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Online
Elections
Expected to
Increase Voter
Turnout
By Melanie R. Holmes
Hilltop Staff Writer

With student elections in less than two weeks, next year's student body will have many more choices in the polls than ever before. This year's race is expected to be more than a simple vote, rather than is traditional vot­
ing election.

"The main reason is because we used online voting for the special elections in the fall," senior public relations major and Elections Committee chair Shawnel Hebert said. "We made a $5,000 investment in the fall that could apply for all the elections for the year. Instead of spending that tech­nology on books, we decided to invest in online voting.

Hebert added that the online voting system has been more convenient for students since they will be able to access the website on and off campus. She hopes to improve a wider voting base through the Internet.

"People won't be able to say they don't have time to vote because they don't have to wait in line," Hebert said. "We've tried our best to present students with the best method of voting.

Candidates in the March 4 student elections are pleased with the online elections as well, but feel the most difficult part about them is informing students about the change. With the absence of booths, some candidates fear students will not be aware.

"I think it's good for Howard University as a whole to be advancing in technology," said HUSA vice presidential candidate Alexus Logan. "But just put a lot more responsibility on the general election com­mittee and on the candidates to let students know their voting will be online this year. We just have to be more proactive and let public relations keep those facts about the site up.

Conrad Woods, candidate for HUSA president, agrees that publicity is needed in order to make this year's elec­tions successful.

"If published by the elec­tions committee and the candi­dates, online elections have the potential of increasing voter­turnout; if we make students become more interested we need to vote is in order to have the best experi­ence here at Howard University," Woods said. "However, it is crucial that candidates understand that there may be some confusion due to voting on the Internet. Woods, a junior political science major, feels this is a good sign, but also recognizes that students need to be informed.

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Wilson High Stands Out
Among Local Public Schools
By Tiana Allen
Contributing Writer

The college prep program at Woodrow Wilson High School, located in Northwest D.C., garnered national attention highlighting the progress the District has made in the last five years.

Winston noted among the top 300 high schools in America by Newsweek magazine in 2003 and was joined by other District high schools, and was joined by other District high schools, Renaissance and Wilson Walths. Based on standardized tests and SAT scores, the three schools are considered to be achieving a greater high schools in the District, all surpassing the combined average SAT score of 600 in 2003. School Without Walls led the District in combined SAT scores in 2003 with an average of 676, followed by Raisbeck at 659, and Wilson at 627.

Many graduates from these schools are enrolled at college with academic backgrounds that rival private schools. They offer Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate diploma and the opportunity to

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Mayor Williams Calls for
More Security Measures
By Dominique Craycraft
Contributing Writer

In his State of the District Address last Tuesday, Mayor Anthony Williams asked Police Chief Charles Ramsey to secure Ballou High School in Southeast D.C. as part of the "education renais­sance" he plans to lead in the District.

The Mayor said in a speech before the D.C. public schools as reasons why he is calling for the police department to take full control over security at public schools.

"The police department, not the public schools, are responsible for school safety," Ramsey said. "The public schools, not the police, are responsible for school safety. Due to the unreasonable amount of violence in the schools, the police depart­ment's assistance is needed in securing them. This violence builds up," Ramsey said.

The Ballou Student Body, at Holme, High, the November 19th at Ballou, the Massachusetts Avenue between Ballou and the seventh street

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Candidates Expound On Their
Election Plans for Fall 2004
By Danielle Scrogg
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Howard Alumna Competes to be the Next Miss Universe

By Yannie Givens
Contributing Writer

Howard alumna competes to be the next Miss Universe. Darielle Jones, who was recently crowned Miss Trinidad and Tobago, will compete for the Miss Universe crown in June.

Darielle was on theof various awards, including a car, in addition to 4 years as a public figure to promote her platform. Jones' area of focus includes cancer awareness and HIV/AIDS. She is working closely with her health communications to advocate for health-related messages to the public. Jones is optimistic about her ability to successfully balance the two responsibilities, saying that each task could add value to the other.

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Parents of students in the D.C. Public School system share resentment toward Mayor Williams, who was appeared when the mayor arrived at Ballou shortly after the shooting and was heard by angry parents. Parents and students alike have voiced concerns about the school security, complaining that students are able to sneak weapons into the school through side doors, and are permitted by security guards, whom they have befriended, to go around metal detectors instead of walking through them.

James Singletary, a sophomore criminal justice major from Southeast D.C., is optimistic about the mayor's new school security plans. Singletary, who was an acquaintance of the late James Richardson, said, "If real police come into the schools, the security will drastically improve. The security guards just come off the streets themselves, and they're just there for the pay-check."

Tyler Coleman, a resident of Northeast D.C. and a graduate of H.D. Woodson High School, said, "The violence starts in the middle schools with kids jumping each other, and as they get older the violence escalates to the use of guns." He insisted that the efforts to stop the violence must begin in the elementary schools because that is where it begins.

According to Officer Kevin Morrison of the Metropolitan Police Department, the efforts made by the mayor to secure schools have been successful. "We have placed two officers at every D.C. public school and increased the number of officers at Ballou to eight." As an example of the vast improvements in school security, Morrison offered a recent situation at Wilson High School in which an officer prevented students from sneaking a gun inside.

Mayor Williams acknowledges that many blame him for the violence in the schools, but he assured everyone that this is tough on himself. He spoke of many changes that would be made to help decrease violence such as adding more police officers on the streets and in the schools and creating more youth programs.

Opinions differ when it comes to the causes of violence in schools, but one thing agreed upon is that the issue is age old. As Coleman said, "People come into all the public schools with weapons at the time. This isn't new." There is a general consensus that a new method of securing the schools is needed, and for the sake of the students hopefully the mayor's plan will work.

Michael Marvin is enthusiastic about voting online and encourages candidates to continue getting the word out to the student body. "Online elections will get more people to vote," Marvin said. "Candidates should put up posters and use word-of-mouth to let everyone know elections will be online this year."

To vote in the upcoming student elections, log on to chollot.senate.com/howard

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Voters Summit Informs Youth of Their Voting Rights

VOTERS from A1 makes it less appealing for young voters to get involved. "Voting regulations differ from state to state and county to county, and this poses a big problem to younger people who are just beginning to vote," Sanchez said. It then becomes essential to highlight reforms, like mail-in ballots, that will aid in young voter registration.

The panel continued with Michael Kruger, a representative from the College Republican National Committee. "Activism comes from leadership, and what is going to get people caring about voting is personal contact," Kruger said. He also talked about the importance of getting college students more politically active on their college campuses.

"Encouraging students to vote where they go to school, versus having them vote at home, is important, because it is important that more students are likely to participate," he said.

Simon Rates, the National Director of African American Affairs for the Green Party of the United States, as well as a representative for the Campus Greens, spoke about various misconceptions that make understanding between older voters and younger voters difficult.

"I want to dispel the myth of young voter apathy, as this denotes that young people don't care about what goes on around them, and that conclusion is most certainly erroneous," Ravis said. "Issues such as terrorism, poverty, personal level about topics that are relevant and widely discussed, the better it will reflect in voter turnout."

"For too long, voting has been believed to be an issue concerning older persons, but now more than ever, it is important for the youth of America to get involved."

- Rebecca Vigio-Giron, New Mexico's Secretary of State

Andrew Bradley, also a representative for the College Libertarians, spoke candidly about party favorites on ballots. "The problem is primarily that a voting ballot is seen to only have two choices, that of Democrat and Republican," Bradley said. "A dilemma occurs when candidates from these two parties hardly differ on any relevant subjects." Bradley informed the audience of the need to have a diversified voting ballot in order to spark the interests of young and first-time voters.

"Racial discrimination may be a thing of the past, but voting discrimination most certainly is not, and more third-party candidates must be placed on voting ballots to ensure that all voters have a choice," Bradley said.

Scott Weiderman, a representative for Military and Overseas Voters was the last speaker at the event. "It is important that various organizations work hard to disseminate information about all of the new voting initiatives that have been put in place," said Weiderman. He addressed the difficulties that many persons stationed overseas face in relation to voting.

"There are various Peace Corps representatives who are in distant countries, as well as mariners who are underwater for weeks at a time, and accurate, timely information will make or break whether all of their votes are received and counted."

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Wilson Among Top Schools in the Nation

WILSON from A to Z

The curriculum varies at each school, but they all focus on college preparation. Wilson is a comprehensive school that is open to all students, but has GPA and standardized test requirements for entrance into their four academics. Wilson stresses the importance of a college education to its students.

"The school made an effort to meet with seniors in assisting with college applications and helping parents with financial aid forms," said Tamara Kelley, a freshman advertising major and Wilson graduate.

Kelley was able to take advantage of AP classes, additional math courses and SAT prep classes that allowed her to choose which college she wanted to attend. "I had several offers from schools such as USC and College of William and Mary, but I chose Howard for the journalism program," Kelley said.

Malaika Tate, a senior at Wilson enrolled in the Humanities Arts and Media Academy, agrees with Kelley about the vast resources and support provided by Wilson High School.

"Our guidance counselor [Emyrtle] Bennett has put me in touch with so many people who have assisted in many and fantastic aid. People don't realize how many people are here to help us," Tate, who has been accepted to both Howard and Temple, said. Tate is looking forward to the changes ahead. "I can't wait to meet new and interesting people and become a part of a school." Bennett is the head counselor at Wilson and spends most of her days speaking to admissions officers and recruiters on behalf of her students.

"We don't have one kid in a fluff, and I take pride in that," Bennett said. Part of her efforts include making weekly telephone calls to Yale and Fordham Universities on her personal cell phone since D.C. Public Schools do not provide long distance. In addition, Bennett is taking several students with lower GPAs on a college tour in the spring to Texas Southern University, which has an open admissions policy. "The kids are brilliant in so many ways and a GPA doesn't tell the whole story," Bennett said. Wilson expects to have over 800 students take AP exams this spring, and has six Presidential Scholars and four National Merit Finalists. The achievements they help achieve are exemplary of the efforts that are being made to guarantee area students are prepared for college. "There is good news in D.C. Public Schools and we will continue to rise to the occasion," Bennett said.

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**Weekly Horoscopes**

**Week of: 2/20-2/26**

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**Pluto in the Sign of Capricorn**

Pluto is moving through Capricorn, the sign of tradition and authority. As a result, we can expect to see increased emphasis on practical matters and a focus on long-term goals.

**Venus in the Sign of Leo**

Venus is in Leo, the sign of the Lion, which can bring a sense of grandeur and spectacle to our relationships. It is a time when we may enjoy the company of others and feel a sense of warmth and hospitality.

**Mars in the Sign of Cancer**

Mars is in Cancer, the emotional home of the zodiac. This can bring an increased focus on emotional matters and a desire for safety and security.

**Jupiter in the Sign of Leo**

Jupiter is in Leo, the sign of the Lion, which can bring a sense of optimism and expansion. It is a time when we may feel confident and ambitious.

**Saturn in the Sign of Libra**

Saturn is in Libra, the sign of balance and harmony. This can bring a sense of responsibility and a focus on finding equilibrium in our lives.

**Uranus in the Sign of Taurus**

Uranus is in Taurus, the sign of the Bull, which can bring a sense of disruption and innovation. It is a time when we may feel a need for change and a desire for new experiences.

**Neptune in the Sign of Cancer**

Neptune is in Cancer, the emotional home of the zodiac. This can bring a sense of mystery and illusion. It is a time when we may feel more connected to our intuition and spirituality.

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**Atkin Diet Craze Puts Restaurants in Check to Change Their Menus**

**By Lourdes Bowen**

Hilary Clinton and the Atkins Diet

Imagine a grilled chicken and broccoli platter served over onions and a brown rice substitute. And for dessert, a collection of cheeses served with a cup of butter and a side of cream. Hot fudge cake or ice cream and hot fudge may fit those lip words, but now, restaurants are bending over backward to bring a balance of healthy and decadent meals to the same plate.

The explosive success of health-conscious diets like Atkins and South Beach has put restaurants in the hot seat—especially with those who may try to bring them down on the job.

**Dependent Personality Disorder: A Clingy Situation**

**By Jumana Abdul-Majid**

When faced with tough life decisions it is often wise to ask the opinion of a trusted friend. After all, a good friend almost always gives good advice; however, when one repeatedly asks for the advice of others in order to make important decisions, there may be a problem. This is a symptom of Dependent Personality Disorder and does not even realize it.

Dependent Personality Disorder is characterized by the difficulty in making everyday decisions, which are usually made from advice from others. Albert Roberts, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Howard University, explains, "In Dependent Personality Disorder, a person is often seeking or accepting the admonishments of others who are often not the person's psychological equals. They may also feel that if they do not do things opposed to what an individual spirit responding to one's own internal drive.

Other problems include trouble of expressing disagreement with others due to the unrealistic fear of being liked and approval. The suffering from this disorder also uses others to assure responsibility for major areas of their lives. There is difficulty in undertaking projects, making simple decisions or even doing things independently, due to a lack of self-confidence in judgment. When it comes to being done, those who suffer from this disorder feel uncomfortable or helpless.

Some of the symptoms described by this disorder are extensive but one must identify with only five of them to be diagnosed. People only see certain characteristics of the disorder in themselves.

Junior film major Kori White believes that movie is a certain degree. "It's kind of hard for me to watch. I'm not a Dependent Personality. I rely on others' judgments or decisions like that. It's a way for others to make some decisions for me, and they are fine with what I am doing."

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**Health Briefs**

**What's Going On In the Health World**

**Nicotine Linked to Short-Term and Long-Term Memory Loss**

Those who have smoked for a long time have poorer memory than those who have never smoked, according to a report in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The scientists made the discovery while studying 24 pairs of identical twins. They found that those who had smoked for more than 20 years had poorer memory than those who had never smoked.

**Chicken Poult Vaccine Still Effective**

New research shows that the chicken poult vaccine still protects providing freedom from salmonella and campylobacter for more than eight years, although immunity to these diseases is lost within two years.

The researchers studied the immunity of 247 chickens that had been vaccinated when they were three weeks old. The chickens were then put into groups and given doses of salmonella and campylobacter bacteria. The chickens were then allowed to get repeated doses of the vaccine. The researchers found that the immunity was still present after eight years.

**Teenage Obesity Rate**

The number of teenage obesity cases has increased dramatically according to the National Center for Health Statistics. These products are back in style as recreational drugs because they're really accessible and ready to use, but easier than ever before, the Chicago Tribune reports. Some experts say that when they were illegal, and that this might be the case with these products as well.

**Genome Therapy in Athletes**

New research shows that the genetic therapy for athletes who abuse steroids and other muscle-enhancing drugs may be more effective than expected.

The researchers studied the genetic therapy in athletes who had used these drugs for more than eight years, although immunity to these diseases is lost within two years. A study in the Feb. 7 issue of the journal *Science* found that the therapy was effective in 95% of the cases tested.

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MIND, BODY & SOUL

Researchers Debate Pineapple Cake

By Janeen L. Straughn
Hilltop Staff Writer

Amidst a recent pineapple cake recipe debate, studies show that at least a quarter of Americans do not know how to properly measure ingredients when baking. According to a recent survey conducted by the American Pie Council, 25% of respondents reported mistakenly adding more or less sugar to their pineapple cakes than the recipe called for. The survey also found that 40% of respondents added more milk to their cake batter than the recipe specified. These errors can lead to a less than optimal cake texture, with some bakers reporting the cake became too dense or too moist.

Many Americans are becoming obese due to lack of exercise and poor eating habits. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 33% of adults in the United States are obese, which is defined as having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or higher. The prevalence of obesity has increased significantly over the past few decades and is associated with a number of health risks, including diabetes, heart disease, and certain types of cancer.

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3/4 tsp. salt
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Directions: Cream butter, add sugar, beat until light and fluffy. Add the dry ingredients and milk. Add stiffly beaten egg whites. In a pan, bake cake in a round pan. Remove cake from pan and replace pan on cake.

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Wisconsin Primary Creates Two-Man Race

By Drew Altizer

The Democratic race for nomination tightened Tuesday after Wisconsin’s primary pushed Howard Dean out, kept John Kerry up, and saw John Edwards so close behind, some declared him co-runner.

Despite Edwards at his heels, Kerry held on to his position as front-runner and likely Democratic nominee. As Kerry thanked voters for their support, Edwards marked his victory by warning the senator, “Objects in your mirror may be closer than they appear.”

After Tuesday, Kerry led by an Perkins. Edwards super Guerrero and Dennis finished as a disappointing third. This primary against Kerry will keep the #10 field for the rest of the nomination.

Despite a poor finish, Dean has resolved to keep fighting. Without a single win in any of the previous 16 primaries and caucuses, Dean showed little change in second place behind Kerry.

Kerry’s Victory Helped by Gephardt Momentum

John Kerry (left) won the Wisconsin Primary with 40 percent of the vote, while Sen. John Edwards (right) came in a close second at 36 percent of the vote. Howard Dean (below) decided to stop “actively campaign” and throw in the towel.

John Edwards to John Kerry

“Objects in your mirror may be closer than they appear.”

By Kevin Harris

Impressive victories in the Virginia and Tennessee primaries suggest that John Kerry may be in his head to become the nomination’s nominee for president.

The southern primary victories, coupled with former front runner, Howard Dean’s Kerry in the polls, has given Sen. Gephardt a significant boost of momentum for future primaries.

“He’s pretty much unstoppable,” said Daryl Harris, political science professor. “All the momentum is on his side and he is well ahead in all the other states with primaries left.”

Before winning in the south, it was unclear whether Kerry’s campaign had mass appeal with southern voters and many political pundits predicted that North Carolina Senator John Edwards or former front runner Wesley Clark would prevail over Kerry because of their southern roots.

With Clark and Dean now out of the race, Harris says that Edwards has the best chance of challenging Kerry for the nomination but is sceptical about his changes.

If Edwards was going to go, it would have had to happen in Tennessee or Virginia,” Harris said. “Without those states it’s hard to see where his campaign will go next.”

Harris believes that Kerry’s front-runner status will bring his campaign more funding which will help him to build better organization across the country.

Thomas M. Holbrook, Editor of American Politics Quarterly and Chairman of the National Political Science Association, says that Kerry will probably win the nomination but acknowledges there is still a small chance that Edwards could take it.

“I don’t think Kerry is invincible,” said Holbrook. “There is always the possibility that he could stop himself with a sudden controversy from his past or a major miscalculation on the campaign trail. That’s the only way he won’t get the nomination.”

Holbrook also said that Kerry’s recent endorsement from former Missouri Governor and presidential candidate Dick Gephardt will help him secure support from labor unions which could be critical to his victory.

Edwards attributed his success to effective wooing independent and late-deciding voters, and considers the victory a vote of confidence in winning the presidency. Exit polls reported that independent voters made up 50 percent of the vote and respondents made up a little under 10 percent.

“Without Kerry, in both groups, I think I’m going to beat George Bush. If my goal is to win the general election, there’s no way we’re going to have to win independents,” Edwards told CNN.

Riding the wave of his recent surge in support, Kerry is requesting a new endorsements debates with Kerry in the coming weeks.

Edward’s assessment may not be fair for supporters. Are Kerry can hold his ground among other democrats, but there are questions in how he may fare in the upcoming presidential race. Not only did Wisconsin’s primary have the largest voter turnout, all voters were free to choose their party’s nominee.

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Hollonation holds the possibility that Kerry may choose a minority on a running mate because he has failed to connect with minority voters, especially African-Americans. He may choose an African-American to boost his chances but I don’t know who that might be,” Holbrook said.

Pellegrino suggests that African-Americans are ready to vote for any democratic nominee because of strong resentment for the Bush Administration’s policies. Harris agrees saying “We’ll take whoever over Bush. Get Bush out will be the rallying cry.”

Harris says that the true issue is how many African-Americans will actually go to the polls and vote. “Turnout is key,” he said. “The real question is how many Blacks will actually go out there and vote Bush out.”

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Voting increases sex appeal by 8 percent

Dick Gephardt endorsed Kerry after dropping his own bid for the Democratic National Committee nomination.
The 2004 elections are heating up on a not-two-out-of-three horizon. George Bush continues to wage his war on terror. Senator John Kerry is cracking the combination for electoral support in almost every state on the democrat campaign trail, and the fiery Al Sharpton, the only African American left in the bid for the democratic nomination, is being accused of questionable ties with a leading Republican.

Sharpton, whose clever rhetoric never fails to amuse the average political 'in-the-know' or 'armchair', is taking some definite leading backer of Sharpton's time Republican dirty-tricks operation, is being accused of questionable ties with a democrat campaign trail. bush's rhetoric never fails to amuse the Village Voice. 'Sharpton argues that New York's democratic party "had to put himself out as a definite black' opponent," that 'he attacks Democratic Party than previous Republican.'

Sharpton has been accused of taking campaign funds from Republican Roger Stone. While suspected. The Washington Post recently reported that the banner campaign was targeting black voters and that any attacks on Sharpton against his own party could push voters in the path to growing stronger.

Bush's Accomplishments Make Him Formidable Challenge

By Shari Logan
Contributing Writer

With general elections coming soon, many Americans are looking hard for a Republican candidate to emerge in time to see what effect he may have on the election. Bush's claims that America is now a safer place have some validity, based on the fact that two-thirds of known al-Qaeda leaders have been captured or killed.

Unfortunately, Saddam Hussein is present in U.S. custody and is therefore a threat. In his State of the Union Address on Jan. 20, Bush said, "America is committed to keeping the world's most dangerous weapons out of the hands of the most dangerous regimes." Due to his diplomacy, however, Bush's programs have been disabled in Libya and talks are still lingering. When officials in North Korea, Afghanistan, and Iran also attempted to negotiate with Bush, the situation remains unclear. Furthermore, Bush has instituted a new terrorism law in the federal legal system to further share information, track terrorists, and seize assets. The new Department of Homeland Security is being controlled by the Office of Homeland Security, which is being monitored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Beloved Professor Passes On

PROFESSOR (name)

"Dr. Reilly knew how to make things click when he was a student. He was very personable and would talk to anyone. He would take his students under his wing and mentor them."

Reilly received his bachelor's degree from West Virginia University with high honors in 1945 and his master's and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State University in 1958. He wrote and published several books and articles and was a prolific writer at the end of his life. He was a conductor for the Howard University Wind Ensemble and the Howard University Symphony Orchestra.

Last month, the NAACP honored Dr. Reilly for his lifelong commitment to civil rights. He was a member of numerous organizations including the Mystery Writers of America, the Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS), Lambda (LGBTQ+ rights), and Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Reilly is survived by his wife, Janet Louise Peter, his son, John David and Michael Timothy Reilly, his daughter, Bridget Ann; his grandchildren, Theodore and Nora Tidid and Tobago, offered a eulogy. Dr. Reilly was a devoted and tireless volunteer who has taken his loss as a call to action. He encouraged students to always give their best, even with their best selves.

REFLECTIONS from A2

She added that people need to be made aware of the issue and should have a forum to talk about it. More importantly, the cabaret has not had much media coverage. The purpose of SOGBRA is to foster a dialogue about the issue of reparations. Kassian Holmes, a junior psychology major, believes the lawsuit will be successful, if for no other reason than that Blacks are now making a voice about the issue of reparations. She believes that Blacks are entitled to some form of compensation. But even if African

More In-Depth Plans Revealed at Speak Out

CANDIDATES from A1

"I'm a victim of the system," Brown argued, "I'm a victim of the deals that have been made."

That's how we get it done." said diversity activist Bob Brown hosted a forum concerning his lawsuit for slavery reparations. But even if African Americans don't receive the reparation or accomplish all of the goals set forth today, Brown feels that at least we'll be in a better position for tomorrow.

He doesn't want to see the courts and the compensations that have been established in this case "tarnished by the tragedy of the Industrial Revolution."

"Damn the deals," Brown said. "I want the fight, not the check."

HUSA Vice Presidential candidate Freda Henry admitted she and Conrad Woody were back with officials like Franklin Chambers and President Beverett. Relationships like that work. That's what we get from the students."

The next speak out will be held at Howard University on Saturday, February 20, 2004.

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Dependent Personality Disorder Rarely Diagnosed

BUSH from A8

He also noted in his Address that much of our job growth would be in high-skilled fields such as science and technology.

As a result of the No Child Left Behind Act so that children will be prepared to meet the requirements of such jobs, a thirty-six percent increase in funding has been given to schools.

During his State of the Union Bush introduced a program called Jobs for the 21st Century. This plan is intended to give older students and adults the skills they need to find jobs now.

Moreover, Bush signed a measure that allows senior citizens to choose a Medicare plan that best fits them. By January 1st, prescription drug costs will be covered in a Medicare plan that will cost about $35.

This year senior citizens had the option of receiving a drug discount card that gave them up to twenty-five percent off prescription drugs. Also millions of low-income seniors will be able to receive an additional $600 to buy medicine.

"However, if those policies actually brought a change for the better it is still questionable," said Political Science Professor Ben K. Fred Mammah, Ph.D. Professor Mammah continued to say that it is important to find out if the decisions the government are in sync with the people who are being affected by those decisions.

Bush’s myth of accomplishments is office make him a formidable rival to those running for the democratic nomination. Despite having many derivatives, Bush knows what being President requires.

Dr. Julian Thomas Feature

HISTORY from A6

Indies, in Trinidad. Thomas applied, but was unsuccessful. The following year, he was accepted into the medical school at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad, where he studied internal medicine until he graduated in 1995. Thomas then did an internship at Port of Spain General Hospital in Trinidad. From 1997 to 1999 he was employed as a house officer in the University Counseling Center.

"Anyhow, he e..." said Thomas. In June 1999 he sold his material possessions back home in Trinidad and accepted a three month internship at Howard University Hospital. As an intern he received the intern of the year award and was assistant chief resident by the time he completed the program in 2000. He applied to Howard's cardiology department and was one of three accepted out of over one hundred applicants.

"Julian Thomas is certified to treat problems of the heart, arteries, and veins. Thomas is now married and divides his time between his family and the profession he loves, and his passion for hobbies, music and sports. He is a classic example of what could be done with a vision and a lot of perseverance."

BUSH from A8

...help to create and maintain a positive living and learning environment in an academic village!

STUDENT ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS FOR HOWARD PLAZA TOWERS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE P-12 WEST

ALL APPLICATIONS AND REFERENCES ARE DUE IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2004

February 20, 2004 The Hilltop A11
SAT. FEB. 21, MEN @ 1pm & WOMEN @ 4pm.
HOWARD vs. Bethune-Cookman @ THE BISSON
Howard students with Capstone Cards may pick up FREE tickets from 11am to 6pm on FRIDAY ONLY at Blackburn.
NO STUDENT TICKETS DISTRIBUTED on day of the game.
MON. FEB. 23, 3pm & 8pm, HOWARD vs. Florida A&M (SENIOR DAY)
STUDENT TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BISON FOR THEIR VICTORY @ MORGAN
AND TO THE LADY BISON FOR THEIR VICTORY @ COPPIN !!

BEST WISHES @ NEC!!
FEB. 21-23, in Landover
The North East Conference Championships

BEST WISHES @ MEAC!!
TODAY AND SAT. in Landover – MEAC INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

BEST WISHES TO ALL BISON TEAMS ON THE ROAD !

WOMEN’S LACROSSE
MAR. 2, @ Bucknell
First Home Match, Sunday, March 6th, 12 Noon

MEN’S & WOMEN’S TENNIS
FEB. 19-22, in Orlando, FL, @ MEAC Round Robin
First Home Match, Mar. 10th, 2pm

WOMEN’S SOFTBALL
FEB. 27-28 @ Campbell University Tournament (NC)
First Home Game, Thursday, Mar. 4th, 1pm

AND... AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO INDOOR TRACK:
All American David Oliver won the 60-meter hurdles at the Historically Black College Invitational.
Alicia Williams, freshman, won the Women’s 800 in 2 minutes, 20.79 seconds.
The Bison 4x400 Men’s Relay team finished second at the HBC Invitational.
David Oliver won second-place in the 60 M hurdles at the Millrose Games in New York.

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Big Noise from the Motor City

Bernard Murray
Sports Editor

Make a note: October 1st, 2008 will mark the century anniversary of Henry Ford's Model T that shaped an automotive revolution. It was this car, said to come in only one color and available in nine body styles, that took gasoline-power to new heights. The gasoline-powered engine was only a third of the trifecta that spanned the globe.

This automotive phenomenon began before Henry Ford had a dream in Detroit and had countries from France, Austria and Germany to the States claiming pieces of the pie. Any encyclopedia will date the inception of the automobile to the 18th Century. According to MSN Encarta Encyclopedia, the year was 1769 when French Army officer Captain Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot built what has been called the first automobile. It was a three-wheel vehicle that could accompany four people and was powered by steam. At 2 mph and a delay every 20 minutes to produce enough steam, the machine was safer than a Volvo, but slower than a snail.

Down the Road:
Street Racing Over the Years

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TODAY
- Japanese street racing is the tradition put in new light.
- Today it is possible to pick up a street race instead of an attention anywhere in the US.

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Sports

NAIAS:

Information Courtesy of www.thefastandthefurious.com
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AUTOMOBILE HISTORY

NORTH AMERICAN INT’L AUTO SHOW

NAIAS (from 01)

ing it from steam powered to gasoline and electric powered engines. Everyday from engineers to inventors wanted to try their hand at the automobile game. Richard Trevithick, a British engineer, designed a steam powered coach in 1802, which caught the attention of several, including Oliver Evans in Chicago (1804) and Onésiphore Frénay in France (1828).

If the German trio of engineers Gottlieb Daimler and Karl Maybach, creators of the motorcycle in 1885, who started their hand at the engine that boasts 00 hp. For the sports car enthusiasts, Corvettes celebrated its 50th birthday with the 50th Anniversary C6 and unveiled their new Corvette C6. It was Ford who stole the show through impressive, it wasn’t until 2005.

Detroit closed out 2003 and brought 2004 in with style. The city held its first auto show in 1907; however, this is the 16th year of the North American International Auto Show. The anticipated show in the country was under way (www2.naias.org).

If it was a gas-electric hybrid Toyota Prius, the luxury of the newly designed Audi A8 L 6.0 with 420-horsepower engine or the massive seven-passenger Nissan Pathfinder, the NAIAS had the car you were looking for. Forty-five exhibitors participated in this history making event and displayed their 2004 models, concept and prototypes. Bernhard Scies, the third member of the Daimler family, debuted their compact sedan the 1A and mid-sized car Scion xA and xB. The rest is history. Centuries changed from steam powered to gasoline and electric powered cars that weighed more than that of European cars at 5,500 lbs (Eurotrash).

Those enormous cars of the 90s, 60s and 70s are a distant memory, but Detroit hasn’t gone quietly into the night.

NAIAS opened their doors to the public on January 15 and ramped up eight days later. Even with a short eight-day showcase, the NAIAS was no walk in the park. With more than 700 vehicles on display, 4,600-plus journalists from fifty-two countries, 39 U.S. states and 207 TV networks, these began preparations in October and ten weeks later the most anticipated show in the country was under way.

TO BE CONTINUED...

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS
The Mocha Lounge Experience: Indulge and Enjoy

By Alison Break
Contributing Writer

On a cold, wintry Thursday afternoon, with the sun setting through the windows, a large and lively crowd, quick to jump into a Friday afternoon coffee shop, relaxed and contented, its presence a gentle and soothing backdrop. A large, dark brown leather chair, draped in a soft and comfortable blanket, sits at the corner of the room. The atmosphere is warm and inviting, with soft music playing in the background, and the aroma of coffee and pastries wafting through the air. The staff, dressed in warm and friendly attire, greets each customer with a smile, offering a comfortable and welcoming environment.

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By Michael Ivy
Hilltop Staff Writer

"I'm a little bit of music man, I just can't live without it," is a phrase that Michael Ivy, a resident of the Hilltop, often uses to describe his passion for music. "I listen to all different genres, but I can't live without R&B," he said. Ivy, who is also a student at Howard University, often attends concerts and music festivals in the area, and is a regular at the Hilltop, the university's student-run coffee shop.

"This is a great place to hang out with friends," Ivy said. "I always feel welcome here, and I love the atmosphere. It's a place where you can just relax and enjoy some good music." Ivy said he is looking forward to the upcoming events at the Hilltop, including concerts and music-themed parties.

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Lights, Camera, Action! The All-Star Weekend That Was

By Jamaal Withers

On weekend to which the greatest bas­
ketball players in the world ascended upon
Los Angeles was the weekend that quickly
became the main event.

Not many years ago, this weekend was to be
created that adequately described the atmos­
phere of Los Angeles during an event, but
"all-star" in the chronological sense still
have to make due. Fresh off the buzz
in Hollywood, Los Angeles was turnover.

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Traditionally, young girls' songs were trained in all matters of love and marriage prior to their wedding day. But as the community became more modernized, young girls' songs allowed them before marriage and written advice from a song became a thing of the past.

More recently, the society has returned to this practice and it seems that songs are having a great impact on AIDS awareness.

A survey found that adolescents made up 45 percent of the visitors to songs and more than half of the time was spent asking about HIV prevention.

It is a beautiful conclusion. We are seeing to the time, but not losing their beliefs and traditions to the modern ideals. Songs are being re-embraced, and they have fixed their messages so that older people can understand them and have songs can can.

The government, also that if young, women (and men) will follow to songs on the set of mental tricks and relationships, they will also talk to them to teach prevention and other practical sex education so they just enough to action to help represent the use of the practice. The fact that Uganda's government is endorsing a practice that seems to be so effective in teaching young people is truly commendable.

In Uganda, 2,000 people are still being lied with HIV. With shocking statistics like these, it is vital and encouraging to see that Uganda's government and community is taking such an active approach in spreading knowledge and awareness in that the AIDS count can be reduced.

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Are Howard Students Settling For Less?

Yvonne Green

Since I've been here, I have heard many complaints from both enrolled students and fed-up family about Howard. I've been known to question our facilities, ridiculous rules, and countless administrative bickering.

For example, my roommate approached me the other day in tears. She is a vital political, brought home on fall scholarship, but who had also been informed that her classes were purged, she gave the school average and she is now required to move her dorm immediately.

I was completely bewildered to hear such a huge mistake could be made. Our scholarship her only firm should be a loan. So she had to do the administrative building for who knows how long, visit the compliance office and talk to numerous people whose impression I'm sure, are probably, "Oh, you just go to see..." the good all day trying to get her situation straightened out.

The most common response to such problems is, "Well, that's Howard for you," or even, "This wouldn't have happened if we were at a white school." While I will adamantly defend the idea that black people can do things as well as or better than white people, it does seem like we at Howard have a wider array of problems. Our Christmas break, I had the opportunity to talk to some of my white friends at home. They were appalled at some of the things they learned about our school. My friends who are seniors were shocked when I described the conditions of our girl's dorm room. It was so机型 they went into the dorms and passed were very different from what they had received yet, I was back to school only to find that their room had been given to someone else. Sadly enough, I had been through these occurrences were normal. And for the most part, I defended Howard, but some things happen that you can't just let slide.

For example, my room is broken, You fixed, My told tiftid, overdoes, and the window hasn't worked for months. But, apparently, before, Dick Hall is a, it's a day for them when a leaking roof and not visit their residents about. I shouldn't just be passed by the eye looks that something might go wrong. But, I didn't, and with the main computer system in the ceiling, and the wall by my window, and rain dripping from my light fixture onto the blinds. My bed was soaked, along with some of my clothes, hats, books, paper, do, my Coach bag (which I was not happy about), and pretty much every-thing else in the vicinity of my light or my window.

Fortunately, my roommate moseyed my printer before it got too late. I returned my room to that multi-plex under the lights, and try to bring my windowwell. If it was a rush, just what anyone had been in my room, would fill with a money power, it's some name looked like that.

I must get the credit to the two content room, even come into my room, savored the damage and then left. But, other than that nothing was really done. I was told to mapping my computer (which still doesn't have Internet access), move it, and then the wait for the weather to improve.

Now this is the same room that, at the beginning of the school year, had an bat problem, and to look up I often can't even get a bat shoulder. It's really not, to hear students all over campus so eager to move into Cook.

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