her shirt ripped off, planned or not, she is considered by the media as a whore. Is there a double standard? Most recently the famed Grammy's Award show, which was to feature

Janet Jackson as a presenter, stated that they no longer needed her as a presenter; however, Justin Timberlake was still allowed to have his moment of glory at the Grammy's. He performed several times and received a Grammy. Was race a subtle factor in this decision? Moreover, he has not apologized for the embarrassment that he caused Janet Jackson, nor has he claimed his part in the incident and he has almost been disregarded in the whole matter. Proverbs 31:30 states, "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Do you choose beauty and charm over integrity?

A Prayer for the Howard Men

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. I know that the men here are often under appreciated so I want to take this time to thank you for them. Rarely do they have anyone tell them how great they are which can cause many to question their worth. To me black men are so beautiful that they put the colors inside of my world. The good men here are my heroes. They deserve to be admired, cherished and loved. There are so many good qualities that these men possess but their deeds often go unnoticed.

I know that Howard men don't always do right, but neither do Howard women, and unless we are perfect in our walk we have no right to be overly critical. We often walk around and pass judgment based on the actions of a few bad seeds and we never give credit to how great guys on campus really are. Thank you for the black men that deal with our attitudes, drama and unnecessary rants. Thank you for the black men that can handle our mood swings, insecurities, and when we go off for no good reason are tolerant enough to let it ride.

Thank you Lord for the strength that you have bestowed upon these men. They wake up every morning with the world against them and instead of lying down they rise up and work harder to be all that they can be. Thank you for the determination that you have put in so many of these men on campus. You give them the will to work hard so they can succeed in life. Lord, you have blessed us with many brilliant young men on this campus and if they didn't know this, I pray that someone in their lives will let them know.

Thank you for the good men that take care of business. For the many guys that hold open doors or give up seats on the shuttles, thank you. For the men that walk with girls at night to keep them safe, thank you. Thanks for the guys willing to try our cooking, when some of us can barely boil water. Thanks for the guys that pass out flowers in the cold on Valentine's Day to the lonely women here. Thank you for the guys who help us move in and out of the dorms every year. Thank you for the guys that helped shovel our cars out of the snow. Thank you for all the things they do that go unrecognized.

I wish they could know that if no one else in this world loves them, I do. I also pray that the women here can realize that not all Howard men are the same. I pray that for once the good guys can finish first. Also I pray that women will realize that every man here is not out to dog her. I thank you for the men that love us with all our faults. They're some of your greatest creations and they deserve to be shown some love every now and then.

So Lord if any man out there today feels down, I pray that you help lift him and keep him strong. And for the men who are reading this and in no way can relate, I pray that they can get their acts together and become the great men they're destined to be. Thank you God for the Good Howard Men. Amen.

For Comments email Jen_Hunter83@yahoo.com.



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by 5pm
Thursady February 19 to recieve RSVP housing points for your involvement.

Congratulations to the Eta Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority Incorporated Inc. On your 20th Aniversary February 19, 2004

2004 Founders Week
Tues: Tau Bo Bethune Annex 9:00pm
Wed: 10 min of Fame Reading Lounge 7:46pm
Thurs: Poetry Cipher Band Room 9:00pm
Sat: Sister's Day at the game

Dear Kermit,

Ok, so I sabotaged your surprise- sorry sweetie! I know I resembled Oscar the Grouch more than anything else Saturday, and I apologize for that too. Thank you for making me smile and understanding that I hate roses. All the little BS really doesn't matter because you're always there to kiss away my bad dreams and fill my night with good ones.

-Miss Piggy

Personals

Cover to Cover HU magazine group meeting Wed. at 6 p.m. School of D Converged Media Lab All are welcome

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Shanie Bean,

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The application deadline is February 27, 2004.

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IN THE PUNCH-OUT FRIDAY FEB. 20TH AT NOON BROUGHT TO YOU BY GAEC

Thanks Tuesday Staff for coming through on Presidents Day...

Nakisha, Asha, Shanelle Ashley, Ruth, Miriam (for never missing a deadline), Stacey, Soraya...

While everyone else slept on this good ole holiday or got over their broken hearts The Hilltop worked and I appreciate the hard work.

---Father Joe

Tutor Counselors needed for a six-week summer residential program (June 22 to July 30, 2004).

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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

Makebra, 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?

---HNIC

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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