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Elaine Jones highlights Howard history at 129th convocation



Elaine Jones, a Howard alumna and lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, inspired students at convocation.

By Natalie P. McNeal
Hilltop Staff Writer

With the effect of a motivational speaker, this year's convocation speaker, Elaine Jones, gave an energy-filled speech full of references about Howard University's history, as well as the need for financial funding from private institutions.

Last Friday, Jones, a lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, intrigued students by spouting statistics about the rise in freshmen SAT scores and the University's legacy in graduating more Blacks than any other college.

She started the speech by joking with the University for allowing a lawyer to speak without a time constraint.

"There's no red or yellow light to

signal me to stop," said Jones, a 1965 Howard graduate. "I will try to have some mercy."

"We have a lot to be proud of, and a lot to build on," Jones said in an animated voice.

"It's time for us to step up to the plate."

Many of the themes in Jones' speech focused on reaching out for money from the private sector and coincide with the new Framework for Strategic Action plan, developed by President H. Patrick Swygert.

Convocation, the official blessing for the school year, was held a day before the Board of Trustees approved the plan to reduce the number of schools and colleges from 16 to 11.

"We have to increase private sector funds," Jones said.

"We have to know a certain amount of money comes from alumni, and I'm willing to be a part

of this wake-up call.

"No one can compare to Howard. We are the seed of survivors," said Jones, reciting a Swahili warrior saying.

Before her speech, Swygert presented Jones with an honorary doctorate of law degree.

She is also the first African-American woman to serve in Turkey in the Peace Corps.

She was also the first African-American woman to attend and graduate from the University of Virginia Law School.

Wilma Horton, a theater major said she was touched by Jones' speech.

"The convocation made me feel closer to Howard," Horton said. "It was good to hear her speak about the alumni."

Festival attracts many to U Street

By Christopher Winfield
Hilltop Staff Writer

Gene Kapps, a District resident, is happy he attended the U Street Festival last week.

"People travel across the country and to Europe to see historical sites, but there is a culturally rich area right here," he said. "To some extent, I'm glad I don't live in the suburbs, because the suburbs have no soul."

Other Washingtonians, merchants and artists celebrated the third annual festival, despite the cloudy, overcast skies.

Adults and children strolled between 11th and 15th Streets, browsing African art and jewelry tables, sampling Caribbean and Southern cuisine. Others observed the antique cars and fashions from the 1920s and '30s or bounced on the carnival Moon Bounce and listened to the live jazz and R & B.

"The purpose of this festival is to interest young people who don't know the significance of this area," said Henry Whitehead, the president of the U Street Festival Foundation. "We know U Street and the greater Shaw community to be the most historical business and residential area in the country."

The promoters of the festival, along with the Washington Historical Society, hope to show the historical importance of this predomi-

nantly Black area and encourage its economic growth.

Businesses on the street include the reconstructed Lincoln theater, the new Lincoln Condominium Complex, the Kaffa House, Mood Indigo, Republic Gardens, Sisterspace Bookstore and Morgan's Cafe. They join the successful Ben's Chili Bowl as the major attractions to this area.

But according to D.C. resident Ako Yamro, not all of the new economic growth is beneficial to the Black community.

"At one time this was all black-owned," he said. "Now they're revitalizing the place, but we don't own the shops."

Yamro cited the opening of the new White-owned CVS Drug store, Pizza Hut restaurant, and the Asian-owned Elegance Nails salon as evidence that non-Blacks were seeking to take advantage of the previous business vacuum.

"U Street was alive and flourishing in the days when Harlem was still a White neighborhood," Whitehead said. "The renaissance really started here and was exported to New York."

The area experienced severe economic and social decline after the 1968 Martin Luther King Jr. assassination sparked a riot that destroyed property. The construction of the Metro train station in the late 1980s also forced many businesses to fold for lack of street traffic.



A U Street Festival participant enjoys colorful birds at the celebration highlighting the historical neighborhood last week.

Proposed loan cuts threaten education opportunities

By Dawnica Jackson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Tykeishia Rice came to Howard University to better her life. But the journey to the Mecca, she admits, would not have been possible for her and some of her friends without grants and easy loans provided by the federal government — issues hotly contested in Congress as the 104th session that closed this week.

"Without loans, I wouldn't, and most of my friends wouldn't be in college," said Rice, a senior. "The 'haves' would keep 'having.'"

In 1997, a college education has become an essential building block for people in the job market, while the cost of college has gone through

the roof leaving many students out in the cold.

But the 104th Congress proposed a \$10 billion cut in student aid programs as part of a spending measure in 1997 fiscal year budget.

Republicans and Democrats, backed by banking interest groups, also want to eliminate student loan reforms altogether.

The Citizens Action, a public advocacy interest group, released a report last month outlining the proposed cuts.

The House Republican leadership again proposed eliminating the most successful

See LOANS, A3.



Earl C. Horton, president of Howard's Black Student Law Association, speaks at a rally Friday protesting the CIA's alleged involvement in providing drugs for California street gangs.

Law students protest CIA-crack scandal

By Natalie Hopkinson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University law students brought the CIA-crack scandal to the Capitol steps last week, toting picket signs and demanding justice for crack-terrorized Black communities.

Student leaders called on Congress to open hearings regarding allegations that the CIA-backed Contra army smuggling of tons of cocaine into the United States during the 1980s.

"We are your wake-up call," said Earl C. Horton III, president of Howard's Black Student Law Association before CNN, C-Span, NBC and BET cameras. "We represent students of all ages who are outraged at the poisoning of our communities. This epidemic has been responsible for the decay of the fabric of America."

According to an investigation by the San Jose Mercury News, the Contras raised money to overthrow the Nicaraguan communist government by selling massive amounts of cocaine to Los Angeles gang leaders. The influx of wholesale cocaine led to the crack explosion in urban America and provided money for the gangs to buy automatic weapons.

"We are carrying the torch for Charles Hamilton Houston," Horton said of the former dean of Howard Law School who conducted research leading to the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court decision.

"As future leaders, we welcome the challenge to deal with those who present a clear and present danger to African-American and Latin-American communities."

Other student leaders enthusiastically responded to Horton's words with shouts of "Step up to the plate," and waving picket signs reading "Justicia Ahora," "Crack Down on the CIA," and "Stop Poisoning Our



Howard students protest on the Capitol west lawn.

Communities."

Hoisting a bright picket sign reading "We want hearings," first year law student Sonja Allen came out to the rally to express the outrage she felt after hearing about the report.

"We are here to just bring public awareness to the allegations," the Virginia native said.

"I live in a community where I see first hand people who are affected by this."

Former Undergraduate Trustee Omar Karim also spoke before the rally. He said that while the CIA's covert activities are not really a surprise, the students should demand action.

"The only meaning of life is struggle," Karim said. "We demand hearings and we will not stop until justice has been served."

Congresswoman Maxine Waters, D-Calif., who has made the CIA-crack issue her top priority, also made an appearance at the rally to support the students.

"They know what happens when a determined people focus on a cause," Waters said, noting that if it were not for the Black press, the public would not have learned about the revelations.

"Thank God for (radio station owner) Cathy Hughes. Thank God for Howard University. Thank God, because all the major

media has shut us out," she said.

In the "amen corner" of the rally, two middle-aged women looked on, clapping and humming. Retired District school teacher Connie Hipkins was one spectator who especially appreciated the students' leadership.

"It was just devastating to see kids that you taught, staggering into your classrooms, walking through the neighborhoods with that blank stare," Hipkins said of her crack-afflicted pupils.

Standing next to Hipkins, a retired colleague had an even more compelling reason for being overcome with emotion and gratitude for the students. Her son was a victim of crack.

"It has hurt my family in innumerable ways, and I'm tired of it and I'm ready to give my life for it," said the woman who wished to not be identified.

"This place should be packed," she said. "These kids are fighting, why can't we?"

Despite the modest turnout, Horton said he has enough support from various organizations and students to keep the issue alive.

"We are not basing it on numbers. This isn't the end. We will continue to organize letter-writing campaigns and rallies to keep the push going."

CAMPUS

ISAS enhances University computer systems Computer lab changes overdue, students say

By Lylah Holmes and
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Hilltop Staff Writers

If plans for a revamped computer network and information system are cleared by university officials this semester, Howard University may be leading HBCUs and Black America on the crest of the information era.

Joseph Collins, associate vice president of Information Systems and Services, hopes to implement conveniences such as class scheduling via the World Wide Web and telefaxing papers to teachers across campus alongside President H. Patrick Swygert's "Strategic Framework for Action."

The main thrust of the information renovations will be in the creation of a super computer center, a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week laboratory, with a range of computer technology for Howard students' needs.

"Schools are doing it and with the new technology we'll be able to do it. We've got to be competitive," Collins said. "ISAS is going through a massive reorganization in order to respond to its client demand."

The ISAS headquarters located at Wonder Plaza, is responsible for administration computing, academic computing and telecommunications, voice and data computing. Collins' plan includes a fully integrated and networked computer facility with more than 150 work stations ranging from low-end terminals to top-of-the-line silicon graphics arts computers.

In addition, three training rooms, multimedia divisions and a technology laboratory will be included in the ISAS lab.

In Swygert's plan to revitalize Howard "A Strategic Framework for Action," calls for multidisciplinary acceptance of the establishment of a "super lab" at the Technology Center at Wonder Plaza.

Recent developments with ISAS



Photo by Jason Lewis
Joseph Collins, associate vice president for ISAS is leading HU on the information superhighway.

and the near completion of a fiber optic system throughout the campus will facilitate the University's move toward full access on the Internet.

Intranet systems, linking electronic and reference resources within the University, are also part of the plan and some have already begun to link University computers in a system called HUNet.

The much-awaited lab expansion was well received by students who say Howard's technological resources are underfunded and understaffed.

"I think Howard could do a whole lot better. You hardly ever have a working computer," said Gerilane Rigby, a sophomore hospitality management major. "For a university such as Howard, there's a lot more they could do as far as improvements with the labs. I know of high schools with better computer labs."

Rewiring this summer allowed the information center to make offices of professors and staff accessible to a facet, the first phase in a university-wide plan that would include rewiring of Administration building offices and dormitories with high-speed computer wires.

Collins said part of the plan

might include acquiring terminals for Howard's 1,807 faculty members. A system of fiber optic cable, which will link all the campus' information networks, was started this summer as a preliminary step in getting Howard

online. Full integration with a server network called BANNER will allow students to check their accounts with the University, register for classes and get e-mail.

"The major initiative that will be phased out will be the registration process. It (BANNER) will provide some new capabilities for students," said Collins, a Howard alumnus. "In addition to registering by phone, account balance inquiries, grades and financial aid status inquiries can be made by phone. It will also support Internet Access for registration."

Mary Johnson said that Howard's efforts are past due.

"I have been trying to get into the computer labs, but they are over crowded, closed or the machines are broken," said the senior majoring in management. "A shorter registration process can only help the University. For Howard to be the top Black university, we should be in the forefront of technology."

Funds for most of these programs have yet to be finalized, but if ISAS gets the go ahead, some of the 21 programs Collins has proposed could change life on campus drastically.

Also proposed is a system of

Getting Started on the Internet

What You Need



Computer



Software



Modem



Telephone

To get started on the INTERNET, there are a couple of essentials

- 1) a computer
- 2) a modem
- 3) software to run the modem; and software from your service provider to use the INTERNET
- 4) a telephone

Universal ID "smart cards" that would replace the now cumbersome collection of student IDs, meal cards, dorm access passes and laundry cards. The new card could also be used for purchases around the HU community and an ATM card.

But while those ideas lay on the drawing board, computer technology at HU has already come up to speed.

This semester, Collins said, freshmen were given the opportunity to acquire an e-mail address

through the Computer Learning and Design Center. Collins wants registration to go online next semester and every validated student to have an e-mail address.

The Drew Hall computer lab, a pilot program, opened this semester providing the dorm with 10 work stations connected to the HU network and the Internet. New dial-in access should be in place by the end of the year to facilitate the hundreds of calls that jam the computer terminals at night trying to reach e-mail accounts.

How do I get e-mail at HU?

Howard Students can get through at CLDC by filling an application form, which users select a logon ID and password. The University gives accounts for electronic mail to all validated students faculty.

Once your account is processed you can dial into the CLDC computers from home using a modem or connect to CLDC computers using the Telnet program, available on most University's computers.

How do I get on the Internet?

The Internet is a vast network of electronic libraries that allow users to travel from computer to computer and view information collected in open databases. Interact with others online.

Howard students can go two routes to latch on to the Internet:

1) CLDC computers allow students to gain access to the Internet from the Telnet program connects to e-mail. But information downloaded comes in the form of text only.

Going Outside Howard:

2) Internet service providers (ISP) companies like Pan American Online and Neptune, can provide text-based and visual information over the Internet. Companies offering these services usually provide Internet browser software such as Netscape to organize information from the Net. They generally charge flat monthly fees for this service.

New website rides Howard interns on information superhighway College Post offers perspectives of students

By Lylah Holmes
Hilltop Staff Writer

Net savvy college students wandering aimlessly for hours along the electric roadsides of the Information Superhighway may cut their search time to seconds and keep up to speed with events happening around the metropolitan area. College Post, a new division of washingtonpost.com, an online publication of The Washington Post, hopes to reach out to students at local universities.

Akiba Solomon, the Howard University stringer for College Post, said this site is unique because it is localized for area college students.

"There's no wealth of information available that is tailored to students in the D.C. area," the senior journalism majoring said. "There are other college-oriented sites nationwide, but none offers what this does for this area. It is another way to get the students reading that will be an easily accessible direct link to the news."

Solomon said she is worried about the lack of Internet knowledge in the African-American community, as more and more vital resources become available online.

"It's like the telephone," Solomon said. "When it first started it seemed like a far off technological break through that you didn't need. Now people can't get along without a telephone. On a global level, if you're trying to make some type of business move you'll have to learn about this technology."

LaWanda Stone, project manager for College Post, said working with the online paper gives her added opportunities to accurately represent the African-American collegiate community.

"As an African American, I'm extra pleased to be managing the site so I can give it some 'flava,'" the Howard alumna said. "That's why Akiba is interning at College Post, so it can appeal to us [Howard students] as well as students at Gallaudet, George Washington, Georgetown and Howard. I feel that I can do something for students just like me."

College Post focuses its coverage on students at local universities, attempting to get them roused by Internet resources and the off-campus attractions of D.C.

"You have all the news and reference materials from the washingtonpost.com and College Post," Stone said. "You can do your research for papers, talk to

other students, meet a new friend for a date, find out about events in the area and get off your campus and onto other campuses. Its an added benefit for college students. If you have to read a newspaper, why not o-line and why not for free?"

Student.Net Publishing LLC, an Internet Publishing and consulting company, began producing the online site Sept. 11, in an attempt by the Post to appeal to a broader audience and to expand information about D.C. to a wide variety of people.

Solomon says the website's mixture of fun, adventurous stories and pertinent news is an important break for surf-happy Internet junkies.

"I see the African-American possibilities on the 'Net limited if the trend continues as it stands now," she said. "Most of the African-American presence on the Web is pop culture oriented, VIBE ON-LINE, NET NOIR."

"I'm not knocking those by any stretch of the imagination. We're going to have to have other types of websites. It can't just be entertainment oriented," Solomon said. "As it stands now we're going to be limited."

Desire'e Tucker is optimistic about the website and says it can only help Howard students.

"It is an alternative way of getting news," the junior journalism major said. "It's beneficial to Howard students. College is a place to get experience that you need with the Web for when you graduate. It is going to get you that edge to compete with the real world."

Janet Allwood said College Post is on the right track, getting students online and informed.

"The College Post is a good idea because we have a better idea of what we want as college students," said the post-graduate dental student.

Solomon hopes that the website will spark Howard students' interests to get involved and explore the Internet. She said the prospect of Blacks being left behind on the Information Superhighway is "realistic and scary."

"At Howard and other Black universities, we have to get up to speed. You have to go out of your way to get an e-mail address or Internet access," she said. "If you don't realize that its there, you won't realize the magnitude."

College Post's e-mail address is: collegepost@washingtonpost.com

Prime minister speaks of a new Trinidad and Tobago

By Karen Thomas
Hilltop Staff Writer

Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister Basdeo Panday visited Howard University this week, his first trip to Washington, D.C., since assuming the country's lead position in November.

Addressing a group of students and Trinidad and Tobago nationals at Rankin Chapel on Tuesday, Panday stressed the importance of brotherhood and commitment to community and nation building.

"Work with us at home to ensure that the future generations to inherit our land will live in a better Trinidad and Tobago," Panday said.

At the event sponsored by the International Student Association and the Trinidad and Tobago Association, the Prime Minister made the appeal to nationals in the crowd to recommit themselves to pride and self-reliance using the nation's motto: Discipline, Production, Tolerance.

"You must see it as your duty to participate in the growth of our country by investing and banking in it, by promoting and purchasing local product," Panday said.

As a past unionist, lawyer and economist, Panday is no stranger to struggle and challenges. He fought in the struggle for national unity in protests and demonstrations, and served as opposition party leader for the last five years in Parliament.

Nikolai Nedd, a sophomore information systems major, said he was happy to hear his country's prime minister speak.

"He enlightened Trinidadians and Tobagonians here about what is taking place home. I think he has a realistic approach to the situation home, and what he says does make sense," he said.



Photo by Aida M...
Prime Minister Basdeo Panday praises Trinidad and Tobago Nationals' discipline, production and tolerance.

Panday touched on the nation's drug situation, telling nationals that stronger ties to the United States are being made to solve it. He also spoke of recent arrests and convictions of one of the island's drug lords.

But nationals working and studying in the United States that were present to voice their concerns to the new leader said jobs should be the main concern of the new government.

When Liselle Yorke asked what would be waiting for nationals who want to come home to work she said Panday's words did not speak to her needs of having a job when she returns home.

"He went over my question very glibly," said Yorke, a graduate student. "He has not told me what steps are being taken to provide jobs for students when they finish school. It makes no sense then to talk about brain drain if they are not creating jobs."

Panday maintained that the priority of his government is to build a vibrant economy, repairing the 75 percent unemployment rate.

But Bertrand Howell, a Trinidadian residing in Maryland, said he was totally dissatisfied with Prime minister's responses.

"I do not feel he has dealt with concerns," he said.

Howell maintained that for the system to change the system needs a complete overturn.

"For things to get better Trinidad and Tobago, we need a new political system, the constitution has to change," Howell said. "These people came in a political mold and do not have ideas to deviate from this system — the ideal for these men the self and perpetuation of a particular group."

Some said they were just glad the opportunity to hear their prime minister.

"For a new prime minister, it is he is very much on top of things especially how he handles questions dealing with Tobago," said Zobeida Aziz, a Washington resident. "Tobago was neglected by past governments, it was interesting to hear him talk of the plan his government has for Tobago."

CAMPUS PLUS

Students expand campus safety watch program

By Phillipa Philpot
Hilltop Staff Writer

Concerned about the safety of the Fine Arts Building at late hours, Senegal and Allen Jackson, Howard University students, started a program that allows students to look out for themselves and always having to wait on campus security.

The program is similar to neighborhood watch," said Senegal, the program's coordinator. "We watch all the buildings on campus and monitor people going in and out. The program works with the campus security to make sure the buildings are safe for all students who need to use the facilities at night. The program does not in any way take

away from the job of the campus security. It is, however, just an added safety measure."

Senegal said the program will work better because students are now watching out for each other. He added that the monitors wear plain clothing so trespassers have no way of knowing that they are being watched.

When the program started last year, the Fine Arts Building was the only monitored building. This year Douglas Hall, Architecture, Engineering and C.B. Powell are being monitored.

Two students are stationed in front of these buildings and patrol them from 4:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The number of students patrolling can increase with the size of the building.

At every half-hour, one of the stu-



dents will take a walk through the building to make sure nothing looks out of place.

Allison Bolah, a graduating senior and monitor, finds the program to be working efficiently.

"I check in every room when I make my rounds just to make sure

everything is all right," Bolah said. "Usually everything is fine, but every now and then you will see someone who looks suspicious."

If one of the monitors sees someone who looks out of place, they are to call one of the security officers on duty to handle the problem.

"We are not supposed to warn or approach the person at all," Bolah said. "We are not supposed to take any steps to try to handle the problem by ourselves. That would put us in danger."

"We envisioned the program for our volunteers to be at strategic locations and to be the eyes and ears for security," Campus security director Lawrence Dawson said. "They will not use weapons, but will report what they see."

Bolah feels that since the program has been implemented, the buildings have been a safer place in which to work.

"My baby sister is in the engineering building all night," Bolah said. "I'm glad that somebody is watching her."

Twenty-five students are now involved in the program. Senegal

hopes to add to that number in the near future.

"We want to get student government, fraternities, sororities, and other campus organizations to volunteer for the student watch program and improve the comfort level of security," Dawson said.

Senegal is also starting an escort service similar to the service that is offered in the Undergraduate Library so that students will not only feel safe when they are in the buildings, but also when leaving the facility.

"It's real dangerous walking out there alone at night, especially during the warmer months," Bolah said. "People tend to stay out late when it is warm outside."

Senegal urges all students who are interested in joining either program to contact him at 518-9442.

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, volunteers begin fast for Africare

By Rashida Syed
Hilltop Staff Writer

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Alpha Chapter, will begin a 48-hour fast today in an effort to raise money for Africare, an organization promoting nutritional development for malnourished children.

"I feel good about the fast because this is a good cause," said Jennifer Jeff, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha. "Fasting is only a part, but raising money is beneficial. Our efforts defy stereotypes of college students who are self-centered."

The money will be used to build a fishery for six fisheries or fish centers in Guiglo, Cote d'Ivoire along the Ivory Coast of Africa. According to First Vice President Janine Pettiford, the fishery will increase and diversify

the intake of protein of 3,000 children.

The members of the organization recently received an award from Africare for being one of the top financial contributors. Last year the sorority raised \$12,000.

The eighth annual Africare program began earlier this week with an information session, where participants learned about the details of the fast and the benefits of their efforts.

"We fast because we want to put ourselves in the shoes of the children who have to go without food for long periods of time," Pettiford said.

Participants in the two-day fast are restricted to water and pure juices. But those who cannot fast for health or other reasons are asked not to consume as much food.

Member Eboni Wallace will participate in the fast, but is aware of

the minimal sacrifice she will make in comparison with many children in Africa.

"We can't truly grasp the reality of ... Africa because our fast is temporary. We know that we'll eat in two days, but [eating] is not promised to those starving in Africa," Wallace said.

A candlelight vigil, will take place at 8:08 p.m. tonight at the flagpole. On Saturday, 8:08 a.m. to noon, participants are encouraged to come to a workshop in the Blackburn Auditorium to keep their minds off food.

The final day of the fast will commence Sunday with a Call to Chapel and a reception in the Bethune Annex seminar room at 1:00 p.m., where the fast will be broken.

Students may participate in all events and can pick up a pledge sheet on Saturday at the workshop.

HUSA October Calendar

Oct. 4	Friday	International Student Summit
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.		Forums, Workshops & Roundtable Discussions
9 p.m. - until		Summit Party
Oct. 5	Saturday	International Student Summit
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.		Forums, Workshops & Roundtable Discussions Games and Movie 'Sankofa'
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.		Reading Lounge
Oct. 6	Sunday	International Student Summit
9 a.m. - noon		Closing Ceremony
Oct. 7	Monday	Big Brother/Sister Meeting
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.		Reading Lounge
Oct. 8	Tuesday	Organizational Fair
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.		Blackburn, Ballroom
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.		Town Hall Meeting Blackburn, Auditorium
Oct. 9	Wednesday	HUSA On the Road
5 p.m.		Roosevelt High School 'Back to School Night'
Oct. 11	Friday	Speak Your Mind
Noon - 1 p.m.		Open Mic Blackburn, Entrance
Oct. 13	Sunday	Public Relations Meeting
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.		Reading Lounge
Oct. 16	Wednesday	General Assembly Meeting
7 p.m.		Blackburn
Oct. 30	Wednesday	Political Debate
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.		East Ballroom
Oct. 31	Thursday	Haunted House Party
		'Kids Only'

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Make sure emergency numbers are posted beside the phone.

POP QUIZ

1 You could get a behind-the-scenes look at the *Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum* or the TV show, *NBA Inside Stuff* by:

- (A) growing eight more inches of hair or eight inches taller.
- (B) posing as a custodial worker.
- (C) dialing 1 800 CALL ATT for collect calls.

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- (B) holding one heck of a bake sale.
- (C) dialing 1 800 CALL ATT for collect calls.

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LOCAL

Coffee Crazy

What makes coffee sooo good?

By Christopher Winfield
Hilltop Staff Writer

Some may call it a cafe. To others, it is just a coffee house.

But when Washington's taste buds call for that energy-boosting zing, the name means nothing.

Coffee houses have become an incredibly popular fixture in the nation's capital, especially among the area's young adults, recent studies show.

According to U.S. Census report, Americans consumed about 26 gallons of coffee in 1993.

Some coffee house-goers said they make it a ritual to go a coffee houses for relaxation and conversation. Others said that it is the chemical stimulation that keeps them going back for more.

"Coffee wakes me up when I need to study, so I drink it all the time," said Howard University junior Kenji Gardner. "Coffee houses are also good places to have good, casual conversations."

For every type of person who goes to a coffee house, there is a type of coffee house to quench his or her thirst.

"The avant-garde, free-thinking artist-types hang out at Soho Tea and Coffee," said James Davis, who works at Kramer Books Cafe and Grill in DuPont Circle.

The newly-opened Eruptions of Funk Cafe on 9th Street caters to young African Americans, its

"People just like having something different from Sanka every morning." — Tamara Cochran, acting manager at Hannibal's Coffee Company

owners said.

"We as a people have a lot to say," said co-owner Rodney Ward. "This place should be a beacon of light for the Black community. A place where young folks can sit down and say what's on our minds. We haven't had that before."

From the marquee to the music that blares from the cafe's speakers, the theme of Eruption's coffee house in Northwest Washington is

unabashedly young, urban and African-American.

Eruption's owners say they plan to set up computers so coffee drinkers can "chat" with people around the world, following a trend that's quickly sweeping North American coffee houses.

But while some coffee shop owners say they cater to certain types of people, others say they just want to give its customers a wide-range of services.

Coffee places range from the combination bookstore-cafe to the pastry and hot beverage shop, from the informal college hangout to the corporate chain store.

Other services and menu offerings help give places distinct character, such as book selections or live music.

Tamara Cochran, acting manager at Hannibal's Coffee Company on Connecticut Avenue said her store's variety of coffee flavors is what keeps her customers coming back.

"People just like having something different from Sanka every morning," Cochran said. "With espresso, cappuccino, latte and others, this is basically a caffeine bar."

Other coffee house workers have



Photo by Alda Muluneh
Coffee houses have become a prominent fixture in the lives of D.C. residents.

their own reasons for why coffee houses have become so popular.

"People think that buying a book and sitting down to drink coffee looks smart, so it's trendy," Davis said. "Hannibal's and Starbucks are popping up all over the place to bring the trend to the mainstream public."

Staff writer Steven Gray contributed to this report.

Mock voting gives District kids a voice in presidential election

By Keya Graves
Hilltop Staff Writer

Le Nia Jones, 11, stepped outside of her classroom setting at Noyes Elementary School and stepped into the world of voting.

Jones and hundreds of other children throughout the Washington area went to the polls last week and flexed their political muscle during the third annual National Kids Voting Day at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

For Jones, it was her chance to make a pledge for a better tomorrow by practicing her basic rights today.

"I plan to vote for Bill Clinton," she said. "I think he cares about Black people and will make things better for us."

Most kids at the event said violence in their neighborhoods was one of their main concerns.

"Sometimes, when I am sitting in my house, I imagine a bullet flying through my window and hitting me," Jones said, grabbing the back of her hair, as if to point out where she imagines the bullet would hit her.

When she looks back up, her face is filled with anger.

"I don't understand why people have to fight and kill to get their point across," Jones said. "I want it to stop."

"President Clinton has a lot of power, but he needs to learn how to use it," she said, pledging her support for President Clinton, while holding on to a few reservations about him. "I think he shouldn't be afraid of Dole."

She said she will encourage her parents to take her to the polls, so that her vote will be counted in with the other many other young voters across the nation.

At the Kids Voting Day Celebration, children planted the National Wish Tree, a special magnolia tree, at the entrance of the Smithsonian museum.

Some of the wishes that were

read were not only written by local students, some were written by kids from across the country. Program administrators said that the wishes will be placed on the tree.

Children were attentive as many speakers explained to them the importance of voting.

Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes was one of the special guests.

"Determination is the key to success," Dawes told the captivated audience. "When I was younger, I wrote the word 'determination' on my mirror everyday, and that's how I kept my faith."

"Children, you are our future leaders and we want you to understand how important voting is," said Marilyn Evans, president and CEO of Kids Voting USA. "Through your interest in voting, we hope to encourage parents who don't make it to the polls to vote."

Results from research taken after the 1992 presidential elections showed that 40 percent of parents said they were better prepared to vote because of the program, while 82 percent said their kids initiated conversations at home about the election.

Kids Voting USA was founded in 1988 in Phoenix and expanded statewide in Arizona to about 750,000 students.

By 1994, the program spread to about 20 states and to the District. Roughly 2.5 million students were involved in the program that year.

This year, close to 5 million students in 40 states will participate in the program.

On November 8, children will head out to official polling sites accompanied by their parents or guardians, who are registered voters, to cast their own ballots on the same issues as adults.

The results from Kids Voting will be reported by participating television stations at the same time official results from the general elections are reported.

Metro construction uproots Columbia Heights residents

By Crystal Simmons
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Like many Columbia Heights residents, 25-year-old Lee Lucious finds traveling around her neighborhood an unfavorable task.

Lee and many other residents who live near the construction site of the Columbia Heights Metro station say they have to trek dangerous walkways and unclean streets because of the construction's debris.

"The Metro construction is a big inconvenience to area pedestrians because the streets are not well-lit around the construction area, and the majority of walkways have deep holes," Lucious said.

Since 1995, residents have been burdened with construction woes in their backyard.

Lee added that many of the one-way streets have been flooded with traffic jams because construction has blocked at least one side of the street, forcing vehicles to proceed in the opposite direction of the one-way street.

"I think once the Metro station is complete, it will give residents better access to shopping areas downtown," Lucious said.

Wesley Rogers, owner of Kim's Liquor on the 1400 block of Park Road, said business has been off about 60 percent since construction started on his street.

Rogers said Metro is not being as sympathetic to this community as it



Photo by Chris Bell
The construction in progress at the new Columbia Heights Metro station is making transportation difficult now.

was on Connecticut Avenue because most of its residents are minorities.

"The Metro construction didn't totally block off Connecticut Avenue when they were doing construction, at least not for nine weeks," said Rogers.

But Rogers said he is optimistic that the new Metro station, which is expected to open in 1998, will act as a catalyst for economic development in the Columbia Heights community.

Larry Tyce, a District salesman, said that he agreed with Rogers.

"I serve a lot of stores around here, and I go in between 100 and 150 establishments around the area and all of the owners have said that business is off 30 to 50 percent," Tyce said.

Tyce suggested Metro clean up the area around the construction site.

"We can't get to the bus stop, and the city bus doesn't even come through here, so getting to work is

a hassle everyday," said Jean Meanes, a Columbia Heights resident of 26 years.

Meanes said many senior citizens have to walk up to four blocks to Park Road just to catch a bus, and many of them can't make it that far.

"I already lost two tires from driving near the construction site," said resident Rick Richardson.

Metro officials were unavailable for comment.

After school program keeps kids off streets

By Christopher Winfield
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Yusef Kendall, 9, has a lot of fun after school.

Kendall plays a game of touch football daily with his friend Michael Jones, while Priscilla Carela cheers them on with the other girls on her squad.

The three youngsters are participants in the 3:00 Club after-school program at the Anthony Bowen YMCA in Northwest Washington.

But while they keep busy with all of their athletic activities, the one thing they do, Kendall said, is stay safe.

"I come to the 'Y' because my mother doesn't let me run around in the street," Kendall said.

While Kendall and Jones work on becoming future Super Bowl MVPs, Carela evolves into a budding ballerina or actress.

The 3:00 Club offers a scheduled regimen for every day of the week.

Swimming, Tae Kwon Do and self-defense classes are coupled with science, math and reading tutoring sessions to ensure an equal balance of fun, work and play.

But according to Youth Administrator Theresa Moreno, there is a more basic reason for the kids to come.

"It's good that kids can just come and study when parents don't have time to watch them," Moreno said. "Here we have more personal attention and a safer atmosphere than many

District public schools."

With a pre-arranged busing schedule, the YMCA picks up kids directly from their schools at the end of classes, usually at 3:00 p.m.

Parents with children in the program can have the Federal Department of Human Services help pay the program cost if their incomes cannot provide for it alone.

Teachers at the club interact with kids in three different groups: the four through six-year-olds; the seven through 8-year-olds; and nine through 14-year-olds.

About 105 kids are enrolled in the program.

The eight-year-old after school program has become a solid part of the continued commitment of the 'Y' to providing quality activities for young Washingtonians.

After its congressional charter in 1905, the Anthony Bowen branch bore the historical distinction of being the only "Colored YMCA" in America. Rev. Anthony Bowen, the freed slave for which the location is named, wanted to "build a bulwark for the Colored young men of the nation."

Teacher Quinzy Mason takes inspiration from the background of this particular branch.

"Being at this particular 'Y', I can feel the history and greatness of it," Mason said. "It inspires me to be working in a place with such a historical context."

Howard University film graduate Contessa



Photo by Alda Muluneh
Ms. Contessa Officer assists a student at one of the 3 o'clock clubs.

Officer said that she enjoys working with the children.

"They're very intelligent," Officer said. "They possess a lot of potential, they have independent spirits and we need to focus all of that into the right direction."

Mason clarified what that "right direction" might be.

"If we are patient enough to unlock their potential, I see some of these kids doing things as great as the people who founded this branch," she said.

EYE ON D.C.

U.D.C. remains closed; classes to start in two weeks

Nearly a month after colleges and universities across the country opened for fall classes, the University of the District of Columbia remains closed, and students are reeling under the waves of what is arguably the gloomiest period in the school's 20-year history.

In the last six years, the city's appropriation for the school has been slashed 45 percent, from \$77 million in 1991 to roughly \$48 million in 1995. And 1997 looks even gloomier with only \$35 million in the school's budget from the city government.

Traditionally, the city government supply's about 70 percent of the University's funds.

The school's unprecedented budget woes have forced dozens of University staff members to be furloughed, and tuition has nearly doubled from \$42 per credit hour last semester to \$75 this semester.

And while doubtful speculation about U.D.C.'s continued accreditation lingers, the school is expected to begin its fall semester in two weeks.

AIDS WALK WASHINGTON set to kick off Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ellipse on the Mall.

To register for the annual event, which raises money for AIDS research, sign-up at AIDS WALK WASHINGTON tables at the Ellipse during 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

Thousands of people across the nation are expected to lend their support for the battle against the disease, which has affected millions of people around the world.

For more information on AIDS WALK WASHINGTON, call the Whitman-Walker Clinic at (202) 332-WALK.

NCNW celebrate center opening

The National Council of Negro Women will celebrate the opening of the National Centers for African American Women and the Dorothy I. Height Leadership Institute in downtown Washington next week.

The celebration, which has been dubbed "African-American Women - Get It Done," will begin on October 10 at 10 a.m. at 633 Pennsylvania Ave. The opening ceremonies will be followed by a rally at noon, which will be hosted by poet Maya Angelou.

Other speakers at the three-day festival include Camille Cosby and Susan Taylor.

The center is the only building on Pennsylvania Avenue between the White House and the Capitol that is owned by a Black organization.

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NATIONAL

N.C. Senate race tests progress of race, politics in the South

By Cathleen Harrington
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In the final weeks of a tight race for a North Carolina Senate seat in 1990, the Jesse Helms campaign ran a television ad which depicted a White man's hands crumpling a job rejection letter.

This was a thinly veiled attack against his Black opponent, Harvey Gantt, for being in favor of affirmative action.

Helms defended the letter in a recent interview with The Washington Post.

"Well, that was the God's truth," Helms told the Post. "I do not think the government ought to dictate to an employer about whom he must hire or not hire."

The ads must have struck a cord with some voters, as Helms defeated Gantt 53 percent to 47 percent.

Political pundits say this year's

rematch between Helms, the aging father of Southern conservative politics, and Gantt, the 53-year-old former mayor of Charlotte, N.C., will be even tighter.

The race is also being followed as a possible gauge of racial and social attitudes in the old South.

Gantt, a successful architect, rose from meager means in a Charlotte, N.C., housing project to attend Clemson University.

Later, he went on to serve two terms as the first African-American mayor of the large, mostly White city.

Gantt portrays himself as the "embodiment of the American dream."

He takes on the once impossible task of facing the 74-year-old White Republican incumbent with 24 years of experience in the Senate.

Though the last election between the pair was close, many believed it

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-- Senator Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

was decided in the last weeks before the election when Helms ran television ads that painted Gantt as a liberal, quota-seeking Democrat who wanted to take away jobs from qualified Whites.

Though Gantt's stance is pro-affirmative action, he maintains he is not for a quota-system.

This year, Helms' ads show him with young girls on his knee, cooing about their lovable grandpa Jesse.

Other ads tout Helms' record in the Senate, highlighting federal money

he has brought to the state, and his support for tobacco companies.

Tobacco could be a key factor because in North Carolina, the industry provides one out of 10 jobs.

Gantt also jumped on the tobacco gravy train and criticized President Clinton's effort to crack down on tobacco companies.

He broke with his party's stance because he says it will threaten the livelihood of thousands of North Carolinians.

But to many voters who question Helms' racial sensitivity, tobacco is a mute point.

"Helms is not a popular candidate among African Americans," said Kristi Henderson, a Howard University junior from North Carolina. "He doesn't have our best interest at heart."

The six years since the last election have matured Gantt.

He claims the time has not only made him older, but wiser as well. Gantt was able to pull off a tough win in the Democratic primary over wealthy pharmaceutical executive Charles Sanders.

Many in the state Democratic party felt Sanders, who was White, had a better chance of defeating Senator Helms in the general election.

Fundraising efforts have been greater this time around for Gantt as well.

President Clinton has appeared at

least twice at fund-raisers in honor.

One function in Washington raised several hundred thousand dollars for his campaign. Rob Johnson, CEO of Black Entertainment Television, hosted the event at his home where participants paid \$1,000 to \$5,000 for opportunity to socialize with Clinton and Gantt.

In this rematch, Helms refuses Gantt's invitation to debate.

"The only ones who call for debate are the ones who are behind," Helms told the Associated Press recently. "I don't think I'm behind."

In response, Gantt said, "North Carolinians will demand that Jesse Helms come down from his high and mighty perch in Washington and tell them directly why he deserves 30 years in office."

Substance-free dorms popular

By Oluyemi Falade
Hilltop Staff Writer

Alexis Billanski is living one of the latest fads to hit the college scene: alcohol, tobacco and drug-free dorms.

"People smoking and drinking are a distraction to me studying," the University of Maryland at College Park freshman said. "I don't want to deal with the problems they cause."

The program began at Maryland in 1993 after the U.S. Department of Education gave a grant to the university. The department hoped Maryland's 40,000-member student body could draw from the success of a similar program at the University of Michigan, whose student body is roughly the same size.

The Michigan program began in 1989 and now has 2,600 students

who choose to live this laid-back lifestyle. Now Vassar, Washington University in St. Louis and the Rochester Institute of Technology in upstate New York are among the several schools offering the substance-free housing.

But Maryland students were less than receptive when the school first conducted a survey on campus to see what their thoughts were on the idea.

"The results were very discouraging," said Karla Shepherd, the coordinator for the program. "Less than 40 percent of the students were in favor of the dorms."

When Maryland first began the program, only 120 students signed up to live on one alcohol and drug-free floor.

This year, 1,000 students have signed a pledge to live a smoke and

alcohol-free dorm life. The number of dorms participating in Maryland's program has increased to 13.

Officials said less than 10 students have broken the rule and used the contraband substances. The violators were asked to move somewhere else on campus.

Many students that were reluctant at first have grown to see the advantages of living that type of lifestyle. Benjamin Valenti, a junior at Maryland, is spending his second year in one of the dorms.

"Last year, it was only by coincidence that I was placed in that dorm," Valenti said. "Being a junior now, I need a quiet environment to study."

Students insist the dorms still provide a lively social setting.

"We still party on our floor," Sophomore Melanie Rifkin said. "We just don't need alcohol or

cigarettes to have a good time."

Dorm officials say the dorms are also a good remedy for students that have had problems with substance abuse in the past.

"Many of the students who choose the dorms are trying to quit smoking," Connie Frostenson, University of Maryland special projects coordinator. "Living in the dorms forced them to kick the habit."

But still, some students covet the option to drink in their college homes.

"You can have fun at college, drink, and still do well in school," Senior Christopher McNeil said. "I have accomplished all three."

But Freshman Nick Malone disagreed.

"I'm not paying \$8,000 to party," Malone said. "I'm paying \$8,000 for an education."

America in Brief

104th Congress to go home

The 104th Congress finished its major work this week on spending bills that will keep the government running for the next year. The bill shows more of President Clinton's priorities than those of the Republican-controlled Congress. The Senate voted 84 to 15 to approve legislation that gives about \$356 billion for domestic programs and about \$24 billion for defense. The spending bill also contained an amendment that will fight illegal immigration. President Clinton insisted that the bill contain \$6.5 billion more for education, combating drugs, additional domestic programs and anti-terrorism measures than the Republican had originally planned.

Simpson attorneys say Blacks barred from jury pool

As the jury selection for O.J. Simpson's civil trial continued last week, his team of lawyers accused prosecutors of trying to exclude Black people from the pool of potential jurors. It is unconstitutional for a lawyer, even in a criminal or civil case, to eliminate the juror from a pool on the basis of race or sex. The New York Times reported that many casual observers thought it strange that many of the jurors that had openly acknowledged Simpson is "probably guilty" of the double murder were allowed to sit in the pool, while those who said they thought he was innocent were dismissed. If a clear pattern develops of Black potential jurors being dismissed, legal observers say there could be grounds for an appeal.

Economy shows sign of improvement

The Federal Reserve announced last week that the economy was performing so well that it would not raise interest rates before an election. Later in the week, the Census Bureau reported that the number of poor people in America dropped by more than 1.6 million. Household income rose 2.7 percent, or \$898 per household. The Clinton Administration was quick to tout the report as a reflection of an effective administration. Republican Presidential nominee Bob Dole said that people are not making more, they are working more jobs.

U.S. signs nuclear test ban treaty

President Clinton signed a pact last week to bar nuclear weapons testing, calling it the "longest sought, hardest fought prize in arms control history." The world's five nuclear powers led a parade of nations to sign the agreement. But the test ban is not yet binding. India, one of the actual or potential nuclear powers that must sign the treaty, has refused to sign the treaty. Pakistan said it will follow India's lead. The Clinton Administration said it will work on gaining the country's consent before the treaty takes effect two years from now. But another hurdle here, the United States remains — Senate confirmation. Approval by Congress may not be considered until after the November elections. A Republican platform calls the test ban "inconsistent" with American security interests.

Du Pont heir declared insane

Declaring that John E. du Pont was "actively psychotic," a judge in suburban Philadelphia ruled that the chemical company heir was mentally incompetent to stand trial for the January shooting death of Olympic wrestling champion Dave Schultz. Judge Patricia Jenks ordered du Pont, 57, to seek involuntary treatment at a mental hospital. Doctors say he may be competent to stand trial after six months of treatment. During taped interviews with defense psychiatrists, du Pont called himself the Dalai Lama, the last Czar of Russia and successor to the Third Reich.

Voter interest in presidential race slumping

Voter interest in the presidential race is lower than four years ago, according to a New York Times/CBS News poll.

The study found that 34 percent of registered voters said they are paying attention to the contest, compared with 50 percent from four years ago. Some experts say the debates coming in October may offer Dole his best chance to close the considerable gap between him and President Clinton. In the final debate four years ago, 97 million voters tuned in.

ValuJet gets OK from transportation department to fly

After weeks of consideration, the Transportation Department decided last week that ValuJet is fit to fly again. The low cost, no-frills airline met the department's three criteria. The airline fixed all its safety problems, it had enough money in the bank and the top management complied with its requests. After the ValuJet crash on May 11, which killed 110 people, the Federal Aviation Administration discovered serious deficiencies and shortcomings in the airline's maintenance.

Sources: The Washington Post and the New York Times

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INTERNATIONAL

Nigerians urged to unite for democracy

By Karen Thomas
Hilltop Staff Writer

The sign leaning against the podium read, "Canadian-African Movement for Nigeria: Our Solution. A revolution not a reformation, eradication of the evil institution called the military. Food power. A nation that can feed herself. ACTION NOW."

This was the mission of the standing-room-only forum of Nigerian delegates who came together last Thursday to take the first step in creating a new Nigeria. A coalition of foreign Nigerian patriots representing various pro-democratic groups from Canada, Britain and the United States gathered in the Blackburn Forum at Howard University to formulate a plan of action to liberate Nigeria and to proclaim a message for radical democratic reform.

"We are gathered here to give effect to the yearning of all our pro-democracy organizations and the patriots for organic unity, the yearning for that unity to prosecute the struggle for democracy in our homeland," said Chief Anthony Enahoro, chairman of the World

Congress of Free Nigerians. "Great wrongs have been perpetuated in our country. I believe we can put them right."

Enahoro reminded the delegates of Nigeria's history of struggle, and emphasized the need to fight a common struggle toward a common goal. He called upon them to establish a constitution that will deal with all aspects of Nigerian life and politics. A plan that he said will reverse the process of economic destruction and return developmental powers to the people. "What we offer is not merely a change of government, but a whole new and richer way of life," Enahoro said.

Enahoro expressed hope that after the four day discussion, a new message will emerge to create a new Nigeria.

With a population of more than 150 million people, Nigeria would become the world's third-largest democracy, after India and the United States. Because of its economic potential Nigeria could be Africa's power house. It is America's major provider of oil.

"Let there emerge a ringing message to define our struggle and inspire and mobilize our people for

participation in the struggle," Enahoro said.

Like Enahoro, Julius O. Ihonvbere, president of the Organization of Nigerians in the Americas, called upon the delegates to "rise beyond little goddism, Bigmanism and the ex-this, ex-that syndrome," and put



the nation first. "We cannot be relying on the Americans or South Africans to get [General Sanni] Abacha out for us," Ihonvbere said. "We need to organize, network, raise funds, train cadres, build institutions, educate ourselves and present ourselves as a viable alternative to the military, [in order] to be taken seriously."

Participants agreed with Enahoro's

vision, and pledged their willingness to struggle for the common good of Nigeria.

"I am here because I am involved in the political struggle of my country," said Samuel O. Ayodele, a Nigerian living in Washington, D.C. "Our main purpose is to ensure that

we are doing."

Nigerian-born Omotayo Olufosoye, member of the NDM who has been living in Britain for more than 15 years, came to pledge his alliance to reclaim Nigeria from the hands of the military. He said the time has come for change.

"We have had a deceitful dictatorial regime that has intimidated our people," Olufosoye said. "The government has inflicted a lot of untold hardships to Nigerians by habitual arrest, killing political activists and other immoral acts. This has to stop now."

Olufosoye, who now lives in exile in Britain, has had his share of intimidation by the Nigerian government. He was arrested in May 1994, for printing a leaflet, which the government deemed capable of igniting political instability and prone to causing chaos in the government. Olufosoye said he was made to sign an oath stating he will not participate in the printing of anti-government information nor participate in organizing rallies and demonstrations.

Since its independence in 1960, Nigeria's political history has been one of corrupt civilian regimes alternating with disciplined, military

juntas. In its 36 years of independence, there has been seven military coups and two civilian regimes.

This has happened against a backdrop of divided ethnic and religious lines, between the Muslim North and the largely Christian South, and among the country's three major tribal groups: the Yoruba of the South-west, the Ibo of the East and the Hausa-Fulani of the North.

Since the military regime of Gen. Ibrahim Babangida annulled the first democratic elections three years ago and imprisoned the apparent winner Moshood K. O. Abiola, the Nigerian leader has been accused of human rights abuses and of denying the country the opportunity for democracy.

Abiola's alleged human rights violations include assassination of its opposition leaders, denial of citizens fundamental freedoms, imprisonment of election winners and trade union leaders without trial, and the killing of student activists.

From this conference, organizers hope to create a resolution that would guide them in their approach to a democratic reformation of Nigeria.



Photo by Aida Muluneh
From left to right, Charles Hill, Zakkiyah Salim, Associate director of the IAC Gretchen Cook, Trudy Forbes, Marc Saint-Victor, Jr., Adama Coulibaly.

International Affairs Center awards seven student fellows

By Abiola Heyliger
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Since its inception in January 1993, the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center has issued 12 graduate and 11 undergraduate fellowships to encourage interest in the study of international

relations. The newest IAC Fellows graduates include: Adama Coulibaly, Marc Saint-Victor Jr., James "Jimmy" Peckham, Rowena Martineau and Trudy-Ann Forbes. Two new undergraduates include: Charles Hill and Zakkiyah Salim.

The IAC Fellowship pays tuition and fees for the academic year, provides a monthly stipend and provides Fellows with their own personal top-of-the-line desktop computer equipped with Internet access and e-mail address.

Coulibaly, a Ph.D. economics candidate from Cote d'Ivoire said he was grateful he was awarded the IAC Fellowship.

Peckham is the graduate assistant to IAC's Senior Research Associate, Dr. Ayo Langley (former World Bank executive director), and said he hopes to work for the United Nations Development Programme as a specialist on the impact of education on economic growth.

Coulibaly said he would also work for the World Bank International division "to help define strategies and policies that can help developing countries grow, while improving the quality of education."

Saint-Victor, a political science graduate student, said he was too glad to get the fellowship for the year. He had been to the Caribbean conference at the end of last semester and that really piqued my interest in the Center," Saint-Victor said. "That is my area of interest, Caribbean and African politics. It seemed to almost completely with what I wanted to do."

Although Saint-Victor was born in Chicago, he was raised in Trinidad and Tobago. As a Caribbean student, he said he is excited about the opportunity to work with Jamaican Research Associate, Dr. Anthony Bogues at the Center. He is writing a book on decolonization in Trinidad from 1960-1980.

Martineau, a graduate student from Tobago studying

African Studies/Developmental Public Policy, said she would like to spend some time in South Africa after graduation.

She works as the graduate assistant to the Center's Diplomat-in-Residence Ambassador Marshall McCallie, whose research project examines civil society in Africa.

Martineau said the IAC Fellowship will give her more than financial assistance.

"It has broadened my scope and I'm sure it will enhance my chances for development in the future," Martineau said.

Although Peckham is one of the IAC Graduate Fellows, he does not work at the Center as do the other Fellows.

Peckham works with Dr. Jeanne Toungara in Howard's history department while pursuing his masters in history with a focus on the African Diaspora in North America and West Africa.

He said he hopes to either become a university professor some day, or even launch a career in the Foreign Service, but ultimately he would like to disseminate knowledge as an Ambassador to one of the African countries.

Hill is the only undergraduate student to receive the IAC Fellowship award for the second year in a row.

"I want to use the resources of my education to broaden my international scope," Hill said.

He has already been accepted to the prestigious London School of Economics to pursue a master's degree in developmental studies.

Salim is the newest and youngest IAC Fellowship recipient.

The undergraduate political science major said she heard about the fellowship through her two friends who are former IAC Fellows. Salim plans to attend law school at either Columbia University or New York University, but is grateful for the opportunities offered to her by the IAC at Howard.

In addition, Julius E. Coles, director of the International Affairs Center, and new Associate Director Gretchen Cook serve as contacts for information about international opportunities, specifically for those students with their eyes on the international affairs prize.

Coles and Cook encourage students to apply for the IAC Fellowship early for the 97-98 academic year.

Fulbright program encourages diplomacy through scholarship

By Ndimyake Mwakalyelye
Hilltop Staff Writer

With the interdependent nature of the world hard to ignore, continuous efforts have to be made to accommodate and to understand the different cultures we live in today.

This is the objective of the Fulbright Program, sponsored and administered by the United States Information Agency. The program is funded through the annual appropriation Congress makes to the USIA.

According to educators, the program has established itself as the leading international educational exchange program in the country.

Based on the legislation under which it was founded, the Fulbright Program was designed to "increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries."

Since its establishment in 1946 by Senator J. William Fulbright, the program has sponsored approximately 210,000 "Fulbrighters" (77,000 of whom are U.S. citizens) to study, teach or conduct research abroad.

Howard University is a strong supporter of the Fulbright Scholarship on campus.

"Howard sees as one of its major goals the preparation of the African-American student for opportunities to perform exemplary in the international arena," said Fulbright alumnus Dr. Paul E. Logan, associate dean for humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences at Howard.

Recognizing the importance of the program, in conjunction with Historically Black College and University Week, the USIA and Howard co-sponsored a conference last Thursday titled "The Fulbright Program and the African American," at the Armour J. Blackburn Center.

The conference focused on the impact of the "Fulbright experience" on African-American

participants and on how to increase participation by African Americans in the Fulbright Program and other international exchanges.

The conference gave Howard and the USIA an opportunity to present outstanding African-American Fulbrighters who, as a result of their Fulbright experiences, have made major contributions to American life, organizers said.

Logan said because so few African Americans study abroad, it is imperative that more students



Howard University professor Paul Logan recounts his experiences as a Fulbright scholar with students.

seriously consider the opportunities offered by the program.

Howard has formed strong ties with the USIA program as several Howard alumni are recipients of this prestigious award including: Steven Clay, who received a scholarship to study Egyptology, Arabic and Hieroglyphs at the American University in Cairo, Egypt; Allen Green, who received the scholarship to pursue a masters in comparative politics at Oxford University, England; and Mischa Thompson who is conducting research on the status of minorities at the University of Hamburg, Germany.

Faculty members who are Fulbrighters include Dr. Allison Blakely and Dr. Arnold Taylor in the department of History; Dr.

Karen S. Wallace, Dr. Annette Ivory Dunzo, Dr. Herman F. Bostick in the department of Modern Languages and Literature; and Dr. Sonya Sobrian in the College of Pharmacy.

Although the student turnout at the conference was a strong indicator of student interest in becoming prospective candidates for the scholarship, many do not apply.

"Our [Howard] faculty has to be internationalized," said Logan, who is working on submitting a recommendation to President Swygert aimed at establishing a university-wide committee that will include representatives from different disciplines. This committee, Logan said, would operate as a screening body and alert students of these opportunities and help them prepare competitive applications. Logan is still awaiting the president's response.

One reason students say they do not apply for the program is because they do not know about it.

"Many students don't apply [because of] lack of knowledge about the doors a Fulbright Scholarship opens," said Eric Holt, a legal communication major at Howard who is considering applying for the scholarship.

The Fulbright Program encompasses a variety of programs, including the U.S. Scholar Program, the Student Exchange Program and the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program.

Logan said it is encouraging to see the increased interest after the conference and hopes it continues. "Since the conference, my office has been flooded by student calls on the Fulbright Scholarship," Logan said. "The turnout was absolutely spectacular."

For information on qualifications and how to apply for the Fulbright Scholarship or any other foreign exchange programs, students should contact Dr. Paul E. Logan in the College of Arts and Sciences office at (202) 806-6700.

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EDITORIAL

Republicans are two-faced when it comes to education

For the last two years, there has been a bloody-cock fight in the halls of Congress, and until late Tuesday night, the future of college education for thousands of middle-class and low-income youth would have been nothing more than a pipe dream.

Democrats are proclaiming victory this week with the passing of a spending bill that funds the government, while the politics pushers attempt to reclaim their electoral jewels.

President Clinton said in a *Washington Post* story Wednesday that the passage of a \$356 billion domestic spending measure is "good for America because it continues to move us toward a balanced budget while protecting, not violating, our values."

But while the Senate and Congress can now walk back to their voters with food on their plate, the voting public may never know how close last week's fight came to ending federal programs for public access to a decent college education.

Bank Political Action Committees and special interest groups made sure Republican re-election bids depend on a Congressional push to zero out the budget for the Department of Education, a move that would have significantly crippled many youth from getting cheap college loans and federal monies.

Last year, when cut-backs in federal student aid were at the forefront of public debate, Republican leaders on the Hill demanded Congressional reform of Pell Grants and Stafford loans. By zeroing out the budget for the DOE, federal monies for these programs would be nonexistent.

While the fight for this year's DOE funding raged in general budget battles, the aim of politicians supporting banking interests attempted to eliminate the Direct Student Loan program, which was imple-

mented in the Student Loan Reform Act of 1993.

In 1993, the Act streamlined the existing system of student loans, which tacked on high lending rates and ran students and universities through a loop of loan agencies and lenders.

The Act simplified the process, putting schools and DOE in direct authority of the loans.

The elimination of DOE would have forced thousands to depend on consumer banks, whose high premiums and strict payback time tables would make many college students ineligible for loans.

The \$71 billion Congress this week ensured the chance for American youth to live better than their parents. But the battle to keep DOE running will most likely continue next year when the budget for Fiscal Year '97 gets put to bed.

The actions of the 104th Congress should not be forgotten as Americans travel to the polls next month. We should not forget that the Republican leadership allowed PAC interest groups to usurp the interests of the American public and the future of education in the nation.

Republican candidates speak of education, but at the same time demand the defunding of Head Start and AmeriCorps programs.

They speak of helping children and family values, yet offer an idealistic school voucher program, which is nothing more than a thinly veiled plan for school segregation for middle-class Whites and the privileged.

Bob Dole's incessant attacks on the nation's three teacher's unions, shows his commitment to education is less than sincere. It is supported by a reactionary House voted in by "angry, White males."

Education has gotten a big boost from Congress, but the latest bill may be nothing more than a free hit on the political crack pipe from vote hungry politicians.

Our View
Republicans cannot let their special interests groups dictate what is really important in America.

Washington Post columnists need to write the truth

While the White media continues to ignore the CIA-crack scandal, *The Hilltop* at least thought "mainstream" Black reporters would intelligently comment on the situation.

At least at *The Washington Post*. Not so. Last week's Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist William Raspberry said even if the CIA had a hand in the drug trade (which he doubted because the nation's leading news organizations have not run their own versions of the *San Jose Mercury News* story), the government agency did not force Black folks to use the deadly stuff. Raspberry said it is "our fault."

Then he attacks "the willingness ... of so many Black leaders to take the story literally."

Take it literally? The *Mercury News* had enough evidence in its series for anyone with two eyes to believe. Further, what makes Raspberry an authority to write this column, especially when he admitted to not knowing enough about the allegations? He had no business writing a column entitled, "The Crack Story: Who's Buying It?"

We realize that the CIA did not forcibly inject crack into people, neither did it conceal cocaine in tap water. But it is too easy to dismiss the narcotic trade at the so-called lazy hands of the Black community.

Later that week Courtland Milloy, another *Post* columnist, piggy-backed Raspberry, writing that no one made us snort, smoke or shoot up drugs.



Some writers allude that Blacks are prone to buy into conspiracy theories. It is almost like they are mocking J. Edgar Hoover's mission against Black leaders in the 1960s or the Tuskegee experiment. Blacks are not being paranoid. These are realities in our communities like police brutality.

When supposed revered Black journalists reject the "proof" documented linking the CIA to saturating the country with cocaine, it is a pitiful commentary. If they don't believe the information, it is hard to think others will. We don't understand why the press wants to shy away from the

story. Does it have an obligation to the CIA? Does the truth seem that far-fetched?

Without saying, the media has a large amount of control in the United States. It takes those liberated with powerful-pen positions to write the truth and not be what journalist Gary Webb called "chicken sh't."

Our View
Black journalists at *The Washington Post* have failed to critically evaluate the impact of the CIA-crack scandal.

Sexism at VMI continues on

When the Supreme Court ordered the Virginia Military Institute to allow women to attend, many at the prestigious academy were disenchanted, to say the least.

For years, the school had remained all male, holding out against the feminist forces sweeping over the majority of the nation's military academies. VMI considered rejecting state funds and going private, which would allow them to buck the Supreme Court's mandate.

By a margin of vote, the VMI board of directors voted to stay public and allow women to attend the school.

The fact the school had to be taken to the Supreme Court before it would admit women gives a good idea of how VMI feels about women.

In addition, the fact that if one vote had gone the other way the school would not have admitted women displays the school's sexist disposition.

Now the school has decided that although it will admit women, females will still have to go through the same physical rigors as the men and wear a crew cut like the men. This is completely consistent with VMI's sexist reputation. But it is totally inconsistent with the actions of other military academies that have been forced to admit women.

All of the nation's military academies have set up

alternate physical regimens for women. They have also provided an alternate haircut for women. When applicable, all armed services have different physical requirements for men and women. VMI claims that they are keeping the requirements the same so men and women will be equal.

We at *The Hilltop* reject this contention as fallacious. VMI was one vote away from going private, simply to keep from admitting women.

Now they decide that they will masquerade as egalitarians and claim to be the guardians of female equity. Are we to believe that its administrators have had some sudden change of heart?

VMI knows most women will be unable to meet the physical criteria. They know the male-centered physical standard set up will dissuade women from attending. But the VMI

doesn't really care.

Its administrators are more concerned about maintaining the "ole" boys club."

VMI figures that by admitting women, yet maintaining its sexist standards, it can remain an exclusive "testosterone club," while appearing to make strides forward. We at *The Hilltop* are neither fooled nor amused.

VMI's pretext of equality is a fraud, a cheap masquerade for an institution that is still caught in a 19th century time warp.

Yes, Yes, we must spend more money on the schools and educational programs!



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing you this letter in response to the letter you published. How dare men, especially a good number of African-American men, say that "bald-headed" in some sort of way is meant to be an ugly term attached to a sister.

Mr. One Concerned Brother, do you know what Black women have to go through with their hair on a daily basis. I personally do not always agree with the bald-headed look, but who cares? It is a woman's choice to do whatever is easier for her to manage when it comes to her hair.

This society puts too much emphasis on long, relaxed hair as a Black woman's only source of beauty. Relaxed hair can sometimes burn, as well as irritate the scalp. Having to curl, sit under a dryer, wrap, color, dye and treat hair sometimes makes me want a bald head.

To the sisters who do wear the bald look: more power to you. No man or woman has the right to judge a woman's beauty because of hair preference. If I remember correctly the saying goes: "Beauty is only skin deep."

— A concerned sister speaking for all

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PERSPECTIVES

Christian Ewell

Media 'big dogs' crack over CIA controversy

One day last month, my electronic mailbox was teeming with messages, some from friends, some from former colleagues masquerading as friends. Most of the messages, however, came from the list server of an organization called Investigative Reporters & Editors. And the subject du jour happened to be a series of articles by the *San Jose Mercury News*, detailing the relationship between crack in the United States and guns for the Contras in Nicaragua. There was much discussion of the article in the IRE list server, then the discussion disappeared, only to be replaced by such issues as the best hand-held tape recorder.

So when Rep. Maxine Waters helped force the issue back into the media recently, my response could be best characterized as something like this: "HELLO MCFLY, where were you a month ago, you disgusting fatbody." In light of the fact that the media big boys — *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times* and the television networks — saw fit to ignore the story, I wasn't angry or saddened, but more than anything, I was bemused.

None of us knows absolutely everything, but from the mish-

mash of information that has been so fortunate as to have entered one of my ears only to exit the other without incident, here's what I know. That crack had, shall we say, a boom period in the inner cities of the United States, causing no small amount of death among Black Americans. That CIA might have played a rather significant role in this boom period. That that is only the gist of the series of articles in the *Mercury News*, written by Gary Webb. That the allegations outlined in the Webb's series are what some people might consider to be a story; that that is an understatement akin to saying that Ted Williams might have been a fairly good hitter.

That a lack of reputation is not to blame for the *Mercury News'* story being ignored by the big boys. That the *Mercury News* is not some small time rag in the middle of nowhere, but outside of the *LA Times*, it is probably the best paper in the Western part of the United States; that the *Mercury News* is indeed considered first-rate in most media circles, with the Pulitzers to prove it.

That even if you consider reputation to be an accurate determiner of whether the big boys will take reports seriously, the media was a

bit more alert when the *Albuquerque Journal* ran a series of articles on unauthorized plutonium injections on humans a few years ago; that it didn't take them a month to follow up on that one and that the *Albuquerque Journal* isn't in the *Mercury News'* league.

That the reputation theory is blown out of the sky when you realize that the Dick Morris hooker scandal was broken by the *Star*; that, yes, we're talking about that *Star*, the one where you might find tales of people losing 400 pounds in a week.

That one of the first daily newspapers to pick up the story was the *New York Post*, not exactly a journalistic paragon, either; that nevertheless, all of the major media outlets jumped right in bed with the *Post*, and by guilt of association, the *Star*.

That there are a lot of conspiracy theories that run through black communities and that some of them — like AIDS being a planned disease concocted by a White scientist — are a stretch and that others — like police brutality — are on exhibit every day for anyone who would like to pay attention.

That the media is run by White people, who seem to have a hard time selecting the serious from the



silly; that thus confused, they tend to lump all such theories together, which meant that a well-documented scheme to sell crack in the inner-cities to raise money for soldiers in another land was deemed to be crap.

That through Waters' efforts, this story is now in what could be considered its third life; that several

years ago, ABC News aired allegations not at all dissimilar to the ones in the *Mercury News* and the rest of the major media outlets ignored those as well.

That Christ himself only came back once, so that the big boys should be grateful at the extra opportunity of redemption; that even cats only come back eight

times, so the big boys have only about six more times to keep screwing up on this CIA and crack thing.

And lastly, I'm beginning to think that the big boys might be on crack.

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Johnathan Gray

Evidence of government drug conspiracy continues to mount

Surf the Internet and one will discover dozens of web sites and chat groups devoted to exposing the hidden plots of the United Nations, the IRS and the CIA, as well as the conspiracies to disguise the presence of extraterrestrials in our midst.

Many in our community believe that our presence here as full citizens was undesirable, and as a result perceive the larger White society as continually conspiring against us.

Whether it is the lynching of innocent Black men, the infamous Tuskegee experiment, the casual harassment of our community by the police, or the influx of massive amounts of cocaine, aided and abetted by the CIA, this apparently cynical view has proven to be accurate. The only question is, "What next?"

On Friday, Sept. 27, *The Washington Post* published two articles that should have conspiracy theorists, both in our community and on the Net, yapping like terriers.

A comprehensive study, analyzing more than a decade of blood tests and medical data concerning AIDS and HIV, has found that 1 in 7 White Americans and 1 in 60 Black Americans carry a genetic immunity that hinders the progress of the disease.

An even smaller number of Whites appear to be totally immune to the disease. What's more, this inherited immunity occurs in African Americans only because of the prevalence of mixed-race Blacks in our society. Continental Africans apparently lack the genetic quirk that affords immunity.

The *Post* article again raises the question of genetically engineered genocide. Here is a disease of unknown origin that possesses a 99 percent mortality rate, with no known cure or vaccine, that 14.2 percent of Whites just happen to possess a natural resistance to. Already there is talk of genetically engineering Black genes with the resistant DNA protein that occurs in Whites.

This solution is feasible here in the United States, which possess the most modern scientific medical equipment in the world. But what of African nations, which lack the medical resources and physical infrastructure to make this possible solution to the AIDS crisis workable and practical?

If Africans do not possess the gene and have no way of receiving gene treatment, then entire populations will not have the life-saving DNA to

pass on to their children. This could create a situation in Africa similar to the Black Plague in Europe that wiped out more than half of that continent's population in the 13th century. Is this the intent of AIDS, to wipe out Africans?

Given the past behavior of the United States and Europe toward the African, anything is possible.

In other news, the *Post* reports that with the help of Newt Gingrich, a law has been implemented that makes it legal to use experimental treatment devices in emergency rooms, without the patient's consent.

In the past, the use of new technologies has been slowed by the need for extensive data demonstrating that these devices actually help people. Thanks to Uncle Newt, this trivial concern is a thing of the past.

The immediate effect of this new provision on the African-American community is not so apparent as with AIDS and HIV, but it is there. All hospitals are likely to feel pressures from the medical industry to experiment in their emergency rooms, with the hope from the industry that a new revenue producing product will be proven reliable.

Hospitals, on the other hand, have been reluctant to use new treatments unless they have already been proven effective. Private hospitals will most likely be able to continue this practice, while public hospitals, facing budget shortfalls, may wind up using unproven treatments for lack of anything better.

If the unproven treatment devices wind up in public hospitals, such as D.C. General, who will be taking the risk to prove these new techniques effective? African-American males. And, since it is now legal to practice with these treatment devices without consent, wrongful death lawsuits will be extremely difficult to pursue, even for those who have the time and money to spare.

I have never been one to endorse conspiracy theories. In my opinion, ascertaining whether there is a conspiracy to leave Black people out in the rain is less important than seeking shelter. However, in the wake of allegation after allegation, someone needs to examine why the only things that trickle down into urban areas seems to be poisonous products.

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Karintha Wheaton

CIA involvement shocks White America

School Daze concludes with Laurence Fishburne begging Black Americans, specifically young Black Americans on college campuses, to WAKE UP! The latest "wake-up call" to hit the Black community is the "surprising" notion that the CIA imported drugs into Black low-income areas.

Is this a shock to anyone? The fact that every major news source from coast to coast seems to think so is what shocks me. Running this story front page, is like running: Sun Rises in East, front page. There is nothing newsworthy about the government importing drugs for its own gain and corrupt purposes.

At the end of the movie "Panther," CIA informants along with other government big wigs are seen implementing "Plan B: the introduction of cocaine into the Black community." The purpose is to wipe out the Black Panthers. While this was a fictional movie, how much longer can we afford to turn our heads away from the truth?

The problem is deeper than crack or cocaine. White America has been trying to get rid of us for some time. Take a walk in any Black low-income neighborhood and see how many liquor stores will you find. Off the top of my head, I can think of three within a stone's throw of the Towers. Take a stroll through low-income White America. You will not find a liquor store on every corner.

If the government didn't have a hand in the importing of drugs, who did? When was the last time someone saw

a cocaine field growing on the East Side of Detroit, in Compton, in Harlem or the West Side of Chicago? If anyone ever sees a cocaine patch in the ghetto, call me. When was the last time anyone met someone from the ghetto with their own shipping fleet?

All across the country, media personnel are hyped about the story of the century. Now there is finally proof of what many people in Black America have known for a long time. Blah blah blah. How many people honestly believe the United States is actually going to find itself guilty of drug smuggling? How do you appoint yourself judge, jury and defendant against yourself? The United States will continue to do what they have been doing for years. They will go through the motions, pointing fingers and then find no evidence that there was any intentional involvement by the government. The hype and protest will die down. Then it will be back to business as usual for the United States.

The sooner America faces the cold, hard facts, the better off we will all be. The drug business is big business. Big business takes big bucks — to run, to keep afloat and to start up. Big business takes the kind of money poverty-stricken youths don't have laying around. At least not before they join "corporate America." It is time we wake up and reclaim Black America, and put an end to government-sanctioned drug cartels.

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Charles Hill

Conflict in Middle East raises questions about identity, land

On Thursday, Sept. 26, Palestinian police retaliated against the onslaught of civilian deaths at the hands of Israeli troops. The catalyst was the Israeli government's attempt to create a tunnel below Temple Mount, a sacred Muslim institution. Due to this invasion on sacred soil, groups of Palestinian youth in the tradition of the Palestinian Liberation Organization took to the streets.

While the facts show that there was aggression between Palestinians and Israelis, which led to 46 deaths, we must ask why. The rational conclusion is that the Israeli government is no longer concerned with maintaining peace.

The priority of any emerging nation is to control enough land to give the people who represent the middle and upper class the opportunity to live comfortably. In light of the number of Russian immi-

grants in Israel, the question that is continually asked is where are these people going to live?

But this is not an "immigrant question." Israel has transported large numbers of Ethiopian Jews (Falashas) to live in the country. The Falashas were placed in "absorption centers," where they would remain to facilitate their assimilation into Israeli society. I've visited Israel and what they call absorption centers I would call a ghetto. In fairness, there are some Russians in these centers, but their process of assimilation is much faster.

This has created serious land questions. Expansion is the only way to keep the future intellectual base of your people to stay in Israel.

When America was forming, it became a priority to expand and occupy more territory to ensure

that the growing population would keep their resources in the country and not decide to take them back to Britain. Containment of the Native Americans became a priority, because without more space to grow, the industries of a country are imprisoned within small boundaries.

The issue of ethnicity is extremely complex. What is national identity? It is those in power and the media who dictate how to attain this.

Ethiopians represent the second Diaspora of Africans used to keep the lowest class of Europeans stable and see that no matter how low their economic condition, there is still someone below them.

The identity of a people, no matter how oppressed by the government, will always be defined in opposition to the foreign influence within the country.

Although color is the most easily distinguishable characteristic of this outgrowth of national perspective, it is very important to understand that this is not a racial problem.

Black power presents an excellent example of this. Once Black Power became popular, it mistakenly pointed to the color of our skin as the reason for our oppression and the solution for our liberation. It was a reactionary response to a revolutionary temperament in the minds and hearts of Black people.

The masses were angered and ready to do whatever it took to gain their freedom, yet in place of that energy, the intellectuals calculated the need to assert one's color as the beckoning call for acquiring freedom.

But, after we acquired the rights that we needed through the government based on color, we are

still oppressed by our own people. While the Ethiopians in Israel are facing dehumanizing conditions, it is essential that we see that mandating their condition among the masses and isolating the Russian Jews who have brought education and technical skills to integrate and further modernize Israel is the formula for what we can now term the "Birth of an Industrialized Nation."

The identity of a country is based upon creating conflict amongst its own people. The masses are usually manipulated into killing their own brothers and sisters because of the need for those in power to remain so.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel has established the old era of politics in the Middle East.

This forced aggression is one that stimulates national pride but

destroys the bridges for neighbors to live as one.

When Israeli clinics threw out all blood donated by Ethiopian immigrants, because there was a widespread notion that all Ethiopians have AIDS, it was clearly an ethnicity issue at work.

In conclusion, each one of us must look in the mirror and see if the question of freedom is one based upon love of all mankind or hatred against the oppressive race that seems to keep you and your people from getting ahead.

If it is this notion of your inert power over another ethnic group that will one day set you free, then it is those chains you hold in your hands to one day oppress others as easily as you saw yourself oppressed in the mirror.

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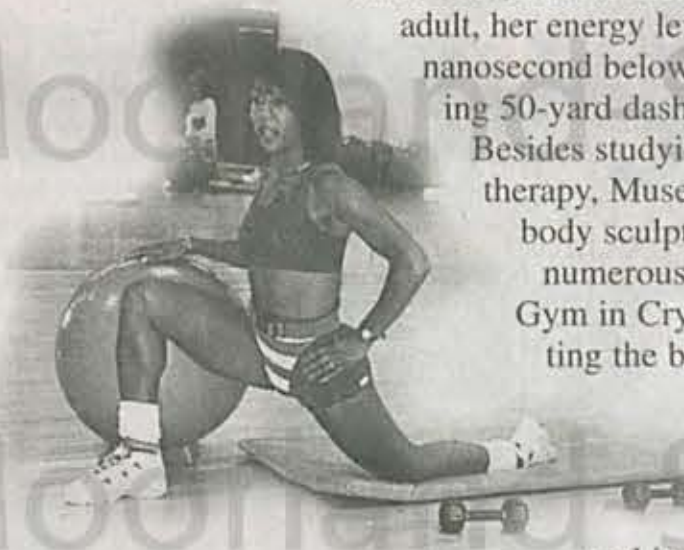
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DOING IT...

The Muse of Movement

As a child, **Trish Muse** was hyperactive. As an adult, her energy level hasn't dropped one nanosecond below a toddler's camera-defying 50-yard dash.



Besides studying for an MS in physical therapy, Muse teaches step aerobics, body sculpting and fitness classes too numerous to mention at Skyline Gym in Crystal City, Va. Between hitting the books and hitting her target heart rate zone, she is

also a personal trainer and manages to keep 14 clients in shape. Oh, and in her off-hours, she teaches

hip-hop dance to children as a volunteer at Mt. Airy Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

But that's not all: on her own time, Muse works out 30 to 40 minutes every day solo, usually before teaching a class. Even an everyday activity like walking to class becomes an opportunity for Muse to let off some of some of that hyperactive energy. You'll never see her in an elevator when there's a set of stairs to climb.

Fitness for Muse is about more than burning off all that excess energy: it's about quality of life. "Fitness and good health are gifts you give yourself," she says. "Your body is your house. You're only as strong as your weakest body part."

CAMPUS CORRESPONDENT: MUJAHID HASHIM, SENIOR

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S **Sisters**, come get your run on: if you haven't checked out women's running night, you're missin' out. Look for the Swoosh signs on campus. . . **Don't sleep** through the women's soccer match on Homecoming. Kick off the weekend with NIKE on October 25th. . . People I see riding their bikes this month will get some NIKE **goodies**. . . If you're driving down to the Bisons/Morehouse game at Morehouse October 19, let me know. NIKE **surprises** are in store to get you in the **spirit**. You heard Morehouse has been talking all kinds of smack about beating the Bisons? We know that's not happenin'.

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November 15-17	Kutztown University, Kutztown, Pennsylvania
November 22-24	University of Maryland, College Park, MD, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA, University of Texas, Arlington, TX
November 29-30	Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

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6 MEN'S SOCCER/V AT UNIV. OF BUFFALO, 8:00 PM	7 WOMEN'S SOCCER/V VS. HOOD COLLEGE GREENE STADIUM, 7PM	8	9 MEN'S SOCCER/V AT WILLIAM & MARY, 7:30	10 MEN'S/WOMEN'S TENNIS HBCU AT CHARLOTTE, NC	11 WOMEN'S SOCCER/V VS. VA. COMMONWEALTH UNIV. GREENE STADIUM, 7PM MEN'S/WOMEN'S TENNIS HBCU AT CHARLOTTE, NC	12 FOOTBALL/V VS. BETHUNE COLEMAN GREENE STADIUM MEN'S/WOMEN'S TENNIS HBCU AT CHARLOTTE, NC
13 MEN'S SOCCER/V AT CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST., 2PM	14 VOLLEYBALL/V AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, 6PM WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. GEORGETOWN UNIV. GREENE STADIUM, 7PM OPEN/CLOSE COED VOLLEYBALL/I LL3, 5PM BADMINTON/I LL3, 5PM	15 OPEN/CLOSE COED VOLLEYBALL/I LL3, 5PM BADMINTON/I LL3, 5PM	16 MEN'S SOCCER/V AT GEORGE MASON, 3PM OPEN/CLOSE COED VOLLEYBALL/I LL3, 5PM BADMINTON/I LL3, 5PM	17 VOLLEYBALL/V VS. US NAVAL ACADEMY GREENE STADIUM, 6PM	18 WOMEN'S TENNIS/V AT LOYOLA, 3PM	19 WOMEN'S SOCCER/V AT MARYMOUNT, 4:00 FOOTBALL/V AT MOREHOUSE VOLLEYBALL/V AT DELAWARE, 6PM
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WHAT IS BEAUTY?

The on-going debate of 'good looks' continues

By Dawnica Jackson
Hilltop Staff Writer

WHAT IS BEAUTY? IS IT BRAIDS, SHORT HAIR, LONG HAIR, NAPPY HAIR OR STRAIGHT HAIR? IS IT FAIR SKIN, BROWN SKIN OR DARK SKIN? IN THE PAST, BEAUTY WAS DECIDED BY THE BEHOLDER. BUT TODAY, SCIENTISTS HAVE FOUND FACTUAL INFORMATION THAT GIVES NEW INSIGHT TO WHAT BEAUTY REALLY IS.

This new research has confirmed that although beauty varies from culture to culture, in all societies there is some standard of beauty.

For example, in western countries big, high breasts are considered beautiful, but in Senegal, women tie ropes to their breasts and tug on them to achieve maximum sagging. And in Papua, New Guinea, mothers pull their daughters' breasts as soon as they appear. No man would marry a woman with a perky bosom. Among the Tuaregs of Saharan Africa, fat is equated with fertility. Mothers will force-feed a daughter to make her chubby, since a woman must have at least 12 rolls of fat when she bends over or she is considered unfit for marriage.

This is a far cry from the 36-25-36 measurements young women in the United States pride themselves on or kill themselves to get.

According to *Newsweek* magazine, studies show attractive people fair better with parents, teachers, make more money and even have better sex than their lesser attractive counterparts.

But physical attractiveness is a phenomenon that goes deeper than sexy legs or a voluptuous shape. It is a subconscious, involuntary desire. Humans are unknowingly attracted to small variations in the size and symmetry of facial bones and the placement of weight on the body.

In 1994, psychologist Steven Gangestad studied the measurements of hundreds of college men and women and found that the people who are considered the most attractive are those who are the most symmetrical. These are individuals who look the same on both sides. For example, both eyes are the same size and distance apart.

The study continued to state that the features people find the most appealing are those women loose during puberty. Simply, the perfect idea of beauty is unobtainable.

A study conducted by New Mexico State Psychologist Victor Johnston showed that higher foreheads, as well as full lips and a smaller chin are considered the most beautiful traits in women.

The 1993 study showed the average 25-year-old woman would like to

have a 14-year-old's lips and an 11-year-old's delicate jaw. The study was done by New Mexico college students, but later studies with Japanese and British students revealed the same results.

Likewise, the strong jaws women prefer in men are rare. It is the visible record of the surge in androgens (a male hormone) that turn boys into men.

It seems the world is made for the beautiful. And sex is too!

According to Gangestad's study, women who have sex with symmetrical men are twice as likely to climax during sex, are more sexually responsive and have a higher level of conception because they can help foster sperm into the womb.

Gangestad and scientist Randy Thornhill also answered the old question about faithfulness in men. Symmetrical men are less attentive and more likely to stray. The more beautiful the man, the more sex he will have and with more women.

What Black men and women at Howard University like and dislike is vastly different. Both sexes are more westernized than they may think. Out of 100 men and 100 women surveyed, 90 percent liked hair, whether long or short. They want hair they can run their fingers through and it must be healthy and "home grown." Black men on Howard's campus do not like braids. Seventy percent of those surveyed said they detest braids.

"I don't like braids," said Reginald Simmons, a print journalism major. "I like to run my fingers through it. I just don't like the way fake hair feels."

Of the 100 women surveyed, females complained of short men and body hair. Ninety-two percent say they like tall men and 98 percent hate body hair.

"I find it to be repelling," said Atoyia Dean, an English major. "It's not attractive at all."

One thing consistent with women and men on Howard's campus, they know what they like. But, women are more excepting of traditional African hairstyles, dreads and braids.

All 200 people surveyed think Black beauty and White beauty is different. They said Blacks like big butts, hips, full lips, broad shoulders and muscular legs. White people like no butts, thin lips, skinny legs, narrow waist and lean legs. Science does not support this notion of racial beauty.

"White women aren't attractive to me," Simmons said. "I want an athletic body, curls and shapeliness in my women."



Reflections

Steven Gray

Growing up in New Orleans, I received first-hand exposure to the lethal virus that plagues African Americans. It's a virus that was born in the plantation fields of the South, and continues to live and thrive in the minds of Americans today. The virus festers like a deadly sore, and shows no sign of ever leaving us.

It's a virus that causes us, Black people, to segregate ourselves according to Eurocentric standards of beauty.

I remember sitting in a torrid classroom in the eighth grade at a school where all of the students were young Black men. And nearly everyday, one guy would tell the class during lunch about some new girl that he met the day before.

In describing the girl, all of the them seemed to look alike. She had long, straight hair, light brown or

green eyes, and of course bright skin.

There was an unwritten, unspoken standard that hovered in the air that effectively excluded sisters of darker hues from our spectrum of beauty. To bring a dark girl to the Homecoming dance was like bringing your sister. It was just one of those things that you tried to avoid at all costs; while bringing a "Creole beauty" to the dance was like winning the lottery. All of the guys flocked to your girl.

When this example of absolute insanity hit me, I began to question my own sense of beauty.

What is beauty? Is it an amazing Afro, balmy brown eyes, sweet and sultry chocolate skin with more love to hold on to than ... ? Or is it flowing waves of blazing blonde hair, baby blue eyes, with a petite physique to match?

A wise man once said, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." And

indeed, that wise man was as correct as I am Black.

For beauty is within the eye of the beholder, and in my eyes, there isn't a creature on Earth more beautiful than the Black woman. All of you, my African queens, are spitting images of the Father above. And therefore, nothing about you — from the fullness of your lips, to the rupture of your thighs, to the colorful melody of your hue — nothing about you could ever be wrong.

Give me a sista with a little attitude, a lot of ambition and a whole lot of soul. Whether her skin is ebony or honey, caramel or cream, I'll love her all the same.

Let no one define who you are, but always remember "whose" you are and continue to walk in His grace. All of you are blessed and bold, Black and beautiful.

My mother has bright skin. My grandmother's skin is dark like mine,

And while within my own world, I was exposed to sisters who understood the true diversity and value of Black beauty. Outside of my home, it was skin that was constantly bombarded with attitudes that promoted anything but Black unity.

I am writing not to promote the virus that plagues us, but to nip it in the bud. To kill it and to burn it to its core.

Our relationships with non-Black people pose far too many challenges for us to continue to perpetuate this virus.

Our strength is in our diversity. And until we wake up and realize the beauty of the gift that God has given us, Black women — in all of their shapes, sizes, and — will continue to become victims of this virus called color.

Photos by Arthur O. Mantle



PULSE!

A Tribe Called Quest talks 'beats, rhymes and life'

By Alona Ballard
Hilltop Staff Writer

Hip-hop veterans, A Tribe Called Quest has released their fourth album and are embarking on a nationwide college tour.

The group just finished this summer's "Smokin' Grooves Tour" with The Fugees and Cypress Hill, and began their "Beats, Rhymes and Life Tour" on Tuesday at Montclair State University in New Jersey. Tribe will visit the Washington, D.C. area Oct. 6.

Tribe's fourth album, "Beats, Rhymes and Life," debuted at number one on both Billboard's 200 albums chart and R&B chart thanks to music singles "Ince Again" and "Stressed Out," featuring Faith Evans.

The members of Tribe, Q-Tip,

Phife and Ali Shaheed Muhammad, built their foundation on socially-conscious rhymes over jazz-influenced beats.

Although the group's last two albums, "Midnight Marauders" and "The Low End Theory," went platinum, Tribe has remained true to their roots and are responsible for what they put on a record.

Ali Shaheed Muhammad realizes that people emulate him.

"I wasn't elected, but I have a heavy influence. Unfortunately, a lot of hip-hop artists do," Muhammad said. "We are human beings. We have to be responsible. If we're not,



Photo by Christian Landry

A Tribe Called Quest will be performing at D.C.'s Capitol Ballroom this Sunday as a part of their nation wide college tour.

who will be?"

Perhaps it is the spiritual life of A Tribe Called Quest which keeps them distant from the "gangsta rap"

genre.

In "Keep It Movin," the group blasts the East Coast/West Coast controversy. Q-Tip raps, "Hip-hop

could never be a way of life ... it doesn't teach you how to raise a child or treat a wife."

"I'm not saying it's (hip-hop) not a lifestyle," Q-Tip said in an article in Time Out magazine. "I'm saying that it's not a way of life for me."

Ali Shaheed Muhammad said he feels extra responsible for his music because of his Muslim beliefs. Q-Tip recently converted to Islam and vehemently denies the rumor that he is a member of the Nation of Islam. Phife is the only non-Muslim in the group.

Tribe has gained fans outside the average hip-hop realm. As one of the acts in the 1994 Lollapalooza festival, they grooved next to alternative music groups such as the Cranberries and Green Day.

The group has undoubtedly come a long way since they formed in 1988, perfecting their flow in the "P h i f e r d o m e" (Phife's grandmother's basement).

The three are definitely planning for the future. Ali is director A&R at Qwest Records. Q-Tip and associate Jay Dee have their own production company, Museum Music, which is about to release the debut album by Q-Tip's cousin, Consequence. Phife wants to open an athletic store and a beauty salon and is also interested in acting.

The majority of Tribe have found their "Bonita Applebum." Phife has a girlfriend, 19-year-old Kierstan Tucker. Ali has a fiancée, Christine, and will be setting a date soon. Q-Tip, because of his religion plans to stay celibate until marriage, currently unattached.

While others continue to rap about the clothes on their back, the coastal region they represent, Tribe is putting the positivity into rap music in a more substantial manner.

Blackstreet's new album takes listeners to 'Another Level'

By Jeffrey Lyles
Hilltop Staff Writer

Blackstreet is back, but with new voices and a new sound.

When you open up the cover of Blackstreet's latest album, "Another Level," you will notice that former Blackstreet members Hollister and Levi have left the group and have been replaced by Eric Williams and Mark Middleton.

But there is no need to worry, because with new members or not, "Another Level" is an album guaranteed to please.

The change in singers could have had a potentially debilitating consequence, but fortunately it has

not effected the groups harmonious sound.

The musical talents of both Williams and Middleton harmonize well with lead vocalist, Chauncey Hannibal and Teddy Riley (formerly of the R&B group, Guy) — arguably better than Levi and Hollister.

The new members prove this point in the songs "Don't Leave Me" and "I Wanna Be Your Man."

Once again Riley takes charge of the Blackstreet project. Riley is known for a wide range of talents which include producing, arranging, programming and writing — just to name a few. Riley plays most of the instruments on the album.

"Another Level" showcases Riley's production skills, which at one point made him the most sought after producer in the

business with his "New Jack Swing" style.

"No Diggity," the smash single featuring fellow artists Dr. Dre and Queen Pen, is the best track on the album.

"Fix," "Don't Leave Me" (which samples DeBarge's "Is It Just a Dream?") and "This is How We Roll" are performed in vintage Blackstreet style — fast and up-tempo.

Surprisingly, there are more slow songs on "Another Level" than on their first self-titled album.

Ballads like "Never Gonna Let You Go" pays homage to the music composed during the Motown era. Another song on the album, "I'll Give It To You," will give the listener the impression that the group has been musically in sync

for years instead of just a few months.

Unfortunately, don't anticipate having another smash such as "Before I Let You Go" on this album.

"Another Level" includes 14 songs and five interludes — one of which features Riley's daughter, Taja. This sophomore album, despite the changes, should serve as no disappointment.

Riley states on the album that he wanted Blackstreet to be in existence for many years to come and hopes that the group can become a major force in the business.

If "Another Level" is the standard for future Blackstreet projects, then he has nothing to worry about — Blackstreet is here to stay.



Courtesy of Interscope Records

A new Blackstreet returns with album "Another level"

Soul For Real returns "For Life"

By Clark McMillian
Hilltop Staff Writer

A couple of years ago, Heavy D stepped away from the world of hip-hop for a quick minute to try his skills at producing.

His first project was the Dalrymple brothers — Jason, Brian, Andre, and Chris — otherwise known as Soul For Real. Like many Black recording artists, the group got its start in the church.

Through perseverance, the brothers won first place at an Apollo amateur night competition. Shortly thereafter, Heavy D who was then the A & R executive of Uptown Records, took them under his wing.

Their debut album "Candy Rain" had minimal success and produced two hits, the album's title track, "Candy Rain," and "Every Little Thing I Do."

Their second album titled, "For Life" demonstrates the group's maturity and progress since their debut album.

The group co-wrote several songs on the album and worked with other artists. Bad Boy recording artists Faith Evans, 112 and Monifah, all collaborated with the group on the album.



Photo by Daniela Federici

Soul for Real's "For Life" album was released last Tuesday

Other producers on the album include Tony Dofat, Tim Kelly, Bob Robinson, and Sean "Puffy" Combs. The video for Soul for Real's "I'm Coming Home," has not yet been released, but be

assured Puffy "Yeah, I like that" Combs will make a cameo appearance.

The album has 13 tracks — a few upbeat cuts and many ballads. The album also contains a remake of Al Green's "Let's Stay Together."

"I'm Coming Home" and "I Don't Wanna Say Good-bye" were both performed with Faith Evans. Monifah appears on the track "Being With You" and 112 appear on both "Love You So" and "Where Do We Go." Despite a slightly more mature sound, the album seems to be geared toward a younger audience.

As the group further matures, their music will probably mature with them and take on an audience their age and older.

This album will probably establish a greater audience than the first album, however older listeners will more than likely be excluded from this group.

If one had to make any type of comparison, Soul For Real's "For Life" is about two school grades above singing group Immature and a college degree below New Edition.

The Roots grow with new album

By Ta-Nehisi Coates
Hilltop Staff Writer

It has become vogue for critics and pundits of hip hop to declare that the art is on its deathbed.

Nostalgically reaching for a puritanical vision of hip hop, these critics bemoan the passing of the 1980s as if it were a favorite aunt.

At one point perhaps this opinion could be supported.

But given the rise of a whole slew of artists in the last three years, the opinion is no longer valid.

Artists like Nas, The Fugees, and Wu-Tang continue to expand the borders of the hip hop nation.

The Roots join the previously mentioned clique of MCs who continue to stretch the definition of hip-hop.

The group's first release "Do You Want More ?!!!" was arguably the most successful attempt at merging hip hop and jazz.

The album also appealed to a wide range of fans. When The

Roots came to town you could see the rock fans waiting right in line with the hardest of hard-rocks.

Now The Roots are back with "Illadelph halflife," a solid and well-written album.

The first single off the album, "Clones" features the lyrics of group members Black Thought and Malik B along with guest lyricists Dice Raw and M.A.R.S.

One of the highlights of the album is "What They Do," a mellow cut featuring Raphael Sadiq.

Black Thought rap samples K-Solo, "I dedicate this to the one-dimensional no imagination excuse for perpetrating my man came over and said 'yo I thought we heard you' jokes on you, you heard a biting-ass crew."

But the album's best and tightest

cut is the aptly titled "Respect and React."

Black Thought raps that, "I just a lyricist, a chemist of hemp, the beat pimp, the ill Philadelphia resident, that's far from hesitant corrupt like a president, no benevolent but poetical prevalent."

Kids that were down with "So Treatment" will also flip on "The Hypnotic," a ballad featuring the vocals of D'Angelo.

Again Black Thought rips it up in his lyrics, "I knew this girl named Elana with mad persona, she'd reality never fed into drama, I'll her through my nigga Jerma comma) who knew her thru his people by the Baltimore harbor."

Overall the Roots' sophomore effort is tight. They win the "best guest artists of the year award" with cameos from Amel Larrieu of Groove Theory, Q-Tip, D'Angelo and Cassandra Wilson.

While the album might not be the land of gold or platinum, it is guaranteed to make a prominent statement in the hip hop nation.

Black dance director addresses life and social issues through choreography

By Tara Travis
Hilltop Staff Writer

After a four-year hiatus, the Bebe Miller Dance Company graced the stage at the District's Dance Place Studio last Sunday. Choreographer Bebe Miller, in addition to being the artistic director, was also one of the featured dancers.

Miller's dances, filled with depth and mystery, defines what she

perceives as being human on earth. Miller's dances cannot be interpreted on a superficial level, instead, they stimulate your mind, causing you to think.

Unfortunately one might leave her performance baffled by the abstractness of her work.

One might be puzzled further by the fact that Miller is a Black woman with a company that consists of only White dancers. It is especially ironic since Miller's dance company was the first

company (under the direction of a Black woman) to work in post-apartheid South Africa.

In a recent Washington Times article, Miller defended her choice of dancers. Miller said when she held auditions, the Black dancers who showed up were not the best dancers for the work she wanted to do.

The performance consisted of four dance pieces.

The first piece, "The Hendrix Project," was a wild and passionate

dance piece that represented the mood of the liberalism era in the 60s.

The company danced to the music of Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan. The dance movements mimicked the actions of people "tripping" on heroin.

"Yard Dance" was a piece that was inspired during Miller's residency in South Africa. In the beginning of the piece, the dancers were driven to move by the sound of their own counts from one to

10. All of a sudden, Miller's soft voice flowed from the back of the theater and the dancers moved to Miller's insightful recollections about her trip to South Africa. Miller said the trip opened her eyes to new forms of dance and helped her realize that they can be merged together to culturally expand dance.

The speech ended with Miller stating, "We have this. Maybe we can do this. Hmm ..."

The last piece, "Blessed," was

performed by an Australian cappella choir, "The Cafe of Gate of Salvation." The choir consisted of Caucasian white workers that came together to perform African-American gospel.

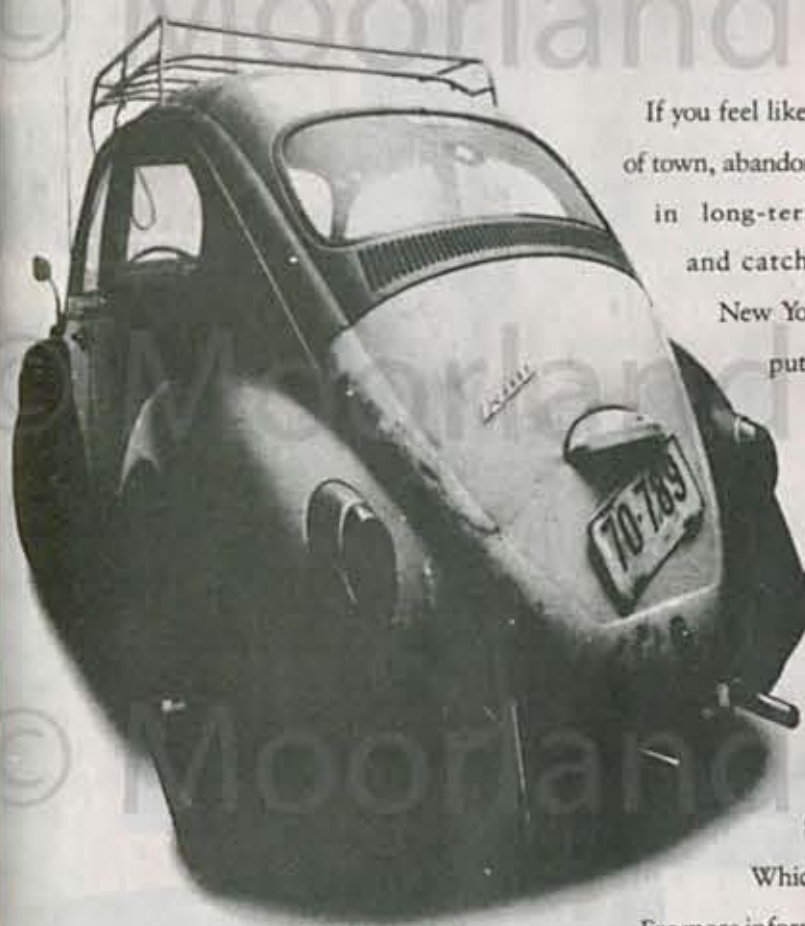
The theme of this piece was coherency, but the joy of spiritual freedom was evident with jumps, kicks and spins.

Awanya D Anglin contributed this article

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BUSINESS

Sports store has Georgia Ave. shoppers 'in the zone'

By Alan C. Page
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Sports Zone has expanded from a small one-story shop into a two-story sports superstore. The new and improved Sports Zone is located two-doors down from its previous location, has been built where the now-defunct Blockbuster Video once was. With walls of shoes, socks, hats and athletic bags on display, Sports Zone offers a huge array of merchandise for the athletic-wear consumer.

John Mastrianni, district manager of Sports Zone stores in the Washington, D.C., area, said the expansion was a natural next step for the burgeoning Georgia Avenue franchise.

"We wanted to give back to the community," Mastrianni said. "We really had too small of a store before. [The bigger store] is a lot better, merchandise wise. We carry the exact same things."

This expansion caused some temporary confusion for regular customers at the old Sports Zone location.

"At first, there was a little confusion because we didn't have a sign saying we had moved up the street," Mastrianni said. "But once they come into the [new] store, we get a great response."

Sports Zone's decision to expand seems to be the reversal of the trend of stores fleeing the area, and the expansion of the store may prove that suburbia is not the only place where quality stores can



Many students say the Sports Zone offers quality merchandise.



Sports Zone managers say students will enjoy the remodeling and expansion.

prosper. "We'll be here as long as there's a customer," Mastrianni said.

Well-lit and with a sales staff of six on the floor, the new Sports Zone is geared toward making its customers feel like they are getting the treatment that is usually reserved for those who travel to mega-malls in Virginia and Maryland. Sports Zone may be prospering

because of the high prices today's young people are willing to pay for fashion, said Rob Antonin, product buyer for the store.

"To this particular customer, the young consumer, price doesn't really matter," he said. "As long as it looks good, feels good, they'll buy it, regardless of price. When you get an older customer, then you have to be price conscious. But for our target

customer, 18 to 26-years-old, price isn't a factor."

If all those Nautica jackets on Howard students' backs are any indication, Antonin's assumptions are absolutely right.

With the expansion of Sports Zone, Howard students will not have to trek out to Maryland or Virginia to buy their \$100 shoes. Now they can travel a little closer to home.

Heritage U provides students with HBCU merchandise

By Arrelle Anderson
Hilltop Staff Writer

the money from the family newsletter that I saved."

He runs his business from his basement, where he said it is more convenient and relaxed, and he doesn't have to drive anywhere or worry about being late.

In 1991, Mullen wrote a weekly comic strip for The Hilltop named "Heritage U," but considers himself a late bloomer because a few years passed before he started his business.

"I just wanted to get my stuff published," Mullen said. "So I ran the comic strip at MSU, Coppin State, Bowie State and Hampton University too."

Mullen gave his business the same name because he wanted to

maintain the same image and be easily identified by his past audiences.

"It wasn't hard to start this business because no one else sells these products," Mullen said. "Black college students were general, I wanted to be specific. This business can fulfill that need."

"I was a student, so I know what is in demand on campuses," he said. "My designs are more contemporary and up-to-date."

Mullen said what makes his products different from campus stores are the images and the prices — he designed an order form for specifically for students. His mugs cost \$5.50, greeting cards are \$10

for a 15-pack and T-shirts cost \$18.

Mullen said he has received a lot of support from alumni who support his business when they visit their alma mater.

Mullen plans to expand to larger cities, in particular New York City, where he said his products will not only be for pre-dominantly Black universities, but to Black students on any college campus.

The young entrepreneur advises aspiring entrepreneurs to work hard and have faith.

"Go to school, graduate and research. Get a computer or have access to one," Mullen said. Make sure everything is legal. Be proud to be Black and stay positive."

Making sense out of dollars and cents

Experts say consumers should pay attention to bank fees

By Karintha Wheaton
Hilltop Staff Writer

Many people go to college to get a good education and a well paying job. However, with the new trend in banking, many students will need a Ph.D. just to choose a checking account.

In the past few years, the number of banks in the United States has plummeted.

In 1985 there were more than 14,000 banks in the continental United States, but by the end of the first quarter of 1996, there were only 9,841. As with everything, fewer banks mean less competition and higher priced banking fees.

Wading through a list of checking account fees can be exhausting.

The average checking account includes monthly fees, per check charges, automated teller machine charges, credit card fees and annual fees to name a few. All of these can mean empty pockets for the clients.

According to Tracie Phillips, an employee at Chevy Chase Bank, the number of service charges a bank can have, and most do have, in the past four years has skyrocketed from 96 to 250.

"To me it just seems as if the banks are trying to drain us," said Janice Goodwin, a freshman majoring in psychology. "Everywhere I turn someone else wants another dime or a nickel. It's a struggle just to stay ahead."

While many students open savings accounts instead of checking accounts, the large number of banking fees could prove this might not be the most

affordable thing to do.

Phillips said banks that charge for using a savings account like a checking account is a practice more common among credit unions, but students will get charged the maximum amounts even with student accounts.

Phillips said Chevy Chase doesn't have as many banking fees and only requires a minimum balance of \$100 to open a savings account. Nations Bank requires \$200 to open a checking account and students can only write three checks per month.

With computers doing the actual work in banking, it is up to the consumer to keep track of legitimate costs.

Federal law requires a written notice when a bank adds or increases fees, but customers should be very alert for any suspect charges.

"You should double-check your statement every month, but be especially vigilant in August and December," said Gail Liberian, editor of Bank Rate Monitor, a publication issued to banks.

Banks choose this time to add fees since many customers do not check their statements as closely in these two months, Liberian said.

Steve Rhoades, an economist at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C. said banking fees can vary by \$40 a month, but the smart consumer will get the best deal.

"There is a surprising amount of inertia when it comes to choosing a bank," Rhoades said. "People may go from store to store in order to save \$50 on a TV but they won't make an effort to cut the bank charges they incur every month."

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Breast cancer awareness month opens today with two-day symposium

By **Natasha Lindsey**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Breast Cancer Awareness month has begun and the Breast Cancer Resource Committee is starting it off with an awareness and advocacy symposium this weekend.

The sixth annual breast cancer symposium, at the Washington Hilton and Towers, 1919 Connecticut Ave. N.W., is calling all men to action for breast cancer. Although it is rare, breast cancer occurs in 1,000 men annually.

The two-day event starts today with a tribute to African-American breast cancer survivors, and will feature "Acts of Faith," author Iyanla Vanzant, who lost her mother to breast cancer. There will be a luncheon Saturday featuring male business, civic and congressional leaders discussing the

importance of African-American men in the struggle against breast cancer.

"I want to dispel the myth that our men abandon us when we have breast cancer because it's just not true," said Zora Brown, founder and chairwoman of the Breast Cancer Resource Committee.

Brown said that knowledge is part of the cure for breast cancer. As a 15-year breast cancer survivor, Brown said she had the support of her husband while she was being treated for the disease.

"We never see African-American men and women discuss breast cancer," Brown said. "I want to tear down walls and dispel myths that create this barrier."

Overall, White women are more likely to develop breast cancer than African-American women. But among women younger than 45 years of age, African-American

women are more likely to develop it than White women are.

African-American women are also more likely to die of breast cancer than White women, the American Cancer Society said.

In 1996, 184,300 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, resulting in 44,560 deaths, according to ACS.

The incidence of breast cancer,

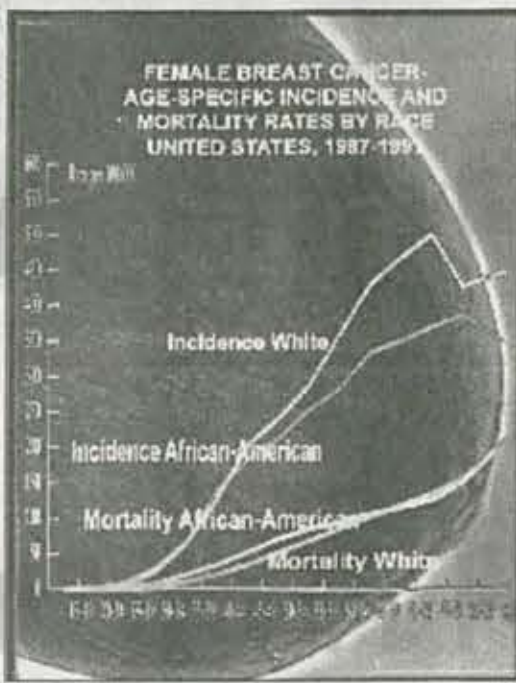
the most common cancer among women, increases with age. About

77 percent of women with new diagnosis of breast cancer each year are more than 50 years old.

Women from age 18 to 39 are not at a high risk for breast cancer.

But the ACS said that monthly self exams and annual clinical exams are necessary for early detection.

"It's never too early to start a rou-



time that later in life will serve you well," said James Rogers, an ACS representative.

A woman has a 1 in 8 risk of developing breast cancer and a 1 in 28 risk of dying from breast cancer, the ACS said.

The risk factors surrounding breast cancer are lifetime risk and relative risk. The ACS views a lifetime risk as the probability that an individual will be diagnosed with cancer over the course of their lifetime.

A relative risk compares a woman's exposure to a certain trait for breast cancer with women who do not have any exposure to this trait.

If a woman has a mother, sister or daughter with breast cancer, their risk for breast cancer is twice as likely.

While a relative trait may help a person to find out if they are at risk for breast cancer, the ACS said

that 80 percent of breast cancer are diagnosed in women who have no family history of it.

Early detection of breast cancer has a 96 percent survival rate, ACS said. A symptom women should look out for are lumps in the breast.

These are usually painless, but some women experience breast pain and have no lumps. Other symptoms are persistent changes to the breast such as thickening, swelling, skin irritation or distortion.

If breast cancer is detected, a woman can choose to have surgery or go into radiation therapy, systemic chemotherapy or endocrine treatment.

The Breast Cancer Resource Committee is a center devoted to African-American women sufferers and survivors of breast cancer. It is located at 1765 N St. N Suite 100.

Health Facts Did you know?

■ This month is AIDS awareness month.
Source: Howard University Health Center

■ Water is a natural cleanser that will clean the body inside and out of toxins.
Source: Balance The A-Z of Water by Jo Plane

■ Washington, D.C., has the highest rate of AIDS cases per capita of any state in the nation.
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

■ 319,849 Americans have died of AIDS — nearly six times the number of Americans who died in the Vietnam war.
Source: Centers of Disease Control and Prevention

■ 1,291,810 people have died from AIDS worldwide.
Source: World Health Organization

■ Women make up nearly a quarter of all individuals in treatment for alcoholism.
Source: National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence

■ One in nine women will develop breast cancer by age 85.
Source: American Cancer Society

■ More than 160,900 electrical fires claim more than 800 human lives, cause 7,660 injuries and cost \$1.4 billion in personal property.
Source: National Electrical Safety Foundation

■ One person is electrocuted in the home every 16 hours.
Source: National Electrical Safety Foundation

■ Eating two eggs a day (yolks, too) does not significantly raise cholesterol levels.
Source: Self Magazine

■ Runners are at no greater risk than nonrunners for fractures, arthritis or osteoporosis.
Source: Self Magazine

■ Locally prepared health or diet foods collected for a report at the obesity research center at Columbia University contained 85 percent more calories than was claimed on the label. Regionally distributed foods were 25 percent off and national brands were correct.
Source: Self Magazine

Students get fit with new aerobic equipment, programs

By **Nicole Ballinger**
Hilltop Staff Writer

New exercise equipment and aerobic programs are attracting scores of students to Burr Gymnasium.

The new equipment room, in the gym's lounge, includes four stationary bikes, three stepping machines, a Versa Climber made for three people, a bench for sit-ups and one rowing machine that was purchased by Samuel Amoko-Atta, the director of intramural activities.

"I enjoy the stress-free and competitive-free atmosphere," said Deidrix Catchings, a freshman dentistry major. "This combination yields a proper environment for the mind, body and soul."

Anthony Price, a weight room trainer, said he trains roughly 50 to 75 people a week. On average, 100 students frequent Burr gym to use the equipment and participate in the aerobic classes.

The old exercise room is located in the gym's basement. It is a smaller room with no windows. There are five stationary bikes, three step machines, two treadmills and one Graviton pull-up/dip bar.

"I do 30 minutes a day, four days a week, on the treadmill to look good for Homecoming," said Marquis Cantrell, a junior film major.

Since the new workout equipment is in clear view for students to see, many students stop at the new workout room or attend the aerobic classes but do not go to the old weight room, said Price.

The new exercise room is at the



Photo by Aida Muluneh

Many students say the new exercise equipment in Burr Gymnasium has added major benefits to their workout.

entrance of the gym and is enclosed by windows.

Kelli Seaton, a senior English major, works out five times a week. She said she likes the new workout room because it would get crowded in the old workout room.

Trudy Mason, a junior marketing major, said she enjoys working out in the old exercise room because she is not surrounded by windows for everyone to see her. But, Mason said that she occasionally uses the new workout room.

"I think it will be even better when the weights come in," said Melanie Shorter, first-year dental student. "I like the aerobics class, and I've tried the step class, but I can't wait to try the water aerobics class."

Unfortunately someone has already vandalized the new step machines by cutting the chords, but they were quickly repaired.

"The school is trying to supply

students with the nice things that other schools have," Price said. "Why anyone would want to prevent that is ridiculous."

For students who go to Bally's or other gyms to work out, Price said students should hold on to their money and use the free workout equipment in Burr Gym.

The new workout room is open to students weekdays from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays noon to 6 p.m.

The old exercise room is open weekdays from 2 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and shares the same weekend times. There are male and female trainers for those who need them. An aerobics schedule can be obtained at the Burr Gym. The classes offered include: Boxing, Low Impact Slimnastics, Water Aerobics, Aero-Step, Caribbean Funk Slimnastics and Abs. The classes take place in the evenings, Monday through Friday.

AIDS researchers await approval from FDA for new drugs

Is the new generation of drugs better than the generation before?

By **Marie A. Bavwidiński**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Each day there is another advancement in the fight against AIDS. Four new protease inhibitors and nucleoside analogues are the newest advancement in AIDS research.

Over the last 12 months, the four drugs that have been focused on are Saquinavir, Ritonavir, Indinavir, and Nevirapine.

These drugs inhibit replication of the HIV virus at different stages in its replication process. The FDA has given accelerated approval on these drugs on the condition that post-marketing studies verify clinical results.

"When it comes to AIDS and other threatening diseases, we

have learned to take greater risks in exchange for greater potential health benefits," said David A. Kessler, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

The effectiveness of a drug that treats advanced HIV infection is the increase of an infected patient's CD4 cells that indicate the strength of the immune system. The *AIDS '96 Journal* and *The Journal of Program and Abstracts* of the ninth international conference on anti-viral research are conducting studies on these new AIDS drugs.

The studies show an increase in the number of CD4 cells during the initial stages of usage. The studies also show a decrease of the CD4 cells over an extended period of time.

Another test of the drugs effectiveness is the number of adverse side effects. Almost all of the new drugs caused a number of ailments such as blisters, lesions, kidney stones, liver inflammation, vomiting and extreme cases of diarrhea.

"Rapid FDA action on important new drugs is one important part in reaching the long-term goal," said Donna E. Shalala, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Most of these drugs are still undergoing studies and very few of the population infected with HIV meet the extremely rigid medical requirements.

A person has to have 200 plus CD4 cells or had to have taken only AZT for 6 months or more to be a subject in the studies.

Recipe of the Week

Marbled Cheesecake Brownies

(cheesecake topping)
8 ounces reduced fat cream cheese
2/3 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 large egg
1 large egg white
1 table spoon cake flour (regular flour will do)

(brownie batter)
1 cup sifted cake flour (regular flour will do)
1/2 cup Dutch processed cocoa powder or regular cocoa powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup canola oil
1/4 cup buttermilk
1 large egg
2 large egg whites
1 tablespoon instant coffee granules (optional)
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract.

To make cheesecake topping:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly oil an 8 by 11 1/2 inch baking pan or coat it with nonstick cooking spray. Dust with flour tapping out the excess. Set aside.

With an Electric mixer, beat cream cheese at medium speed until smooth and creamy, about 1 minute. Beat in sugar and vanilla until smooth, 2 to 3 minutes. Beat in egg followed by egg white; beat 2 to 3 minutes to thoroughly blend. Add 1 table spoon flour and with the mixer on low speed beat just until blended. Set aside.

To make brownie batter:
In a small bowl, whisk flour, cocoa and salt. In a large bowl, beat brown sugar, oil, buttermilk, eggs, egg whites, coffee granules (if using) and vanilla on high speed until smooth. Be sure no lumps of brown sugar remain. Add the flour mixture and beat on low speed until blended.

Set aside 1/2 cup of the brownie batter. Transfer the remaining brownie batter to the prepared pan, spreading it to the corners and smoothing the surface. Carefully pour the remaining cheesecake topping onto the batter and spread evenly to the edges. Dot the cheesecake layer with the remaining brownie batter. Without disturbing the brownie layer, swirl the cheesecake layer with a table knife.

Bake for 40 to 50 minutes, until the top is set. Let cool completely in the pan on a wire rack before cutting. Make cheesecake brownies.



Source: Eating Well

SPORTS

Howard appoints Henry "Hank" Ford as new athletic director

By Dennis Freeman
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert announced the appointment of Henry "Hank" Ford as athletic director of intercollegiate sports Tuesday via press conference held in the Blackburn Reading Room.

Ford will be the first person to hold the post since David Simmons resigned from the post on July 18, 1994.

Ford, who is the director of athletics and physical education at Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y., begins work at his new post on Oct. 21, 1996.

"Hank Ford brings to the athletic programs of Howard University a solid record of achievement in management, regulatory compliance and winning," Swygert

said. "Howard University looks forward to having his leadership in all areas. Our goal is that our athletic programs will be competitive with the very best programs in the nation, and with Mr. Ford's leadership, we intend to fulfill our goals."

At Alfred University, Ford has served as athletic director since 1991 and he overlooked a Division III program with 23 sports. Ford is a 1969 graduate out of Maryland State (now Maryland-Eastern Shore) and holds a master's degree from Indiana University.

Ford brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with him to Howard.

He was head basketball coach at Tuskegee University from 1973 till 1975 when he took the head coaching job at Hampton University. For the next 12 years,



Photo by Belinda Vickerson
Newly appointed Athletic Director Henry "Hank" Ford speaks at press conference

Ford compiled a 225-119 record at Hampton. He was assistant athletic director at Hampton from 1987-1991 before he was promoted to his current position.

Ford seemed relaxed and confident of how he plans to run the

athletic program.

"I think it's a challenge to the athletic program in the direction of Howard academics," Ford said. "Organization will be key." program. I'm up for the challenge."

Commentary: Time for the Bison football team to take their game to the next level

By Dennis Freeman
Hilltop Staff Writer

Sitting in the Tallahassee Airport, a few hours after the Howard University football team had been grounded to defeat by the Florida A & M Rattlers, I chatted with training strong safety Billy Jenkins about his play.

According to Jenkins, his play was mediocre and he needed to take his play to the next level. Well, what are waiting for Billy? What are your teammates waiting for?

Are you waiting to exhale on Nov. 23, the last day of the season? All this talk about we are the best team in the conference and talent-wise we are better than anyone else is a joke. It is one thing when you talk the talk and quite another to walk the walk.

So far, you guys are straddling the fence. There is no denying the abundance of talent that Head Coach Steve Wilson and his coaching staff have been blessed with.

There is no denying that this year's football squad is loaded with players who will earn their keep next year by playing professional football in the NFL.

And there is no denying that Wilson is a master strategist and

tries to squeeze out every ounce of that talent.

But sorry gentlemen, talent alone does not win games. It only enhances your chances of winning.

There is something else that you need that seems to be missing, that you haven't had in awhile. And what has been missing is your intensity level and concentration.

And it's been missing since the first half of the season opener against top-ranked Marshall University.

Since then, it seems as if you're just playing to the level of your competition. Before the Marshall game, you would hear how wide receiver McArthur Johnson had great potential, had great talent. Well, Johnson showed everyone in that game that he had arrived and had turned his level of play up a notch by destroying Marshall's defense for 6 catches (a new school record 216 yards) and 3 touchdowns. After making a sudden arrival, he's made an even quicker departure.

Since then, Johnson has dropped several potentially wide-open touchdown passes and seems to have lost his confidence. Preseason All-American picks place-kickers, Jason Decuir and Ruben Ruiz, have not kicked like All-Americans, and

quarterback Ted White looks confused at times.

Although defensively you guys have been playing well, at times there's still some mental breakdowns you have to eliminate.

Let me give you an example: Florida A & M—Time's winding down, you're down by 1 point and you need the ball back. You're facing a scrambling quarterback that's been giving you fits all night by imitating Houdini the magician.

So explain to me like a 4-year-old how he was able to convert three consecutive third and long to first downs?

It is common football knowledge when you face Randall Cunningham-type quarterbacks you send a spy to follow that guy everywhere he goes, even into the concession stand.

You blew it on that one. FAMU couldn't carry your socks and they certainly don't belong on the same field with you guys. But, they still beat you.

This team has the talent to win the MEAC Championship. But guts, intensity, mad desire and mental toughness will give it to you. Not just talent. Don't tell me you can do this, you can do that.

Stop talking about it and do it. Derrick Twitty, you need to play as

well as you talk. To be on the championship level you say you're on, you've got to be driven and use no excuse if you fall short of your capabilities. If you're really serious about your expectations of yourself as a team, then you shouldn't concern yourselves about looking at your stats right after a game.

Is looking at your statistics going to make you a better player, or is it there to feed your already ballooning ego?

This 'me' attitude is precisely the reason why you've lost two games this season. You need to stop running up to me and asking me about how many tackles did you make and how many passes did you catch? You need to start thinking what you did or didn't do to contribute to the team that day.

You know if you stunk up the place or had a positive effect on the game. You don't need any statistics to tell you what you did. You know exactly what you did.

Gentlemen, it would be an injustice to you for me to pat you on your back and say you're the best team in the MEAC. You are, but you've got to make it up in your mind as a team to go out there and prove it to everyone else. Teams don't win championships by talking about it. They do it.

HU baseball team expects big things from new recruits, returning players

By Ivan J. Aranha
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University team is looking forward to an exciting year, Assistant Coach Eric Johnson. Johnson, an outfielder for Howard from 1986 to 1990, begins his third year coaching.

Johnson, who was instrumental in recruiting this year's exceptionally talented freshmen class, said he misses the lack of a home field when recruiting. But the fact that Howard's away games are played at one of the best facilities in the country offsets the absence of a home field, he said.

"The new emphasis is on the challenging schedule," Johnson said. "[Howard] is playing in the highest level of collegiate baseball. Our recruits are coming from the best baseball programs. They want to continue to win in college baseball on our schedule."

Howard has recruited some of the best players in the country like James Perry.

Top-flight catcher from Hattiesburg, Miss., Perry led his school to a 33-3 record his senior season and was a Mississippi All-Star. Perry has been averaging one home run a game during the pre-season, and he is the one to watch on this team.

Johnson is a third baseman from Compton, Calif. He was Most Valuable Player of the

Ocean League and was drafted by the New York Yankees.

With recruits of this caliber and the return of seasoned upper classmen, Howard will be the team to beat in the MEAC.

"We have the most talented offense and defense in the MEAC," Coach Johnson said. "The key is to

least a 3.0," Johnson said. "Our freshman class averaged over a 3.3 G.P.A., and four of them have academic scholarships in addition to their athletic scholarship."

Last year, Howard finished with a record of 11-7 in the MEAC, ranking third in the conference championship.



Photo by All-Pro Photography
SS Chris Warren will be a key player in the Bison infield.



Photo by All-Pro Photography
Jamaro Thomas will be called to pitch this season.

jell together as a team. It's easy to coach with good talent, but talent is nothing if you can't play as a team."

Howard's baseball players are not just successful on the field, but also excel off the field.

"All [Howard's] players have at

Johnson attributed this to being a young team and a lack of leadership. This year, Howard's coaches have made an effort to deepen their bench, particularly in the pitching position, and strengthen any weaknesses that

Bison Bits

Football

The Bison get a chance to regroup this week after their bitter defeat to Florida A & M. Howard's loss to the Rattlers of FAMU left the team with their first conference loss, leaving the team with a 2-2 overall record (1-1 in conference). The football team gets a chance to improve on that record on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. when they take on Bethune-Cookman at Greene Stadium.

Volleyball

The women's volleyball team plays host to their 4th Annual Howard Classic Volleyball Tournament, which begins today and continues tomorrow. The teams competing will be: Howard University, Morgan State University, Hampton University and Robert Morris College. Morgan State upset the Bison women last year in the championship match. Howard is looking forward to avenging that loss. The volleyball team then travels to face Hampton University on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.

Tennis

In the MEAC Round-Robin Tournament, the men and women both fared pretty well. The women went undefeated, winning easily over FAMU, Maryland Eastern-Shore and North Carolina A & T.

Cayce Cummins and Katya Okpala both went undefeated in the singles and doubles matches. The team lost close matches (4-3, 4-3) to FAMU and Bethune-Cookman and came up victorious against South Carolina State. Freshman Chad Hamilton paced the men with his outstanding play. The men's team will compete in the D.C. Metro Tournament this Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5 and 6 held at Georgetown and American Universities respectively. The tournament begins at 8 a.m. Both teams will participate in the HBCU Oct. 10 through Oct. 12th in Charlotte, N.C.

Cross Country

The cross country teams travel to Norfolk, Va. this Saturday to face Norfolk State. Coach William Moultrie felt both teams "ran awfully good."

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team will play Oneonta State today at 4 p.m.; University of Buffalo on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.; and William & Mary on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team plays their next game at home, Monday, Oct. 7 against Hood College. After a dismal 0-7 start, the Bison women claimed their first victory of the season against Bowie State on Sunday, winning 3-0.

Discover Card will sponsor intramural-recreational sports during the fall term at Howard University. Hundreds of students athletes are expected to compete in 3-on-3 basketball, indoor soccer, coed volleyball, badminton, table tennis and billiards.

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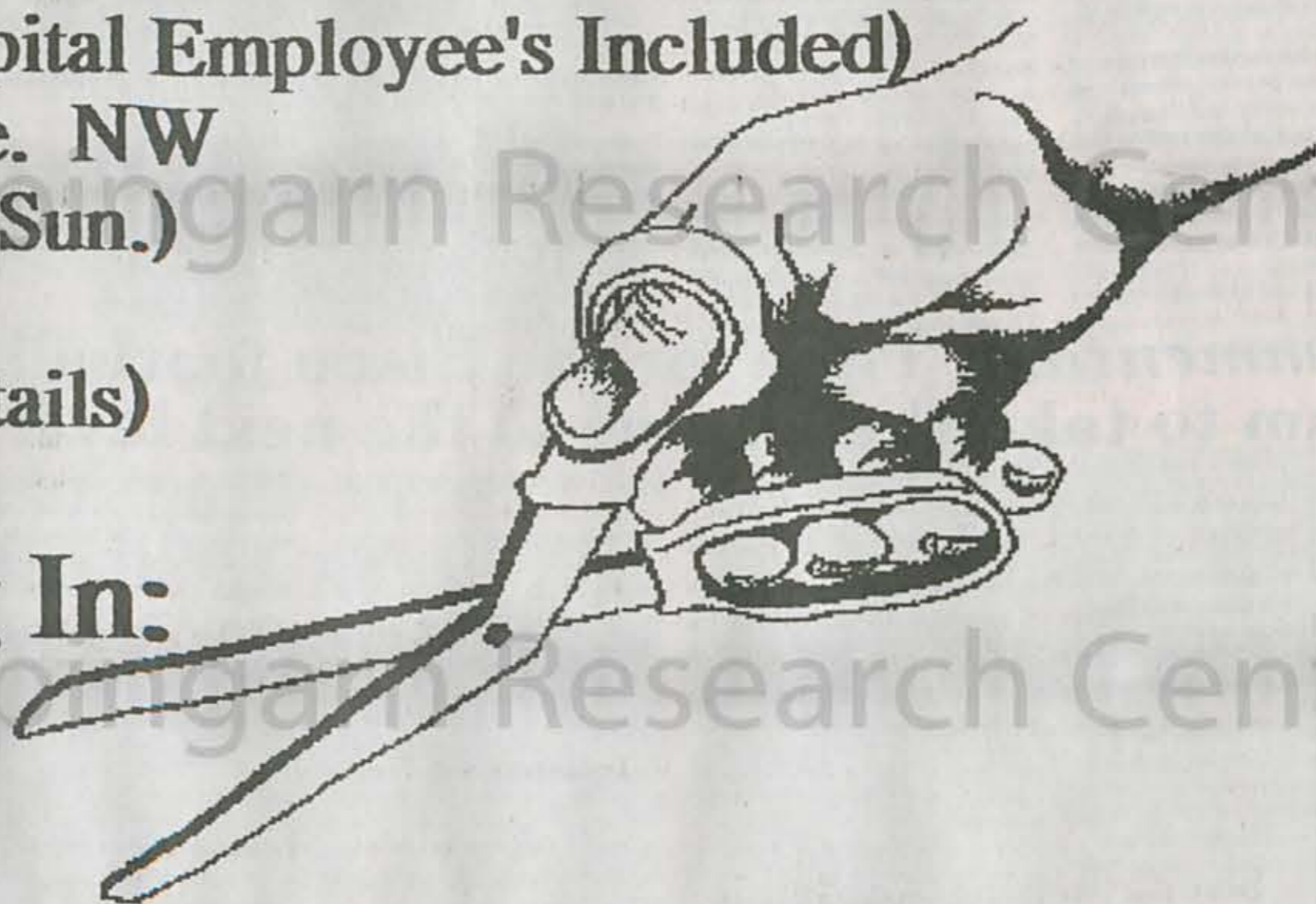
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Board of Trustees Approves Strategic Framework for Action

The Howard University Board of Trustees has voted to approve "A Strategic Framework for Action," a plan announced last May by the University's President H. Patrick Swygert that will launch new initiatives, new programs and reorganize some operations of the University.

At its meeting on Sept. 28, the Board of Trustees endorsed the Framework that had been circulated earlier throughout the University community for comment.

The following is a list of some of the highlights of the Framework. For copies of the complete Strategic Framework for Action, contact the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Room 320, in the Administration Building, or the Office of the Vice President for Health Affairs in Room 6000 in the Tower II Building at the Hospital.

The implementation of these actions will be according to a schedule as indicated in the complete copy, e.g. the merger and creation of new schools and colleges will be effective August 1, 1997, and the review and assessment of academic programs will begin later this fall when the University Provost, in consultation with the Faculty Senate and respective school and college-based faculties, will organize the implementation process of the Framework.

Strengthening Academic Programs and Services

Academic Reorganization

- Development of a core curriculum.
- Merger of the College of Fine Arts with the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Merger of the School of Architecture and Planning and the School of Engineering to establish the College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences.
- Merger of the Colleges of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Health Sciences to form the new College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences.
- Establishment of the Fund for Academic Excellence, and reinvestment of all financial savings resulting from the academic reorganization and subsequent program consolidations.

Centers, Libraries and Academic Buildings

- Establishment of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.
- Construction of a new Health Sciences Library.
- Construction of a new Law Library.
- Renovation of the Miner Building to house the new National Center for African-American Heritage and Culture, which will serve as the major national repository for research on Black culture, both domestic and international, encompassing and expanding upon the trea-

asures already existing within the University in the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center and other notable collections.

- Upgrading of the University's facilities in basic science and engineering by developing the Howard University Science Center.

Promoting Excellence in Teaching and Research

Faculty and Staff

- Development of a University-wide faculty workload policy in consultation with the Faculty Senate, departmental chairs, deans, and faculty.
- Establishment of a formal performance evaluation process which spells out the responsibilities and expectations for each University position.

Information Technology

- Extension of the University's fiber optics network to the office of every full-time faculty member (FacNet).
- Extension of the University's fiber optics network to student residential facilities (ResNet).
- Construction of a 200-station "super lab" within the Technology Center for 24 hour-a-day student and faculty use, containing computers, training rooms, workshop space and multimedia equipment.
- Development of the Howard University Television Network to connect major academic buildings to the University's television station for taping, broadcasting, and distribution.
- Development of a video conference capability at the desktop and in the Technology Center, utilizing the University's television and data networks.

Increasing Private Support

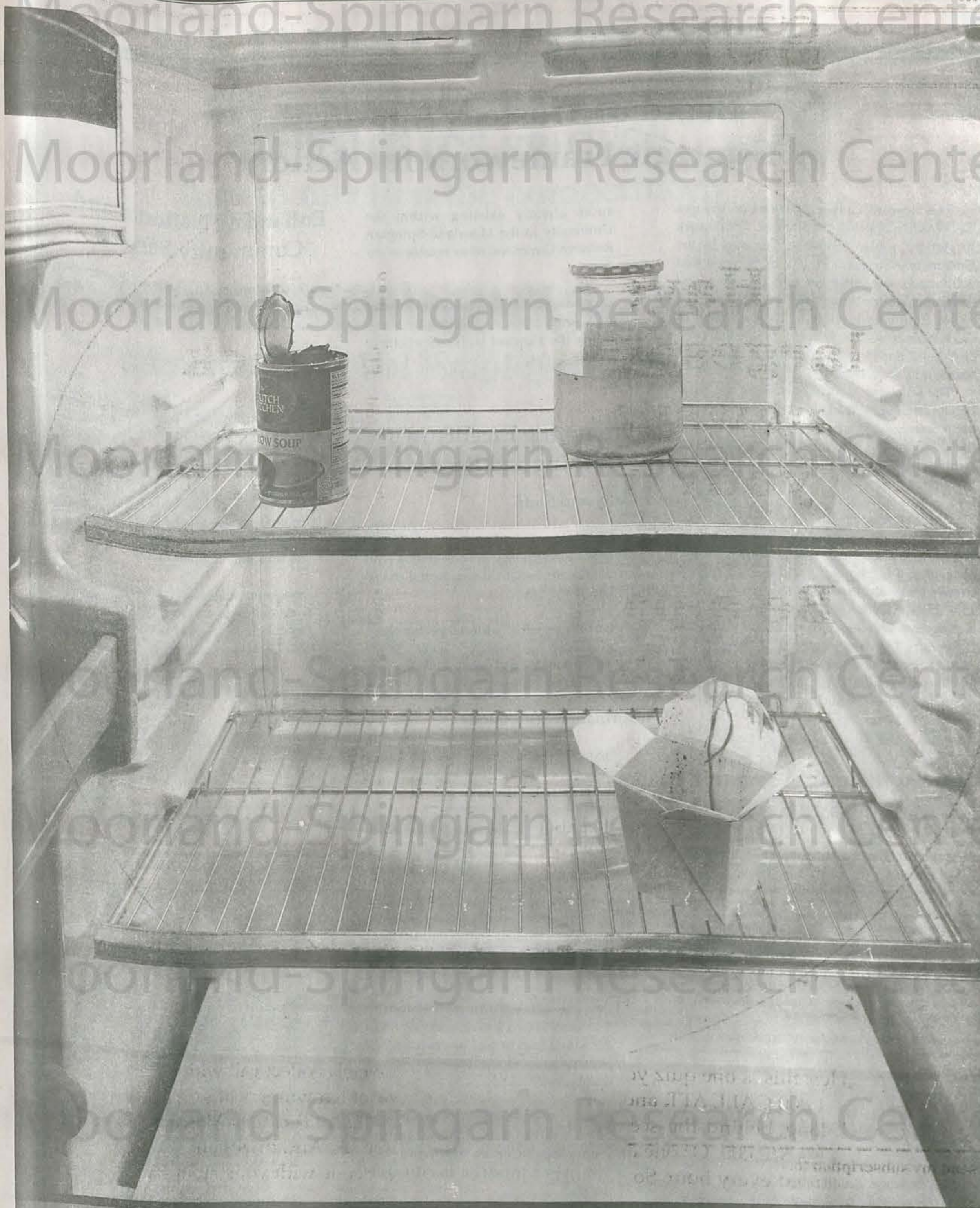
- Elevation of alumni support to at least 30% by 2001, according to the following schedule:

10% for 1997
15% for 1998
20% for 1999
25% for 2000
30% for 2001
- Documentation of alumni contributions in an annual report to the Board of Trustees by the Treasurer.

Enhancing National and Community Service

- Establishment of the National Leadership Institute as a part of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Establishment of a community outreach center.
- Establishment of a joint Metropolitan Police Department / Howard University Security Station.
- Development of strategies which best enable Howard University Hospital to continue to serve as the situs for medical, dental and health-related education, research, training and service.
- Support of school- and college-based initiatives designed to strengthen the public schools of the District of Columbia.





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UGSA General Body Meeting Tuesday October 8th at 7:30pm in the Blackburn Center Forum.

UGSA will be sponsoring a "Sleepout for the Burned Black Churches" Saturday October 5th 11:30pm-4:30 am. Tickets are available at Cramton Box Office.

UGSA will be sponsoring Bus Trip to Morehouse vs. Howard Game October 17th - 20th. For more info. Please stop by rm.108 Blackburn Center.

5th Annual Woman to Woman Conference

sign-up sheets available rm 105 Blackburn Arts & Sciences. Interest meeting held Wednesday October 9th at 6:30pm. See Arts & Sciences Board for location and more info.

All recognized student organizations please come by the HUSA office to pick up applications for funding beginning Monday.

The Finer Women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Alpha Chapter invite you to come walk with us for the 1996 Aids Walk. We will be meeting in front of the West Plaza Towers at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6th.

The Ladies of Alpha Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. invite you to The 8th Annual 48-Hour Stop Hunger Fast Friday, October 4th 8:08pm at the Flagpole

Candle Light Vigil

Saturday October 5th 8:08am until noon in the Blackburn Center Auditorium Africare Workshop Sunday, October 6th Call to Chapel - Rankin and Blackburn Center Gallery Lounge Break-Fast Reception (Immediately following Chapel Service)

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SENIORS! On Friday, Oct. 4 (Today). There will be a Senior Class Mix and Mingle in "The Reading Lounge" from 4pm-7pm. Food and Drinks will be served. See you there!!

Iau Beta Pi Meeting Monday, Oct. 7 5:15 pm LKD 3114

A&S Jr. Class Mixer Food & Fun Oct. 10, 5-8 pm Blackburn Rm. 142

The Student Committee on Undergraduate Education (SCUE) is currently holding interviews for steering positions. SCUE is a student vigilante organization charged with safeguarding the student perspective in University decisions impacting the academic life of the student body. Please call John Kelley at 202-723-8035 to schedule an interview. Interviews are being held on Oct. 9, 10, 11, from 6-8 pm in DGH 126.

Alpha Omega Steppers for Christ meets every Saturday at 10am at Bethune Hall Annex Seminar Rm #2. Returning Steppers come on back.

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