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## Theater professor murdered in Md. Faculty, students remember teacher's 'living legacy'

By Steven Gray  
Hilltop Staff Writer

A Howard University professor was shot and killed Tuesday night in a bizarre and sudden shooting spree that left two other people dead in a Maryland school parking lot.

Theodore Cooper, a theater professor in the College of Fine Arts, was on his way to a program at the Hollywood Elementary School in College Park, Md., when the shooting occurred, authorities said. According to Prince George's County Police, Cooper, 57, and his companion, Cynthia Ann Shifer, 36, had just parked their car in the school lot when Terry Douglas Shifer, Cynthia Shifer's estranged husband, shot her as she unknowingly exited the car.

Cooper jumped out of the car and ran across the parking lot in an attempt to escape.

The assassin followed Cooper to a nearby trash can and shot him at close range, police said.

Terry Shifer then shot himself. While the exact motive for the murder-suicide had yet to be identified at Hilltop presstime, police said it could be the result of a domestic dispute between the estranged husband and his wife.

Cynthia Shifer's daughter was in the sixth grade at the suburban Maryland school and was not involved in the incident.

But while investigators continue to peel away at what has been called

"He was more than a teacher. He was like an uncle, he treated us like family and was always encouraging us to strive for our dreams."  
— Amber Stuart, senior

one of the region's "grizzliest" murders on record, faculty and students at Howard University continue to grieve and remember Cooper's legacy in the aftermath of what many in the College of Fine Arts called "the loss of a rare jewel."

"I am still trying to get it in my head that he is gone," said Henri Edmonds, one of Cooper's closest students and friends in the Department of Theater Arts.

"He was great, quick to laughter and quick to anger. He loved Howard. He was so proud to be from Howard. He was emotionally connected to this place."

Cooper first came to Howard as a student from Miami, Fla., in the mid-1960s.

He graduated from the College of Fine Arts in 1969 and returned to the University in 1971 as a theater professor.

From 1972 to 1978, Cooper was the chairman of what was then the Department of Drama.



Theodore Cooper, a professor in the theater department in the School of Fine Arts, is characterized by his students as an old friend. He and two other people were killed Tuesday night in a shooting in a Maryland school parking lot.

Photo by Jim Wells

Many of the thousands of students whose lives were touched by Cooper said he had an unforgettable, irreplaceable zeal for encouraging young people to enter the world of theater.

"He was more than a teacher. He was like an uncle," said senior Amber Stuart.

Stuart said a picture of a lion on his door and briefcase symbolized his strength and determination. "He was a king," Stuart said, her eyes flushed with tears.

"Whenever I had a question

about theater, I called him at home. It didn't stop at school. That's just the kind of teacher he was," said junior theater arts education major Ruby Tyree.

During his career, Cooper established several theater companies throughout the East Coast, and published several plays, many which have been performed on campus.

Cooper announced to his students Monday that he was scheduled for surgery in Annapolis, Md., on Wednesday afternoon. He promised them that class

would go on as scheduled Wednesday morning so that students could review for a test on next Monday.

Edmonds said that Fine Arts students will hold a memorial service for Cooper.

"One thing is certain: the students will not be affected," Edmonds said.

"That's the legacy of the theater — the show must go on, painful as it may be. Ted would be the last person to let us stop the show. His legacy is alive in the students."

## Drinkers Beware



Photo by Aida Mulaneh

Students express growing concern about the safety of the District's water supply and the need to purchase bottled water. STORY: A6.

## NOI barred from School of 'B'

World Day of Atonement seminar precludes March anniversary

By Lisa Prince  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University is no stranger to the Nation of Islam. But last Thursday night, leaders from Louis Farrakhan's organization hosting a World Day of Atonement seminar were greeted by barred doors in the business school auditorium.

"The stories kept changing. 'We didn't have enough security,' or our room request form was invalid because we listed one speaker instead of two," said David Muhammad, Nation of Islam campus spokesman. "Dr. [Steve] Favors (vice president for student affairs) did not want Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad (NOI spokesman) to speak on campus."

Dr. Favors had not responded to the allegations at press time, but Belinda Watkins, Director of Student Activities, said she would have had no problem approving Alim Muhammad to speak.

"With increased publicity surrounding Alim Muhammad, different protocols such as increased security should have been taken. If he had said Alim Muhammad was coming, I would have approved it. The issue was not the speaker, the issue was he did not list him on the request for the facility," Watkins said.

The event, billed as a post-Million Man March seminar. Muhammad said the School of Business auditorium was reserved and confirmed for Sept. 19 by the University Scheduling Office.

Fliers hung for a week announcing the affair with the scheduled speakers, the Rev. James



Photo by Jeffery Owens

NOI leaders met locked doors on Howard's campus when attending a post-Million Man March seminar.

Bevel, World's Day of Atonement International Coordinator and Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad.

But on the day of the program, Muhammad said he was informed by University security that they were not allowed in the School of Business.

"The form that I signed had Dr. James Bevel on it and when I talked to David, I asked him if this was the speaker he said Bevel was going to be there he did not show me the flier advertising both Dr. Bevel and Alim Muhammad," said Belinda Watkins, director of Student Activities. "I approved the request for an event with James Bevel. I did not approve it for Bevel and Muhammad."

The forum moved to the Blackburn Center after students

petitioned Raymond Archer, dean of student life.

According to Archer, the Mosque on campus failed to follow the proper procedures for allowing a figure such as Alim Muhammad on campus.

"David did not properly describe the event on his form to the Student Activities. He was approved for Bevel but not for Alim, and Alim's name was not mentioned prior to the posting of fliers, which in the opinion of Student Activities did not reflect the request for the speaker," Archer said.

But Dr. Alim Muhammad said the program suffered in the end.

"We lost a lot of people with the room change and time because the

See NOI, A3.

## Holocaust Memorial Museum honors Black Olympic athletes in exhibit

By April Turner  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Sixty years after they straddled their way to victory and triumphed over racial discrimination at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, African-American athletes and their heroic stories are being immortalized in an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute.

To coincide with the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum is featuring a traveling exhibit, "The Nazi Olympics Berlin 1936," which explores the political controversy that surrounded the '36 Games.

George Mason University professor David Wiggins spoke at the exhibit last week and discussed the role Black athletes played in the 1936 Olympic Games.

"To argue that we should have boycotted the games because of Nazi leader Adolph Hitler was hypocritical,

because of the racism going on back home," Wiggins said.

The Hitler-led Nazi party attempted to use the Games as a stepping stone to prove its dominance in the athletic and political arenas. But the success of American athletes, particularly African-American athletes, crushed any and all Nazi attempts to tout racial superiority.

Wiggins' lecture also focused on the exclusion of Jews from the Games, the proposed U.S. boycott of the Games and the Black press reaction to the controversy.

The lecture shed light on the blatant racism that African Americans experienced in both the United States and Germany.

For example, African Americans only competed in three sports: track and field, boxing and weightlifting.

Wiggins said many people believed that African American athletes possessed certain "innate" physiological gifts that allowed them to excel in certain sports.

See MUSEUM, A6.

## NAACP lawyer to speak at today's opening convocation

By Reginold Royston  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University has had a long tradition of partnership with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, graduating such prominent figures to its executive board as Thurgood Marshall.

Today that tradition continues as its top lawyer, Elaine Jones, speaks at the 129th Convocation ceremony.

The 1965 Arts and Science alumna was the first Black woman to graduate from the University of Virginia School of Law after leaving Howard cum laude.

Jones later rose through the ranks of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People during the 1970s and 1980s



Elaine Jones

to be the first female head of the organization's law division. She aided in a number of civil rights cases fought successfully by the NAACP such as Furman vs. Georgia in 1972, in which the death penalty was abolished in 37 states. In 1989, she joined the ranks of numerous famed Howard legal alumni, becoming the first Black woman to serve on the American Bar Association Board of Governors.

See CONVOCATION, A6.

# CAMPUS

## Homecoming events yet to be confirmed as opening day nears

Countdown  
23 days

By Janine Harper  
Hilltop Staff Writer

With fewer than three weeks until Homecoming and a staff of two weeks old, the 1996 lineup of performers and events for the 1996 Homecoming has yet to be confirmed.

At Hilltop press time, the Homecoming Committee was still not able to say whether acts had been finalized or give the names of signed performers, claiming that the interested artists have not been signed as of yet.

The Homecoming Committee traditionally keeps this information from the public until just before the start of Homecoming week.

Vice chairman Kamau Stanford refused to comment as did Chairwoman Nicola Claggett, redirecting all inquiries to the PR staff of the Steering Committee.

"Some things are still in the workings point blank and period," said member of the Steering Committee Trevia Daniels.

Howard Homecoming, which historically draws thousands of alumni and spectators, is now 23 days before the first scheduled event.

The members of the Homecoming staff have been instructed not to speak to the press since the shake-up of the Executive Homecoming Committee staff earlier this month, which resulted in the firing of two members

of the executive staff and the resigning of key committee members.

Daniels, director of broadcast media and campus publications claims: "What is imperative is the student homecoming committee and the student community to work together."

While students around campus are gearing up for the week of Oct. 20, some are concerned that events are still not confirmed.

"The committee needs to get their act together and act like professional business people," said Marcus Brown, a junior administration of justice major. "Put aside all the petty matters and put on good show."

Royce Sullivan, a sophomore psychology and music major, said she believes the new Homecoming staff can avoid the same personality conflicts that plagued the old Steering Committee.

"Things may come together better if the Homecoming Committee puts workers in positions," Sullivan said.

The new Homecoming staff, under the direction of Claggett, has spent the last few weeks making final preparations for this year's events, completing most of their plans in record time despite the loss of major points on their agenda, Stanford said.

Tryouts for the Yard Fest and the Industry and Amateur Showcase will be held Saturday and Sunday. The Homecoming Steering Committee is looking for deejays, dancers, singers and other performers.

"We've received a lot of demos from Howard and out-of-town talent," Stanford said.

Check out the latest in HU Homecoming info from the 1996 Homecoming Steering Committee Staff at [www.cldc.howard.edu/~hcoming/](http://www.cldc.howard.edu/~hcoming/)

Nicole Ballinger contributed to this report.

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*--Marcus Brown, a junior administration of justice major*

### "Rebirth" Homecoming Week

#### Sunday:

The traditional Call to Chapel at Rankin Chapel. Gospel Concert.

#### Monday:

The Mr. and Ms. Howard Pageant.

#### Tuesday:

Comedy Show.

#### Wednesday:

"Industry and Amateur Showcase." Up-and-coming artists and music talent from national and local acts. Replaces the Rhythm & Poetry Ciphers.

#### Thursday:

Homecoming Fashion Show. Tyra Banks will appear on campus to give autographs for a fundraiser.

#### Friday:

Yard Fest with *Vibe* magazine's the *Vibe* Ride trailer on campus. \*Chaka Khan, R&B show at night.

#### Friday:

Howard Bison vs. North Carolina A&T at R.F.K. Stadium.

\*Greek Step Show at the D.C. Armory.

\*Hip Hop Concert, tentative.

## Operation Vote Bison goes south

### Freedom Riders-style voter registration campaign set for the Carolinas

By Reginold Royston  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard student leaders and activists finalized plans this week for a volunteer campaign that will bring the vote to underrepresented Blacks in South Carolina much in the same way the "Freedom Riders," student activists in the '60s attempted to break down the walls of segregation during the Civil Rights era.

Operation Vote Bison, in partnership with the National Coalition of Black Voter Participation's Black Youth Vote and National Youth Empowerment, will be gathering members of Black student governments from Howard,

sent at the polls how to have effect on the politics around them.

"What we really focus on is colleges and the communities surrounding them," Rogers said. "Colleges are very accessible, there's a lot of brothers off campus that need to be reached well."

While the HUSA effort to have more students registered to vote has netted over 2,000 people, cutting the voter education effort, Operation Vote Bison has been more difficult.

Forums with influential political speakers hosted by the student government has attracted few students at a time where Black leaders contend that an informed African-American vote needs

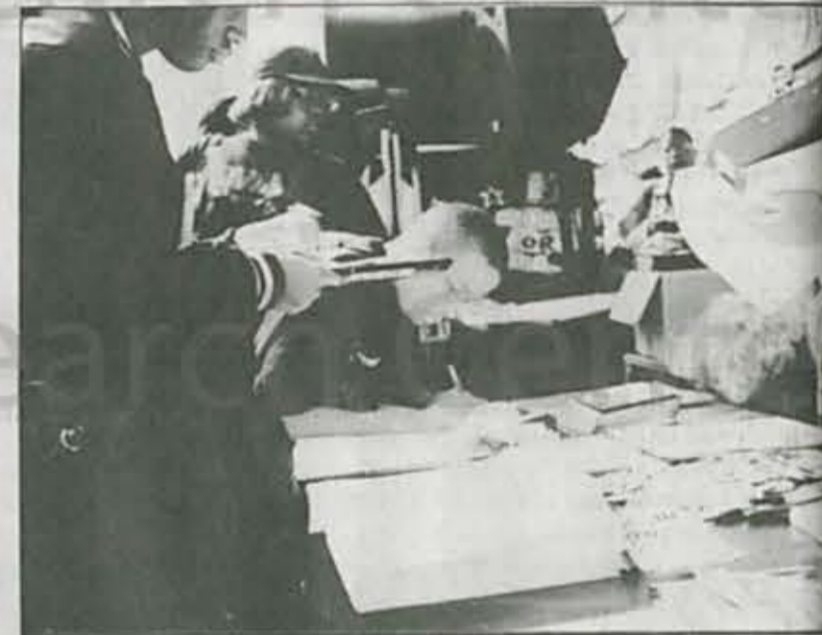


Photo by Aida Muluneh  
Howard students registering to vote at the MTV voter registration bus. Next week, HUSA plans a freedom ride for voters.

## Students race toward the sun in energy car competition for engineering school

By Lisa Prince  
Hilltop Staff Writer

A silver bullet races across the desert sands. The four-wheeled vehicle only needs to stop to allow its driver to rest; its solar panels power the specially designed engine for hours without refueling. A small label on the car's exterior tells its place of origin — Howard University.

A new project by Howard students in the School of Engineering is attempting to shine the spotlight on Historically Black Colleges and Universities' role in the energy sources for the next century.

A group of 30 students from all schools at the University, have joined to form the Howard University Solar Vehicle Team, which will compete in a biennial 1,000 mile cross-country "Sunrayce."

The event races single-passenger vehicles covered with solar cells, which turn sunlight into energy, begins June 19 from Indianapolis and ends June 28 in Denver. When senior Chris

Marshall heard about schools like American and Georgetown competing in the race every year, he asked why the nation's largest Black college could not get involved.

"Chris felt that Howard, being the leading Black university, needed to compete in this program and encouraged other HBCUs to compete," said David Toler, a senior electrical engineering major who works on the car.

Marshall petitioned renowned physicist Michael Spencer, a professor at Howard to work on the project and he immediately agreed at the chance to give HU students some time in the sun.

"This opportunity gives Howard a chance to receive corporate as well as national publicity," Spencer said. "They have a chance to show the talents of their students and faculty."

The Sunrayce project is sponsored by the Department of Energy, Electronic Data Systems and General Motors. By donating money and materials and holding seminars on production management, these agencies help cut the building cost of the solar car that can cost from \$75,000 to \$1 million.

Forty-one schools enter the Solar Vehicle Com-

petition ranging from MIT to Ohio State University. All the schools participate in informational seminars, press conferences and conventions to publicize their project. Howard's solar team has already traveled to press conferences in Indianapolis and Pennsylvania and to the national convention of the National Society of Black Engineers in Baltimore.

Ruby Mays, the public relations and marketing manager for the 1997 solar vehicle team, is currently meeting with officials and presenting proposals to different companies for possible sponsorship.

"The companies have been very receptive and interested in our solar vehicle team," Mays said. "People don't realize that these students are building a car from scratch. When you get into buying shocks and exhaust pipes, it's gets very expensive."

Howard's project is a multidisciplinary approach. The construction of "The Bison," the solar car that will represent Howard in the competition next year, will include work from Howard's Schools of Engineering, Communications, Business and Fine Arts.

### Around the Campus

## Class of 2000 ranks among highest

Along with a fresh coat of paint and renovations on campus this Fall, Howard's latest edition to the freshman class of 2000 brings with it high honors among previous generations of students.

The 1,297-member freshmen body, up 20 percent from last year's dismal enrollment of 1,085 ranks among the highest SAT scores received by an incoming class in Howard's 129-year history.

The average class score was 939 on last year's SAT format or 1,043 on the College Board's newly revised exam. This is a marked increase from last year's average score of 903.

"Some of the top students in the country are attracted to Howard because of the excellence of the academic program here," said President H. Patrick Swygert.

"They see the traditional strengths of our core curriculum as well as the renewed vigor that is evident in our investment in new research and technology."

The class also includes 96 National Achievement Scholars, compared to last year's 44 — an increase which will probably make Howard the number one institution in the country in attracting the much sought-after National Achievement Scholars.

There are also two National Merit Finalists in the freshman class this year.

#### HU ranked 19th as 'Best Buy'

A host of accolades has been levied on the University as it welcomes the Class of 2000 this year, earning a top ranking in *Money* magazine's recent annual "Best College Buy" issue. Howard earned a rank of 19th on the list of top schools in the nation, moving up from the 38th spot last year.

September's issue of *Money* ranks colleges and universities around the nation for value on the basis of cost and academic quality.

the University of the District of Columbia, Georgetown, American and George Washington University for a rally for Black colleges in Raleigh, N.C., Oct. 4 and 5.

Representatives of Black student leadership will join with student leaders from North Carolina A&T, Bennett College and South Carolina State University to protest recent cuts in funding to state schools that are predominantly Black by state lawmakers.

"We control more than we think we do, but we don't act like it," said Sinclair Skinner, a coordinator for Operation Vote Bison. "We have more control over what the University does, what Congress does. We have the power but we don't actualize it."

Setting up registration booths at D.C. nightclubs and area forums as well as being present for such events as this summer's Greek Festival in Philadelphia, the Black Family Reunion Day and the MTV music awards, Operation Vote Bison has tried to achieve the greater goal of informing voters about their role in the political process.

This latest effort in North and South Carolina will complete a week's worth of voter registration drives and awareness campaigns.

The National Council of Black Mayors organized the effort and has designated Oct. 1-7 as Black Youth Vote Week.

National coordinator for Black Youth Vote, Dennis Rogers, said that getting college students to spearhead voter participation is vital to mobilizing the vote across the nation.

Through partnerships with student unions around the country, Rogers said students can show those historically underrepre-

influence the election process year.

"It's going to take an institutional approach where the Administration makes themselves more a part of process, instead of students reinventing the wheel every four years," Skinner said.

Operation Vote Bison is trying to recruit a large group of voters to participate in the protest and getting Blacks to participate in South Carolina.

Buses to take at least 50 D.C. area students, hotel accommodations and meals are being provided for by both Black Youth Voter and National Youth Empowerment.

Tentatively one bus has been scheduled to leave to meet up with protesters in North Carolina.

Three others are scheduled to leave from D.C. at 7 p.m. Friday night and head straight to Rod hill, South Carolina for the second phase of Operation Vote Bison's southern journey: to register voters in conservative South Carolina Republican Strom Thurmond's district where Black voter participation is lowest in the country.

"All eyes are on D.C., especially now that it's election year," Skinner said. "When a student from South Carolina looks at us, he's saying 'They have to know what's going on in D.C.' There's so much we have access to here and so many people are dependent on us. We hold the keys to a lot and we take it for granted."

Students interested in joining the campaign to North and South Carolina contact N. Eames for Operation Vote Bison at 806-7007 or Dennis Rogers of the National Coalition for Black Voter Participation at 659-4949.

# CAMPUS PLUS

## Poor facilities at Undergraduate Library upset students, University promises action

By Karine Mehu  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Undergraduate Library officials finally answered the call placed months ago by the students regarding faulty equipment, but many students are still fed up.

"We are trying to make service more efficient," said Audrey Thompson, senior supervisor of serials in the Undergraduate Library. "We have purchased three new microfilm readers and more are expected."

For the past two weeks, three of four Sterling On-line Database Computers have been out of order. Four of nine microfilm and microfiche readers have been unable to

produce copies or produce the image of text on screen.

"Because so many are out of order, when it's packed in here I can't do my work," junior marketing major Brian Coleman said.

Many library workers share the feelings of the students.

"My co-workers and I all feel that the machines should be replaced," Library Assistant Penny Jones said. "It's hard enough to find the materials and then the machines don't even work."

Many students, like the Garrison twins, are used to the lack of available resources in the Undergraduate Library.

"It happens every year," Senior



Photo by Karine Mehu

Despite the tentative 24-hour library schedule, students say the Undergraduate Library must continue efforts to upgrade.

political science major Lamont Garrison said. "It's not the employees fault but it's a shame."

"The University just doesn't take the students seriously," Senior Lawrence Garrison said. "It's tri-

pling, they just don't maintain the machines."

During a meeting between the newly implemented contractor and library officials, Chelton Johnson, head technician of the Undergraduate Library was asked to comment on the matter.

"Well, we are now in the process of obtaining new machines," Johnson said. "A Canon microprinter with laser printing and universal cartridges are being installed right now. This will allow a student to switch from microfilm to microfiche easier and quicker."

Some students stand behind the University's actions.

The use of other library facilities elsewhere has now become preva-

lent among Howard University students.

"I go to The Library of Congress and Martin Luther King Jr. Library," Sophomore Ledra Jones said. "I shouldn't have to do that to complete any assignments."

"Hopefully the new systems will be available for use soon," Sophomore biology major Arnell Jackson said. "I'll be glad to finally stay at Howard to research my assignments."

As she walked away from another out of order sign Jones lamented, "Why is the library like this? Is it because we are a Historically Black College? No, it's because we are mismanaged."

## UGSA holds fund-raiser for destroyed Black churches

By Russell Rickford  
Hilltop Staff Writer

At the onset of the summer, a slew of alarming news stories surfaced that left African-American communities reeling. Arsonists were destroying Black churches.

As the weeks went on, the media reported that scores of churches had in fact been firebombed in the last year and a half, and President Clinton launched a federal investigation as angry African-American religious leaders and their congregations called for justice.

Most Howard students learned of the epidemic of fires as they were setting out on vacations and beginning internships, jobs or summer school.

By the time they returned for the fall semester, the coverage of the rebuilding efforts in the blazes' aftermath had largely subsided.

Now, Undergraduate Student Assembly officials say they are aiming to revive concern for the victimized Black churches with a nighttime rally set for next weekend.

UGSA, the programming branch of student government, has announced a student "Sleep Out" in spiritual and financial support for the burned Black churches.

Money raised by the program, which will take place in Burr Gymnasium from 11:30 p.m. Saturday, October 5 to 4:30 the following morning, will benefit a single, yet unidentified church, representatives said.

"Howard students have an oblig-

ation to support those [burned] churches," UGSA Coordinator Danette Gerald said. "And UGSA is in the business of providing students with quality programs that entertain and educate. We want to enable students to take action."

The "Sleep Out," part of UGSA's collaboration with the relief housing group Habitat for Humanity, will feature an address by Benjamin Chavis, head of the National African-American Leadership Summit.

Although Chavis will speak about fighting racial hatred and the future of Black churches, the benefit will not be a somber affair, according to UGSA officials.

An admission fee of five dollars will include a deejay, a poetry recital and refreshments. UGSA is also hoping to confirm a performance by KRS-1, representatives said.

According to UGSA Vice Coordinator Todd Triplett, the benefit gathering will help "raise the consciousness of the Howard family," and set an example for Black college students across the country.

"Our goal is to reestablish Howard as an ideological and visible leader in the struggle for human rights," he said.

The hours of the "Sleep Out" are the same hours in which many of the churches were burned. The concept, Triplett said, is one of vigilance and awareness.

But do not be fooled by the program's title, he warned: "Get your sleep before you come.

## Big brothers, big sisters are helping community

By LaWanda Amaker  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Wanted: A role model, mentor, a lending ear, someone who is caring and fun. Fitting this description is a requirement for those interested in being a HUSA Big Brother or Big Sister. Payment for this job is self-satisfaction.

"Seeing my little brothers' progress is reward enough," said Bobby Caballero, senior and director of HUSA's Big Brother/Big Sister Program.

Caballero has three little brothers because of the shortage of male volunteers. He wants to encourage the football and wrestling teams as well as all the fraternities to participate.

The Big Brother/Big Sister places Howard students with children in the community ranging from ages 5-13. Students are grouped with same gender children because some kids may feel

more comfortable asking the same sex about their bodies and emotions.

This year, over 120 students have volunteered to participate in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program. Caballero said that the freshmen this year have been very enthusiastic and involved in the program. To be considered as Big Brother or Big Sister, students had to complete an application and sign a pledge form saying that he or she will not use profane language or engage in any inappropriate activity around the children.

Kyeida Rogers, a sophomore and former Big Sister stressed the importance of knowing where you are going.

"To be a successful big brother or sister you should have some sense of direction," Rogers said. "You should know what you want to do with your life and how your decisions will effect those around you."

Rogers' little sister was five and she helped her with the alphabet,



Photo by Zertine Hughes

"Seeing my little brothers' progress is reward enough," said Bobby Caballero, director of HUSA's Big Brother/Big Sister Program.

numbers and read her stories.

Clayton Miller, the 13-year-old little brother of Caballero says he would not trade him for anything.

"We go places like the basketball courts, roller-skating, plays and museums," Miller said. "Bobby (Caballero) also taught me to respect people."

According to Caballero, the parents of children like Clayton agree that big brothers and sisters are heaven sent. They love the pro-

gram and are glad that Howard students are involved in their community, he said.

However, there is more than interaction between a brother or sister and a single child. Many big brothers and sisters get involved with all the kids. As an organization, the Big Brother/Big Sister program has planned various activities such as a 93.9 FM WKYS tour, AidsWalk and Youth-Fest '96.

## University safety officials say Slowe and Carver dormitories will be safer for Howard students

By Lolly Bowean  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Residents of Slowe and Carver Halls may soon have improved security, campus officials say.

The Rev. James Coleman, assistant dean for student development, Lawrence Dawson, chief of campus police, and Howard University police officers met with residents of both dorms to address security problems that have been occurring.

The meeting was held in response to two reported robberies at Carver Hall and reported vandalism of student's cars, said Dawson.

"Thugs in the neighborhood find students to be a rich source," Dawson said.

From NOI, A1

program began an hour later," Muhammad said. "We were not aware that we must list all the speakers and the outline of their speeches when reserving a room."

Dr. Muhammad, said he was not offended by the situation. He said these things happen when you start a real movement.

"They are not banning me personally, its what I represent. I represent the proper education," which the University does not, Dr. Muhammad said.

But some in attendance weren't

Howard police told residents that they should travel in groups at night and not wear excessive jewelry. Residents were also warned not to leave valuables visible in their cars.

"We may be a bit late, but we're starting," Dawson said of the University's response. "We need your help. You've got to travel in groups, use the shuttle bus and minimize your movement at night." Dawson added that students need to use the well traveled areas.

"Cutting through the alley and taking short cuts is not the safest way," he said. "We are not trying to scare you, we are just trying to make you aware."

The number of campus police officers will increase from 86 to 94 by October and more blue boxes

will be added to help improve security on and off campus.

Residents can also expect to see immediate security improvements within the dorms, Coleman said.

"We are going to firm up our security in both dorms and have the resident's assistants monitor the floors," Coleman said. "We will also have one to two tables set up to regulate visitors. And residents will have to use their security cards to enter the buildings so non residents cannot enter."

Despite these new measures some students are still not impressed.

"You see the guards eating, sleeping and watching television along with the residents here, so it makes you question the security," said Imani Johnson, a resident of

Slowe Hall. "Security here is not at a good place right now, so it can only get better in the future."

In response to students' concerns, campus police have already begun patrolling the area and surveillance cameras have been ordered to be installed in the dorms.

"The officers are patrolling Slowe and Carver and are spending more time in the area," Dawson said. "We have the police van (parked on the corner of Elm and 3rd Streets) which offers visibility and shows the neighborhood thugs that there are police around."

Dorm residents are encouraged to report any unwanted behavior to the campus police by calling (202) 806-1100.

Million Man March anniversary.

"The Million Man March was geared toward the African-American male because we were in the most need of Atonement at that time," David Muhammad said. "Our children have been desensitized by reoccurring presence of murder. Young people need to learn to feel and experience mourning correctly."

"Over the past years, the Nation of Islam has had controversial problems, but our programs are not to vilify anyone," he said. "Our goal is to develop people's character and enhance their minds."

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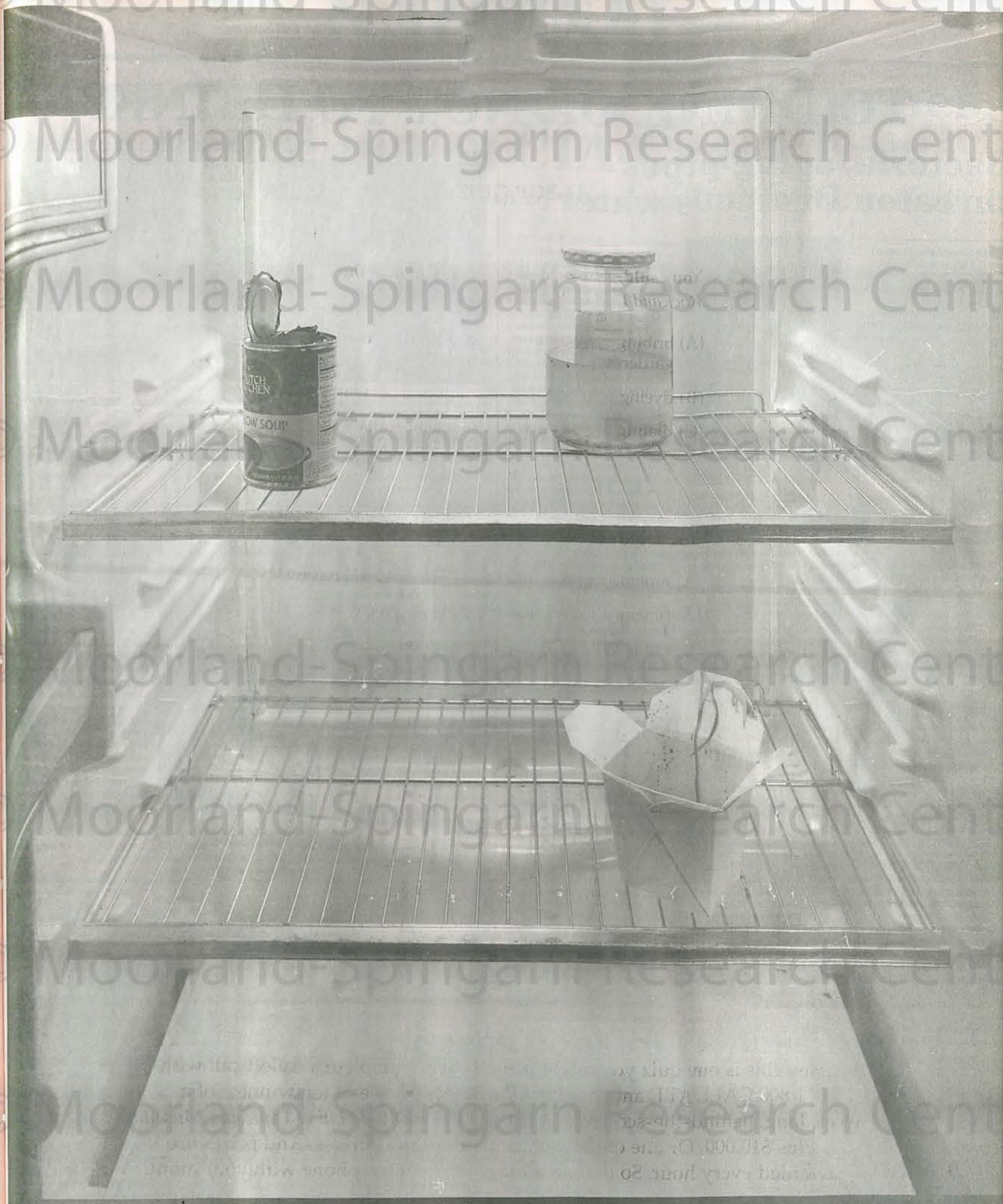
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# LOCAL

## TO DRINK OR NOT TO DRINK?

### Bacteria, aging pipes threaten District's water

By Christopher Winfield  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Is the District of Columbia's water safe to drink?

City officials, environmental groups, and residents have debated the answer to this question for years.

In June, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an advisory for people with weakened immune systems, including the elderly and AIDS patients, asking them to boil their water before they drink it.

And recent monthly tests revealed high numbers of sickness-causing coliform bacteria in the District's water supply.

According to Curtis Cochrane, general manager of the District's Water Authority, the bulk of the city's water woes lies in its aging pipe lines.

"Two hundred out of the 1,296 miles of water main under the streets are over 100 years old," Cochrane said.

Most of the city's water mains are over 150 years old. And because many of the pipes are beginning to corrode, toxic microorganisms have begun to grow in them.

In July, the city's government launched a large-scale campaign to calm growing public skepticism about the purity and safety of the water. Mayor Marion Barry drank a glass of tap water on national television to prove his point.

Since then, the Army Corps of Engineers has increased the amount of chlorine in the water supply to kill the microorganisms, and now they report normal levels of the bacteria.

But some District residents still aren't convinced.

Hugh Brown, a senior citizen, buys six to eight gallons of spring water every week for drinking, cooking and brushing his teeth.

"They say it has improved, but I just don't feel safe with the tap water anymore," Brown said. "I'll continue to buy bottled water until I feel 90 to 95 percent safe."

Members of the scientific community are more wary of the dangers with microorganisms like coliform.

"The presence of total coliform is a possible health risk for the pop-



Photo by Jason Lewis  
Bacteria in the District's water has many Howard students searching for other alternatives.

ulation," said Broderick Eribo, a associate biology professor at Howard.

Nondeadly forms of coliforms in water might not hurt the human body by themselves, but they indicate the likely presence of more dangerous organisms such as Salmonella or Shigella in the water system, Eribo said.

Salmonella and Shigella are species of bacteria usually found in human and animal feces, which can cause extreme diarrhea and dysentery of the blood, and possibly lead to death.

But officials at the United States Army Corps of Engineers said there is no cause for public alarm about the safety of tap water.

"I believe that the water in D.C. is safe to drink, and residents should not be concerned," said Thomas Jacobs, general manager of plant operations for the Washington Aqueduct System. "I believe that the water in D.C. is safe to drink, and residents should not be concerned," Jacobs added.

Some District residents, however, aren't too worried about the matter.

"I haven't had any worries about it. I just let the water run for a while, just like I always have before I drink it," said Edith Bowman, a woman in her 70s.

Resident Alberta Faulkner said that she will "still drink from the water fountain," but only if she

passes one at church. "I don't do anything but drink the water. I haven't had a problem," she said.

Jacobs does not deny the presence of microorganisms in monthly tests. But he said the growth of biological life forms in the water may have occurred after filtration and disinfecting at treatment plants during the distribution stage of the water system.

While the Army Engineers of the Washington aqueduct are responsible for the treatment of the water, the DC Water and Sewer Authority is responsible for the distribution.

In most major cities, water mains periodically undergo a "flushing," in which nonmoving water in dead-end mains is allowed to exit the system.

According to Cochrane, before 1993, the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority had not flushed the mains in 20 years.

"In the last few years, District politicians have treated this water thing as if they were playing a game," said Paul Schwartz, director of east coast operations at Clean Water Action. "They've begun hitting the mole with a little money at a time whenever his head pops up, but that's not going to work."

High levels of coliform bacteria showed up on safety tests from June to August of this year.

But the District government and the Army Corps of Engineers say they're working on a long-term plan to correct these problems.

"We're currently getting together a plan to prioritize replacement of older mains and sediment scraping of ones that don't need to be replaced," Cochrane said.

While Cochrane wasn't able to cite the cost of the plan, he did, however, mention that the plan would take 20 years to complete.

But some area residents may have lost their trust in the water system and its administration.

"I don't feel it is safe. They always seem to have something leak into the water," said Sandra Mason of Oxon Hill. "When I come to work in D.C., I never drink anything from the tap. Either they don't have the manpower to maintain the system like they should, or it's just negligence."

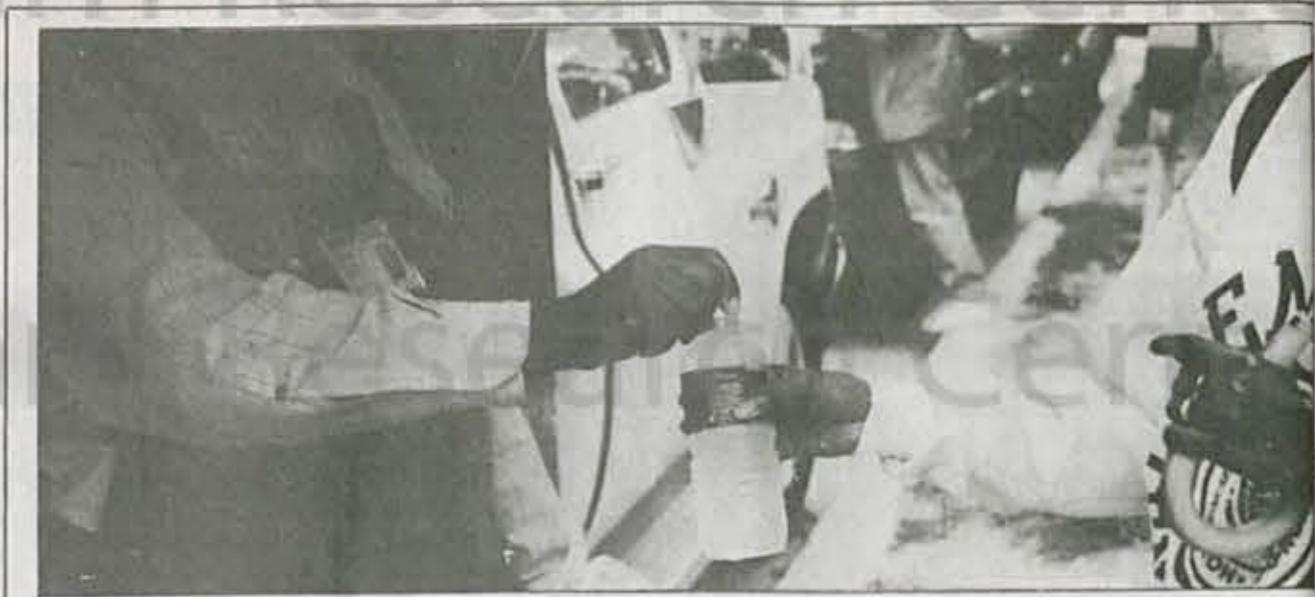


Photo by Jason Lewis  
At Howard University, many students buy their water from local vendors instead of using the tap.

### Students say buying water is better

By Aprill Turner  
Hilltop Staff Writer

It's Saturday and Shenelle Williams, 18, is doing her weekly routine. She's up and ready to march almost a mile to the nearest grocery store in oppressive heat, just to get a bottle of water.

But Williams isn't alone. In fact, many Howard University students are scrambling to find other sources of water to get away from the tap.

And why not? Who would want to drink what is arguably the nation's worst-tasting water?

"I'd rather buy all of my drinking water. I'd don't like the taste of water around here," said junior Juan Mack.

Mack said that he spends between four and six dollars weekly on bottled water.

"The water in D.C. looks clean at first, but until you put it in a glass and really look at it, it's unclean

and nasty, which is why I buy my water," said freshman Germaine Brown.

But while many students spend roughly \$20 a week buying bottled water, others find more economical ways of getting their

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water.

Tiffany Durden, a freshman, uses a purifying system for her water. "It is cheaper in the long run to purify my water than to buy bottled water," Durden said.

While many Howard students say that buying water is as natural as buying toilet paper, others say that buying bottled water is absolutely an unnecessary waste of money.

But local grocers say the purifying water-hungry college students are among their most valued customers.

And those students whose financial means are anything but inflated find more economical ways of getting their water.

"I bought a Brita Filtration System," freshman Shenelle Williams said. "I can't see going out to buy water whenever I need it."

There are even more students who take a totally different route when it comes to finding affordable and clean drinking water.

"It costs too much to go out and buy water, or to even purchase a purifying system," said sophomore Matthew Haynes. "All the water that I drink I just boil on the stove first to make sure it is clean and free of waste and bacteria."

Shay Gilliam said no one should drink tap water.

"We can't trust the city. They tell us that the water is clean and they test it, but can we trust them?" Gilliam said.

### Moon Cafe sheds light on a dreary night

By Jonathan L. Wharton  
The Hilltop Connoisseur

Georgetown is arguably one of the most popular neighborhoods in the District. But trying to find a reasonable restaurant with good cuisine is not easy.

Georgetown is an expensive, whether it's for shopping or dining out. Yet, the Paper Moon Cafe, at 1073 31st Street NW, is a great find. The entrees are priced from \$8.95 to \$14.95, which is considered a good deal for Italian food.

Surprisingly, the restaurant is located on a quiet street off the hustle and bustle of M Street. The environment is trendy and plays a selection of current music. Art deco, open cafe windows and decorative cuisine is definitely the focus here.

"The atmosphere is different at Paper Moon," said restaurant manager Joe Gawad. "We have a dance floor, a bar and an Italian flair here."

A look at the menu will confuse any connoisseur.

There are so many dishes offered at the restaurant. Their specialties include lasagna, pasta cuisine in large bowls, and seafood dishes.

In fact, Paper Moon has half of a lobster dish with pasta and a seafood combination linguini. They also have chicken and veal parmesan, which are excellent choices.

For wine suggestions, please include a sauvignon or a glass of chardonnay. Salads are hearty, tasty and a little pricey for an appetizer. For dessert there is a very rich mousse, which hits the spot.

"Our meals are traditional of central Italy and brings a flavor to each customer's taste for Italian," Gawad

said. Friendliness is not one of their strong suits, but the service is efficient. Their food prices are reasonable.

Still, Paper Moon Cafe is worth it if you are in Georgetown on the weekends. The Hilltop Connoisseur rates this restaurant a B.

#### Restaurant Rating

Accessibility	8
Welcome/Greeting	7
Table Preparation	8
Overall Environment	9
Menu Selection	10
Meal Portions	8
Food Preparation	9
Taste of Food	9
Service	7
Cost	9
Overall Rating	84

From CONVOCATION, A1

Every year, the President hosts a convocation where he outlines the objectives and goals of the school year to the University community.

Today's ceremony, at 11 a.m. in Cramton Auditorium, will be broadcast on Howard's commercial radio station 96.3 WHUR FM. WHMM, channel 32, will broadcast the ceremonies Sunday at 7 p.m.

From MUSEUM, A1

In 1935, Howard University alumnus Montague Cobb began conducting experiments that disproved the myth that African-Americans possessed "special gifts" that allowed them to excel in certain sports, Wiggins said.

Montague's experiments also proved how well an individual performs has nothing to do with race or "special gifts," but rather sociological factors.

"I think that it was a very intriguing discussion. It addressed some major issues in the African-American community with retrospect to the image of athletics and Black athletes today," said Marie Jones, who attended the lecture.

"I found both the museum and the discussion interesting, it really shed new light on the 1936 Olympic Games that I hadn't really thought of before," Marcus Smalls a visitor to the museum said.

### Foundation axes grant to D.C. public schools

The National Science Foundation nixed a lucrative \$18.5 million grant that was intended to boost math and science test scores in the District's public schools.

Foundation officials said that even after school administrators received repeated warnings from federal officials who alleged mismanagement, school administrators did not attempt to clean up their act.

In its warnings, the federal government claimed school administrators hired incompetent people to run the program, which targets school districts with large populations of underprivileged minority students.

Roughly \$14.5 million was left in the five-year grant. "The implosion of the system made us wonder if there was really anything in place there," a senior National Science Foundation official told *The Washington Post*. "It's not a good way for us to spend taxpayer dollars."

Foundation officials said that Washington Public Schools received more money than any other city. Other cities that received the grant include Detroit, Mich.; Chicago, Ill; and El Paso, Texas.

### Bell Atlantic sued by African-American employees

Forty-eight African-American current and former employees of Bell Atlantic Corp. charged racial discrimination last week in a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court.

The company "engaged in a pattern and practice of discriminating" against Blacks in its promotion and work assignment practices, the suit said.

The suit also claims the company urged Blacks to enter low-paying jobs, cutting them out of any chances of future advancement in the corporate structure.

In addition, the suit claims that Black employees are reprimanded much more harshly than White employees.

All of the 48 employees are from the Washington Metropolitan area.

### Local mother, child allowed to return to the U.S.

Both houses of Congress approved legislation last week that virtually cleared the way for Elizabeth Morgan, 48, and her 14-year old daughter to return to the United States after they fled this country several years ago to get away from the girl's father, Eric A. Foretich, who allegedly sexually abused the younger Morgan.

Elizabeth Morgan, a former Washington plastic surgeon, served 25 months in a District jail because she refused to allow her ex-husband, to visit their daughter because he sexually-harassed her, she said.

Foretich denies the charges.

After her release from prison in 1989, Morgan and her daughter left for New Zealand, where the daughter was placed under the jurisdiction of New Zealand courts.

"This feels like a miracle," Morgan said in a recent interview. "We've been through a lot. I think we're both really overwhelmed with gratitude and trying to take it in," she said.

Source: *The Washington Post*  
Compiled by Steven Gray

Find out what's going on in the District. Write for the  
Local Page

# NATIONAL

## Former narcotics agent gives names, dates to document CIA-Crack link Agent says he kept detailed journals of the drug trafficking activity

By Oluoyemi Falade  
Hilltop Staff Writer



A former federal narcotics agent stepped forward Monday to provide evidence that confirms a recent investigation linking the Central Intelligence Agency to the crack explosion in urban America.

At a press conference at the J.W. Marriott here, Celerino Castillo — who served in the Drug Enforcement Administration from 1979 to 1991 — said he kept detailed journals on files documenting CIA agent's payoffs to Contras, and false passports being given to drug lords. Castillo who served in Peru, Guatemala and El Salvador, distributed these documents, which contained file numbers, informant numbers, and names of U.S. citizens involved in drug trafficking in El Salvador at the conference.

the drug sales went to the Contras, the documents support the revelations published in the *San Jose Mercury News* last month. The report described how the CIA-backed Contra army smuggled cocaine into the United States. The drugs were allegedly sold to Los Angeles gang leaders to raise money to help the army overthrow a communist Nicaraguan government. The newspaper reported that the influx of cut-rate cocaine into L.A. neighborhoods led to the crack-cocaine explosion across the nation and provided the money for gangs to buy automatic weapons. "Ten million dollars was found in a Swiss bank account under Oliver North's name," Castillo said. "The CIA gets all the money it needs. You

as a public should demand to know what they did with that money." This is not the first time Castillo has sought to tell his story. He said he appeared on *Dateline* two years ago, but the press "was not trying to hear me." Castillo said that countless other agents have told him that if they are subpoenaed, they would testify against the agency. Dick Gregory and Joe Madison, who were arrested two weeks ago for leading a protest at the entrance to a CIA building, also attended the news conference. "The CIA and the DEA instituted the worst form of slavery in the Black community — chemical warfare," Gregory said. "We need more patriots like Castillo in our government agencies and communities."



Former DEA agent Celerino Castillo provided members of the press with evidence linking the CIA to major drug activity.

## On The Hill With Jonathan

### What REALLY Happened to Mike Espy?



#### How Washington spoiled a Black leader

Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy is in the news again. This time it's about one of his friends, Jack Williams, a lobbyist for Tysons Foods who was recently indicted by a federal grand jury for allegedly lying to the government. He had told investigators that Espy did not receive gifts from the corporation. You will remember two years ago when Espy — a Howard alum — was forced to resign from his position as one of the highest appointed Black officials in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Williams falsely denied that Espy was a guest of Tysons Foods owner Don Tyson. Tyson allegedly paid for a \$1,000 airline ticket for Espy's girlfriend to attend a Dallas Cowboys football game and a \$1,200 scholarship for her college education. The independent counsel investigating the situation, Donald Smaltz, has officially begun looking into Espy accepting gifts from the corporation, which happens to be one of the largest contributors to President Clinton's re-election campaign. Smaltz has already investigated \$9,000 in gifts from the Sun Diamond Growers of California. Still, one has to wonder what really happened to Mike Espy? I still like Mr. Espy, despite the terrible situation. Accepting gifts and paid trips by corporations that your agency oversees is a terrible ethical controversy. But one must understand Washington politics. When you are a congressman for years and you are accustomed to accepting gifts from lobbyists, it is difficult to become head of an agency and not continue to follow

the ways of Capitol Hill. Before the Gift Ban law was enforced this year, lawmakers could accept just about anything from lobbyists. Gifts ranged from mugs and T-shirts to cases of liquor and paid vacations and air-fares. Better yet, dinners, receptions and fancy banquets were a staple in this town for the politically rich. Senators and representatives were used to this lifestyle. And so was Mike Espy. Many Washington insiders say that when Espy was appointed Secretary of the Agriculture Department, he continued the traditions of being a lawmaker in this town. He accepted the gifts from corporations, and other interests. Still, going from the legislative branch to the executive branch is a different world. In the executive branch, there is no room for accepting anything from outside influences. It is a political no-no. But being in Congress, it is a part of the culture — or at least it used to be. (Now thanks to the Gift Ban law, lawmakers must declare items over \$5 in value and dinners attended.) Still, many would argue that Mike Espy is Black and being Black in public office, you are watched under the "political microscope." But being the first Black appointed head of the Agriculture Department includes even more attention. Washington is essentially waiting for you to mess up. I think Mike Espy was just used to the Washington political culture on the Hill and brought the culture to a different part of the government while being watched under the "political microscope." I hope Espy can bounce back, even though he is in the news again — in a negative light.

Jonathan L. Wharton is the Hilltop Political Columnist.

## Dole loses, gains points from students after fall

By April Turner  
Hilltop Staff Writer

After the laughter subsided last week, Bob Dole's notorious fall had the campus humming about whether the good-humored Republican presidential candidate's misstep will affect his chances of winning the White House. Dole fell off a four-foot high stage last week in Chico, Calif. The disaster took place when a decorative white railing that was not secured gave way as he reached to shake hands with supporters. The 73-year-old candidate suffered a minor eye irritation but was otherwise unhurt. Dole has continued to make light of the incident by joking about it. "First I want to say, don't be afraid of standing close to the stage," Dole teased at a rally on Sunday. "I'm not going to dive off

today. I was just trying to do that new Democratic dance, the Macarena. I'm not going to try that anymore." Photographers swarmed to take photos of the mishap. Controversial newspaper photos and television footage appeared in the media all across the country last week, painting a humiliating view of the fall. Some pictures show Dole in mid-fall or on the ground grimacing in pain. Even die-hard Clinton supporters complained that the newspapers had gone too far in their ridicule of Dole. Desmond Williams said he believes the photographs will hurt Dole's campaign. "Bob Dole was already trailing behind Clinton, and many people think he is very old," said Williams, an English major. "Any negative press he gets, especially of him falling, is embarrassing and it definitely won't help him." Freshman Marie Bavwidinski said

it did not hurt his campaign at all. "It was no big deal, it was an accident that could have happened to anyone, it just so happens that it was all caught on tape," Bavwidinski said. "People shouldn't read that much into it." Dole scored points with others because of his gracious handling of the incident. "If Bob Dole can take a fall and then get up and laugh at himself, it shows that he has good character and is a strong candidate for president," freshman Shontay Coleman said. Dole, who has no use of his right arm as a result of a World War II injury had no shortage of one-liners following the incident. "I think I just earned my third purple heart going over the rail," he said. When asked if he felt the fall meant he had a bad campaign day, Dole replied, "No. I got up didn't I?"



Photo courtesy of Dole-Kemp Campaign. Many students say Bob Dole's fall does not change their opinion of him.

Although Dole took a fall, at least he was not seriously hurt, physically that is. President Clinton continues to hold a hefty lead in the polls and shows no signs of letting up.

## Congress considers passing law to make English official language Critics say the bill discriminates against immigrants

By Cathleen Harrington  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Though more than 95 percent of American citizens speak English, it is not the official language. If some members of Congress have their way, this soon will change. The House recently passed the "English Language Empowerment Act of 1996." The bill, introduced by the late Bill Emerson, R-Mo., requires that all official government ceremonies — including naturalization ceremonies — be performed only in English. The House bill also has a provision that eliminates the requirement that bilingual voting information be distributed during elections. Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., introduced an identical bill that will soon be placed on the Senate floor for a vote. Eighteen other senators have signed on as co-sponsors for the bill. Both bills claim their purpose is

to help immigrants better assimilate and take full advantage of economic and occupation opportunities in the United States. But many Congressional Democrats, like Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., say that with a shortage of funding for programs to teach English, the bill is a thinly disguised assault on immigrants. "The Shelby act will not help anyone learn English," Becerra said. "If supporters of the Shelby amendment want people to learn English, they should adequately fund the programs that teach English." In addition to Congressional opposition, the bill has also come under fire from ethnic groups, including Native Americans. Native American groups say the bill would not adequately protect the use of indigenous languages,

which the federal government is obligated to protect. The Navajo Nation, the National Indian Education Association and the National Congress of American Indians strongly oppose the bill. But despite the Democrats' qualms about the bill, President Clinton may not side with his party on this issue. In 1987, as governor of Arkansas, Clinton signed a bill making English the official language in Arkansas. Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole favors the legislation. Dole has said that an official language is necessary to combat ethnic divisions that threaten American unity. "We need the glue of language to help hold us together," Dole said in *The Washington Post*. "If we want to ensure that all our children have the same opportunities in life, alternative language education should stop and English

should be acknowledged once and for all as the official language of the United States." Freshman Deonna Hester opposes the legislation. "I don't think it's fair to others who are in the country and natives who are here," said Hester, who is a physical therapy major. "They speak their language and [Congress] expects them to automatically know [English]. Most of them have to [have the opportunity] to learn it first." At least one international student had a differing view. Mohammed Fall, a graduate student from Saudi Arabia, agreed with the bill. "Each society needs one language to unite its people," Fall said. However, Fall said that government services should provide foreign language translation in courts, the Department of Motor Vehicles and police departments. "I would agree with providing a translator for those who can't speak English, especially for those who speak Spanish," Fall said.

*"If supporters of the Shelby amendment want people to learn English, they should adequately fund the programs that teach English."  
--Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif.*

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# ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT NEWS BRIEF #1

27 SEPTEMBER 1996

- **1 October**—Completed Financial Aid Documentation for Graduating Seniors Due

(Federal funds must be on account not later than 6 April 1997. Seniors with **incomplete** financial files will **not be cleared** for graduation.)

- **24 October**—Second Deferred Payment for Fall 1996 Due

[Students who do **not** make their second deferred payments by 24 October will be prohibited from participating in General Registration for Spring 1997. (General registration is *mandatory* for continuing students (i.e., any student officially enrolled during the Fall 1996 semester who will not graduate at the end of the Fall 1996 semester).]

- **28 October - 8 November**—General Registration for Spring 1997 (*Mandatory*)

[If you do **not** register during this mandatory period, but register at **any other time**, you will be charged a **late programmatic registration fee** of \$150. (You **must pay your outstanding account balance** to participate in General Registration.)]

- **15 November**—Paperwork for Spring 1997 Remission of Tuition, Assistantships/Fellowships, and Scholarship Recommendations Due

- **20 December**—First Deferred Payment for Spring 1997 Due

(Students who do **not** make their first deferred payments for Spring 1997 by 20 December will be charged a **late payment fee** of \$75.)

- **15 February**—Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Priority Deadline

(For best results, apply in early January. Complete only the renewal form if an initial form has been filed.)

- **10 March**—Second Deferred Payment for Spring 1997 Due

# INTERNATIONAL

## Center links Howard to the world

By Abiola Heyliger  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Coles said he is striving to increase student participation at IAC events now that the Center has a permanent location at 6th and Bryant streets.

"We've had several meetings with the directors of student organizations, especially the International Student Association here at Howard and we have some suggestions for programs that may be of interest to them [students]," Coles said. "But we are also soliciting students' views on programs that they would like to have and they are in the process of providing this information."

Faculty members are also welcome, said Coles who noted the Center will hold "activities largely directed towards faculty, highlighting HU research being done by HU professors."

Gretchen Cook, the new associate director of programs for the Center, wants students to be more involved in international issues since most are only concerned with their immediate world.

"We would like to see the Center become a place where students and faculty gather for various programs that better enhance their knowledge and understanding of the critical importance of international affairs. We really want the faculty and students to know that this is their Center."

To illustrate the quality of people the Center hosts, Cook mentioned that Condoleezza Rice, former International Security Council advisor to President Bush is expected to speak soon. Rice served as the principle advisor to the former president on Soviet matters.

The Center has had notable visitors over the last two years, Coles added.

"The Center also played a role in bringing Nelson Mandela to

Howard University in October 1994," Coles said.

Other speakers brought to HU by the Center include Nobel Prize Winner Derek Walcott; former Secretary of State, Larry Eagleburger and Prime Minister of Grenada, Keith Mitchell, to name a few.

IAC faculty wants to get students involved in executing programs they [students] want to see take place.

"We welcome all elements of the University to participate quite

actively. The only requirements we have (for faculty or student organizations that want to hold activities at the Center) is that the activities involve topics that are internationally oriented," Coles said.

"If the students feel they had some sense of ownership over some of the projects and programs that the Center is implementing," Cook said. "Then they [students] would help to galvanize the student body more. Word would get out by word of mouth."

The IAC has taken many measures to increase student participation and awareness of the Cen-

ter. "The Globe" — the Center's newsletter, is one such effort.

"The newsletter is a way of informing the HU community about activities that have taken place at the Center and upcoming activities that will be coming to the Center," Coles said.

The name was selected by students who were fellows at the Center.

Although Cook will serve as the overall coordinator and editor for "The Globe," Coles assures students that the newsletter will be

written by student fellows who work at the Center, but other student may contribute.

In addition to the newsletter, the IAC plans to utilize all HU resources to get their message out.

"We're going to utilize HU radio, putting a voice to our programs, as well as *The Hilltop* to make sure that students are aware of what we're doing. And then we're going to get the international student organizations involved in supporting our events," Coles explained.

"We are also going to get the word out by through the University's Quick Mail and World Wide

Web page. That would get the word out to the Howard community and beyond."

The IAC, funded primarily by the Kellogg Foundation, is a state of the art facility and has conference rooms of varying sizes for lectures or meetings.

The IAC's features "simultaneous interpretation and recording equipment that allows us to have conferences in three languages at the same time," Coles said. "Our computer equipment allows fellows and students to interface with the Internet."

The Center will soon also open a reference library on the first floor.

The Center has sponsored three major conferences since 1993: the "Economic Development in the African Diaspora" (with Lincoln University); "Transnationalization and Ethnicity in World Affairs" A summary of this conferences was written by former Howard Fellow, Dr. Elliot P. Skinner. "This is the first real publication of the Center and it was published at Howard University," Coles said. "And the U.S.-Caribbean Relations Conference, which featured the former president of Haiti as its keynote speaker."

The IAC has selected three new research fellows, five graduate student fellows and an undergraduate student fellow for its 1996-97 Fellowship Program.

Graduates from the program have gone on to Harvard Law School, Oxford University and



Photo by Aida Muluneh  
The International Affairs Center has a state of the art facility with conference rooms for lectures or meetings.



Photo by Aida Muluneh  
The International Affairs Center is located at 6th and Bryant streets.

University of Chicago. Fellowships are offered on an annual basis and the application process is very competitive, IAC officials say. The Center encourages students to apply early to be considered for the 1997-98 academic year.

Students can also use the IAC for general information.

"We will also be serving as a repository of information on international affairs internships, fellowships, full-time job opportunities," Coles said. "We get faxes in here from organizations around town and across the country that send us information on these things."

The Center plans to establish a database of E-mail addresses of interested students and faculty on the campus who wish to come to various events that the Center hosts.

"Putting the Center on the [University] map is not an overnight mission," Coles said. "It takes time and I think we're well on our way."

## Peace Corps volunteers assist developing countries Students gain knowledge valuable experience while working abroad

By Karen Thomas  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Glin was so impressed with the Peace Corps volunteers in Ghana that he vowed to sign up after graduation.

"I saw the commitment of those Peace Corps volunteers in Ghana. I thought this is a good opportunity for myself to help others who are less fortunate and a way to help Africa develop," said Glin, member of the Class of 1995.

Glin kept his promise and volunteered with the Peace Corps and is preparing to go to South Africa in 1997. As a student, Glin said he has always dedicated time to helping others, but now he will be up 27 months.

Coordinator for the Arlington Employment and Education Program, Glin teaches conversational English to immigrants and refugees from around the world.

Established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, the Peace Corps has sent more than 100,000 trained volunteers to 131 countries. There are now 6,633 volunteers serving in 92 countries.

Mission of the Peace Corps is to assist developing countries in training men and women for certain jobs and to help promote a better understanding of

Americans and other people of the world.

Kamila Alexander, a recent Howard graduate, is also putting her new degree to work as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador where she is working as a health and nutrition advisor. Alexander is one of four Howard alumni who are serving in the fight against hunger, disease, poverty and lack of opportunity in developing countries through the Peace Corps. The other alumni, are also serving in areas of health and nutrition in Nicaragua, business and development in Chad (West Africa), and as English teachers in Cape Verde (West Central Africa).

"Howard graduates traditionally are very competitive Peace Corps candidates," said Monica Mills, manager of the Peace Corps' Washington, D.C., regional recruiting office. "Many students have shown a commitment to service during their years at Howard and [they] want to continue that commitment to serve overseas."

"Howard students represent diversity of the United States," said Felisa Neuringer, Peace Corps public relations specialist. "It is very important for us to have a diverse group of people represent the U.S. and the Peace Corps."

As part of its annual recruitment campaign, the Peace Corps will be visiting Howard in November to seek volunteers. Recruiters expect to place hundreds

of new volunteers in assignments all over the world.

"I give students information on how to apply and in what areas they can serve as Peace Corps volunteers after graduation," Peace Corps Recruiter Tasha Boone said.

Certain conditions must be met before joining the Peace Corps. To be considered one must be over 18, a U.S. citizen and in good health. Further, most of the programs require an undergraduate degree.

"There are a lot of tangible benefits to be derived from volunteering for the Peace Corp," Neuringer said.

All expenses are covered for volunteers, including a monthly living allowance and medical, life and health insurance. Along with these immediate benefits, each volunteer will receive \$5,400 upon completion of the program.

In some cases, the Peace Corps will pay off part Stafford or Perkins loans, or arrange for payment to be deferred. Even if a volunteer does not finish the program, a sum of \$200 will be paid to that volunteer monthly for each month served.

The program runs for two years and three months. Volunteers will spend three months in training in the country of service and then serve for two years.

More important than monetary compensation, Peace Corps volunteers gain valuable experience and contacts.

There is a network to help volunteers find jobs after the program and possible assistance for graduate studies, Neuringer said. Volunteers receive practical experience and an opportunity for cultural exchange.

"Volunteers get hands-on experience in their fields and in leadership roles," Neuringer said. "They get a level of experience they would not get being in the U.S. It is a chance to share American culture and at the same time learn another culture."

Throughout the 35-year history of the Peace Corps, more than 110 Howard alumni have worked in areas of education, health, business, agriculture, engineering and the environment, contributing to the development of 130 countries.

The 1996-97 academic year promises to be an exciting one for the Peace Corps. The organization will send its first-ever group of volunteers to South Africa in January. The agency expects to have volunteers working in Jordan by mid-1997.

Earl Yates, a 1967 Howard graduate will be the Peace Corps director in South Africa. His responsibility will be to coordinate and handle the group affairs in South Africa.

Glin urges more African-Americans to tap into the opportunities of the Peace Corps.

"It is an opportunity to get exposed to other cultures," he said. "Especially the African culture."

## Alleged CIA-crack link raises questions about U.S. foreign policy

By Karen Thomas  
Hilltop Staff Writer



United States foreign and drug policies are in question following the recent allegations by The San Jose Mercury News linking the Central Intelligence Agency to the cocaine overload in Black communities in the 1980s.

The allegations are not new. In the 1980s, the CIA was accused of helping Panama's strongman, Manuel Antonio Noriega, to bring tons of drugs into the United States in exchange for secret information.

New questions being raised now are about the drugs that supposedly came into the United States in the early '80s were converted into the Black inner cities?

"We're all allegations," said Michael Frazer, associate professor of Political Science at Howard University. "But there is a long history of security agencies' desire to have negative things done to Black people. If these allegations are true someone has to be punished." During the Reagan administration there

were covert operations supported by the White house, Frazier said.

Noriega allegedly fed the CIA secrets about the Panama Canal negotiations and conducted important U.S. intelligence operations for the CIA.

When the Bush administration came on the scene Noriega was no longer an asset but a double agent.

The Bush administration claimed Noriega was supplying intelligence information to the United States while giving underground help to Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Noriega's defense claimed that the CIA knew that planes carrying guns to Nicaraguan rebels returned to the United States loaded with drugs.

"We are aware of what happened to the money, the question is what happened to the drugs?" Frazier asked. "If the money went to the contras who digested the poison?"

The Mercury News alleged that the drugs went to inner-city Blacks in Los Angeles to help raise money for the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan contra rebels who were then fighting to overthrow their leftist government.

The CIA admitted paying Noriega over \$300,000 in payments and gifts over a 31-year period for political favors but denied that they had approved the drug trafficking that led to his indictment.

The defense in Noriega's case said that the Drug Enforcement Administration asked Noriega to allow drug shipments and suspected traffickers to safely pass through Panama.

During the trial Colombian drug boss Carlos Lehder testified that U.S. government officials offered him a green light to smuggle drugs in the U.S. in exchange for use of the Bahamian island of Norman's Cay to ship weapons to the Nicaraguan contras.

### Profile of International Students Enrollment

The international student population at Howard University during the Spring, 1996 semester was 938 (non-U.S. citizen or permanent resident). There were 494 men and women. This data was provided by the Office of Records and Articulation. The chart below lists the top ten countries, with four countries ranked at number nine.

Rank	Country	# of Students
1	Jamaica	155
2	Trinidad	112
3	Nigeria	70
4	Canada	49
5	Ghana	43
6	Bermuda	40
7	Bahamas	37
8	Ethiopia	27
9	Barbados	25
9	Iran	25
9	India	26
9	Cameroon	25

# EDITORIAL

## Students' lack of reaction to crack scandal is pitiful commentary of the Mecca

This has been a sad, sad time in the Howard University community. First Tupac died. Then Howard students assembled to attend an "open mic" ceremony for the rapper on a warm Sunday evening.

The mockery worsened as a fight erupted during the so-called anti-violence candlelight vigil.

The sadness continues...

A Hilltop special report team wrote last week about the venomous Central Intelligence Agency and its direct link to deliberately shipping crack-cocaine into Black communities. The seed was planted in Los Angeles but has grown like weeds on Miracle Grow over the decade. Look at any urban area in this country. Or better, just take a look on our very own New Jersey and Georgia avenues and the corners of 13th and 14th streets. The evidence is clearly painted better than any statistical report: Crack addicts, drug dealers, gangs, turf wars, crack-addicted children, prostitutes and strawberries illustrate the horrific effect of crack-cocaine in our communities.

And more sadness...

Not one student or organization has stepped forward calling for immediate action at Hilltop presstime.

Students scrambled to organize a Tupac memorial within two days of the death. But no one has held a rally blasting the CIA. No one has stepped forward responding to the heinous proof provided that connects the U.S. government to the distribution of crack-cocaine. HUSA representatives and the Undergraduate Trustee made guest appearances at the supposed

vigil. But none of them so far have orchestrated a letter-writing drive to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno or a rally on "the Yard" or even an open forum strategically planning what Howard students should do.

HUSA sponsors Operation Vote Bison, yet, when a real political/social/cultural/economic issue presents itself, there is silence. Maybe students feel this situation is out of our hands. After all, none of us were really surprised when we found out. Activist Dick Gregory put it best when he said this is something Black folks have known about all along.

Sad, sad, sad...

**Our view**  
It is necessary for Howard students to do something now in protest of the CIA crack scandal.

More calls have flooded the office chewing out Kisha Riggins's Tupac reflection. More students seem agitated at someone's personal views than at a life-threatening government scandal, which affects everyone. This incident merely goes down

in the CIA journal of mistreatment toward the Black community. There is a crisis going on and most of the apathetic, pathetic student body is shrugging it off after acknowledging that it is "messed up." But oh, well, gotta keep that Tupac memory alive.

We at *The Hilltop* hope that we are wrong. We hope the student body joins other Black leaders in combating the CIA. We hope there is an arousal or stirring of emotions that will move us to action. Spread the word. Call your family. Tell your professors. Revolutions don't happen overnight and neither does bold action. We call ourselves the Mecca, the capstone, the forefront of Black education.

The self-proclaimed titles mean little when we don't act accordingly.

## Perot's exclusion obstructs democracy

Last week, the American public was given a taste of what elections might be like if Fidel Castro were president. The Commission on Presidential Debates, an independent agency that has managed the pre-election debates for the last 10 years, decided unanimously to exclude Ross Perot from taking on Clinton and Dole Oct. 6.

The CPD, an un-elected board of former politicians, pundits and political elites, chooses which candidates can participate in the debates according to how well they meet eligibility standards like organizational strength, level of public support and national "news worthiness and competitiveness."

Perot, the presidential candidate for the Reform Party, garnered 19 percent of the popular vote in 1992 and qualified for all of the Commission's selection criteria — except for a dubious standard that allows only candidates with a "realistic chance" to speak at the debates.

Excluding Perot, who brought such issues as a balanced budget and term limits to the forefront of national politics, is an affront to the principles of democracy, which guide the people and presumably this nation's leaders.

The refusal to allow Perot to represent a larger body of independent voters whose number has increased by nearly 400 percent in the last five years only adds flame to the conviction of third parties that America is a two-party country. Independent parties' political views are marginalized and shunned by unresponsive media organizations controlled by political moguls.

The decision is also a sad reflection on the CPD itself, which claims to present "the best possible information to viewers and listeners" for voting Americans.

The CPD's charter states that its fundamental purpose "is to promote a more informed citizenry."

With prominent organizations such as the National Association of Broadcasters, the Newspaper Associ-

ation of America and the National Cable Television Association, and former presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford sitting on the advisory board, the CPD should be more than capable of presenting to the voters a true public debate that alienates no political concern.

But that will not be the case next week. The CPD has successfully ensured the domination of another political race by the two main parties.

Any news organization that supports the Perot decision and claims simultaneously to service the American public by upholding the tenets of free speech fails in its mission and is a disgrace to democratic discourse worldwide.

**Our view**  
If a candidate meets selected criteria, the candidate should be able to participate in the presidential process.

Exit polls released by the CPD last year show that nearly 40 percent of Americans who voted said that the presidential debates, watched by nearly 97 million viewers in 1992, were a big factor in how they voted. By excluding Perot, who at one time enjoyed as much as 40 percent popularity at the polls that year, the independent and presumably nonpartisan Commission on the Presidential Debates has side-stepped the basic right of Americans to the very principles they claim to uphold.

Ross Perot; Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate; John Hagelin, of the Natural Law Party; Ralph Nader, of the Green Party and Howard Phillips of the U.S. Taxpayers Party, all were prevented from the debates based on the "realistic chance" standard. They have been made examples of the political norms that the CPD wishes to perpetuate.

The American saying "We the people..." has been exchanged for "We the political wise men, who alone can designate who will speak for America." The increasing sentiments of the changing American electorate have been marginalized once again for another four years.

## Castration is cruel and unusual punishment

As crime rates skyrocket, people are willing to concede more and more of their human rights to the government in return for protection. A perfect example is the new law signed in California allowing judges to sentence child molesters to surgical or chemical castration.

California has shown itself to be a trendsetter when it comes to social issues. They led the country in immigration reform, ending affirmative action and three-strikes-you're-out laws. By taking this bold lead, the golden state has paved the way for other states to enact similar castration legislation. Predictably, three other states have fallen in line.

We at *The Hilltop* believe castration by law is barbaric and a direct threat to the interests of Black people. It is not much of a stretch to imagine the government writing laws that oppress the Black community. We see it in the racist manner in which the death penalty is meted out to Blacks.

Most recently, we saw it in the disparity between crack-cocaine and powder cocaine jail sentences. The authors of the new sentencing guidelines — similar to authors of the castration laws — justified the disparity

to blacks, by saying they are protecting us from ourselves.

It is unacceptable to allow such a cruel and sadistic practice, no matter how heinous the offense. The justice system is far from perfect. There will be innocent men that are convicted of child molestation. And if history is any guide, it will probably disproportionately be Black males who are wrongfully convicted.

The stakes are even higher with this particular punishment because it is stripping a man of his ability to reproduce. It is ironic that conservative leaders like California Gov. Pete Wilson are the first to disparage the evils of big government, but are willing to give the government the power to take away a man's ability to have children.

After being burned so many times, the Black community knows the U.S. government is untrustworthy. This is especially true when you are talking about giving the government the power to take away our ability to reproduce. In the Black community, there are effective ways of addressing our fears and concerns over crime. Passively handing over our reproductive powers to untrustworthy forces is not one of them.

**Our View**  
It is not the government's duty to take away a man's ability to reproduce.

## Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

As I stepped on the free shuttle to the game last Friday, it was the bus driver who uttered the words "Tupac died." Unlike you Ms. Riggins, my response wasn't as nonchalant as yours. As I traveled the game, the reality of the situation became painfully clear: another Black man had died unnecessarily.

You don't care you say? My tears weren't based on how many records he sold. I don't even own Tupac CD.

Maybe while bowing your head you should have been looking to give pity, and not respect to Tupac. No one expects or even asked you to respect Tupac. All that can be asked of any of us is that we respect Tupac as the symbol of what he epitomized; the very violence that brought about his demise.

So going to the vigil didn't enter your mind? If you had read the flyer a little more, you might have noticed that what you missed was a nonviolence candle-light vigil, not a meeting of the Tupac Sha Fan Club.

In your eyes Tupac may not have exemplified the perfect image of what a Black man should be, this was a mirror image of what many Black men have become. In that sense he is a current reminder of our situation as a people.

You're right. There were many young kids who admired and idolized Tupac. But let's keep it real. Tupac isn't the only thug people see. The average urban kid who admires Tupac has his own neighborhood drug-dealer to look up to. You stated that Tupac's or any of the "hundreds of other deaths across the country" hadn't affected you. Can't you see that one death in our community is one too many?

You talk of irony, Ms. Riggins, but I don't think you can see the true ironies of the situation. Isn't it ironic that our young Black men have drifted so far as to tattoo THUG LIFE to the place closest to their heart?

Isn't it ironic that you and the rest of your buddies in the journalistic community are too corrupt to let Tupac's scheduled appearance at the anti-violence children's benefit the day after his death is a direct example of Tupac's desire for a better life for the young kids that you claim "wanna be like Tupac"?

Isn't it ironic that when Howard opens its doors to members of the local community at a peace gathering, Black people can't for one moment put aside that same envy that killed Tupac.

Did Tupac attend Howard? Did he give money to Howard? Does it matter?

Did he come and speak to Howard students? Yes, Ms. Riggins, he did. Everytime I heard someone blasting Tupac from the window in the Annex, he came and spoke to Howard students.

P.S. Ms. Riggins, in the words of Tupac, "I ain't mad at ya."

Faraji Johnson  
Junior

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# PERSPECTIVES

## Did the CIA support the crack trade?

David Muhammad

### CIA plot hints at larger government conspiracy



Ever since the Emancipation Proclamation supposedly freed the slaves, this country's government and its various agencies have tried tirelessly in many ways, to suppress Black people. From the Freedmen's Bureau, which monitored and deterred strong Black leadership, to the FBI's Counter Intelligence Program (better known as COINTELPRO). Even today, the Central Intelligence Agency has been exposed of initiating the wide disbursement of crack-cocaine in Black neighborhoods.

This latest revelation was discussed recently at the Congressional Black Caucus by Congresswoman Maxine Waters, who called for a federal investigation into the matter.

The *San Jose Mercury News*, in a three-day series of articles, detailed a CIA-run operation, which sold cocaine to California gang leaders to raise money for American-backed Contras who were fighting Communism in Nicaragua during the 1980's.

Many were surprised and outraged to learn that a government

agency was responsible for the crippling of Black communities throughout the country.

But those with a proper knowledge of history know that this was no isolated incident or the first time occurrence.

In 1917, America's Armed Forces established a spy network, the Military Intelligence Network, which among other things, kept tabs on Black leadership and undermined progressive organizations.

In a book entitled "Betrayal: By Any Other Name," the Military Intelligence Network is said to have operated, "top secret, often illegal, intrusions into the lives of Black Americans often focused on Black churches in the south and their ministers."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., along with his father and grandfather, who were both preachers, were all targets of this spy network. But King and other prominent Black leaders were also targeted by the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover's COINTELPRO.

This extensive program ran by America's government was responsible for assassinating Black leaders, dismantling Black organizations and establishing hand-picked leaders for Black people.

When the Black Panthers went from a two-man outfit to a nationwide movement for Black power, the FBI sought to seek and destroy. They infiltrated the Panthers, killed leaders, created dissension in the ranks and finally succeeded in completely stifling the organization. This example of the Panthers is what happened to numerous Black leaders and organizations.

We can not look at these various assaults on the liberties of Black people as unconnected or the fault of some lone federal agency or merely a certain man in the government. In the late 60s, when the

government gave us the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act, we thought our best interests were being considered. But now the gains which were made during the Civil Rights Era are being wiped away by the government.

We're losing the benefits of Affirmative Action. We've lost Black Congressional districts, which were created in the '60s to allow African Americans to have better legislative representation.

We're losing Black colleges and universities. We lost Black scholarships when the Supreme Court ruled them unconstitutional and public schools are more segregated now than ever.

It is the American government which has done all of this. It is the American government, which can give \$4 billion every year to Israel, but let Black school children in this nation's capitol go without education because no funds are available.

They can give \$4 billion to a country smaller than New Jersey, but in Washington the entire University of the District of Columbia can be furloughed for nearly a semester, giving Black college students nowhere to learn.

And now this same government has been exposed as being responsible for selling cocaine, which was turned into crack in Black communities. Remember former President George Bush was once the head of the CIA, and was heavily involved in the Iran-Contra Scandal which produced the environment that led to cocaine being sold in Black neighborhoods.

Not only did the CIA initiate the crack epidemic, but now the court system has mandated that anyone found with 5 grams of crack (used mostly among Black drug addicts) must be sent to jail for life, but anyone found with 450 grams of powdered

cocaine (used most by White drug addicts) merely receives probation.

America's jails are being filled with young Black men and women, but the institutions of higher learning are rejecting us. This is why we must not depend on a government that does not have our best interest in heart. This is what the Million Man March was about -- self-reliance. And if America claims it has no money to assist Black people, then why not let us do for ourselves.

Another government agency, the Department of Justice, ruled that Minister Louis Farrakhan couldn't receive \$1 billion on behalf of Black people from Muammar Qaddafi. The U.N. sanction that the government cited as to why he couldn't bring the money to the United States bars American entities from giving to Libya, not Libya giving to America. This money was not for Minister Farrakhan or the Nation of Islam, but it is for Black people in America, so that we may build hospitals, businesses and institutions we need to sustain ourselves. Every Black person in America should be outraged that this government would deny us reparations and then not even allow an African nation to contribute to our liberation struggle.

So after truth, comes responsibility. Now that we know the government has worked to oppress our people and continues to do so, what will we do about it? Students have always been the spark of revolutions and mass movements across the globe and it is our responsibility as Black students to be the catalyst for change in the Black community.

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Chana Garcia

### CIA's funding of crack trade is no surprise

I can name at least five people that I grew up with who are now addicted to crack. I knew plenty of the "wanna be the man" petty thugs who made small fortunes selling crack-rock on street corners and in ghettos near my neighborhood — many of whom are now serving serious time as "Class A" felons.

Since slavery, the Black community has not witnessed anything that has ripped families apart like crack. Reagan, Bush and Clinton all promised to lead the war on drugs, but none of them ever acknowledged that the U.S. government was responsible for the

person who was abused as a child, I've locked away my emotions in the basement of my subconscious. My once angry temperament is hard to re-ignite.

I'm not shocked that the CIA refused to comment about its possible ties to help create and distribute a drug that created the "ultimate junkie" — one who will do almost anything to get another fix.

But what I don't understand is how I'm supposed to trust a government that would do this to its own people. How am I supposed to be a patriotic Black American and take pride in my vote? How can I rejoice in a country that would sell

crack to its own citizens? It's hard to see where people draw the line to the atrocities that they will commit against one another. We will forever live with the memories of the ruin crack brought to our communities, and this nation will continue to fight a war that it created.

The government should be held accountable and the community should protest until the media decides to take interest. Because everytime a crack baby is born, and another "junkie" gets strung out and even when the next young brother goes to jail for drug trafficking, we'll know it could have all been prevented and that our government is to blame.

Maybe it's because I've developed such a cynical view of the world that I don't put anything past anyone. Or maybe it's because as a Black woman, I have witnessed the ills of the government, the justice system and the law enforcement agencies.

I've seen Rodney King beaten senseless on national television by men who were supposed to protect and serve. I know brothers who got caught up in a system that will forever watch over them through steel bars. And I've read about barbaric experiments done on Black people — issued by the government.

I've become desensitized. Like a

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Dawnica Jackson

## Clinton is top pick over Dole every time

Two weeks after the Democratic National Convention, political ground is being thrown and the United States is bombing Iraq. At least one thing has stayed consistent: The Republican Party is still being regarded as the savior of the American people.

During the Republican Convention, Bob Dole and Company spouted out claims of greatness. We are the party of inclusion, we are the party of tolerance — the party of Lincoln. Ole Abe is probably turning over in his grave because today's Republicans are far from great, barely mediocre.

It's hard to believe a party is inclusive of everyone, when the number of minority delegates at their convention has decreased by half since the last convention. It's even harder to believe a candidate who does not go to the NAACP convention because of a "scheduling" conflict and thinks he is going to appease the African-American community by attending the National Association of Black Journalists convention. The African-American community must be overjoyed with Dole's

decision.

Secondly, and Emily's List survey said, 70 percent of minority voters oppose Bob Dole. Sounds like the minority community is really embracing Dole with open arms. Yeah Right. Dole should concede and lose with a little dignity.

Liddy Dole did what a good wife must do; she ran down a list of Bob Dole's achievements. He's a veteran, he almost died for his country and he fought for civil rights legislation. Yes, this may all be true, but patting someone on the back for doing their civic duty shouldn't be necessary. He did not do anything most Americans would not have done during a time of war.

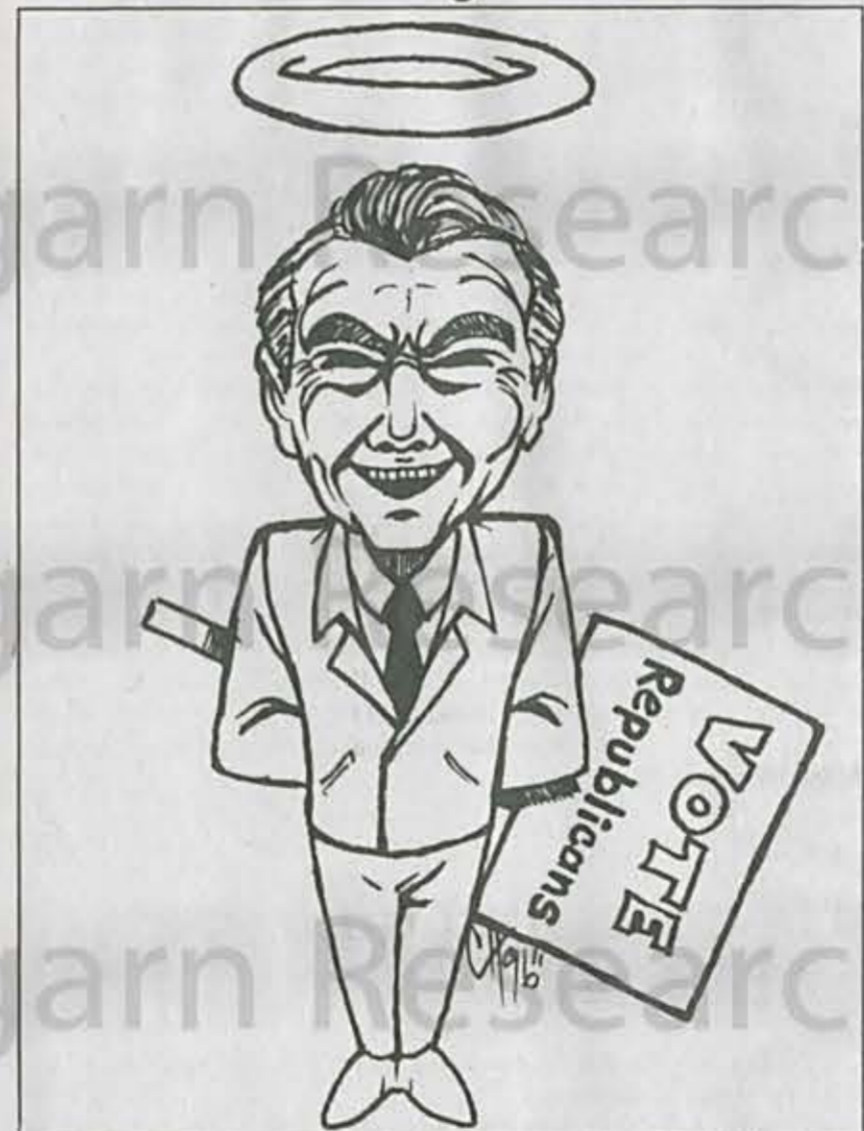
But, Bob is the same man who did not see fit to attend Ron Brown's funeral — the funeral of a cabinet member who died for his country. He was the first cabinet member to die in the field in almost 30 years. Save the patriotism for people who believe it. Ron Brown went above and beyond the call of duty for America. Can the Republicans salute a true hero? Liddy Dole would make it seem as if Bob walked on water and healed the

sick. Every man, woman, and child should run to church because the messiah has returned.

The fact of the matter is the economy is in good shape. Seventy percent of Americans believe the economy is on the way up and 52 percent credit the good economy to Clinton. Hello, Bob! Find another area of attack. But please do not pick character because the Republicans do not have a proverbial leg to stand on. Dole supported a corrupt president Nixon, until Nixon fired him. He was estranged from his daughter for years. Oh yeah, he is definitely a poster child for family values.

Bill Clinton, on the other hand, has managed to work out his marital problems and has overcome most, if not all the media criticism. Always slick Willie, Clinton has managed to remain in the lead of the Presidential race with scandal surrounding him — Whitewater and Dick Morris to name a few. But, Clinton may be the only hope for America's future.

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## F. Michelle Richardson Music TV is of control

It seems like every time you turn on the news you're hearing about this rap star in trouble with the law, a fight breaking out at this concert or my personal favorite: I was listening to Nirvana and the spirit of Kurt Cobain told me to kill myself. Is all this madness because of the music?

The problem is not just the music, it's the picture that you get with the music. Today's youth are constantly bombarded with images of stupid guys with cartoon names, wearing the hype new fashions, surrounded by beautiful women and money to burn. They're all living the life of a "playa." Kids see their heroes acting this way and they want to be little playas and playettes.

Kids, let me be the first to say this s\*\*t ain't real. The cars, the house and the women are all rented. The phat gear will be taken back to the store as quick as the wardrobe person can get them off the artist. Oh yeah, and as for all that money these fools are throwing around. Well, you can pick it up at any K-mart in the toy section. Most artists don't make much money from their first few albums.

If you look up Biggie Smalls, he's probably living in his momma's basement somewhere in Brooklyn. The only people who make any money off an artist's first few albums is the record label. The artist makes money from doing live shows.

I am not a supporter of Rev. Calvin Butts or C. Delores Tucker, but I think if these artists are going to keep hollerin' about how real they're keeping it, then I think they should really be for real. Quit glamorizing the so-called life of pimps, playas and mack daddies, because very few leave that life on two feet.

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Lamine A. Harper

## Rappers need to 'keep it real' before they get a taste of reality

It used to be that no one wanted to be commercial. Then even KRS-3 was pushing the "Thirst is everything" soda — Sprite. It used to be that no one wanted to be a R&B and now you can't get a hit unless you do a duet with Mary J. Blige.

Tupac Shakur was killed Sept. 13. His most recent release "Grab Your Glock When You See Tupac" was apparently taken literally. In his cut, he dissed Mobb Deep, Junior Mafia, Biggie Smalls and once again alleged that he slept with Faith a.k.a. Mrs. Smalls.

A year after his first shooting, he came back bragging about how he took five bullets with a smile. Last week's issue of *The Hilltop* called him a "hip-hop martyr." This would mean that he died for a

cause, but I am not really sure what he had lived for.

Biggie a.k.a. Big Poppa recently landed himself in jail on a drug and gun charge. He called up Dr. Dre's and Ed Lover's morning show on New York's popular Hot 97 the next day crying about how he really f\*\*\*\*d up. The man *The Source* crowned "King of New York," now sounded like Tupac shedding so many tears.

Whether we want to admit it or not, the lyrics do affect us. On a small scale you can gage the effect of hip-hop lyrics on the masses by the change in cigars of choice used for rolling blunts. When Meth came out rhyming about White Owls, Philllies went out of style. Now the new blunt of choice is the Backwoods, popularized by Bed-

Stuy's Big Poppa.

Foxy Brown has made a career out of rapping on people's records and finding words that rhyme with Armani and a whole bunch of other names niggas can't pronounce.

But Foxy Brown was arrested for attempting to shoplift a Versace bikini from Bloomingdale's. No doubt she is feeling the pressure of the image she has created for herself. It appears she creates her rhymes flipping through glossy ads in the *New York Times Magazine*. Rappers do not realize there are people in places, who are waiting for the Shakur family to finish mourning before they begin their attacks on the media-titled "gangs-ta rap." Music didn't kill Tupac because as the late legend Bob Marley said: when music "hits

you feel no pain." Bullets, however, have a much different effect.

Rappers telling the stories of those effected by inner cities (whether they created it in a studio or lived it) are no more responsible for violence than *The Washington Post* reporter who covers a bombing in Bosnia.

When you keep it real and the consequences are not favorable, maybe it is time to change what is real. Now don't get me wrong. I don't want to see Biggie Smalls as a born-again Christian. This time, maybe he could put out the message of the fear he was feeling when he was faced with a jail sentence.

Young people can relate to this. Hip-hop has been very much a part of my life coming up from the

Bronx. I still remember trying to breakdance with my older brother when I was 7 years old. The music still has a strong effect on me, but at 20, I think I am able to check it a little better. It is the shorties I am worried about.

I wonder if they are seeing both sides. The rap versus the reality. Biggie, on the one hand, is rapping about being the don, sporting the glock and having all the chicken-heads. But he was reduced to tears at the thought of jail. Maybe the recent violent death of Tupac will be a wake up for everyone. Or maybe it will be two emotional weeks of hype and people will go back to the usual.

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# Tempo

## Part-time strippin' Students undress for extra cash

By Young Lover

**"BRING IT OVER HERE BABY,"** screams a large, unpleasant looking middle-aged woman. "We got something over here for you," she says, pulling a bill from her purse.

With disgust in mind and nausea in my stomach — but a smile on my face — I approach the woman. She places the money in my g-string and gives me a big, wet kiss. She then jumps into my arms and wraps her legs around me.

"Hide that thing girl," exclaims her equally unattractive friend as she cups my backside. After bouncing the lady up and down for a few seconds, I place her back in her seat; give her a kiss on the cheek and say "thank you" before moving to the next table.

This is a typical day at work for me, or should I say tonight. I am an adult entertainer, more commonly referred to as a stripper. Three nights a week I go to the "office," gyrate for a few hours bringing home \$250 on a good night. Not bad for part-time college job.

I use the alias "Young Lover." For strippers, male or female, to make good money they must provide some fantasy. Other names call themselves Outlaw, Lover Boy, The King and Lust. The names play into the fantasies. Different dancers sell different fantasies. The King uses a real whip to create a facade of danger. On the other hand, try to use my boyish, innocent charm to coax tips from my clientele. The only problem I have with stripping is that I love doing it. But the money is addictive so I keep stripping. Since tuition is not a problem, all the money I make is spending cash. I eat out every night and I eat very well. Stripping allows me to do what I want, when I want. Money has a way of making unbearable things tolerable.

I am not the only student at Howard who feels this way. There are about two-dozen strippers at Howard that I know. In my household alone there are two. My roommate, who goes by the name Caramel Sex, is the person who coaxed me into dancing.

"I've been doing it for about a year now," said Caramel Sex. "I love doing it. I get paid to have my ass feel on me."

Another Howard University stripper calls herself Diva. Standing 5'2", the third year student looks younger than her 19 years. Despite her age, Diva has been dancing for almost three years.

"When I first got here, I knew I would need the money," she said. "Back home, in California, my sister strips. I saw how much she makes, I decided to give it a try."

When she was a 16-year-old college freshman, she got a fake identification. The motivation for this was the cash.

"I started working and I was bringing home a hundred a night," she said. "Man, \$4.25 just going to make it. This way I get to study, and I only work when I want to. It's good for me, too. All those people paying money to see me."

Her girlfriend, on the other hand, hates what I do.

"I think you have the talent to be doing something else," she tells me. "I could do something else, but why. I work a few hours a week and make more than most students in a month. It's quick, it's legal and I provide a service."

"I've done it for cash," said Caramel Sex. "I felt about it later, though. Once this really fine girl gave me \$100 to sleep with her. I did, but I regret it so I gave her half back." Diva does not have a problem with accepting money for sex. "That's the difference," she said. "Most girls want a guy take them to dinner and stuff first. I cut out the middle man. I'm all about business."

The most shocking part of Diva's confession is that her girlfriend is okay with it.

"I love her and I know it's for money," said her friend Ashley, a former dancer. "My girl's making herself through school. It would be different if somebody was taking her out to dinner. That would bother me."

Some professionals say stripping may cause

harm to the mental well-being of a student.

"In that environment ... there is so much room for a young person to be exploited," said Thomas Wessel, of the psychology department. "It is a demeaning experience, how a student copes with that can affect how they handle intimate relationships. I don't think it's healthy for an individual's emotional involvement."

Late nights and unwanted advances aside, dancing is not a bad job. I usually go to work at 8:30 p.m. and do not get home until after 3:00 a.m. The first few hours are okay, fun even; but fatigue sets in around midnight. The worst nights are those when gay men come into the club. Men will give \$20 or \$30 dollars in my hand. The down side to this strategy is that they always try to talk to me after the club closes. They think that because they tipped money that I will want to go home with them. I usually give them my roommate's telephone number and tell them to call me. However, if I'm in a bad enough mood I'll just tell them I

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am not gay and to leave me alone.

Five or six times a night somebody's mother asks me to come home with her. No matter how the woman looks, I am always flattered, but I have to decline — I am not a prostitute. Caramel Sex has not worked for almost a month now because of a work related injury. "This big broad jumped up on me," he said. "She wanted me to carry her around, but she was heavy ... she ended up spraining one of the ligaments in my arm real bad. I've been trying to rehabilitate my arm though, so I hope to start back soon."

My girlfriend's attitude toward stripping is reflective of the attitude most students at Howard have.

"It's okay as long as it's not my boyfriend," said Tasha Hayes, a sophomore sociology major. "I go to see dancers ... and I don't think there is anything wrong with it. I would be too mad if my man did it though."

Among male students, the same attitude exist. "I like strippers, but I wouldn't let my girl do it," said Lorenzo Hylton, a senior finance major.

Many students admit to having a problem with dating a stripper, but very few have problems with an individual who dances to make money.

"I don't have a problem with stripping," said senior communications major Muthoni Wambu. "I'm not God, so how can I judge what someone else does? As long as they're not prostituting themselves, so what?"

Howard student's liberal attitude toward stripping can be best seen at any one of the local strip clubs. The Penthouse is almost as much a part of Howard as the Punch out — maybe more so. On any given Friday night, the club is filled with HU students. Tee Jones, a third year student from Miami calls the Penthouse a "second home."

"I love coming in here," Jones said. "Nothing wrong with looking at good-looking women." Just as popular are the Mirage and Classics nightclubs. Female Howard students can often be seen acting outrageous over some semi-nude male dancer at these places.

The nonchalant attitude of Howard students toward stripping is reciprocated by many of the people who employ student strippers.

"I don't care if they go to school or not," said Joe Pattini, the owner La Cage Club. "As long as they get to work on time and bring in business, so what?"

Shawniqua Rust, a former manager at the Macambo Strip Club, did not have any negative feelings about students working either.

"As long as they're of age, I don't care at all," she said. "If you're working your way through school, more power to you."

"Many people may say that stripping is wrong," said Jones. "If ... we're going to look at pictures of women's faces they would say, 'How nice, he's admiring the female form.' Form is form, what's the difference between looking at a woman's eyes and looking at her [body]? The body is the body."

*Young Lover is a Howard University student.*



### HOROSCOPES

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By Stan Heyward  
Special to The Hilltop

**Libra (September 23 - October 22)** Innovative ideas help you resolve conflicts and crises. Sudden and unexpected events could place you in the spotlight. Those born in late September may experience a lack of energy or dwindling self-confidence.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 22)** Although matters are improving socially and financially, you still have to watch your back. Surprises can come out of nowhere, so be alert.

**Sagittarius (November 23 - December 21)** The urge to travel is strong this month and could become a reality. Foreigners seem attractive and different religions and philosophies peak your curiosity.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)** An elevated social consciousness and awareness inspires you to work for the "Greater Cause." Opportunities exist, but you have to be daring enough to take the chance. Friends want to become lovers.

**Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)** For those born during the later part of January, the strange, unusual and unexpected now become ordinary occurrences in your everyday life. You seem to be more accident-prone than usual. Speaking your mind or promoting yourself pays off.

**Pisces (February 19 - March 20)** When it comes to love relationships, you cannot see the forest for the trees. Use your gift of intuition to distinguish friends from foes.

**Aries (March 21 - April 20)** 1996 may have started out rough for many Arians, but during this month there will be some relief. Those born in late March will experience delays, setbacks and heavy work loads. Utilize this repressive energy to develop self-discipline and patience.

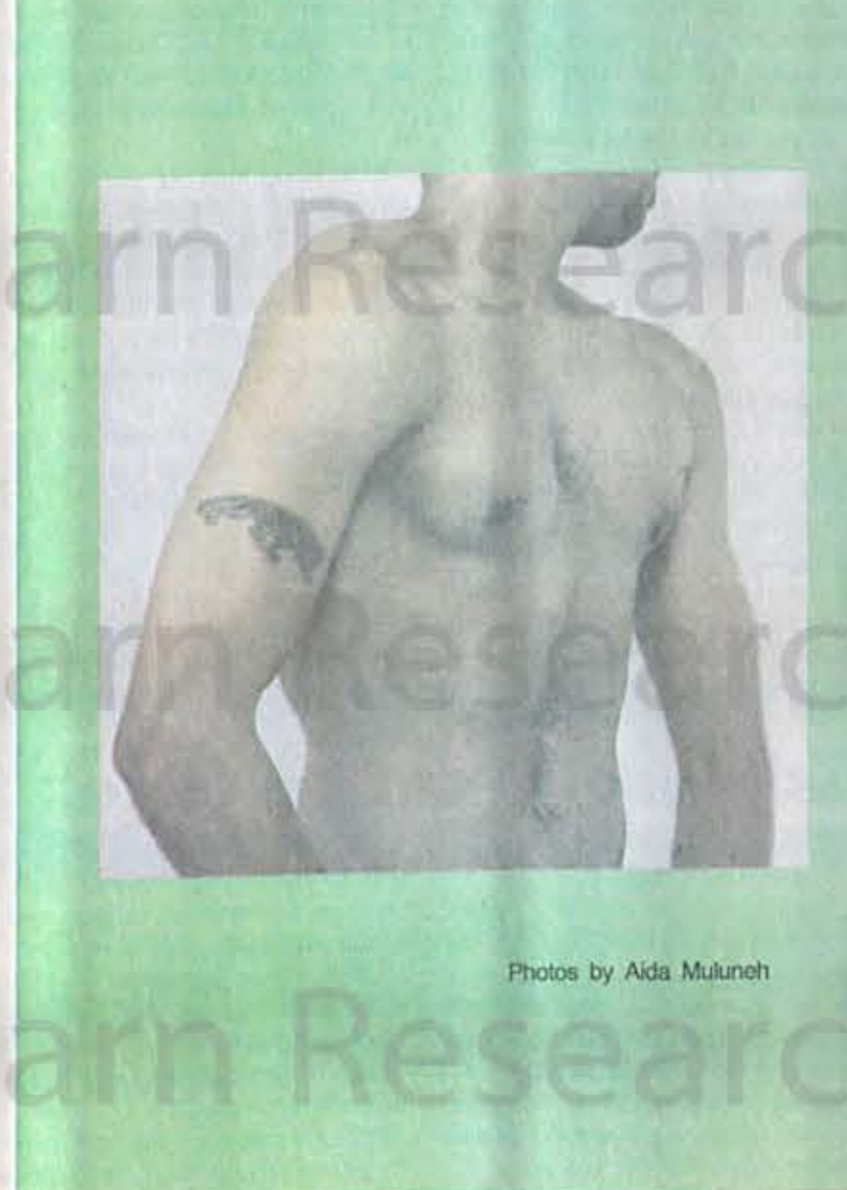
**Taurus (April 21 - May 20)** A heightened sense of morality tells you what is right. One benefits from romantic rendezvous. Participating in social, religious or community affairs bring honors. Unexpected strains on finances are possible.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)** Diplomacy is needed to resolve tense relations among friends. You got the communication skills to teach and be heard at this time. Testing, lecturing and studying go well during the middle of the month.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)** Anxiety and frustration result from the lofty expectations you have others or over confidence in your shaky financial foundation. Avoid wasting energy and money impressing others.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22)** Excessive energy can be channeled successfully into physical and mental competition. Assertiveness and confidence attract the people and things that you need now.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22)** Seek balance in all your dealings and harmony will abound in all your relations. The spiritual side of you begs for acknowledgment.



Photos by Aida Muluneh

# PULSE!

## 'Latch Key Child' earns an 'A+' in music 13-year-old lyricist successfully scores with debut album

By Shandrika R. Fields  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Though it seems as if the music industry is constantly being flooded with kids trying to play an adults' game, every so often comes along who proves to be stiff competition. Such is the case with 13-year-old lyricist A+.

Born Andre Levins, he is capable of giving MCs twice his age a run for their money.

A native of Long Island, N.Y., A+ released his debut album, "Latch Key Child," on Kedar Entertainment/Universal Records.

The first single, "All I See," is an R&B-based rap about an unspecified love interest of his. Unfortunately this track, which

does not represent the potential of the album, may cause some people to sleep on it.

After getting over the initial shock of his age most listeners will find that A+ is quite gifted with a microphone. With street-conscious lyrics he rhymes about serious issues such as drugs and violence.

While he is fully able to hold his own, A+ also rhymes with a few of the best. He has the backing of A Tribe Called Quest's Q-Tip, AZ and Prodigy from Mobb Deep.

On "Me and My Microphone," A+ tells the story of his first love.

But this track isn't about his first case of puppy love with some little girl from the sixth grade. In fact, its style resembles that of Common Sense's "I Used to Love Her."

Just as the love in Common Sense's hit song was actually hip-hop, A+ claims the microphone as his first love: "She must have liked my flow cause after that we got close/Spending long week-ends freaking up and down the east coast/We got intimate/deep as the pacific/The chemistry was meant to be/So now we married without the ministry." Q-Tip adds his special touch by reciting the catchy chorus to the track.

Another cut that is sure to be in heavy rotation is "Gusto," which features lyrics from Prodigy.

It tells many tales that illustrate what it takes to survive on today's mean streets. Prodigy breaks down a criminal's mentality: "Semi-automatic, fully addicted crime addict/So long as there's

cash involved I gotta have it/There's many different levels of the criminal mind/Either you in it for the gusto or you wasting your time."

In addition to the impressive guest spots on the album, Kedar Entertainment, Buckwild, Miladon, and Smith Brothers Entertainment should be given production credit where it's due.

Although superb rhyming skills and production may help to boost the success of an artist, a strong mental attitude and confidence is essential. With the stage name A+, Levins is definitely confident and explains his choice of name, "You can't get higher than an A+, and I'm striving for perfection while I'm still young."



Courtesy of Kedar Entertainment/Universal Records

A+ rates high on debut album entitled "Latch Key Child".

## After seven-year separation, New Edition reunites with new album, 'Home Again'

By Jeffrey Lyles  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Seven years ago, the members of New Edition announced that they would be splitting-up to pursue their solo careers. A void was left in the R&B world and over the past few years, many male R&B groups including Jodeci, Boyz II Men, Intro, Silk, Blackstreet and Portrait attempted to fill that void with varying results.

Now, the void has finally been closed. New Edition (Ronnie DeVoe, Bobby Brown, Ricky Bell, Mike Bivins, Ralph Tresvant and Johnny Gill) have reunited on the appropriately titled album "Home Again," and it was

Seven years is a long time to wait in between albums. The group, realizing that they had to make a strong comeback, recruited some of the best producers and writers in the business, including Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, Sean "Puffy" Combs, Gerald Levert, Heavy D and Jermaine Dupri.

New Edition proclaimed their partnership with Jam and Lewis as the "money making recipe," and their collaboration on "One More

Day" doesn't leave much room for argument.

Each member of the group gets a chance to sing lead, so no one can be accused of "hogging the limelight."

Gill showcases his talents



Courtesy of MCA Records

After seven year hiatus, New Edition returns strong.

on "Thank You (The J.G. Interlude)" and displays the same smooth vocals that stole ladies hearts on "My, My, My" and "Lady DuJour." The biggest surprise on the album is Bell, who steals the show with his performances on "Hear Me Out," "One More Day" and "I'm Still In Love With You."

Usually, the fast songs are forgettable and are fast forward bait to the ballads, but that is not the case with

"Home Again," "Something About You," "Try Again" and "You Don't Have to Worry."

If you were a follower of Bell Biv DeVoe a.k.a. BBD, you could equate their group sound with those on the album. However, Bivins and DeVoe should stick with what they do best — rapping.

Then there are the ballads. Ballads are usually the selling point of R&B albums and New Edition does not disappoint with excellent cuts such as "Hear Me Out," "How Do You Like Your Love Served?" "One More Day" and "I'm Still In Love With You."

You can expect the song "Hear Me Out" to become the slow jam favorite on the album. It can be compared to "Can You Stand the Rain" from the "N. E. Heartbreak" album.

New Edition's "Home Again" album can be considered a masterpiece. It is definitely one of the best albums of the year. There are no forgettable tracks on it and the group has made sure fans will not be disappointed with its latest work.

After seven years, New Edition is "Home Again."

## 'Homeboys in Outer Space' should be sent to Uranus

By Alona Ballard  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Sure, it is a stretch — two Black guys riding through the galaxy in a "space hooptie" guided by their sassy computer, Loquatron 2000, better known as Loquatia, as they comb the galaxy for adventure, odd jobs and loose change.

"Homeboys in Outer Space" is a new half-hour comedy which appears at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, on U.P.N.

"Homeboys" stars stand-up comedian Flex, of "Where I Live" fame, as Tyberious Walker and Darryl M. Bell as Morris Clay. Bell is better known for his role as Ron Johnson of the Cosby spin-off, "A Different World."

The series was created and executive produced by Ehrich Van Lowe, whose credits include "The Cosby Show" and "Roc." He is well acquainted with Flex as he was co-creator of Flex's last series "Where I Live."

"Homeboys" will be like nothing you've ever seen before," Van Lowe said. "The show will be straight up funny. On 'Star Trek,' we're always seeing Captain Kirk solving problems throughout the universe, but here we have a couple of brothers in their 20s try-

ing to learn a little about life and themselves."

Trekkies should be down right offended by this mockery of television space travel. This show is nothing but stereotypes of Black manhood and womanhood with the backdrop of an intergalactic hood.



Courtesy of Disney

"Homeboys in Outer Space" is a new sci-fi comedy which lacks substance and humor.

Loquatia (Rhona Bennett), plays the "ghetto girl" role to perfection. If her fingers aren't pointing, then her head is orbiting her shoulders to make her wise cracks more effective. The two friends, Tyberious and Morris, share misadventures as they have close encounters with menacing aliens and honeys in tight space suits.

Last week's episode stars Morris' great-great-grandmother who had been frozen in time. Tyberious infatuated with the woman who incidentally looked like someone straight out of present day music video, the 1800s.

"I need to stretch, I've been frozen so long," the good looking granny said. "I don't want to put me back in the deep freeze when this are just starting to heat up. Don't forget to touch your toes," Tyberious said, trying to catch a glimpse of her buttocks.

"Homeboys In Outer Space" also stars Kevin Michael Richardson as Vashti, Tyberious' brother-in-law and the owner of Jupiter Too, the solar system's local hangout, and Amma (Paulette Braxton), one of the 'honeys' in the tight space suits.

"Homeboys" will also include cameo appearances in future episodes by James Doohan, best known for his role of Scotty on "Star Trek." Although this series is particularly compelling educational, it may cause a few chuckles to arise from your belly. Let us hope that the 23rd century brings not only space hoopties, but better quality television programs.

## Grammy academy takes action against celebrity drug users

By Alona Ballard  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Mike Greene, head of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, (which organizes the yearly Grammy Awards) is leading a movement to end the rampant use of heroin in the music industry.

His program, MusiCares, holds symposiums with members of the industry to urge them to stop looking the other way when an artist is using drugs.

Perhaps the recent, tragic death of Jonathan Melvoin, of the rock group Smashing Pumpkins, who died of a heroin overdose, will serve as a wake up call in the music business.

But did anyone learn their lesson when Nirvana's Kurt Cobain committed suicide after battling his heroin addiction?

Drugs are not just a problem for White music artists.

Some of the jazz greats of the 50s, 60s and 70s also fell into the deep pit of heroin addiction.

John Coltrane stopped using heroin in 1957 and Miles Davis kicked the habit in 1954. Saxophonist Charlie "Yardbird" Parker was a heroin user as well.

Drug usage is also very prevalent in the rock/heavy metal field of music. Some of the artists who have fallen prey to drugs are Smashing Pumpkins' Jimmy Chamberlin, Stone Temple Pilots' Scott Weiland and Depeche Mode's David Gahan.

Each have been busted for heroin or cocaine use. Janis Joplin died of heroin overdose and even Eric Clapton admitted to using it in 1974.

Most disappointing of the jazz artists was the incomparable Billie "Lady Day" Holiday. Holiday was a longtime heroin addict and surely sang the blues when she was charged with possession of heroin in a Philadelphia hotel room.

The story of her heroin use became public when she tried to get help for her addiction.

When you think of drug abuse in entertainment, Rick James, the "Super Freak" himself, also fell victim to the drug epidemic.

James reportedly "smoked up" approximately \$400,000 worth of

coke a year. He admitted cooking the drug himself. James, who ironically attended a Catholic school and was an altar boy, used to have drug parties that lasted until dawn.

In a *Rolling Stone* interview James said, "It was all about, hey, good drugs, leather clothes, horses, cars and getting women. Nobody knew coke was so bad."

Is "heroin chic" Hollywood's fault? "Pulp Fiction's" memorable heroin overdose scene is forever engraved in our minds as well as the critically acclaimed film "Trainspotting," the story of junkies in Scotland. Robert Downey Jr. portrayed a drug user in the 1987 movie "Less Than Zero." Life imitated art as he was

arrested in July for cocaine and heroin possession.

The modeling industry is also affected by drugs usage.

"Heroin chic" is the new buzzword in the fashion industry as bruise-faced, baggy-eyed waifs model clothes with blank stares on their faces.

According to Newsweek, designer Jil Sander featured a junkie-looking woman with one sleeve rolled up in her catalog along with recovering addict and model Zoe Fleischauer.

"There are a lot of junkies in the [fashion] industry. It's very hush-hush," Fleischauer said. "They wanted models that looked like junkies. The more skinny and fed up you look, the more everybody thinks you're fabulous."



Courtesy of Warner Bros. Records  
The late Miles Davis was one of the many entertainers who abused drugs.

## Brazilian music group raises Black awareness through dance, workshop

By Awanya Deneace Anglin  
Hilltop Staff Writer

If you wanted to know where the party was last weekend, it was at George Washington University's Lisner auditorium.

The sounds of samba reggae (fusion of Brazilian-Bahian samba with Jamaican reggae) filled the auditorium as Brazilian group

Oludum dazzled a filled to capacity crowd Saturday.

Spectators were dancing in the aisles as well as in the back of the auditorium as the 23-member band of dancers, singers, musicians and percussionists performed songs celebrating Carnival *bloco* — an annual parade in Pelourinho, Salvador, which celebrates the yearly achievements of the group.

Oludum serves as a community

organization in Brazil (Bahian region) that raises cultural pride through indigenous music and dance art forms. All of the performers sport the colors of Pan-Africanism: green, red, yellow, black and white.

Each of these colors carry a significant meaning.

Green symbolizes the equatorial forests of Africa. Red symbolizes the blood shed by the Black race.

Yellow represents gold of which "Africa is the biggest world producer."

Black stands for the pride of the race.

The organization, which came into existence in 1979, consists of a 200-member creative school, a 66-member theater band as well as 307 other members who make up an adult band, singing row, directors and functionaries.

In addition to performing in the United States, Oludum has toured Canada, Germany, Italy, Angola, Senegal and Benin. Oludum has been featured in Michael Jackson's video, "They Don't Care About Us," from his latest album "HisStory."

They also made an appearance on Paul Simon's Rhythm of the Saints Album in "The Obvious Child."

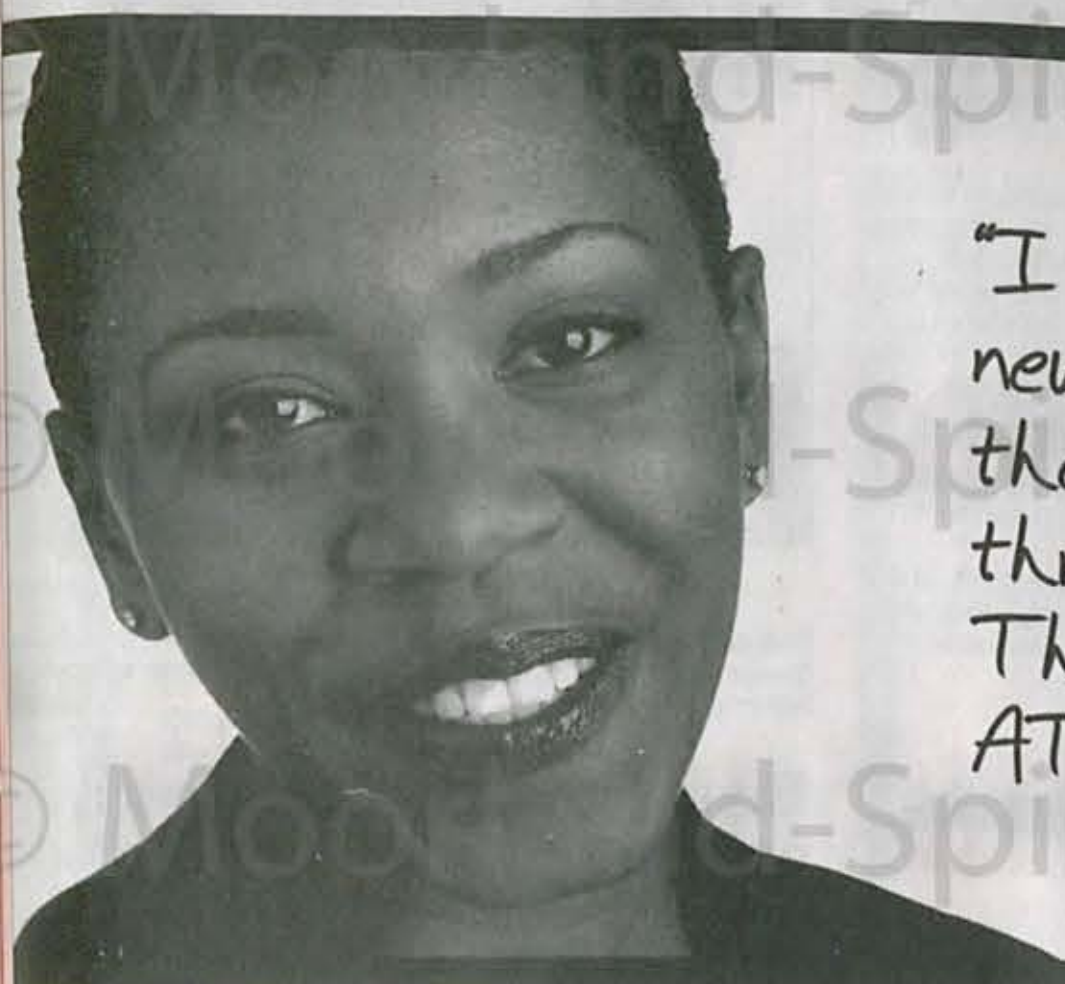
In addition to entertaining, the

group aspires to raise Black consciousness and the development of African-Brazilian culture.

Escola Criativa, Oludum's creative school, provides classes to educate over 300 underprivileged children. Some of the courses include theater, dance, music, Portuguese and marionette classes.

The organization also hosts workshops pertaining to history, race and hygiene.

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# BUSINESS

## Brother and sister team give fashion a 'killer' touch

By Karantha Wheaton  
Hilltop Staff Writer

T-shirts and tank tops with name DEINDE (pronounced Day-en-Day) spread across the front can be seen worn by fashion-conscious females around the District.

The DEINDE label is the sign of Deinde Dawodu, an up-and-coming fashion designer two lines set for spring release. He is the designer for the Killer Couture line, while his sister Titi designs the DEINDE line.

Killer Couture is targeted at young women. But do not let the name fool you. This is not Karl Kani or Tommy Hilfiger with ruffles and lace for women.

"Killer Couture is an attitude, it is a state of mind," Dawodu said. "I

chose the name Killer Couture because our fashion is extreme and cutting edge. Our motto is: "Do it to death or don't do it."

Dawodu said his line is for the woman without restrictions.

"Fashion is unpredictable," he said. "I wanted a line of clothes that acknowledge that and celebrated it as well. Killer Couture is for the young women wearing DKNY that crave more."

Titi is the inspirational artist behind the more traditional line. "DEINDE is for the older woman that is settled and knows where she's been and just where she is going," she said. "She would have worn Killer Couture when she was younger if it had been available. The clothes in the DEINDE collections are much more tailored than the ones in the

Killer Couture line. Still they have a flow and style of their own."

The logo for both lines is Dawodu's initials, double-Ds linked together. But the brother and sister team want to be known for their creativity, not their logo.

The two started by selling T-shirts. A family friend expressed interest, and the rest is history.

"Now, I've discovered that it's not a lack of fashion sense that prevents people from reaching the top, it's lack of business know how," Dawodu said. "I've found that this whole industry is about five percent talent and 95 percent networking and business sense."

With the two designers putting a new line out every six months, time is a rare commodity. Both Dawodu and his sister are full-time students. Currently, the pair are working

with three companies and one seamstress to get the clothes out on time for the major department stores and local boutiques that have expressed interest in carrying the lines.

The dynamic duo hopes to add a men's line and an accessory line to the collections in the future.

"I guess the main thing we want everyone to know is fashion comes and fashion goes," Titi said. "Trends come and go, but DEINDE and Killer Couture are here to stay."

Killer Couture's first showing in the D.C. area will be in late October.

For more information about DEINDE or Killer Couture contact the Killer Couture hotline at 301-460-5191.



Photo by Aida Muluneh



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Deinde Dawodu got his start designing clothes by selling T-shirts.

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## Greek paraphernalia store gives students closer alternative for shopping needs

By Anna French  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard students no longer have to travel to Maryland for their sorority and fraternity gear now that On The Yard has opened.

On The Yard, located at 2818 Georgia Ave., N.W., is a Greek paraphernalia and collegiate apparel store owned and managed by 27-year-old Celeste Trinidad.

"We have a wide variety of novelty items, and customers have told us that our prices are fair," Trinidad said.

Trinidad said she wanted to offer a large selection of products, so On The Yard has everything from key chains to photo albums customized T-shirts and jackets.

Although this is Trinidad's first time owning and operating a store, she makes it a priority to greet every customer with a smile and a "Hello."

For Trinidad, customer satisfaction is essential

to establishing a successful business.

"We would like people to know that we are a very customer-oriented business, and we appreciate any comments or suggestions," she said.

Trinidad and partner, Theresa Miles, 26, originally from New York are old friends. Miles was introduced to the D.C. area when she attended Howard and graduated from the School of Law in 1995.

Trinidad became familiar with the area in January when she opened a business with Miles.

"We really wanted to open a store that specialized in African-American paraphernalia," Trinidad said.

On The Yard opened Aug. 31. Miles and Trinidad said they chose this particular location for their store because of the close proximity to Howard's campus.

Trinidad welcomes the Howard community and is hoping to attract as many students as possible.

"Although we mostly service the eight major



Photo by Belinda Wickerson

Celeste Trinidad opened On The Yard near Howard to sell college apparel and Greek paraphernalia.

[Black] fraternities and sororities, we are happy to serve any sorority or fraternity," Trinidad said.

On The Yard open Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## Eruptions of Funk opens coffeehouse at HU's doorstep

By Alan C. Page  
Hilltop Staff Writer

If you are tired of going to the Punchout for that quick bite to eat between classes, there is a new spot near campus to sit down and chill.

It is the Eruptions of Funk Cafe, a coffeehouse owned and run by the Black entrepreneurial group, Eruptions of Funk.

Eruptions of Funk was responsible for the shuttle-bus service last year that transported students to the Pincay Branch Safeway and Union Station, so Howard students could support Black businesses instead of giving their money to Metro.

The group started with Howard students in mind, and was originally titled the Universal Student Improvement Association. Rodney Ward, co-founder of Eruptions of Funk, said they decided to change their name to keep up with the times.

"USIA was a cool name, but it was based on Marcus Garvey's Universal Negro Improvement Association, which was in the '20s," Ward said. "We figured it was the '90s and we needed a different strategy for these times."

Eruptions of Funk got its start in the coffeehouse business when the group opened the Kaffa House.

"We had a business partners with an Ethiopian guy that had lease to the place," Ward said. "We were able to learn about the (coffeehouse) business, how to run it and how to interact with people that were beneficial to us. After while, we had to branch out and get our own thing."

Now Eruptions of Funk has opened up its business at the corner of 9th and V streets. They chose this location help the reclamation of the area surrounding Howard and put some of the abandoned buildings behind the Howard Plaza Towers to use.

Ward said Eruptions of Funk will not be like other coffeehouses in the area where open mic sessions and poetry readings are the norm.

"Once you have one event, people are looking for another event," Ward said. "If something happens on Monday, they want to know what happens on Tuesday. Everybody's looking for a reason to patronize your place of business. I think our special event is that we're here and we're going to stay here for a while."

As it is said in the movie "Field of Dreams": "Build it and they will come."

For more information about Eruptions of Funk, contact the group at <http://www.efunk.com>



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The Eruptions of Funk cafe promises to give students an alternative to the Punch Out and Georgia Avenue eateries.

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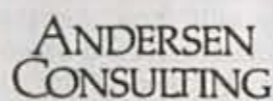
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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Report predicts world's health for 2020

By Natasha Lindsey  
Hilltop Staff Writer

A two-volume report predicting the health of the world by the year 2020 was recently released by the World Health Organization after five years of research.

WHO reported that worldwide deaths from noncommunicable diseases such as cancer, heart illness and strokes will jump from 55.8 percent in 1990 to 73 percent by 2020. The major reasons for such a large increase in these numbers is aging and tobacco, the report said.

WHO said the portion of the population aged 45 and older will increase worldwide by 200 percent between 1990 and 2020. Tobacco-related deaths could triple to 8.4 million a year within 25 years, which means that tobacco deaths could surpass the HIV epidemic.

Most of the world's health systems are not prepared for this shift, especially in developing worlds where access to treatment is minimal and the cost excessive, WHO said.

"Noncommunicable diseases will be the coming epidemic in low-income and middle-income countries," said Christopher J.L. Murray, M.D. professor at the Harvard School of Public Health. "Only in sub-Saharan Africa will communi-

cable diseases kill more than non-communicable disease in the next 25 years."

According to the report, cardiovascular disease will account for 15 percent of disease in the world, which makes heart disease the leading cause of death in 2020. In developing regions of the world, psychiatric and neurological illnesses such as severe depression, alcohol dependence and manic depression will be the second major cause of disease in 2020. In 1990, road accidents were ranked as the ninth leading cause of death, but by 2020 traffic accidents will move to number three. Strokes were number six in 1990, but in 2020 it will be number four. Respiratory disease, such as chronic lung disease and cancer, are ranked fifth in 2020 as the percentage of people affected by respiratory illness will double 10 percent. Pneumonia topped the list as the number one disease burden in 1990, but by 2020 pneumonia will be number six. HIV infections will be the tenth leading cause of death in 2020. The reason for an increase in a number of these diseases is due to aging, WHO said. As the adult population increases, so does the number of chronic diseases, since many of the top-ranking illnesses happen to adults, according to WHO.

The report from WHO said that

infectious diseases will decrease in developing countries, but cases of tuberculosis and AIDS are expected to keep rising. By 2020, tuberculosis could account for 2.3 mil-

lions in developing countries.

The WHO report is the first to predict future health problems. This report is also aimed to help increase research and development

Dr. Tore Godal, co-director of the study. "Some of the gravest health problems receive pitiful resources, while comparatively small problems receive large shares."

The research and development devoted to tuberculosis, pneumonia and diarrheal disease combined equal 0.2 percent of the total research and development expenditures allocated. Coincidentally, these conditions account for one-fifth of global disease burden today.

The research for these reports was compiled by health organizations in the United States and the governments of Australia, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. All of the research collected was compiled in two reports titled *The Global Burden of Disease and Injury Series* and *Investing in Health Research and Development*. The information from these reports said that most of the world's health problems are contributed to known risk factors such as tobacco, alcohol, unsafe sex and air pollution. These reports will enable governments and other health organizations to choose how to focus their resources on research and disease prevention, WHO said.

The second report, *Investing in Health Research and Development*

said the priorities of research based on need and there are limited resources available for research and remedies to control these health problems. The second report said resources for research and development need to be allocated competitively. Resources should not be spread to cover many studies but should concentrate on major studies that may affect future health. Collaborations between public and private funding should be improved by setting specific measures and developing a facility to enable the collaboration on specific researches, the second report said.

"The past half century has witnessed improvements in health beyond what could have been predicted from gains in income," said Dean Jamison, professor of health at UCLA. "These improvements result directly from past investments in research and development and continued investments in research and development are crucial to develop effective responses to escalating epidemics of non-communicable diseases and injury."

WHO said world health is improving and that life expectancy will be 71 years worldwide and close to 88 years for women in industrialized countries.

### The list below compares health problems from 1990 to 2020.

1990	2020
1. Pneumonia	1. Heart Disease
2. Diarrheal diseases	2. Severe depression
3. Infant diseases	3. Traffic accidents
4. Severe depression	4. Stroke
5. Heart disease	5. Chronic lung disease
6. Stroke	6. Pneumonia
7. Tuberculosis	7. Tuberculosis
8. Measles	8. War
9. Traffic accidents	9. Diarrheal diseases
10. Birth defects	10. AIDS
11. Malaria	11. Infant diseases
12. Chronic lung disease	12. Violence
13. Falls	13. Birth defects
14. Iron-deficiency anemia	14. Self-inflicted
15. Malnutrition	15. Lung cancer

lion to 3.3 million deaths a year. AIDS could kill 11.7 million people per year by 2020. It will be non-communicable diseases that will swiftly overtake infectious diseases as the main cause of early deaths or

for many present health problems around the world.

"Right now the allocation of funds for research and development is often irrational and based on inadequate information," said

### Health Facts Did you know?

National Institutes of Health recommends 1,200-1,500 milligrams of calcium a day.  
Source: Milk Education Program.

Thirty-two million women and 26 million men are obese.  
Source: Shape Magazine.

The average American eats 1,985 calories a day, one-third of which are from fat.  
Source: Self Magazine.

Nail-biting can lead to microfractures of the teeth, gum trauma and increased risk of spreading infections from hands to mouth.  
Source: Self Magazine.

Too much talking on the telephone can cause breakouts called acne mechanica.  
Source: Self Magazine.

This year 182,000 American women will develop breast cancer, the American Cancer Society said.  
Source: Shape Magazine.

Sixty percent of cancers in women have been connected to diets, said the Food and Nutrition Board of The National Academy of Sciences in a diet and health report.  
Source: Shape Magazine.

Twenty-seven percent of all women and 50 percent of women over the age of 55 are at risk for heart disease.  
Source: Shape Magazine.

Americans bought over \$1.5 billion worth of herbal concoctions last year.  
Source: Shape Magazine.

Uncircumcised men appear to be more likely to suffer from urinary tract, kidney and HIV/AIDS infections.  
Source: Self Magazine.

Vitamin K is necessary for blood clotting and to keep the bones strong as you age. Cauliflower, leafy greens, cereals and soy beans all have vitamin K.  
Source: Self Magazine.

The Food and Drug Administration approved labeling that states if the water came from public water supplies.  
Source: Self Magazine.

Inappropriate use of vaginal yeast infection creams may put women at risk for more serious infections.  
Source: Self Magazine.

## Nonsurgical abortion drugs give women another choice

By Natasha Lindsey  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Women now have the choice between a surgical or nonsurgical approach to terminate an unwanted pregnancy.

After years of debate, the Food and Drug Administration will soon approve the abortion drug, RU-486, known as the French abortion pill, Mifepristone. RU-486 is an antiprogesterin that blocks the progesterone necessary to sustain pregnancy, the National Abortion Federation said. Mifepristone is combined with misoprostol, which is used in the second stage of the abortion to cause contractions of the uterus.

"Mifepristone should, by all rights, have already been approved, marked and made available to American women," said Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

As doctors and organizations like Planned Parenthood await for the FDA's approval of RU-486, there is a second nonsurgical drug that is already being used by private physicians to terminate unwanted pregnancies — methotrexate and misoprostol.

The drugs methotrexate and misoprostol are both FDA approved, but are used for purposes other than abortion. Methotrex-

ate is a folic acid antagonist that has been available in the United States since 1953, the NAF said.

When methotrexate was approved by the FDA, its purpose was to treat certain forms of cancer. The drug was also used in lower doses to treat arthritis and psoriasis. The NAF said that since 1983, physicians have used this drug for treatment of ectopic pregnancies. Methotrexate can cause an early abortion by blocking folic acid from fetal cells so that they cannot divide. This drug may also affect the attachment of the embryo to the uterine wall, the NAF said. Methotrexate is used with misoprostol. Approved by the United States to prevent stomach ulcers, misoprostol is the second phase in terminating the abortion. The combination has been used on women who have missed their menstrual period up to a month. This procedure can be compared to a spontaneous miscarriage and include side effects such as prolonged bleeding, spotting, cramping, nausea and diarrhea.

"We hope that American women will before too long, have a choice of two medical options for ending unwanted pregnancies — ending them early and without surgery," Feldt said. "This is great news for women, and a benchmark in women's health."

Since the combination of this

drug has yet to be approved by the FDA as an abortion drug, Planned Parenthood has launched a study that looks at the method of methotrexate and misoprostol and a second non-surgical option.

"Planned Parenthood could conceivably have already begun offering medical abortion services using these drugs off label, without special FDA clearance," Feldt said. "But because abortion is such a sensitive, politically charged issue, Planned Parenthood wanted to go the extra mile and take the methotrexate/misoprostol protocol for early abortion through the FDA process."

This protocol will offer the methotrexate/misoprostol method to 3,000 women. Participation is voluntary and will be limited to women who are deemed medically appropriate. Feldt hopes that the study will show that these medications are safe and effective for early abortions. Feldt also hopes that through this study, Planned Parenthood can make recommendations to the FDA to revise the labeling of these medications to include use for early medical abortions.

"We hope that physicians will be able to confidently prescribe methotrexate medical abortions without undue hesitations about insurance or liability issues," Feldt said.

## Experts say 'crack' causes damage to heart, lung, brain

By Natasha Lindsey  
Hilltop Staff Writer



In the 1980s, crack was introduced to America. A recent article from the *San Jose Mercury News* links the CIA to the crack epidemic.

Crack is an illicit drug that is a smokeable form of cocaine. While the effects of crack and how it has ravished many urban communities is well-documented, crack can also have serious health affects.

"There are several pathological organ changes that are undetected by the human eye," said Michael McLean, a counselor at Ward & Ward Associates, a drug treatment center.

The major target areas that crack affects is

the heart, lungs and the brain. Smoking crack can cause blood levels to peak rapidly, creating a quicker rush from the drug, *The Epidemiology of Cocaine* said.

Dr. Push Pa Thadani, a biomedical researcher at the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said that crack can affect the body in a number of ways, but it depends on a person's age and the amount of crack that is smoked. In young adults, crack can affect the brain, heart and lungs.

An article in the *American Journal of*

*Drug and Alcohol Abuse* reported that crack is used by a small minority of adult and student populations, but by a large proportion of cocaine users and heavy drug-using groups. Crack users tend to be young and many of whom have serious drug abuse problems.

According to the article in *Recent Developments in Alcoholism*, the toxicity of cocaine is complex.

There are pulmonary complications that cause pulmonary edema, pulmonary hemorrhages and cocaine-related pulmonary infections. Respiratory complications include shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing and chest pains.

An article in *Postgraduate Medicine* said that crack is highly addictive and easy to use. As a result of this, there is an increased frequency of cocaine-related medical problems and enhanced social disorganization,

such as child neglect or abuse and prostitution.

"Crack is nothing but a substance," McLean said. "People are paying too much attention to crack-cocaine and not enough attention on the disease of addiction. People need to find a ways and means of treating addiction."

McLean said that there is a difference between a person addicted to drugs and a person who abuses drugs.

"An abuser is aware of their abuse and is the type of person who can stop using drugs and stay stopped," McLean said. "A person with an addictive disease will be aware of their abuse of the drug, but is unable to stop."

"By no means is there a decline in crack use," she said. "I am a witness that over the past five years, [crack use] has escalated. Every 3 out of 10 people become addicted to cocaine."

## Recipe of the Week

### Herbed Chicken Pasta

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil.
- 1 1/2 cups sliced mushrooms.
- 1/2 cup chopped onion.
- 1 garlic clove, minced.
- 1 pound skinned, boned chicken breast cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil.
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper.
- 2 cups coarsely chopped tomato
- 4 cups hot cooked fettuccine (about 8 ounces uncooked pasta).
- 1/4 cup grated fresh parmesan cheese.

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium to high heat. Add mushrooms, onion and garlic; sauté two minutes. Add chicken, salt, basil and pepper; sauté five minutes or until chicken is done. Add tomato; sauté two minutes. Serve over pasta and sprinkle with cheese. Yields four servings.

Source: *Cooking Light*.



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# SPORTS

## Acting academic advisor Sharon Fletcher gives mentoring and tutorial help for athletes

By Dennis Freeman  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Never in a million years did Sharon Fletcher think she would work with athletes.

But that is exactly what the acting academic advisor to student athletes does.

Fletcher, in her sixth year working with the intercollegiate athletic department, is on loan to the department from the School of Education under Academic Reinforcement.

Fletcher serves as the acting academic advisor for almost 300 student athletes.

"The academic advisor serves as a liaison between the faculty and the students," Fletcher said.

"One of the main functions I provide is giving students someone else to talk to besides the coach. I think there is a comfort level there, and I think that's important. They get to express themselves. They feel comfortable."

Fletcher, who has been teaching for 24 years, graduated from Bowie State University with a B.A. in English, a Masters Degree in Secondary Education and is currently a Ph.D. candidate.

With all that education and training, Fletcher is well-equipped to handle her duties as a buffer between the students, faculty and coaching staff in the athletic department.

When she was first assigned to the athletic department, Fletcher, having taught reading and study skills for 14 years was a bit

apprehensive, but she is more comfortable now.

"This is my niche. When I taught study skills, I saw a need for assistance then," Fletcher said. "I enjoy working with students, particularly student-athletes."

Right now there are 17 tutors working under Fletcher and apparently, that is not enough to reach all the athletes, Fletcher said.

"I can't possibly reach all of them. It kills me to lose somebody," she said.

Fletcher also says that what the student athlete gives of him/herself to their institutions should not be overlooked.

"They provide services to the university that require a great amount of effort physically and mentally," she said. "With all their

meetings and traveling, I see them as having a need."

Besides offering academic assistance and tutorial help, Fletcher is also there for moral support for the athletes she counsels.

Even though she has an undaunting task of being responsible for the academic progress of almost 300 student athletes, Fletcher speaks highly of the support she receives around the campus.

"I'm very happy with the amount of support I have. A.B. Williamson (director of athletics business affairs) and Debra Johnson (associate athletic director) are very supportive," she said. "Financial Aid have been helpful, and I'm very happy with the support of the advisors around the campus."

Williamson said Fletcher has

raised the academic tutorial program single-handedly to a new level.

"She's done more than that," Williamson said. "She's a mentor and friend to all the student athletes."

Howard football player Kireem Swinton said he would have been lost academically and socially without Fletcher's help.

"She's the one that carried me through. She's been my savior," Swinton said.

Although she is proud of the success rate of Howard students, Fletcher said she is not here to help athletes only.

"Being around young people has helped me to be patient, and see that some things are normal," she said. "It has made me a better mother."



Photo by Carlos J. ...  
Sharon Fletcher's presence gives a big boost to the Academic Assistant program in the Athletic Department.

## Track and field athlete remains focused on academics and competition

By Ivan J. Aranha  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Stacey Doreen Stewart is an accomplished runner on the Howard University track team.

The 20-year-old junior from Newark, N.J., stands 5'7" tall and specializes in the 400m, 800m, two-mile and cross-country competition.

In her freshman year, she placed in the top 10 in the MEAC (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) for cross country. In 1996, Stewart placed third in the MEAC for the 800m indoor.

Though Stewart has suffered injuries that kept her out of last year's outdoor competition, she is eager to compete this year.

"[HU] can run with any team in the country," Stewart said. "We are a team of young runners. The combination of our more experienced runners and our new recruits allows us to compete with anyone."

Stewart said she discovered her love for running at age three.

"I always grew up around running. My father was a track coach, and I used to practice with his track girls," Stewart said. "That's how it all started."

Stewart's father was her first coach and one of her life influences.

"He's an urban warrior," Stewart said. "He grew up in the projects and around a lot of negativity. Through track, he taught me how to be tough and independent. He

still inspires me to be hard working and diligent in all that I do."

If any other person has had an effect on Stewart's running, it is William Moultrie, head track coach.

"[Moultrie] is a good coach. He has a lot of experience. He knows the kind of runner I am and how I can improve," Stewart said.

Stewart said Howard's lack of an indoor track may deter potential Howard runners from attending.

"It's hard to recruit because of facilities," Stewart said. "Some runners feel they need top notch facilities to be the best runner. [Athletic success] is all about the mental. Howard runners understand that a true athlete can compete anywhere."

Stewart's said her older sister

Tamara, who cannot walk or see, is her role model.

"[Tamara] has been a source of mental strength. I see her living and know I couldn't deal with the things she does," Stewart said. "I feed off her energy and her spirit."

Stewart said she chose Howard because "it had something special." She felt it was the perfect opportunity to get an education, and have a social life compared to larger, predominantly white institutions.

Stewart is majoring in pharmacy and has a 3.4 GPA. After graduation she plans to go to Medical school and become a gynecologist.

"I'm a hard worker, who plans to be a doctor, and represent Howard to the fullest," Stewart said.

## Bison stampede Virginia State Trojans

By Ivan J. Aranha  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University Bison football team popped the Virginia State University Trojans 31-7 last Saturday, in its Greene Stadium opener.

The first quarter ended scoreless as both teams squandered opportunities to put points on the board.

Virginia State cornerback, Telly Priester, returned his second interception of the day 100 yards to put the Trojans up 7-0, with 6:08 left in the second quarter.

Kick Returner Stefan Cameron, returned the preceding VSU kickoff 54 yards, putting Howard on the VSU 17-yard line.

Tailback Tyrone Lewis, who rushed for a career high 149 yards on 27 carries, made short gains on the next two plays. A VSU penalty would put Howard in position for Lewis' five-yard touchdown run. Howard missed the PAT, making the score 7-6.

The Trojans failed to capitalize on their next



Photo by Atoya Dean  
Tyrone Lewis (44) stretches out for extra yardage against Virginia State as Gary Grant (86) looks on.

possession forcing them to punt. Quarterback Ted White then scored on a one-yard touchdown and the Bison gambled and made the two-point conversion, putting Howard on top at the half 14-7.

Howard utilized most of its running backs in the second half, eventually wearing down the VSU defense. White scored on a one yard carry

at the start of the fourth quarter putting Howard up 21-7.

Free Safety Floyd May recovered a VSU fumble on the ensuing kickoff. White hit wide receiver Marco Ward with a 27-yard touchdown pass to Marco Ward to break the game open. Placekicker Jason DeCuir closed out the scoring, completing a 25-yard field goal with 5:13 left in the game.

This was a big win for Howard, with the showdown against Florida A & M looming next week. Senior Cornerback Curtis Jones took the win personally.

"[The win] feels good. We [HU defensive backs] were matched up against some challenging receivers," Jones said. "We had to be able to make plays and have a focused mind set."

Junior running back Aray Williams made his season debut, rushing for 88 yards on 19 carries, after conquering a hamstring injury.

"I feel good," Williams said after the game. "I was a little shaky at first, playing after a leg injury. Virginia State was a tough team to beat, but I'm ready for next week."

## Fans will never forget free-agency signings

### Commentary

By Anthony Edwards  
Hilltop Staff Writer

When you keep friends close to your heart like I do, you try to make sure that you don't show one more attention than the other. Acknowledging one can sometimes make you loose track or forget about the latter. This is a mistake that many people, and yes, even I made July 9.

That was the day the NBA under its new labor agreement began its free-agency signings. Just listen to these names of players that could have went to any team in the league: Juwan Howard, Alonzo Mourning, Reggie Miller,

Shaquille O' Neal, and even his "airness," Michael Jordan. I mean can't you just sympathize with me a little. I was in complete awe of this monumental event taking that was taking place right before my eyes.

A month went by and I found myself documenting every single trade taking place on my NBA Live video game. This was so I could have a small taste of what the upcoming season, that was months away, would be like.

Suddenly all the major trades had been completed and the excitement was fading. My

"friend" had left me without warning. I was still excited, just not as, you know?

Skipping forward to Sept. 1, another lazy Sunday and nothing is on TV except for, "Is that?" "Could that be?"

Yes it was football, the long lost friend that everyone had forgot about. And even though I set it aside, my grid-iron amigo welcomed me back with open arms and shoulder pads.

Imagine, I "Mr. Sports Fanatic," was even lost for a second, when flipping through the games at

first. Hold on, since when was Deion (Sanders) a two-way starter? When did Chris Spielman leave the Lions for the Bills? When did Miami get a defense? It became clear that all of this happened when I was neglecting football for basketball back in July.

Shame on me and the other millions of people who forgot about football this summer. This may be one of the greatest seasons in history and I almost missed out on a portion of it. I mean, it's only a couple of weeks old, but if I was still asleep I would have missed great moments like the return of Lambeau Field (Green Bay) on Monday night, or even the return of football in Baltimore.

What I'm trying to say is that even though, "I love that game," I love this one too.

## Bison Bits

### Football

Offensive tackle Anthony Heyward was named MEAC (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) Offensive Lineman of the Week for his outstanding play against Virginia State University Saturday. Heyward led an offense that punished Virginia State with ground attack in leading the Bison to 31-7 victory over the Trojans.

Running back Tyrone Lewis, who ran for a career high 149 yards, gained honorable mention.

### Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team remains atop the Eastern Division in the Mid-Continent Conference despite their loss at George Washington University (0-1) on Sunday. At 3-3-1, the men look to improve on the record tonight as they take on the Philadelphia Textiles at 7:30 p.m. The game will be at Greene Stadium.

### Women's Soccer

At 0-7 frustration is at a high for the women's soccer team. "I think they're frustrated with each other," Head Coach Michelle Street said. "I'm extremely frustrated. We're not being physically and mentally tough as far as sucking it up and playing. We're not being aggressive enough."

But coach Street remains confident about her team and its abilities. The women get their next shot at breaking into the win column Sunday, when they take on Bowie State.

### Cross Country

Coach William Moultrie felt his squad made a good effort in the double-dual meet at George Mason University Saturday.

"We had a good meet," Moultrie said. "The performance on our track team was very good. It served its purpose in that we had some good bright spots. We had a great effort from Damion Rowe. It was good to see Rowe come around."

The team competes against Mount St. Mary's University tomorrow in Emmitsburg, Va.

### Wrestling

Head Coach Paul Cotton invites all students and faculty members to check out the Howard University Athletic Department Home page. The Athletic Home Page includes schedules, pictures, press releases, and coaches/players bios. Students can participate in forum discussions on the Howard Athletics Page in connection with *The Washington Post*. The address is: <http://www.eldc.howard.edu/cotton/athletic.html>.

### Swimming and Diving

The Sharks and Lady Sharks begin practice Oct. 1. The team captains for the 1996-97 year are: Seana Westarr and Margie Nastution for the women and Stephan Steer and JaJa Wade for the men. Coach Newton Jackson landed some fine recruits to add to his already strong squad.

The swimming and diving teams start their season Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Delaware Diving Invitational.

### Tennis

The men and women's tennis teams compete in the annual fall MEAC Round Robin Tournament starting today. The tournament lasts until Saturday. The Bison return to face Morgan St. here

Wednesday, Oct. 2nd at 2:30 p.m. The dual match takes place at Baker Jr. High School, across the street from the School of Business at Georgia Ave.

### Baseball

The baseball team is participating in winter games this fall. They are 2-0 with two games remaining for the winter season, as they prepare to get ready for spring.

Assistant Coach Eric Johnson says these games give an indication of where your team is in the off season.

"It's a tune-up to measure where you are in the off season," Johnson said.

The Bison defeated Mount St. Mary's College 9-6 and Bowie St. 28-10. Their next game will be against Essex Community College Saturday, Oct. 5.



## HOWARD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

September 6, 1996

TO : Members of the Howard University Community

FROM : H. PATRICK SWYGERT *H. Patrick Swygert*  
President

SUBJECT : FY95/96 UNIVERSITY MERIT AWARD PROGRAM

In June 1996, I announced the Board of Trustees' approval of a three-phase salary adjustment plan for faculty and staff. Phases One and Two were implemented in June and July, respectively. I am pleased to announce that Phase Three, the creation of a salary merit award program, will be implemented in October 1996. Accordingly, you are herein advised of the acceptance of nominations/recommendations for the initial University Merit Award Program as follows:

- **Period of Recognition** - July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1996
- **Who Can Nominate** - All Members of the University Community (Faculty, Deans, Supervisors, Alumni, Students, and Self-nominations)
- **Who Is Eligible** - All Non-Union/Non-Grant Employees on the University Payroll as of December 31, 1995
- **Submission Deadlines** - September 27, 1996

Information packets on the guidelines for submission of nominations/recommendations are available at the various locations listed below. These guidelines are being put into place now to avoid any delay in award recognition of outstanding faculty and staff performance. The guidelines are interim and shall govern nominations and/or recommendations for the FY95/96 award period. Further refinement of the guidelines will be developed by the end of this fiscal year and will be shared with the Faculty Senate, Deans, Department Chairs, Administrators, and the Howard University Staff Organization for comment.

Please be mindful that these awards are highly competitive and that all eligible nominees will not receive awards. It is anticipated that no more than twenty percent (20%) of the workforce will receive awards.

We have sought to construct a fair, rational, and effective program. The comments I received from the Faculty Senate, the Deans and Department Chairs, the Howard University Staff Organization, and the Vice Presidents have been very helpful to me. Many, many thanks to you all. Should you have any questions regarding the nomination/recommendation process, please direct all inquiries to the Office of the Vice President for Human Resource Management at 806-2250.



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