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## And the winner is ... Howard crowns 1996 Homecoming royalty

By Alona Ballard  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Monday night, Howard students gathered in Crampton Auditorium for the crowning of the 1996 Homecoming royalty. As the audience cheered and gave a drum roll with the stomp of their feet, Mr. and Miss Howard were named.

Mr. School of Architecture and Planning Christopher Tyson and Miss School of Business Zhaundra Jones received the honors, and already the two are making plans to heighten the level of respect to their crowns.

The newly crowned Mr. and Miss Howard University have begun to make plans for their 1996-97 reign. Their first and most important task will be to change the role the holders of these titles play in the University and surrounding community.

"Me and Mr. Howard hope to bring them (Mr. and Miss Howard titles) up to another level," said Jones, a junior. "We would like to see the level of respect and service increased."

"I'd like to see the position of Mr. and Miss Howard elevated on Howard's cam-

pus, brought up to respect that such positions receive at other schools," Tyson said.

For the talent competition segment of the pageant, Jones portrayed a contestant 20 minutes before the pageant who was still trying to decide on her talent. The combination of dancing, singing and dramatic interpretation helped make her the 86th Miss Howard University.

"I hope I represent the school well," Jones said. "I'm very proud to be joining a legacy of beautiful and intelligent women."

The Birmingham, Ala., native's platform is called "Operation: BEACON-LIGHT: leading those who cannot see the light."

Jones plans to focus on homelessness in the District, while bringing the Howard community closer together.

Tyson, of Baton Rouge, La., said he is delighted to receive his title, although he was a little surprised that he won.

"I love Howard University," he said. "The role of Mr. Howard allows me to share the experiences."

Tyson performed the last scene from James Baldwin's "Amen Corner" for

the talent competition.

Tyson's mission is titled, "Watch my step, follow my lead." The program aims toward leadership and mentorship to area high school youth.

Music education major Danielle Hyles, a pageant preliminary judge, said she was pleased with the outcome.

"They were beautiful, talented, intelligent and charismatic individuals," Hyles said of the winners.

The final walk of Mr. and Miss Howard 1995, Lamont Geddis and LaChanda Jenkins, concluded with the coronation of Howard's new royalty.

"I am a little sad, but more so relieved," Jenkins said after crowning her successor. "And I am happy to pass it [the crown] on to another young lady. I hope she has a wonderful year."

Miss Fine Arts Monique Caldwell took 1st runner-up, and Miss School of Communications Alia Hashim walked away with 2nd runner-up.

Mr. Arts and Sciences Orlando Pizzano and Mr. Fine Arts Myron Creek received 1st and 2nd runners-up, respectively.



Above: Miss Howard Zhaundra Jones and Mr. Howard Christopher Tyson. Below: Miss Fine Arts, the contestants and Mr. School of "C."

Photos by Author O. Mantle



## Bison face Aggies in Homecoming game

By Ivan J. Aranha  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Tomorrow the Howard University Bison will charge in against the Aggies of North Carolina A & T. This year's Homecoming contest will prove to be an interesting one, as both teams come off of decisive wins last week.

Howard shut out Morehouse College 49-0, making their record 4-2 overall. With a 5-1 overall record, A & T smashed Morgan State University last weekend 55-7. Both teams are 2-1 in the MEAC and are tied at third behind South Carolina State. A loss will not help either team.

Howard has won two of the last three contests, including last year's 20-14 decision in Greensboro, N.C., but A & T leads the series 14-10, with one draw.

If the last four meetings between these two powerhouses are any indication (four games decided by a total of 18 points), this contest figures to be tough and close.

The game pits the number three (North Carolina A & T) and number four (Howard) ranked teams in the Sheridan-Black College Football poll. A & T ranks second in the nation in rushing defense and fifth in rushing offense. Howard will counter with their high-powered offense that ranks 10th in the country in both scoring and passing offense, and fifth in total offense.

The Aggies are coached by Bill Hayes, who is in his ninth season. He said he is eager to engage with Howard in what he says will be "a great challenge."

"Howard passes the ball extremely well," Hayes said. "We are going to have to prepare ourselves for that. This is a very big game for us ... if we continue to run the ball as we have in our last four games, we should be OK."

Hayes also said that his team is out for revenge and plans on ruining the Bison Homecoming. "They spoiled our Homecoming a few years ago," Hayes said. "And now we're going to try

to spoil theirs."

The Aggies are led offensively by sophomore running-back Michael Basnight, who ranks fourth in the MEAC in rushing and second in scoring. Alternating quarterbacks, freshmen Rodney Woodruff and senior Ben Garrett total more than 300-yards passing and seven touchdowns.

Defensively, A & T is led by senior linebacker Toran James and sophomore defensive end Chris McNeil, who leads the team with eight sacks.

The Bison are commanded by sophomore quarterback Ted White, who leads the league in passing offense with over 1,500-yards passing and 19 touchdowns. White is the number two-ranked passer in 1-AA, and leads the MEAC in passing with a 257.0 yards per game average. Junior running-back Aray Williams will be starting in place of junior Tyrone Lewis, who is injured with a torn knee ligament. Though Williams has only played in four games, he has ran for 352 yards on 55 carries.

Howard wide receivers, senior Marco Ward and juniors MacArthur Johnson and Darian Harris, will be threats that White will be counting on in a balanced offense.

Defensively the Bison are lead by sophomore defensive tackle Marques Douglas (25 solo tackles and 41 total and five sacks). Junior defensive tackle Bobby Jones has 18 solos and two sacks.

Big performances can be expected from senior strong safety Billy Jenkins, who leads the team in tackles (49 overall, 32 solo tackles), and linebacker Lateef Bryant (20 solo, 31 tackles overall).

Howard Bison head coach Steve Wilson said he is excited about this year's Homecoming competition.

"When you enter a game with a team like A & T, all the statistics go out the window," Wilson said. "Bill Hayes has done some wonderful things with his team, and we've been in some bizarre situations playing them in the past. When you play A & T, you can always expect an intense battle."



Photo by Rodney Adams  
Sophomore Ted White is ranked the number two quarterback in the nation in 1-AA football.



Photo courtesy of Sony Music

## Wu-Tang artists change concert plans

Raekwon, Ghostface Killah return from Europe Sunday

By Natalie Y. Moore  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Due to a contract expiration, Raekwon and Ghostface Killah will not be performing at tomorrow's Homecoming hip-hop concert at the D.C. Armory.

Failure to pay the two Wu-Tang members, along with newcomer Cappadonna, by the Oct. 18 deadline has caused them to re-schedule for a European tour lasting until Sunday.

Publicist Lance Williams, of the Harvey Corporate Group, said Raekwon and Ghostface were to "perform contingent upon the first half deposit for them to show up."

Steve Solomon (a local promoter hired by the Steering Committee) had until last Friday [to pay].

Raekwon's and Ghostface's manager confirmed that the \$4,500 deposit remained unpaid by the extended deadline. They were then booked for the European engagement.

The Homecoming Steering Committee declined to make a comment under an advisory not to talk to the press.

Williams said Raekwon, Ghostface and Cappadonna were eager to perform at Howard's Homecoming, but they are not in the habit of performing free concerts.

Ghostface's album is expected to be released Oct. 29.

"They really wanted to do it," Williams said from his New York office.

"But on the other hand, people have to eat. We want to make this clear."

During a recent visit to the District, Williams discovered the false plug when Solomon handed him a flier for the hip-hop concert.

Part of the deal agreed to no forms of advertising unless the deposit had been made, Williams said.

But for the past two weeks, students have heard advertisements on radio stations and seen posters tacked throughout campus billing Raekwon and Ghostface at the Armory.

The Steering Committee confirmed the artists, but signed contracts have no validity when the appropriate monies have not been paid, Williams said.

The remaining money would have been paid prior to the rappers taking stage.

"The promoter did not take care of his business," Williams said. "This is a false event."

At Hilltop presstime the Steering Committee was attempting to line up another performer from the Wu-Tang camp for Saturday's concert. Also slated for the show are Outkast, Foxy Brown and go-go bands Junkyard and Rare Essence.



# CAMPUS

## Accident in Slowe Hall prompts concern for safety Two students get burned after steam pipe bursts in dorm room

By Reginald Royston  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Black smoke and the smell of ammonia filled the room. Hot, murky water gushed forth from the ceiling and spilt out onto the floor.

In a matter of minutes, senior Tracy Booker had gone from studying for an exam to fearing for her life, as fumes and scalding liquid flowed into her room from a burst steam pipe in Lucy Diggs Slowe Hall on Sunday night.

"I was in a state of shock," Booker said.

Thick smoke began to fill the room, and as Booker and her study partner gasped for air, they started shouting for help.

Booker said she and Christine Spalding tried desperately to get air from the window, which was sealed shut with a security screen. The two students began pushing on the window, but decided to make a dash for the door thinking the water would not stop.

Dorm council president Neville Welch came from a room down the hall and told them to put a blanket over their heads so they would not be burned. "I knew if I didn't get those girls out of there, something very serious was going to happen," said Welch, a physical therapy major. "They were

trying to open the window in attempt to get air."

Even if they had managed to pry the window open, Welch said their situation looked grim had they tried jumping out of the third floor window.

"Twenty minutes more and it would have been a different story," he said.

Spalding slipped on the water and was taken to Washington Hospital Center to be treated for second-degree burns.

"I really have been trying to like this dorm," said Booker, a nursing major. "I've been trying to give this dorm a chance. All I hope is that I'm compensated for my loss."

"I'm not going to be able to stay in university housing. I'm definitely moving out," Booker said. "My intentions were to move, but they were expedited by this."

William Keene, dean of Residence Life, said the leakage was the result of a steam pipe joint breaking in Booker's room.

Students who evacuated the building while the fire department ran an inspection, quipped that the accident was due to the building's age.

Those views were echoed by dorm council president Welch, who said conditions in campus housing are disgraceful at times.

"This is an indication of how grossly neglected these places are.

For them to do something, why does there have to be a disaster," he said. "It was very unfortunate a high price had to be paid to be noticed."

But Keene, who oversees campus housing, said this incident does not signal the general deterioration of the dorm.

"I wouldn't say it's indicative of

anything. They (the resident's assistants) said [the school] didn't have the money to fix it," she said.

"If she would have been standing at the sink, that boiling water would have dropped right on her head. Our parents send us here thinking we're safe but we're not."

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--Kimberly Griffith, sophomore marketing major.

a greater problem," Keene said. "A pipe bursting is something largely unpredictable. This is not a maintenance issue."

But for students like Kimberly Griffith, a sophomore marketing major, the incident brought to mind memories of a similar problem when she was a freshman staying in the Quad. Three times during her freshman year, the bathroom toilets flooded spilling urine and feces onto the second floor of Baldwin Hall.

"They (the University) didn't do

down the toilet.

But Welch said reasons like these do not account for the shabby state of the residence halls and the slowness of the staff in getting things like Syntax security cards and garbage collection taken care of.

"We're just not getting our money's worth," he said. "This is the stuff we pay for. This is the great Howard University."

Water flooded the entire center hall way when the pipe burst on the third floor of Slowe on Sun-

day. There was extensive water damage in the rooms immediately beneath room 3-210, and water soaked through the ceiling into rooms along that corridor and even into first floor apartments.

Aaron Paist was typing at his computer on the second floor of Slowe Hall, when he heard a loud bang followed by the sound of rushing water over his head.

When he returned to his room after the Fire Department completed their inspection, the extent of the pipe's damage hit him.

The paint on the walls of Paist's room had bubbled up and peeled from the hot water and a stench akin to burning tires hung in the air. Black soot traced down the walls on to his books, refrigerator, maps and posters.

Paist's neighbor fared worse however, returning to his room to find his CD player, CDs, video tapes, VCR and television soaked with dirty water.

"All I can say is I hope they reimburse me for any property damage," said Paist, who was relocated to another room that night. "If they're responsible for operating a building and maintaining it, they're responsible for pipes that break and are accountable for debt of property damage."

Keene said that the University officials are deciding how to best

accommodate students' loss. "We have to look at the damage we have encouraged students to incur out some kind of insurance for their property at the beginning of the year," he said.

But meanwhile students like Leslie Meyer said they have questions concerning the safety of the dorm.

"I told them about this and they said, 'When they're going to fix it,'" said Meyer, pointing to the ceiling with a pool of water rolling on the lens.

"They said, 'When the light goes out.' Yeah, it'll go out and mix with the wiring and an electrical fire," Leslie said.

Spalding said she was having trouble sleeping in the dorm after what happened Sunday night. "I would also consider moving out of the dorm."

"That's a natural feeling," said Welch. "If we see an airplane on the news, we're all afraid for a little while."

The Rev. Nathaniel Thomas, senior community director, said Slowe received a "basic" fix with the rest of the campus during the summer. The building, renovated 15 years ago,

"It's not as though there's a lot of antiquated stuff in here," said Welch. "This building is sturdy."

## Visitation expected to be 'chaotic' but safe

By Nicole McManus  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Last year, Homecoming weekend was a hectic one for Renee Smith, resident assistant in the Howard Plaza Towers.

"It was chaotic," she said, rattling off a list of mishaps that plagued the residence hall overrun with students and guests coming to Howard that weekend.

Students failed to get passes for their guests so they could not enter and exit the building, IDs were missing, and a fight broke out on the ninth floor of the West Towers involving residents and outsiders. It was big mess, she said.

The yearly influx of guests during Homecoming weekend sends mixed feelings throughout the Howard community, but community directors and resident assistants are preparing for the rush.

Samuel Avor, dorm director of Meridian Hill, is planning ahead for the Homecoming visitors as well.

"When they invite one, they invite the whole nation," he said.

There will be extra sign-in tables at the door in Meridian, Avor said, and resident assistants and volunteers will be on every floor supervising.

"We are very ready," he said. "Memos have been sent out to students about the visitation process, so we expect them to comply."

Kacee Wilkerson, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, is already rationing her supplies for Homecoming guests. Eight people will be skipping the Motel-6 to fight for a place on her dorm room rug.

"I have a futon, a bean bag and a bunch of blankets, so somebody can sleep on my kitchen floor," said Wilkerson, who lives in the West Towers.

Resident assistants have complained about the mix-ups that have occurred during Homecoming in past years. Students failed to get passes for their guests, so they could not enter and exit the building. The result was a lot of missing IDs. There were cases of vandalism and one incident where a student was beaten up by outsiders.

Britton Price, a resident assistant in Drew Hall, said Homecoming was hectic in his dorm last year, and this year he is expecting more of the same.

"There were already problems that came to a head during Homecoming," he said. "Everything was twice as bad."

Price said students had many

nonregistered guests, and guests signing in at the same time was another problem last year, especially for rookie resident assistants and graduate assistants who had not been tested in the Homecoming assault.

William V. Keene, dean of Residence Life, said he expects few problems from visitors in the dorm as long as they follow visitation rules and regulations. "For the most part, students and visitors behaved well in the past," he said.

Keene said there is not a problem when students sign in guests through the proper channels, but he did admit there has been some isolated incidents of misbehavior. Some guests have been put out on occasion, but no major problems have occurred, he said.

"Everybody has to be more alert," Keene said. "Students must cooperate with university dorm policy and be aware that there are other people around."

Keene said additional security will be able to help monitor the dorms this year.

Capt. Alton Goodwine of the Campus Police also said that Homecoming has not caused too many problems with visitors.

"There are not really problems from people that are outside," he said. "Most traffic is in the evenings with people getting late-night snacks, and females visiting dorms with no way home."

Drug and alcohol abuse is always a problem, Goodwine said, and he warns measures will be taken against those who are caught with illegal substances this year.

"We know to be on the lookout for any problems that might occur," he said.

Homecoming has been a very hectic event for Larry Frelow, property manager of the Howard Plaza Towers.

"Traffic picks up that Thursday and continues until Sunday," Frelow said, adding that students bring their families and friends, which adds to the chaos.

Frelow is planning ahead for this Homecoming weekend. Students will be hired for security in the Towers and to assist strangers in the building and the city. Visitors will also be issued name plates to avoid hassles coming in and out of the dorm. But by the start of the week after Homecoming, Frelow said the traffic will cease.

"By Monday, visitors need to be out," he said. "This is an educational institution and not a social place."

## It's Showtime! Howard marching band prepares for Homecoming showdown

By Fatima L. Hall  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Brass finish gleams in the afternoon sun, 160 uniformed soldiers take strategic positions on an open field of green. Behind them is the enemy. In front of them, their allies whoop with cheer.

The captain steps to the front of his mighty army. Their weapons—instruments; their ammunition—the melody.

As the captain arches his back, he sends forth the battle cry.

"Band attention!"

The soldiers respond with a resounding, "HUI!" They lift their weapons and the fireworks begin.

It is "showtime" for the Howard University marching band, and Saturday, Oct. 26 the Howard University Showtime Marching Band will take the offensive against North Carolina A&T's Blue and Gold Marching Machine.

Students and alumni are in for a rhythm ride as two of the nation's top-ranked bands bring the noise.

"What we try to do with the Homecoming performance is to come up with a good element of surprise," said John Newson, HU band director. "You can expect anything and everything from us."

But Newson said no blood will be shed this weekend. He said the band is only aiming to give people a good time.

"I look at the halftime show as just that, a show. I think it's more of a battle to the fans," he said.

Howard's marching band, rated fifth nationally in USA TODAY's top historically Black colleges and universities performance bands in 1995, started the high-energy performance concept in 1986.

The band, previously known as the "Soul Steppers," has performed during televised halftime shows for football teams the Washington Redskins and the New York Giants. The band also did a show at the Nike Run with Vice President Al Gore in September.

Commanding the troops this year

is Newson, a 27-year veteran of the marching experience.

But Newson's major accomplishment comes with competition. He said on the field it's strictly business, a sentiment shared by his contemporaries.

"I think he is one of the greatest directors around," said Johnny Hodge, North Carolina A&T band director. "He has changed the attitude of Howard's band and made some wonderful improvements. I am sure that we are in for some competition. We are just going to come and have fun. That's what it's all about."

The Blue and Gold Marching Machine is the stepping contingent of North Carolina A&T's military entourage that started the "Quickstep," now adopted nationwide.

With 11 sections and one auxiliary section, called "Golden Delight," the band claims it will be ready to keep pace with Showtime.

Drum major Hayden Nedd said HU will be waiting for them.

"From the very first down step that I do to the time we hit the field, it's showtime," said Nedd, a senior psychology major from Houston. "We have been planning, and we're setting different routines, ideas and concepts. The set picture for Homecoming will be universal because Howard is very diverse."

Membership is down this year, but Newson said he believes the quality and the youth of the members on the largest student organization on campus make for a challenging group with a



Some call it a battle, but Howard University Showtime is out to entertain the crowd.

promising future.

"What carries Howard's band is performance," said Nicole Sudler, a senior biology major who plays the clarinet. "We always give 100-plus percent. We give it up for the crowd. The thing I enjoy most about this band is that it is a family."

As trumpet-blower Calvin Smith put it, the band views itself as the

heartbeat of the crowd.

Homecoming game day. "This [Homecoming] show is the Howard community. It's about love when we go out there," said Smith, a junior music major. "It's nothing personal. There's no half-steppin'. It's a show and we're coming out there for business. North Carolina is our business."

**Welcome Home HU!**  
**The staff of The Hilltop**  
**wishes all a happy and safe Homecoming weekend**  
**Go BISON!**



# CAMPUS PLUS

## Gospel Concert kicks off Homecoming activities with praises, blessings

By Phillipa Philpot  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Andrew Rankin Chapel was Sunday night as the annual Gospel Concert kicked off Homecoming week.

Students, faculty and alumni gathered in the walls and stood in the Howard University Choir and Howard Gospel Choir singing songs of praise.

The turnout was "overwhelming," said Yanik Isaac, a sophomore early education major. "I did not expect that many people to show up, but it's a good sign."

Guest of Ceremonies Robin Williams, a junior speech communications major from the Howard University, energized the audience with her enthusiasm. What had started off as a cold chapel, ended in a room filled with people

taking off their coats and sweaters as the concert progressed.

In no time, the congregation was on its feet, joyfully singing and clapping along with the choir. The energy coming from the chapel even attracted people who were just passing by.

"Curiosity brought me here," said LaKeita Robinson, a freshman biology major. "I'm from Texas and it was just like church at home. I really enjoyed it."

When the Community Choir entered, voices of tenors and basses rang loud and had audience members shouting, "Hallelujah." During the choir's performance, only once did the congregation sit, and it was only a matter of seconds before they were back on their feet.

Howard students Yusef Battle and Meshea Poore did a ballad duet, which received a standing ovation from the congregation.

In addition to the choirs, a

different type of twist was added to the concert. Gospel rap performing artist Vergil "Life" Byrd performed. What at first seemed to be a hesitant audience turned out to be an excited crowd who urged the Howard University student to perform more songs.

Before leaving, he did a freestyle rap with a member from the Community Choir.

"I personally don't like rap, but I felt that he was very good," Isaac said.

The Howard University Gospel Choir was last to perform.

Led by director Mark Williams, the Gospel Choir entered, singing "Blessed Assurance."

In the spirit of Homecoming, both the Community and Gospel choirs asked alumni to join them in song and praise.

"I was really blessed," said Eric Kellum, a third year speech communication major and member

of the Community Choir. "There were a lot of rumors going around about the Community Choir and the Gospel Choir being rivals, and this was the first time that the choirs performed together."

The Howard University Chapel Choir was also scheduled to perform, but was not in attendance.

Nothing but blessings and praise came from the mouths of all who attended the concert. The only negative remark was in reference to the overcrowded Rankin Chapel.

"I think that we should have had Cramton [Auditorium]," Kellum said.

The spirit of the Gospel and Community choirs affected the congregation to the point that there were tears running down many faces.

"I enjoyed the concert, it gave me the spiritual food that I needed as a freshman," said Brande Forte, a business management major.

## Empowerment group urges students to vote

By Crystal Simmons  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Last year's Million Man March called for African-American men to atone and unite in helping rebuild their communities.

This year Howard University's National Youth Empowerment organization is proposing a similar call to millions of young, registered voters through their movement: "Get on the Bus."

"Our mission is to impact key elections and put individuals into office that will be sensitive to our needs," said Talib Karim, founder of NYE and a Howard Law School alumnus.

NYE was formed because Howard University students were frustrated with the wave of attacks

organizations such as the Howard University Student Association and the National Council of Negro Women answered the call by volunteering to raise money as well as help motivate youth voter participation.

NYE plans to use Homecoming as a vehicle to inform Howard alumni about the activities students will be doing in many of their own hometowns.

"Hopefully alumni who attend the Homecoming events will also 'get on the bus' and participate in this movement by donating funds and volunteering their services to students that will be in their hometowns during election day," said James Smith, a sophomore majoring in film.

"An event like Homecoming will be a good chance for other alumni to help support Howard and end the stereotype that alumni

*"Our mission is to impact key elections and put individuals into office that will be sensitive to our needs," -- Talib Karim, founder of NYE*

## Safety should be a priority during Homecoming

By Cristel Williams  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Homecoming at the Mecca has many things to mind: the football game, parties, concerts, dancing crowds and random fun. However, is rarely listed as a priority.

According to the Howard University Campus Police Department, U.S. colleges and universities average three violent crimes and 430 property crimes a year. And there are almost too many alcohol and drug violations to count.

According to police records, most crime prevention efforts for the Campus Police Department, said there are steps that can be taken to ensure a safe Homecoming.

Students will be a lot safer just by turning off the booze. You make yourself an easy target when

you're intoxicated," Irving said. "Being safe also means using common sense. Cut down on midnight runs to Georgia Avenue, and walk in well-lit areas with groups of people. It's also smart to only carry money that you need."

Irving's advice to students can also be for everyday use. Contrary to popular belief, crime rates do not increase during Homecoming. Lawrence Dawson, director of security at the Campus Police Department, said that crowds are security's main concern.

"While crime doesn't increase during Homecoming, crowd control at Wonder Plaza is a big concern until about 3 in the morning," Dawson said. "There are so many people that it's difficult for someone to find an isolated area to steal a car or attack people. But we have a big problem with traffic congestion and fighting."

Charron Mitchell, a senior speech and language pathology major, said crowds are one of her main concerns during Homecoming.

"I've never been attacked during Homecoming because I take personal responsibility for my safety. There are a million people around during Homecoming, and it makes campus more open and attractive to outsiders," Mitchell said. "I heard about a girl who was assaulted during Homecoming a couple of years ago, and I felt victimized, too. It made me more aware of the possible danger out there."

Kim Byrd, a freshman fashion design merchandising major, said she is looking forward to her first Homecoming and plans to make it a safe one.

"I'm not making any huge changes in my routine because I don't like to travel alone anyway. But I'll try to stay in familiar areas

like the Quad [Tubman Quadrangle Dormitory] and make my own drinks," Byrd said. "I'll probably hold out on those late-night trips to McDonald's, too."

Campus security plans to keep posting safety flyers and to let students know what they can do to take safety into their own hands.

"Security is here to help, but students are ultimately responsible for their safety," Dawson said. "If you're going to party, do it with friends. Make sure you always know what's up."

"Social norms have changed and personal codes of appropriate behavior are more individualized. The days of innocence are over, and there's no such thing as going out and having good, clean fun," Dawson said. "When you make safety a personal priority, you'll see where the land mines that jeopardize your safety are; it makes times like Homecoming memorable in a positive way."

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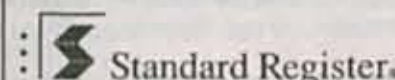
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# NATIONAL

## Howard Homecoming: A national phenomenon

Visitors come from across the country to witness the well-known celebration

By April Turner  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University's annual Homecoming celebration has been a major event for Black college students across the country. For the 20 years, Howard has been a place where students from all over the country, and even from around the world, come to witness the celebration. Howard Homecoming is a major event for most historically Black colleges and universities. It provides an opportunity for successful alumni to come back to their roots and show off their success. And it is also an excuse to party.

parts of America they perhaps haven't seen before, and they will also get to see what life is like at a Black college.

This week people will be coming from all over the globe to witness firsthand just how hard Howard parties during Homecoming. At "Homecoming 1996: Rebirth of the Renaissance," former students return home to the "Mecca" to enjoy a week of festivities known in Washington, D.C., nationwide and around the world.

Some people are drawn to the event because of all the famous people who make appearances on the yard. At the University of Delaware, some students plan to come to

D.C., hoping to catch a glimpse of the stars.

"I am looking forward to seeing some big names," said freshman Colleen Hinds. "I heard that [rapper] Foxy [Brown] is going to be there. It's worth the drive to see some concerts and have some fun, too."

In addition to Brown, Homecoming officials said they are expecting such big-name talent as: models Tyra Banks and Jason Olive, singers Chaka Khan, Kenny Lattimore, and rappers Outkast and Jay-Z.

Tiffany Dyson, who will be helping Hinds make the five-hour drive, is coming to see if the event lives up to all the hype.

"I've never been to a Howard Homecoming, but from what I've heard, they have a tradition of being good," Dyson said. "I am looking forward to visiting some friends, going to some parties and to having a good time."

For Howard sophomore Tameka Cass, the Homecoming fashion show, which is known for its cutting-edge performances and risqué sexual overtones, is a huge draw.

"I've always enjoyed coming to the HU Homecoming, and this year I'm bringing my friends from Philadelphia and Jersey," Cass said. "They have heard lots about the HU fashion shows, and want to come see one."

Homecoming is a major event for most historically Black colleges and universities. It provides an opportunity for successful alumni to come back to their roots and show off their success. And it is also an excuse to party.

During Homecoming at Morgan State University, students hold a memorial service for deceased alumni. Other activities at the school's Baltimore campus include a homecoming gala, parade, class reunion, jazz concert and the crowning of Mr. and Miss Morgan State.

Florida A & M University's Homecoming football game provides a chance for the school to show off its award-

winning, world renowned marching band during the "Battle of the Bands." Based at FAMU's Tallahassee, Fla., campus, the 300-member band has gone on tours to Europe and around the world.

But many students at HBCUs come to check out Howard's Homecoming because their Homecomings do not receive as much attention.

"I am so fortunate to be there during Howard's homecoming. I will definitely stop by and see what's going on," said Kasey Wagner, a freshman at Emory University. "From what my friends tell me, it's something I wouldn't want to miss."

## World Day of Atonement sparks criticism from Orthodox Muslims

By Jessica Y. Gage  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Members of the Orthodox Muslim religion opposed the World Day of Atonement this year, charging that the event was an attempt by Minister Louis Farrakhan to elevate himself to the status of a God, a contradiction to the true Muslim faith. While the day marked an important moment for many members of the Nation of Islam, some Orthodox Muslims of Howard University said they do not hold the day as significant. In fact, some see participation in this day to be a sin.

"When you worship something other than Allah, it's a sin," said Leon Davis, an Orthodox Muslim. "I don't think it's right." A Nation of Islam campus representative said Muhammad insisted that the event was a way to elevate the status of himself, but a chance for participants to atone for their sins.

The day was designed for African Americans to make a statement, by not attending school, staying home from work, and only spending money at Black-owned businesses.

Members of the world need to join together and fight injustice, war and violence," Davis said. "This is a day that we owe to God."

However, some Orthodox Muslims opposed, saying the day was designed to promote the doctrine of the Nation of Islam and the dogma of Farrakhan.

Nevertheless, several Howard University students answered Farrakhan's call to continue the spirit of the Million Man March on Wednesday, joining thousands of people from around the globe at the United Nations' New York headquarters for a day of fasting, rest and reflection.

The event, dubbed the World Day of Atonement, was called by Farrakhan to commemorate the first anniversary of the march which historians say was one of the largest gatherings on the Mall in U.S. history.

Farrakhan designated Oct. 16 as the annual day of "faith and reconciliation" at Howard University's Rankin Chapel during the National African American Leadership Summit last spring.

Muhammad said the event would provide a time for introspection and discussion among African Americans, as well as Africans from throughout the Diaspora.

But Omar Davis, an Orthodox Muslim, disagreed that individuals needed to go all the way to New York to atone for their sins.

"I don't think that I really have anything to atone for," Davis said.

"I'm for the idea, but I feel like I atone everyday, when we pray, we atone, we ask Allah to forgive us for our sins. I don't feel that it is a 100 percent day of atonement, it's a 100 percent Nation of Islam creation."

Davis said that true adherents to the Muslim faith already fast for 30 days during the month of Ramadan.

"I'm not going to say that because this day was a special day last year ... I don't think that I am going to hold this day sacred,"

Davis said.

Some Orthodox Muslims, like Shaheed Al-Nur, strongly dispute the NOI ideology which claims that Elijah Muhammad was a prophet ordained from Allah.

Al-Nur declares this to be strictly against the scriptures of the Koran.

Another perceived difference between the two religious groups is that while Orthodox Muslims have members of all races, the NOI does not.

Lou Andrews, an organizer for the World Day of Atonement and director of NAALS, said that other races are not totally excluded, as there are a number of Arab Americans involved with the NOI.

Andrews added that the NOI does not submit to the idea that other races are superior.

"Nation of Islam bows down to nobody but God," Andrews said.

Dole campaign advisor Russell George stated that Blacks will soon learn they cannot "put all their eggs in one basket." He said that the Republican Party has much to offer African Americans.

George cited Dole's support of the 1964 Civil Rights Act as evidence of what he described as his "long standing commitment to African Americans and civil rights."

However, many Blacks question Dole's commitment to civil rights because of his stance against affirmative action and support for budget cuts in the federal student aid program.

Dole's standing among Blacks reached a low point two months ago when he refused

to address the NAACP's annual convention.

Gannett News Service White House correspondent Deborah Mathis expressed concern over the fairness of the electoral process.

"I don't expect either party to do right by me politically," Mathis said.

But she noted that a choice must be made, adding that she was offended by the idea that African Americans are casting an unthinking vote for the Democratic Party.

George Washington University law professor Paul Butler agreed, stating that African Americans cannot look toward the electoral process for fundamental change. He added that African Americans must cast their vote for the party that offers the most positive response to their concerns — the Democratic Party.

"When we have to feed our children and put food on the table, we don't have time to experiment with our vote," Butler said.

The one-hour television special will air on WRC Channel 4 on Nov. 2 at 2 p.m.

It will also be aired in 60 markets throughout the nation between now and the November election.

Viewers can learn how to cut through the rhetoric coming from all sides regarding what is best for Black America.

According to the panelists, high on the list for solving voter confusion is becoming familiar with the issues affecting African Americans and the country as a whole.

"Pick one issue and learn it well enough to understand where each side is coming from on it," Mathis said. "Make an informed decision on where to cast your vote."

## Spelman president resigns

By April Turner  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Johnnetta Cole, a well-known Black educator, recently announced her plans to resign as president of Spelman College as of the 1997-98 school year.

While the announcement has left the country in shock, the small women-only liberal arts college in Atlanta is left hanging in limbo, wondering who will take her place.

"It was a real shock to everyone when we first found out," Spelman freshman Sonya Lyles said.

"Now the question is, who is going to take over when she is gone?"

Over Cole's reign, she became a revered leader at Spelman, a strong presence in Atlanta, and a prominent figure around the world.

Under her direction, the college's reputation exceeded many expectations.

In 1992, the "U.S. News and World Report" magazine named it the most highly rated of all small liberal arts colleges in the southeast, a first for a historically Black college.

Cole's decision to leave has many on campus wondering who is capable of filling such big shoes.

"As far as who will replace Dr. Cole, that information is not known yet," said Tameka Burgess, Spelman spokeswoman.

"A Search Committee is working on finding a replacement. Dr. Cole will finish out this school year and then use 1998 to finish her sabbatical, before going on to teach at Emory University."

Cole announced that she wanted to take a year off to write and think, before she went back to Atlanta, where she will be teaching at Emory University.

Students at Emory consider themselves lucky to receive such an honor.

"It looks as if Emory comes out on top with this deal," said Karly Schweitzer, freshman accounting major.

"It is a bit odd that the president of a major university like Spelman is coming to Emory to be a professor."

When Cole came to Spelman in 1987 as its first African-American female president, she expected to stay about 10 years.

The average career span of a college president was seven years.

But Cole's decision to leave Spelman has caused students to have mixed feelings.

"Johnnetta Cole has done a lot for Spelman College," Lyles said. "It will be hard for someone to walk in and match that."

During her tenure, Cole increased Spelman's endowment to \$143 million from \$40 million. Notable is a \$20 million donation from entertainer Bill Cosby.

## Congress passes legislation to honor King with memorial, keeping his dream alive

By Chana Garcia  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Congress passed a law last week authorizing construction of a memorial to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

For 12 years, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., which King was a member of, has been fighting for a monument to be erected on the mall near the Lincoln Memorial, just yards away from where King delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech 33 years ago.

Horace Dawson Jr., vice chairman of Alpha Phi Alpha World Policy Council, said a nationwide campaign and support from the King family and other social organizations were necessary to make this long-awaited dream a reality.

"The family agreed and generated support," Dawson said. "We had fundraising among various chapters. This is something we have worked very assiduously on because the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha wanted this to be a cooperative effort among various groups in society to recognize the importance

of Dr. King's life and work."

"We want to keep Dr. King alive for history," said George H. Sealey Jr., chairman of the effort and instrumental player in making sure King was rightfully honored.

The proposal was rejected by four previous Congresses, but finally passed on Oct. 3 with the aid of Rep. Connie Morella, R-Md.

Sealey said Morella helped push the legislation through the House, who refused to pass it, even though the Senate voted in its favor each time.

"No American in our history has embodied the spirit of brotherhood and cooperation that is so desperately needed today in our society," Morella said. "We are long overdue in celebrating Dr. King and his hope for America."

Morella said the bill took 12 years to pass because it got bumped by other projects.

As a provision of the Omnibus Parks Act, the legislation will designate a committee to assist the members of the fraternity in raising \$500,000 in private donations to fund the memorial.

President Clinton is expected to sign the bill in the next few days and possibly name himself an honorary co-chair along with House Speaker

Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.

As a Washington monument, Morella said the King memorial will be a place to commemorate the struggle and triumphs of The Civil Rights Movement.

"Dr. King challenged us to envision a world where non-violence and social justice will prevail," Morella said. "A memorial honoring Dr. King will provide a symbol of that message and will help pass that message from generation to generation."

The final destination for the memorial will be decided by the Department of the Interior and the National Capital Parks and Planning Commission.

The fraternity hopes to host a design competition for the memorial on King's birthday, Jan. 15, Sealey said.

Dawson said the memorial will celebrate King's achievements and be a step toward healing the wounds of slavery and mistrust between the races.

"We are honored and pleased that this could be done. The memorial is for prosperity," Dawson said. "It will be a lasting memorial that people will be able to visit for centuries."

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# INTERNATIONAL

## Homecoming's International Day excluded from celebration because of late proposal

By Ndimyake Mwakalyelye  
Hilltop Staff Writer

It has been the talk around Howard campus for weeks.

It has consumed front-page space of newspapers, been blasted across the airwaves and has required the establishment of an office and special staff to prepare for its arrival.

The commotion is for the arrival of Homecoming — and it is a big deal at Howard.

For international students, however, it is a mystery.

Homecoming is a typical annual event in most American colleges, but many international students cannot relate to this phenomena since many institutions abroad do not practice it.

The Homecoming week comes and goes for many international students, and leaves no impression.

"What is it (Homecoming)?" asked Luke Osie-Kwame of Ghana, a Ph.D. candidate in African studies at Howard.

International Day is one aspect of

Homecoming week that has always tried to accommodate the international student body by presenting issues of cultural significance.

"The effort will heighten awareness of the International composition of Howard University," Shemiele Da'Briel, president of International Students Association, wrote in a proposal to the Homecoming Policy Board.

This year, however, there will not be an International Day.

According to Darryl Zeigler, associate director of the International Student Services, there are problems every year when it comes to planning an international event during Homecoming.

"It is unfortunate [that International Day was canceled] because Howard University has a large number of international alumni and there is nothing during Homecoming that will acknowledge the international flavors and cultures," Zeigler said.

To add to this point, Wille Andre,

president of the Haitian Students Association thought Homecoming would not reflect the true Howard without International Day.

"Homecoming should definitely showcase international students because one thing that Howard boasts about is its International body," Andre said. "Homecoming without the international community is not representative of Howard University."

Why International Day was canceled is still unanswered.

Some students speculate that ISA organizers could have been late submitting their proposal to the policy board, or that the event is insignificant.

"Any new events have to be presented to the policy board who then determine who will or will not be included at Homecoming [program]," said Nicola Clagette, chairperson of the Homecoming Committee. "The policy board thought the proposal was too late and not important," Clagette said adding that her office is not responsible for the cancellation.

Da'Briel said she submitted the proposal to the Homecoming Committee Oct. 4, which was three days past the deadline.

Many international students are unhappy and say the cancellation indicates what they perceive as Howard's low regard for them.

"I know it (the proposal) was rushed and even late, but on the other hand we are ignored," said Sharone Reid, president of the Caribbean Students Association. "We are made to feel that we don't have a voice. We are not even considered."

Belinda Lightfoot-Watkins, director of the Office of Student Activities contends there was no discrimination. The proposal was simply late.

"The Homecoming Committee could not add activities. It did not matter how good the activity was," said Lightfoot-Watkins, adding that no activities could be added after Oct. 1.

The African Student Association president, Marilyn Hoosen, said Homecoming should be a time when all elements of Howard

University participate.

"I think not every element is included in the planning of Homecoming," Hoosen said. "International students are not included in the planning. Perhaps it is [our] fault for not having foresight to ensure that we are recognized as part of the Howard Community."

Hoosen also said it is Howard's responsibility to ensure that every facet of the institution is represented on such occasions.

A spokesperson from the Homecoming Policy Board could not be reached for comment on the cancellation at Hilltop press time.

Lightfoot-Watkins said International Day was never a part of the Homecoming schedule to begin with.

However, Grace Ansah, director of ISS said whether or not an international event is planned for Homecoming depends on the coordinator.

Some are more sensitive to international issues than others.

Showing no favoritism toward any particular party, Ansah also

blamed the international students for being apathetic. She said it is right and responsible for international students to ensure Howard responds to their needs since they pay tuition, too.

"It is the function of international community to sensitize Howard to their culture," Ansah said.

On the other hand, Ansah attacked the Homecoming committee, noting that if it is to address the needs of its constituents, then it is inadequate in meeting its objectives.

"The ideal should be that Homecoming should be inclusive of every group [on campus]," Ansah said.

"Because it is Homecoming, everyone who has played a part in Howard should be accommodated."

With over 110 countries represented at Howard, Ansah said this diversity should be seen.

"Every Homecoming should be rich in culture and be exciting because it is authentic, creative and exciting," she said.

## Experts: Nuclear disarmament should not be taken for granted

By Karen Thomas  
Hilltop Staff Writer

At a time when every country is striving for world peace, many would think the issue of arms control would be redundant and unnecessary to address.

However, as some students learned last Thursday from John D. Holum, director of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the importance of arms control and its necessity in making the world a safer place is an issue that will never be taken for granted.

"The Cold War is over, but the United States cannot put arms control to rest. The world still remains perilous," Holum said. "When we control arms we control our fate."

Holum said the first tool is the traditional strategic nuclear arms control.

There are no new nuclear weapon

sites from the former Soviet Union aimed at the United States because of the progress of treaties such as START, the comprehensive test ban, and other measures of arms control that have been effectively controlling worlds arms.

The treaty eliminates all heavy multiple-warhead missiles.

At the beginning of the Clinton administration, the United States faced four nuclear weapon powers emerging from the break-up of the Soviet Union — Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Ukraine. All these nations have, as a result of the START treaty, reduced their arsenals.

The second move toward arms control, Holum said, is conversion with nonproliferation tools.

The Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty is one in which countries forgo nuclear weapons with the assurance that their neighbors will, too. This treaty is backed by international sanctions and safeguards.

Holum said the NPT now has 183



John D. Holum is director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Property Of Ralph J. Bunche Int'l Affairs Ctr.

members up from 154 in 1992, leaving only seven countries outside. The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty signed last month will

close the doors forever on nuclear explosive tests, Holum said.

"The test ban is a major step toward a safer world," Holum said.

"One hundred twenty-five countries have already signed the CTBT. We have finally brought the era of nuclear explosive testing to an end."

Holum also said that his agency has more work to do on biological weapons, but there is no real means of monitoring and ensuring compliance.

He gave an example on the use of biological arms control by referring to a hate group from Ohio that recently purchased chemicals and used them to make arms by mail from a supplier in Maryland.

Because of the biological treaty the supplier had to inform the authorities, who searched the buyer's home and stalled any plans.

"Knowledge is power," Holum said. "Against terrorists and sponsors, arms control gives more of both."

John Ojo, graduate student in international politics said that arms control is good in its objective for world security and peace, but denounces the U.S. approach to the process.

The United States, Ojo said, to consider the importance of national security of other countries. While the United States demands that all countries destroy nuclear weapons, it still has the most powerful after destroying a few of its own because of abundance in nuclear possession still above that of other countries, Ojo said.

"The present approach of the United States toward arms control is to preserve the status quo," said. "No one should be forced to double standards of the world. This double standard is an impediment to the success of arms control initiative."

## Caribbeans seek U.S. citizenship to increase representation, fight new immigration laws

By Karen Thomas  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In light of the recent surge of immigration laws, this is an important time for immigrants to think about U.S. citizenship, said David Hinds of the Institute of Caribbean studies in Washington, D.C.

Hinds spoke to a group of Howard students and other area residents on the importance of obtaining U.S. citizenship. The event was sponsored by the Institute of Caribbean Studies and the Howard University Caribbean Student Association.

Hinds said only through naturalization can the Caribbean immigrants strengthen their voices to effect changes in Congress and the political process that affects them.

Hinds said the issue of representation is very important because the political process works through interest groups

who lobby Congress. "We are affected by the issues, but we do not participate in the process," he said.

Recalling important figures in American history, Hinds named Marcus Garvey, Malcolm X and others to point out that the Caribbean has had some influence in American politics.

Hinds stressed the importance of forming a consensus to increase representation.

Attorney Curtis A. Ward also emphasized the effects the recent immigration laws will have on legal immigrants.

Ward said that the major reforms in immigration warrants literate immigrants to become citizens since the new laws threaten to take away many benefits from legal residents who are not U.S. citizens. He said the new provisions will eliminate long-term provisions for legal residents.

Ward told the group of the changes in the conviction and detention process of legal immigrants facing deportation.

The new laws eliminate the relief to legal immigrants who have resided in the United States for more than seven years.

Before, following deportation orders, legal immigrants were assisted financially in the transportation of possessions. The new laws have now eliminated this practice, leaving the individual to fend for himself. The deportation status is equally applicable to all residents, regardless to length of status.

Further, Ward said a person can now be deported for crimes they committed 20 years ago and served time for.

For example, an immigrant convicted 10 years ago of a crime that did not lead to deportation, will now be deported for the same crime under the new laws.

People who are in the United States and are out of status, but have relatives or employers filing for them to remain here, will have six months to adjust their status to residential or face

deportation under the new laws.

Ward said the basis of the U.S. immigration law was family unity, but these laws contradict that concern.

"This law has totally disregarded family unity," Ward said.

Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Maryland state delegate, stressed the importance for Caribbean people to pull together to fight the immigration changes.

"It is of vital importance to become citizens and participate in the political process," Nathan-Pulliam said.

Nathan-Pulliam said she was saddened by the absence of a Caribbean caucus at a recent political convention in Chicago.

Nathan-Pulliam reminded the group that policies and laws are very often passed by people who are not affected by those policies.

"One person cannot do it," Nathan-Pulliam said. "It takes the community. We have to organize and force some changes in these legislations."

## Spirit of Million Man March fails to meet concerns of international students

By Karine Mehu  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Members of the Caribbean Students Association and the International Students Association felt that the ideas of the Million Man March, newly named The World Day of Atonement, were irrelevant because they are short-lived.

"The ideas surrounding the Million Man March were supposed to demonstrate the beginning to a future of unification," said Marvin Donaldson, a junior chemical engineering major at Howard. "It was rather successful, but only for that day."

The idea that the Million Man March was a temporary situation seems to be prevalent in the minds of ISA and CSA members.

"What happened in the interim?" said Jamaican-born Sharone Reid, president of CSA and a junior biology major.

Reid asked why Minister Louis Farrakhan placed so much effort in one area and then moved on with little or no follow up.

"He stirs everything up, but then we hear nothing," said Reid, referring to the lapse of silence between the last year's March and the recent one that just passed.

"The whole thing was not even publicized," Donaldson said.

Many international students did not attend the Million Man March

because most could not read the message of the March.

"Does it even effect us?" asked.

"I am not really into it," Greg Smith, a radio producer major from Jamaica and member of CSA. "I didn't even attend the March because I thought it was going to be violent."

Farrakhan's ideals and teachings do stretch beyond the United States. However, international students do not

that the problems he attempts to correct exist in their societies. "He came to Jamaica and attitude was OK, but we do have these problems here," said.

The World Day of Atonement was held at the United Nations calling for the unification of countries. However, concentration seemed to be on the Million Man March, and African-American struggle.

people outside of the African Americans mindset did not understand that Farrakhan's speech, Million Man March or the World Day of Atonement are going towards them.

"The World Day of Atonement was a good idea, but it did not effect those outside of the American world," said Smythson, a junior marketing major from Trinidad. "Perhaps more leaders in conjunction with Farrakhan can bring together more productive meeting."

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# EDITORIAL

## Deep-six Proposition 209

Since the Republican revolution swept the nation in 1994, one of the prime targets has been affirmative action. Robert Dole, while still a senator, entered legislation that would have ended all federal affirmative action. Among all the states, none has sought to demonize affirmative action more than California.

Proposition 209 is a mirror image of Bob Dole's federal bill in that it seeks to end affirmative action throughout California. Conservatives have used Prop. 209 as a model of the type of legislation they would like to see across the nation. Proponents of the legislation have said that it would end "reverse-discrimination" and clear the way for a color-blind society.

It is extremely ironic to see the political descendants of the same people who upheld segregation preaching the virtues of a color-blind society. The same right-wing wolves who once railed against integration have donned the sheep's clothing and now hold up the mantle of "color-blind" like a cheap mask.

The idea of a color-blind society is foolish to begin with. But when racist Republicans uphold this banner, it appears especially ridiculous. The idea that ending affirmative action will create a color-blind society rests upon the ignorance of history.

There can be no question that since the slaves were

freed, America has consistently discriminated against Blacks. From Black codes to segregation, American history is littered with examples of Black people being targeted for discrimination. Affirmative action has only been in place 30 years. The idea that the damage that has been inflicted on African Americans can be remedied in that short amount of time is fallacious.

Politicians wine and moan about how affirmative action discriminates against well-qualified White people as if Black people, by some twist of fate, now rule America. The fact of the matter is White people still make more money, still get better jobs and still receive better educational opportunities than Black people. Discrimination against White people is a phantom concept, concocted by politicians to scare poor and largely uninformed Whites into voting for them.

These politicians attempt to cast themselves and their constituents as victims, despite the fact that these "victims" still enjoy a privileged place in American society. Prop. 209 will not help provide jobs for the masses of White people — it can only hurt people of color and reinforce a system that keeps Black people as a subservient class.

The "color-blind" argument ignores the fact that society is not color-blind. Prop. 209 is at best extremely naive and, at worse, flat out racist. We at *The Hilltop* tend to believe the latter.

**Our View**  
Prop. 209 ignores the history of American racism and discrimination.

## Dole hides behind a hypocritical mask of ethics

Bob Dole has made a lot of noise about what he sees as "ethical lapses" in the Clinton administration. Making a series of sweeping generalizations, Dole asserted in a speech last week that "No administration has shown more arrogance. But few have displayed more ethical failures." In San Diego, the sight of the last presidential debate, Dole said that "We have seen more than 30 Clinton officials investigated, fired or forced to resign due to ethical improprieties."

Dole raises interesting issues about the ethics of the Clinton administration. Corruption is the Siamese twin of American politics. So we at *The Hilltop* do not at all find it unlikely that Bill Clinton's administration has had unethical dealings. What we do question, however, is the qualifications of Bob Dole to make such general indictments of character.

In general, the public sees Dole as being more moral than Clinton. The jury is still out on whether this is true or not. But the public still favors Clinton in the polls over the allegedly more ethical Bob Dole. Baffled conservative columnists and Republican theoreticians have attributed this to a decline in morals among Americans. They have derided the lack of emphasis that the public puts on what they define as ethics.

But this type of thinking is problematic for two reasons. First, it hinges upon a narrow and limited definition of ethics. Why is it that nobody attacks Dole and Kemp for switching their positions on affirmative action when it became politically expedient? Dole signed a civil rights bill in 1991. He had been an ardent supporter of affirmative action. But when the infamous

"Contract With America" took office in 1994, Dole quickly began shuffling to keep in step with the surging right. Dole introduced a bill in the Senate that proposed ending all, not some, affirmative action.

Kemp's chameleon trick has been even more evident than Dole's. Even more so than Dole, Kemp was a "progressive Republican," if that term is not an oxymoron. Kemp supported programs to help the poor, opposed right-wing immigration matters and supported affirmative action wholeheartedly. This was before he became Bob Dole's running mate. Suddenly, Kemp backed conservative measures that attacked immigration and affirmative action. Most notably was Proposition 209 which Kemp suddenly supported. But nobody charges the Dole-Kemp ticket with being unethical for going back on its word.

The second problem with the Republican position on ethics is that Dole's sweeping declarations display an amazing degree of either ignorance or utter disregard for history. It hasn't been ten years since Ronald Reagan left the White House. According to the Oct. 21 issue of *The Washington Post*, "more than 100 officials [in the Reagan administration] were accused of illegal or unethical conduct." In addition, Dole challenged Clinton to not issue any pardons in the instance of Whitewater. Yet Dole forgets that during the Iran-Contra Affair he was one of the main people asking for pardons.

Clearly this illustrates what we at *The Hilltop* term as a "partisan interpretation of history." Such an interpretation is typically invoked in politics and often when the candidate finds himself miles behind the incumbent.

**Our View**  
Bob Dole's attack on ethics flies in the face of his own record and Republican history.



## Letter From the Editor

Dear students, faculty, alumni, administrators:

*The Hilltop*, America's largest Black collegiate newspaper, is happy to see Howard's Homecoming off to a great start. Howard has always been a trend-setter in the Black collegiate world. Thus, we feel that it is only proper that "The Mecca" have the mother of all Homecomings. The *Hilltop* acknowledges the hard work put in by the steering committee and by Howard student volunteers. The effort that these students have put into this year's Homecoming is to be commended. We also cannot forget about tomorrow's game. We know that our Bison have worked hard all season and we all look forward to a memorable pig-skin performance. Last, but certainly not least, we would like to extend a special "welcome home" to the alumni who are back for this Homecoming. We hope they will enjoy and remember this year's homecoming as one for the ages.

Sincerely,

Ta-Nehisi Coates  
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## Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

As many come home to Mother Howard, we notice that this year there are a few missing members of the family. The recent organizational suspensions and the inactivity of others is definitely a disheartening affair. Those who do not think much of students will probably link the absence of these organizations to some deep-rooted depravity inside the membership. A more introspective look will show that these problems are not new. The past 10 years have seen all the organizations come and go. Too often we look only at what the students have done to cause these problems without looking at what the administrators have done.

The plight of the Deltas [Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.] is a perfect example. DST, whose Black women have added so much to the Howard community have become vilified in one semester. The sisters have been treated as derelicts who have been deservedly torn apart by a sequence of poor decisions by its nationals as well as its administration.

To make things worse, the ladies were told that they cannot wear paraphernalia nor intake new members for the foreseeable future. Does telling students what to wear help? Or is it just another example of poor policy-making that instigated the original problems? Instead, the nationals got those sisters' money, the University got rid of the chapter and all the women involved, the so-called "A line" and "B line" and the chapter sisters, got the shaft. I hope all the Alpha Chapter sisters realize that the people charged with solving the problems are just saving their faces and jobs.

The Alphas [Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.] have also met this fate. When they were raising money to travel to Africa, they received minimum support from the administration. However, when something negative happens, swift and cruel actions were taken against the brothers. As for the Kappas [Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.], they have met a terrible fate that may be similar to that which DST will eventually face. The Kappas have not been allowed to have a line in almost four years. They have had to survive with a few chapter brothers and transfers. This lack of new membership has hurt the members as well as the brothers who want to be Kappas.

This must be the last Homecoming where family members are missing who have been abused by a system that does not understand the true value of these organizations, the students that they affect and the positive activities they provide the Howard community.

A final note to the organizations and those who appreciate them, for the suffering that you endured, thank God for your unconquerable soul.

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## Get in the van



same day Spike Lee's movie "Boyz n the Hood" was set to debut, and students were making our movie or adventure. The movie is a quasi-tribute to the Man March, but we were going to New York to attend the one-year anniversary of the World's Day of Atonement.

Dr. Douglass, who once lived in the yard of this glorious mansion, wrote that "without progress there is no progress." It is a principle that I knew before, but came to truly appreciate that day. I was reminded of another brother, Dennis Kimbro, author of "Black and Grow Rich," who said, "A man is never quite so successful as when that which he is failing nearly overtakes him. It is on occasions of this that he is forced to think."

Months ago, the World's Day of Atonement Student/Youth Committee was given a verbal promise from student government that there would be at least one bus and possibly more students wishing to go to New York. On Oct. 16, a week before the event, we were told that no bus would be available. It was up to us to make it happen in less than a week.

More than 40 students expressed interest to take the trip, so we went to a bus and asked students to buy a round-trip ticket of \$15. Various student organizations for financial assistance were made, only HUSA came through with \$150. On Oct. 15 there were still 15 students on the bus. The company said we had up until the departure time, which was 10 a.m. Wednesday, to get money. At 10 p.m. Tuesday, I called the company to confirm departure time and to report that the money was collected. They said that I was told that no bus was available.

It is on occasions of this that he is forced to think," I wrote. We then opted for a rented van. After picking up the van on a credit card, we went to pick it up at National. When we got there, however, the office was closed and no one was there to pick up. We called the reservation hotline and were directed to Dulles. We arrived there about 2 a.m., and we were supposed to be there. Despite having already paid and confirmed the van, the credit card holder, who is quite 25 years old, we didn't get it. We tried various ways, even someone just a few days shy of his 25th birthday,

but to no avail. All the while, the students who were ready to get on the bus, or now in the van, were sleeping in the Cooke Hall lounge.

Finally, after trying three more rental companies and numerous people with credit cards, we rented a van at 7 a.m. From Dulles Airport we phoned the students at Cooke to see if they still wanted to make the trip or see the program live at the D.C. Stadium Armory. The resilient students not only still wanted to go, but there was no trace of bad spirits; they were fired up. So we loaded up and were off to New York.

Everything from there on out was smooth sailing. We heard the introductory speeches on the radio and as soon as we walked toward the stage at the UN Plaza, Minister Louis Farrakhan began his tremendous lecture to the entire world.

Though I intended to fill this column with the substance of that speech, I had to explain how we were able to hear the message. Minister Farrakhan has said that for every degree of knowledge there is an accompanying pain or difficulty that one must experience before obtaining that knowledge. This was proved to be quite true.

The results, though, were worth the struggle, and everybody agreed.

And now for the message: Minister Farrakhan explained that the scriptures plainly state that those with knowledge and insight are required to inform and warn the wicked that their wickedness will cause their death. If a man with wisdom fails to do that, the Bible says (Ezekiel 3:17-19) the wicked will surely die, but the blood will be on the hands of the person who could have warned them.

The underlining theme of the World's Day of Atonement was "Ending Murder on the Planet." Minister Farrakhan and all the many leaders on stage with him encouraged the kings and rulers of nations to end war and murder. Farrakhan also advised us as individuals to not still the voice in us that warns us to do right when we are doing wrong. We all know that messenger in us that attempts to lead us into righteousness, sometimes referred to as our consciousness. When we still, or kill that voice, we are committing spiritual suicide, which eventually leads to physical death.

If we didn't hear the message on Oct. 16, or even if we did, we should all strive to get a tape, video, transcript or whatever we need to get the message. I will deal with more of the content of this timely speech in future columns, but the lesson learned before we even reached New York was so great, I thought I should share it.

I would like to thank all those strong students who made the trip, especially Tarrick, Jerrah and Carlton, whom without we would have never made the trip to New York for the World's Day of Atonement.

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## Howard women deserve respect

Shorty!" "Hey, Shorty!" Ladies, how many times have you heard those words being yelled to you while walking down the street? Whether a guy is across the street, in a moving car or standing two feet away from you, the effect is still the same — it gets on your nerves. And it doesn't stop there.

As I was walking to the subway station after work late one Friday evening, I noticed a black truck slowing at a yellow light and quickly stopping at a red one. Traveling in the same direction as the truck, I stop for my equivalent "Do Not Walk" signal.

"Hey, sexy!" yelled the passenger of the vehicle while the driver blew the horn. I ignored the call despite the fact that, other than an elderly woman, I was virtually alone on the corner. Maybe someone considered her to be sexy for her age.

"Can I holler at you for a minute, blondie?" he called out, making reference to my dyed hair color. There was no doubt: I was the subject of his catcalls. I continued to ignore him and longed for the "Walk" signal to appear.

"Man, she must go to Howard 'cause all them Howard girls got attitudes," the passenger said to the driver. "They act like they too

good for a nigga."

I wanted to say something in retaliation, but I realized that it takes a wiser and stronger person to ignore the remarks. The truck sped off at the change of the signal and I continued on my way.

"Hey!" someone yelled out almost a block later. Startled by the voice, I looked in the direction from which it came and saw a man sitting in a parked car.

"Come here, girl," he grumbled while staring at me. Uhh-ohh! Here we go again, I thought as I ignored the remarks and continued walking.

"I'm talking to you," he said. Unfortunately for me, there wasn't a little old lady to the rescue. I was the "you" to whom he was talking.

"You think you all that, don't you?" he asked. Without saying a word, I quickened my pace. This was no time to stroll along Georgia Avenue. In response to my silence he yelled out a few obscenities. Finally, I reached the subway station.

This is an example of a typical night for me, and I am sure that many females can recall similar incidents.

Guys, can you recall acting like any of these males? Do you see a part of yourself in them? Are you wondering what you can say

or do to increase your chances of receiving a positive response?

For starters, instead of "Hey, shorty," try saying "Excuse me." It sounds much better. However, "Excuse me" does not work when it is yelled from across the street. And don't yell, "Red shirt!" if she happens to be wearing one.

Why would she want to take the time to talk to someone she can barely see and who can barely see her? Make the effort to be closer to her and try to establish eye contact so it is clear that you are speaking to her.

Most women do not want to be called "Baby" or "Sexy" when being approached. Even if you think she is sexy, do not tell her. That is an indication that you have a one-track mind.

A misconception many area men have about Howard women is that we are stuck up. Most of them may feel that way because they haven't had much success when approaching Howard women. However, if they step to us in an ignorant and disrespectful way, we respond accordingly. Ladies, do not allow that stereotype to affect the way you feel about yourself.

Guys, how many times have you been out with your boys and seen a female whom you were inter-

ested in? Hundreds, right? How many times have you either told or asked them to "Come here?" If you have, chances are that you then got your feelings hurt when she said "No" in front of all of your boys, right?

Sorry, but you set yourself up for that one. In all seriousness, unless something is wrong with your legs, why can't you make the move? I've even heard "Meet me half way" in response to a few "No's" that I have said. The least you can do is put some effort into your game.

Another important issue that ties in with the subject of men's approaches is the idea of rejection. It is something we all face at some point, and we should know how to deal with it. You cannot expect every female you approach, whether in a positive or a negative way, to respond the way you want.

Yes, you will get some females with bad attitudes, no matter how nice your game is. However, when a female ignores your advances or responds in a negative way, do not assume that she falls into that bad-attitudes category. Think about your approach, and you just might find the problem.

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## Fat people throwing their weight around

Upon hearing the news that there are more overweight people than normal-size people in the United States, there's only one thing to say: Fat rules. And that's okay.

With this new development, here's to hoping that people will finally realize that fat people are people, too.

In an age when every stigmatized group that you can possibly think of has its own pity party, the overweight are still waiting for theirs.

Name them — whether they be ax murderers, homosexuals, homophobes, the jobless, the homeless, the crazy or the Klan — there's someone out there fighting for their rights, making sure that America knows about their pain, their struggles and their concerns.

The fat are silent, scorned and ridiculed by a media that promotes only that known to be aesthetically pleasing.

A good way to show where the country's sympathies lie is to check the box office. The murderers had "Dead Man Walking," the loonies have "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," and I'm sure if you stroll the aisles of Blockbuster long enough, you'll find several movies sympathetic to the other aforementioned groups.

But when was the last time a good movie came out surrounding the trouble that an overweight person was having with their weight? When is the last time a fat movie came out, period? No, not a movie with funny fat people, a movie about fat people.

The other named groups, former outcasts, now know it's okay to be whatever you are because you were probably born that way.

Not so for the fat folks. People suggest that fat folks lose weight, in the way that they might not suggest that a serial murderer discontinue the practice. Fat people are told to lose weight as if they hadn't tried.

"Why don't ya eat less? Change your diet? Exercise more?" That would

probably cure a lot, though not necessarily most, of the cases. However, when you see a teenager on (pick a daytime talk show) who weighs 600 pounds, the thinking person starts to realize that maybe a "Sweating to the Oldies" tape lies somewhere in that household.

Those of us intent on going on with the rest of our lives will embrace the overweight among us, introducing the era of "fat chic."

Fat chic would have to start at the movies, and there is no one who would be better than Rosanne Barr to lead that revolution.

To hell with the Sharon Stones and Halle Berrys of the world. Rosanne needs to be getting big-time dramatic roles in movies that would serve as propaganda for the fat nation.

The only problem is that there are really no fat leading men out there. Unless you want to throw that Goodman fellow out there or keep Eddie Murphy pumped up like he was in "The Nutty Professor," Rosanne and Eddie would make a nice pairing, long overdue.

Of course, there are always those who would try raining on the fat parade. Dr. Tim Byers of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center told the Associated Press that "it's been clear for several years that Americans are getting fatter, and it's accelerating. That's troubling."

Troubling? To whom, we should ask. We're a nation of globs. Why shouldn't we be? What is there to be in shape for? Almost anything that we want to do physically, and that includes war, can be done by machine. We watch TV with a remote. We call people to deliver our food.

As shown above, gluttony is a product of prosperity. The mourners who want to be part of an underweight nation can move to Madagascar.

Until further notice, the United States is a fat nation. Love it or leave it.

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## Internal political conflicts impede special programming at Howard

Imagine this: A Howard University professor invites President Nelson Mandela of South Africa, or a foreign leader, to speak in a lecture hall at the University. Then, the officials of the University cancel the invitation because of internal conflicts or because the speaker stepped over in the chain of command.

That's the way the media in the United States and those foreign nationals who impugn the Howard University name for this blunt cancellation. Keeping in mind the high regard of foreign students at Howard, can you taste the bitterness of this embarrassment?

That is exactly what happened on Sept. 24, 1996, when six ambassadors convened on Howard's campus. Dr. Marilyn Séphocle, the organizer of the event, declared that "there were major obstacles" preventing her from holding the conference at the University. She said that a few days before the ceremony, a memorandum from the Office of the Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences requested her to "cancel the event because," she said, "I had not gone through the proper channels."

If university officials perceived that Séphocle violated a university policy by inviting the foreign ambassadors "under the name of Howard University," then they seem to forget that she has the right to enjoy academic freedom, in other words to invite guests of her choice in her class.

At the level of the vice president and the level of the president, there was this understanding that academic freedom, [which] was paramount, ought to prevail in this incident." Feeling that a professor skipped one person in the hierarchy should not be a priority over an event as important as the Conference of Women Ambassadors to Washington.

Never before had these five women gathered on the campus of any university to speak of their personal experiences as female ambassadors. Women compose only 5.81 percent (10 out of 172) of ambassadors in Washington.

As a university that historically promotes diversity in national and international realms and promotes minority growth in the work place, holding this event is a major accom-

plishment for women's and minority rights and Howard University.

It is why the presence of President Swygert was required at the opening of the conference. A fax dated Sept. 17, 1996, from the president's office confirmed that he would be present at the conference. Swygert was tardy, so a call was placed to his office. Vanessa Bratcher, scheduler for the president, replied that she "simply will not interrupt his weekly meeting to tell him that these women [ambassadors] are on campus." The University Communications Office has not yet made a statement concerning the absence of Swygert at the event.

Séphocle, who presides over the Association Culturelle des Ressortissants Antillais, has accommodated numerous distinguished guests at the University in the past.

A partial list of those dignitaries include: Dr. Immo Stabreit, ambassador of Germany; Lucette Michaux Chevry, first Black female member of the French government (minister for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs); and Nobel Prize winner Derek Walcott, for whom the ACRA provided hotel accommodations and an airline ticket. This Conference of Women Ambassadors in Washington is but only another act of her significant contributions to the Howard community.

This first annual conference enjoyed tremendous success and had the support of many individuals. But the crowning piece of resistance goes to the student volunteers who welcomed and chaperoned the ambassadors. Their professionalism caught the attention of the

ambassadors, who praised Séphocle on their behalf.

Swygert shares the dream of the founders and those who care deeply about Howard University. That is, he wants to build the consciousness of a nation by molding the minds of "his students" in an environment of fair-mindedness, tolerance for diversity in views and ethnicity and hope for understanding of one another. It is in that spirit that many of the faculty members and students are working to achieve the glory of Howard University. But this constant barrage by middle officials only intervene in the progress and pursuit of this goal. When will it stop?

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# Tempo

## Coming Home

Through the years, Howard celebrates the Homecoming of students, alumni

By Shenikwa Stratford  
Hilltop Staff Writer

### Power to the people: Black and proud in the '70s

Fast forward to an era of afros and dashikis. Black power was the vibe and it could be felt throughout Howard's campus.

The New York Community Choir headlined the gospel concert replacing the annual variety show. Richard Pryor, along with comedian Barefoot Hall, packed Crampton Auditorium for the comedy show. Special musical guests were Donald Byrd and the Black Byrds (you may remember them from their hit song Rock Creek Park).

The fashion show reflected the era of Black exploitation films.

The clothing was strictly for the pimps and hustlers as models strutted their stuff in platform shoes and bell bottom pants.

The funkadelic sounds of Betty Davis and Graham Central Station were the highlight of the Homecoming concert.

The Bison football team had an outstanding 8-1-1 season and defeated Florida A&M in the Orange Bowl.

"The '70s were a time of Black pride and strength. We were politically aware of everything," said Edward Lewis, a 1975 graduate.

"Our attitudes even showed in the Homecoming events. Everything had a message that reflected our attitudes."

out of a haze of smoke as "Purple Rain" played in the background and they paid tribute to their founding fathers. The cane-twirling Kappas flaunted their stuff while exclaiming "Yo baby, you know we look good!" But in the end, it would be the gentlemen of the black and gold who would take home first place.

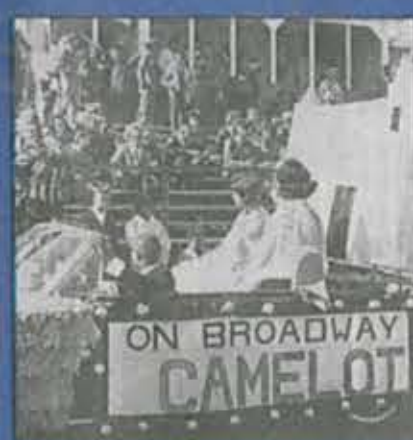
of the most attended Homecoming events. "It was all about having fun — a sense of family," said Belinda Watkins, director of student activities and Howard alumna.

### Hip hop meets culture in the '90s

The Howard student body has done a lot of growing since then. Most events, including the game, are conducted off campus. Other events, such as a Second Rhythm and Poetry Cipher, were highlights of the "Meeting at the Crossroads," the theme of the 1995

Homecoming. The cipher reflected the poetic, spiritual vibes of the hip-hop culture.

Along with Miss Howard, five gentlemen competed for the title of Mr. Howard. The contest-



The 1960s

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. were absent from the step show competition. But the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. dazzled the crowd with a jazzy



The 1970s

routine set to Sheila E's "Glamorous Life."

Back then, the Yardfest was known as the Blue and White festival. The carnivallike event came fully equipped with food, games and clowns — a service provide by the Howard Players, a theater group.

The Bison were coming off of a two-year losing streak and fans were skeptical about the team bringing home a win. As fans sat at Greene Stadium — then nicknamed the "Dust bowl" because of the battered condition of the grass field — they muttered, "Here we go again."

The Bison punt returner ran 100 yards for a touch down in the first half setting a record for the school. Unfortunately, that would be the last time the Bison would score as they fell to the mighty Aggies.

Adding to the defeat, students discovered at half-time that the Homecoming concert featuring Melba Moore and Lilo Thomas had been canceled. Students who did not find out during the game were greeted by a big CANCELED sign swinging from Cramton's front door. The reason: lack of ticket sales.

tants modeled active wear and evening wear during the opening of the show and showcased an array of talent. In the end, the winner was Mr. School of Communications, Adrian Jackson.

The fashion show was a highly attended event. The sexual overtones were explicit throughout the show.

One segment called "She's Strange," featured female models in very suggestive poses.

Sex is not new to the fashion show, however the '95 show added a little spice by incorporating faculty and student leaders in their show.

More than 13,000 fans traveled to Robert F. Kennedy Stadium to see the Bison defeat Bethune-Cookman. The team edged Bethune 21-19.

Although there was no official Homecoming concert, Biggie Smalls, Red Man and Keith Murray packed the Old Post Office building downtown.

Throughout the years, Homecoming has grown increasingly more expensive and the events get further and further off campus, but the hype and excitement still make it all worth it.

take a look at some of the highlights from the last 30 years:

### Business like show business in the '60s

Year was 1964 and the Homecoming was "On Broadway."

Activities opened with the Miss Howard where 21 women competed for the

today's pageants which represent from each school, in 1964 anyone. Contestants campaigned around and the winner was decided by the stu-



The 1960s

Waters, a Washington, D.C., native, the lucky winner crowned "My Fair

University did not crown a Mr. Howard in the early '90s.

variety show, which has not been a part of Homecomings, was a collaboration of jazz groups and comedy routines.

Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. took home prize with their satirical skit about racism in Mississippi.

there was a hip-hop concert, there was music. Oscar Brown Jr. and Carmen headlined the show which was held in Crampton Auditorium.

of the biggest events held during Homecoming week was the parade. Howard University organizations marched in unison with the HU band down Georgia Avenue.

Bison beat Morehouse 44-6 that year, to their overall record of 8-2.

Homecomings in the '60s were a carefree time to come together and enjoy friends and family coming back," said Vincent Johns, a Howard alumnus and dean of Special Student

### A Black Greek 'daze' in the '80s

The 1985 Homecoming resembled Spike Lee's "School Daze." Fraternities and sororities cluttered the campus and images such as Ms. Omega Psi Phi were highly visible.

The step show which was held in Burr Gymnasium, was a popular event.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. battled it out. The Omegas appeared



The 1980s

Very popular in the 1980's were cabarets, which were traditionally hosted by Greek-letter organizations. The cabaret sponsored by the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. was one

Photos courtesy of the Bison yearbook



# PULSE!

## Chaka Khan overcomes troubles, pain to embrace her 'Epiphany'

### Veteran performer to headline Homecoming R&B concert

By Awanya Deneace Anglin  
Hilltop Staff Writer

If you can not get enough of Chaka Khan at this year's Homecoming Alumni Concert, the legendary artist releases her "Epiphany: The Best of Chaka Khan" album next month.

The compiled album contains 11 classic tunes including "Tell Me Something Good," "I Feel For You" and "Sweet Thing."

According to Khan, it was no simple task in reaching the level she is at now professionally and socially.

Despite two failed marriages, drug abuse and other painful memories, Khan said "we're going to have to call in a professional at some point and put me in a trance because it's deep." The songstress has managed to regain her integrity and "hold on to it."

"I've had a clean slate since the 1980s," Khan said.

In an exclusive Hilltop interview, the veteran performer talked about her concern for American society — namely in the Black communities and why she left.

The former Black Panther, born Yvette Marie Stevens, changed her name to Chaka Adunne Aduffe Hodorhi Karifi at the age of 13 under the guidance of an African shaman in a youth group that she was a member of.

"Yvette is my slave name," Khan said. "However, my momma still calls me Yvette."

Khan acquired her last name when she briefly married an East Indian bass player named Hassan Khan.

As an activist for Black advancement, Khan believes that Black males have the right ideas to improve themselves, however she blames some of the negative aspects of Black life such as gang warfare on "misdirected energy."

Khan also talked about her mistrust in the police force.

"Police are the real enemy of young Black males," Khan said.

As a celebrity, Khan was constantly in the spotlight, on and off stage, and had no private life. Unhappy with the way she was treated, she and her then 11-year-old son, Damien, emigrated to London in 1989.

"You don't get hassled there," Khan said. "[British people] seem to be real friends."

Khan was concerned about her son's educational welfare and concluded that the American school system was inappropriate.

"Teachers are underpaid and the government treats them like garbage," she said. "[As a result] kids suffer because they are not challenged."

After a few years and five schools in London, Damien returned to school in Los Angeles and will graduate from high school next year. Khan said

he hopes to attend Morehouse College after graduation.

Khan, though not pleased with the system, is pleased that her son is pursuing an education.

"I don't care where he goes, as long as he goes to a college," she said. "I didn't go to college."

The diva advises those who trying to get into the entertainment industry to remain true to themselves and maintain their self respect.

"Hold on to what you have and it will be yours," Khan said. "If they want you they will take you, so hold on to your s\* \*t."

In December, Khan plans to take a month's break from performing and return to London to be with her family and friends.

"Epiphany" also includes five recently recorded cuts: "Love Me Still," which was featured on Spike Lee's "Clockers" soundtrack and "Never Miss the Water," with critically acclaimed artist Me'Shell Ndegeocello.



Photo by Gregory A.

Chaka Khan performs tonight at Cramton for the Alumni Co

## Spike Lee succeeds in convincing many to 'Get on the Bus'

By Awanya Deneace Anglin  
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Director Spike Lee helps commemorate the one year anniversary of the Million Man March in "Get On the Bus," his ninth feature film.

The movie focuses on 13 men, all with different ideologies and backgrounds, who travel from South Central Los Angeles, by bus, to Washington, D.C., for the Million Man March in 1995.

Charles S. Dutton (of "Roc" fame), Andre Braugher (Homicide), comedian Bernie Mac (Def Comedy Jam), Isaiah Washington (Girl Six) and the legendary Ossie Davis are five of the 13 that face many of their insecurities and gripes while on the trip.

The issues addressed ranged from homosexuality and homophobia, gang violence, single family homes to plain male egotism.

Flip (Braugher) is an out of work actor who carries the facade that he is one of the greatest actors of all time.

In the movie, he tells the group that he was passed over for a role in "Boyz n' the Hood" because of rapper Ice Cube. Flip also believes in polygamy and that he is every woman's dream.

Kyle (Washington) and Randall (Harry Lennix of "Five Heartbeats" fame) play a homosexual couple who end up being the "comedy relief" for the movie.

Jamal (Gabriel Casseus) is a former Crip gang member and finds himself battling with Gary (Roger Guenveur Smith), a bitter Los Angeles police officer



Photo by Lester Sloan

'Get on the Bus' features 15 men headed for the historic Million Man March as strangers, but emerge three days and 2000 miles later as brothers.

whose father was killed by gang bangers.

Davis plays the old-timer Jeremiah, a man who has lost everything of importance — his family and career.

Jeremiah goes to the march as a way to repent for his deeds.

He along with George (Dutton), are considered the

"voices of wisdom" and are determined to get the march despite all of the obstacles that they face, including the non cooperative Jewish co-bus driver Rick (Richard Belzer) who does not like the idea of driving a group of Black men — especially on the March.

By the time the men reach D.C., they learn though they differ in many ways, they can stand together when one of them is faced with a dire situation.

As a result of the March, the men have not found answers to their problems, but find a means to deal with them in a more constructive manner — one of the objectives of the actual march.

This movie does not contain any "happy ending." Lee has finally redeemed his highly acclaimed directorial status after such movie disappointments as "Clockers," "Girl Six" and "Crooklyn."

As if the movie itself didn't depict the significance of Black male unison, "Get on the Bus" is completely funded by 15 Black men including Danny Glover ("Lethal Weapon"), Wesley Snipes ("Jungle Fever," "Passenger 57") and Will Smith ("Fresh Prince of Bel-Air").

Sponsors also included legal eagle Johnnie Cochran Jr., Reggie Rock Bythewood ("New Jack City"), as well as Spike Lee himself.

The "Get on the Bus" soundtrack includes music by Michael Jackson, Curtis Mayfield, Blackstreet, and Property featuring Kirk Franklin and A Tribe Called Quest.

"Get on the Bus" is rated "R."

## No reason to see the empty 'Chamber'

By Tachlea Roland  
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Did I miss something here?

This will be the question that constantly comes to mind after seeing "The Chamber."

Yes, it's once again a John Grisham novel/movie and that's what matters in Hollywood. "The Chamber" stars Chris O'Donnell (Batman Forever), Gene Hackman (Crimson Tide), Faye Dunaway (Don Juan Demareo), and Lela Rochon (Waiting to Exhale).

The saga opens with two 10-year-old Jewish boys leap-frogging to work with their father, who is the target of an attack by the Ku Klux Klan.

As the two boys look out of opposite office windows, the building explodes. Here we have the climax and the momentum of an entire movie in the first scene.

Adam Hall (O'Donnell) is the young inexperienced, but determined lawyer who is on a mission to "save" his confessed, convicted, Klansman grandfather (Hackman) from the gas chamber. As he calls his grandfather a "racist, scum bag, baby killer," one can only wonder where is his determination to save to help such a person.

Nora (Rochon) is the young, beautiful assistant to the governor sent to assist and possibly spy on Adam's downhill struggle.

Though Rochon is generally a talented actress, her performance was very awkward at times. It appeared as if she were reading her lines in each scene. The role was originally written for a White male, but was then changed to a blond female and finally revised for an African-American female.

Though this supporting role was not as significant as they have been in other Grisham movies, Nora does

come in handy near the end. She also holds her own when she is confronted by the governor, who smugly suggests she should sleep with the defense lawyer to acquire information.

The point of Nora's character does, however, beg the question: "Why would a young, aspiring, African-American woman be so willing to help the case of a known racist murderer from a long lineage of Klansmen?"

Hackman, always brilliant in villain roles, completely outshines O'Donnell's performance in the film.

So what is this movie actually about?

As one ponders this question it is easy to make the mistake of comparing "The Chamber" to "Dead Man Walking."

Unlike "Dead Man Walking," "The Chamber" does not present any real moral basis for challenging the death penalty. In fact, the idea of the gas chamber being cruel and unusual punishment was only an opportunity for Adam to delay his grandfather's condemnation. So if this movie is not necessarily about denouncing capital punishment, what is the lingering point?

This movie is overwhelmed with close-ups and riddled with manipulative scene to scene mood music. Perhaps it is to compensate for the underdevelopment of the script. With idle pieces of the puzzle falling randomly together, there is never any virtual plan of action. The courtroom momentum and legal drama that are usually essential ingredients to lawyer flicks have all been dissolved and lost somewhere between the shallow, self-serving tears of the convict's daughter (Dunaway) and Hackman's racist rants. Nevertheless, the one saving grace of this travesty is Hackman's performance.

## Maxwell takes you on a tour of his 'Urban Hang Suite'

By Alona Ballard  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Have you been to "Maxwell's Urban Hang Suite" yet? If no, what are you waiting for?

This artist, who received a less than warm welcome at Howard last year while opening for Groove Theory and The Fugees, has returned with a vengeance.

You've seen the skinny, bushy-haired Bohemian in his "Till the Cops Come Knockin'" and "Ascension (Don't Ever Wonder)" videos. Now enter his realm of groovy baselines over falsetto lyrics in "Maxwell's Urban Hang Suite."

Maxwell, a member of the "retro-nouveau" fraternity with brothers Eric Benet and D'Angelo, could be compared to the artist formerly known as Prince.

Listening to his album is like hearing the "Purple One" singing R. Kelly lyrics to a Rick James beat. His tunes are danceable, but they could become your bedtime lullabies.

The first track is titled "The Urban Theme" and is an

instrumental clue to the mysteries which lie ahead.

"Sumthin' Sumthin's" bumping bass is so danceable, you could not stand still to save your life. You'll find yourself listening to "Ascension (Don't Ever Wonder)" again and again as its sing-a-long lyrics fall from your lips.

"Till the Cops Come Knockin'"

its smooth, sexy lyrics over a slow melody.

"Whenever," "Whatever" is so relaxing, you could fall asleep to it. The romantic lyrics will make you wish that you weren't alone. Maxwell croons, "Lead me on if you must/Take my heart and love/Take of me all that you want."

"I'd give you my breath, my breathe." "Suitelady (Proposal Jam)" is one of those songs you would do to the one you love. Maxwell asks, "So, will you marry me?" "Maxwell's Urban Hang Suite" could be played all day long without getting boring. It is blasé but it blends into the surroundings so much that it is mistaken for life's theme song.



Courtesy of Columbia Records

Maxwell gets his revenge in "Urban Hang Suite."

would be perfect to cool down with after an aerobic workout with

surroundings so much that it is mistaken for life's theme song.

Coming up next week: an in-depth interview with Kenny Lattimore



# BUSINESS

## Homecoming no longer means coming home Closing of Howard Hotel discourages alumni attendance

By Karantha Wheaton  
Hilltop Staff Writer

For the second consecutive year, Howard alumni coming back to the Hilltop will have to find a place to stay other than the Howard Hotel. Even though the hotel did not officially close its doors until Oct. 31 of last year, the last rooms rented were during the Million Man March. Former hotel management and owners could not be reached for comment at Hilltop press time. While it would be difficult to estimate exactly how much money the hotel is losing, it is not hard to imagine how much money area hotels are making during homecoming. Hotels in the area have a few vacancies, but space is limited. "Right now, we are not taking reservations for the weekend of Oct. 25-28," said Sheila Anderson, a reservation clerk at the J. W. Marriott downtown. "I'm not sure

what is going on that weekend, if there is a convention or what, but that weekend has been sold out for three months."

A couple of years ago, the Howard Hotel would have been booked. Now area hotels are housing alumni for the homecoming weekend.

For many students as well as alumni, there is nothing new about that.

"First, they closed the hotel, then Kinko's, now they are closing Meridian and trying to merge my school with [Arts and Sciences]," said Shanice Jackson, a junior majoring in theater. "I just can't understand what is going on at Howard. Both of my parents are HU alumni, and unless they see a drastic change before May, I won't be able to graduate from Howard next year. I've already started to apply to other schools."

Alumni have also expressed disappointment with having to lodge at other hotels.

"I won't be back for homecoming anytime soon," said Diane Traylor,

a Howard University alumna. "When I graduated from Howard in 1970-something, Homecoming was about coming home. Sure, you had some extra things that were added to it that were not here, but the important things took place at Howard, on the 'Hill.'"

Now, with the game 15 minutes away, Traylor said Homecoming does not mean as much to her anymore.

"Anytime you are not playing on your home field, it is an away game. You cannot celebrate Homecoming... on someone else's field," Traylor said. "Depending on when you make reservations and how much money you have to play with, you have to stay so far away from the school, you'd probably be better off going to Hampton's or Morgan's Homecoming if it is the same weekend."

The closing of the Howard Hotel was not just the end of a long-standing institution, it also marked the end of an era.



Alumni coming home will have to find other places to lodge since the Howard University Hotel officially closed its doors last October. Photo by Fikisha Swader

## Vendors banned from Sixth Street may miss out on Homecoming game profits

By Alan C Page  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Jabril Mansaron has a family to feed, and according to him, Howard is trying to end his livelihood.

Howard security recently submitted a letter to vendors on Sixth Street that ordered them to vacate the street on days which, perhaps not coincidentally, are the same days of football games at

Greene Stadium.

Greene Stadium representatives and security officials were unavailable for comment at press time, and a security guard declined to comment.

Vendors are even having trouble getting a place to sell their wares at the Homecoming game, Mansaron said.

"I'm not even going to be at this year's Homecoming [game]," said Mansaron, who has operated a vending stand with his wife on Sixth Street, in front of the School

of Business, for almost a decade. "I don't know why they're doing this. Why have we been moved? We haven't done anything wrong. We haven't broken any laws. I pay taxes. I pay for my permit to be here. Yet, they're trying to take away my livelihood."

Another vendor, fearing reprisals, declined to give his name. He said that after a previous altercation with the University, he was warned that further incidents would cause him to be banned from the campus.

Currently, he and other vendors are relegated to Georgia Avenue, behind the School of Business, during games at Greene Stadium. He predicts that vendors will also be banned from vending on the RFK stadium grounds during Homecoming.

"Game day is our biggest day [of business] and they've put us off," he said. "Game day is different from any other day. We can make up to \$200 more on game day than on a regular day of the week."

He said being banned from Sixth Street during the regular games has also caused him to lose money.

"I made one \$5.00 sale all day today and I've been working seven hours," he said. "I would have made \$100 by now at my regular location on Sixth Street."

Mansaron said Howard is taking potential money out of its own pockets.

"This is the only way that I make my money. I have a daughter in her last year of high school. She's about to start college," Mansaron said. "I was thinking about sending her here, but if this keeps up, they're going to put me out of business. Then, I won't be able to afford to send her here."

There was already an

unsuccessful attempt to remove vendors from campus altogether.

Following protests, the vendors were assigned four spots to do business on Sixth Street. This latest measure of banning vendors during home games seems to be a renewal of the earlier eviction attempt, Mansaron said.

"I've got a family to feed. I hope this ends soon," he said.

With so much potential money to lose from being banned from RFK on game day, one vendor who wishes to remain anonymous, has plans of taking the situation to the City Council.

If vendors do not resolve this situation soon, no matter who wins the Homecoming game, vendors will lose big.

## Absence of sports marketing department leaves Howard students, athletes frustrated

By Karantha Wheaton  
Hilltop Staff Writer

For the past two years, the athletic department has been tackling issues on how to market the athletic teams because the department has not had a director.

Not until Oct. 21, had Henry Ford, the new director, begin working with the department.

Howard is one of many schools with a commercial radio station, and the only Black-owned and operated PBS station in the country. But in September, when the football team beat the Hampton Pirates in the Greater Urban League Classic, the game was not broadcasted on WHUR or WHMM.

"For something like that to happen and the administration still think everything is OK is mind boggling to me," said Sarita Geronimo, a freshmen majoring in Afro-American studies. "You can't even go into a foot locker back

home (Louisiana) without bumping into a Grambling this or a Southern that. The only place I have seen a HU anything since I've been here is on campus. If that is true, this has got to be the most unpublicized, unknown 'Mecca' in the world."

Now, the athletic department is left with the task of marketing and promoting intercollegiate athletics.

And there were missed opportunities for exposure and publicity that Howard did not take interest in.

The football team won the MEAC in 1993 after going 11-0, and the women's volleyball team won the MEAC title four times in the past five years.

And last year, after winning the MEAC title, the women's basketball team played in the first round of March Madness.

"It is hard to comprehend an institution of Howard's size and stature not having a sports marketing department," said James Calhoun, a sports marketing associate at DR. E. Vents in Virginia.

Many universities have a sports marketing department, and are sponsored by major labels. Michigan and Florida State are sponsored by Nike. That constant publicity is something HU sports need, Calhoun said.

"Nowadays even the little nowhere junior colleges have a promotion or marketing department. Sports are a big thing," Calhoun said. "They are exciting and expensive enough where the school can make money, but not so expensive people can't afford it."

Xavier Washington, a senior majoring in Architecture, said Howard could market the teams by tapping into the different resources that are already on campus.

"All the administration would have to do is draw up a plan and make marketing the University a school wide project," Washington said. "Fine arts could do the graphics, the School of [Business] could do the marketing and the School of [Communications] could handle advertising."

That would get a large part of the student body involved with minimal cost to the University."

While coaches, students and athletes, remain frustrated with athletics, Howard continues to lose thousands of dollars each year because the administration continues to deny that there is a problem.

Michael Wilbon, a sports writer for The Washington Post, wrote an article three years ago about the lack of sports marketing on Howard campus. He said the three biggest obstacles for Howard are money, lack of vision and the misconception that academics and athletics can not go hand in hand.

"Somehow it has escaped those at Howard that sports sells, that if you invest a lot you will make a ton," Wilbon said. "Most historically Black colleges barely have enough money to field a team and pay the coaches. This is not the case at Howard. You see Howard has money, and money invested in the marketing of sports is money well invested."

## Facsimiles set sights on 'new course' through Internet transmissions

By Lylah Holmes  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The facsimile has been the domestic and international messenger boy for mid-size and Fortune 500 companies for years. But now, that route is taking a detour through the Internet.

Internet service providers are going after a huge market that the world's long-distance carriers have taken for granted — fax transmissions.

Several ISPs are taking a close look at Internet services that will go beyond 'Net access.

"This will enable the Internet infrastructure players to offer value-added services," said Sean O'Sullivan, chief executive of NetCentric software.

NetCentric's POPware

subscribers will get user software to send faxes across the Internet. The data travels through the local exchange carrier's central office to an access server.

The data travels to a POPware server, and is then routed through the Internet. Another Internet service provider routes the transmission to another POPware server which distributes the fax.

The potential savings for businesses are astounding.

On average, Fortune 500 companies spend about \$37 million each year on telephone services, with fax transmissions accounting for over 40 percent, according to a survey commissioned by Pitney Bowes Inc., a fax machine maker.

Vendors are marketing fax servers and other products that route faxes over the Internet or private networks. One ISP was set to debut an Internet fax service

last month.

ISPs cost "in the tens of thousands of dollars," O'Sullivan said.

But NetCentric will not divulge prices because it is still in the process of negotiating contracts.

Even at high prices, ISPs can expect to make money off fax services.

"Everything depends on the growth and stability of the Internet," said Randy Storch, chief executive at Open Port Technology. "It's conceivable within 12 months that 5 percent of fax traffic could go over the Internet. Within five years, it could be 50 percent."

Customers of Interfax L.P., a company which offers a whole sale international fax service via the Internet, dial a fax number where billing codes are programmed into the dialer or the fax machine's speed dial function. The fax is then transmitted via the Internet.

On-line faxing allows actual documents to be faxed and viewed as "legal documents" where e-mail can send messages.

Fax machines are not as sensitive to Internet transmission delays and other issues such as voice quality according to some proponents of Internet faxing.

Long distance companies such as AT&T are watching developments closely and analyzing the market to see where profits can be gained.

Cathleen Woodall, an analyst with M. J. Scheele & Association in San Francisco said carriers should jump in the large pool of cash that on-line faxing is generating.

But Richard Shockey, president of Nuntius Corp., a fax application software developer, said faxing will never be obsolete.

"I don't care what anyone says," Shockey said. "Fax is never, ever, ever going to go away."

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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Think before you drink, researchers warn students

By **Natasha Lindsey**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Thursday night after-party everyone who arrived before 11 a.m. a free shot. Friday night a club gives out 99-cent specials. Saturday, the bar is open until 3 a.m. with blurring vision, slurred speech, and you stumble over your own feet. During Homecoming, the use of alcohol increases substantially. But before making a dash to the bar, knowing what alcohol does to the body may encourage thinking before drinking. People think alcohol is an aphrodisiac and that they are more likely to do things they do not usually do, but alcohol is really a depressant," said Dr. Carolyn Goode, a health education coordinator at Howard University. Alcohol is a drug that depresses the central nervous system and is a mood-altering ingredient found in beer, wine and liquor, according

to Prevention Pipeline, a brochure containing facts on alcohol. It is absorbed in the bloodstream and transmitted to virtually all parts of the body.

According to Prevention Pipeline, the effect alcohol has on a person depends on the amount of alcohol consumed, if the person ate before or while he drank and the person's weight and previous experience with alcohol.

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence officials said that women metabolize alcohol less efficiently than men. Too much alcohol can lead to higher blood-alcohol concentration over a shorter period of time for women, making them vulnerable to liver damage.

Alcohol also impairs a woman's coordination, reflexes, memory and judgment, in addition to producing staggering, slurred speech, double vision, sudden mood changes and unconsciousness.

"Young ladies need to be aware

of their alcohol intake; this is how some ladies get into certain situations," Goode said.

Besides the effect that alcohol has on the body, it can also impair a person's thinking.

Alcohol can affect judgment and debilitate socially learned restraints, according to the NIAAA.

Researchers estimated that alcohol use is involved in one-third to two-thirds of sexual assault and acquaintance or "date" rape cases among teens and college students.

Alcohol and other drugs also factor in thousands of unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV and AIDS, said the NIAAA.

"People have to have this justification to say it is OK to drink," Goode said. "It is a legal drug that can also be misused."

Combining alcohol and barbiturates can be dangerous, the NIAAA said. Alcohol and drugs

can increase harmful effects on the central nervous system. College students who use marijuana regularly can impair skills related to memory learning 24 hours after they used the drug.

"The diminished ability to pay attention and decreased mental flexibility may cause chronic marijuana users difficulties in adapting to intellectual and interpersonal task," said Dr. Harrison Pope, research director for study at the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The combination of these drugs with alcohol further depresses the nervous system that controls vital bodily functions. When the two drugs are forced to compete with each other, both are metabolized slowly, exaggerating their effects.

Goode warns that drinking and taking drugs can become addictive. "Alcohol is a drug," Goode said.

"Social use of alcohol or drugs leads to a lot heavier use."



### Sicilian Lasagna

- 12 ounces dried or 1 pound fresh lasagna noodles
- 2 eggplants (about 2 pounds total), cut crosswise into 3/8-inch thick slices
- 1 1/2 tablespoons salt, plus more to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 cups low-fat (2 percent) cottage cheese
- 2 cloves of garlic, peeled
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil, plus whole leaves for garnish
- 1/4 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese (1/2 ounce)
- 1/4 cup freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 cups prepared spaghetti sauce
- 1 1/4-ounce can tomatoes, drained, seeded and chopped
- 2 teaspoons red-wine vinegar
- 1 cup grated part-skim mozzarella cheese (3 ounces)

In a large pot of boiling, salted water, cook noodles until barely tender (8 minutes for dried noodles). Drain and rinse under cold water. Spread the noodles on clean kitchen towels, cover with plastic wrap and set aside.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place rack in lower third of oven. In a large bowl, toss eggplant slices with 1 1/2 teaspoons salt. Add cold water to cover and place a bowl on top of the slices to keep them submerged. Let soak for 5 minutes. Drain, rinse and pat dry.

Brush the two nonstick baking sheets with 1/2 tablespoon of oil. Spread the eggplant slices on the oiled baking sheets. Bake for seven to 10 minutes or until browned on the underside. Turn the slices over for about seven minutes more or until browned on the second side.

Meanwhile, combine cottage cheese, garlic and cornstarch in a food processor and process until very smooth. Transfer to a bowl and stir in chopped basil and 2 tablespoons of the parmesan cheese. Season with salt and pepper.

In another bowl combine spaghetti sauces, tomatoes and vinegar. Season the tomato sauce with salt and pepper.

Lightly oil a 9-by-13-inch baking dish or coat it with nonstick cooking spray. Smear the bottom of the prepared dish with 1/2 cup of the tomato sauce. Line the bottom with a single layer of noodles. Cover the noodles with half of the eggplant slices. Spread 3/4 cup of the tomato sauce over the eggplant then sprinkle with one tablespoon of the remaining parmesan. Repeat this process until all these ingredients are used. Finish by sprinkling with mozzarella cheese.

Lightly oil a large piece of aluminum foil or coat with noncooking spray and use it to tightly cover dish. Bake the lasagna for 30 minutes on the middle oven rack. Uncover the pan and bake for 10 to 15 minutes more or until lightly browned and bubbling. Let stand for 10 minutes, garnish with whole basil and serve.



### HEALTH FACTS

One should eat three to four servings every day.

Source: Dr. Goulda Downer, Metropex Health and Nutrition Services

At Howard University Health Center offers free flu shots to students.

Source: Dr. Carolyn Goode, Health Education Coordinator

Whole milk and 2 percent milk are the leading sources of artery clogging saturated fat in the American diet.

Source: Metropex Health and Nutrition Services

Caffeine can raise blood pressure, increase secretion of stomach acid and cause nervousness.

Source: Channing L. Bete Co.

Half of all Black pregnancies result in abortion compared to the 30 percent of White pregnancies ending in abortion.

Source: The National Center for Health Statistics

At Howard University Health Center offers breast examinations.

Source: Dr. Carolyn Good, Health Education Coordinator

The use of alcohol is highest (10 percent) among women with a high school education.

Source: National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence

Some studies suggest that alcohol consumption may be associated with a 10 percent increase in a woman's risk of developing breast cancer.

Source: National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence

The use of alcohol typically begins around the age of 13.

Source: National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence

Drink at least eight glasses of water a day.

Source: Metropex Health and Nutrition Services

## Fast food convenient, but unhealthy choice

By **Claire Thombs**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Many Howard University students share a common bond during Homecoming week besides going to the game or hitting the party scene. The bond is an increased fast-food fetish that grows proportionately during the event-filled week.

"I definitely eat a lot of fast food during Homecoming," said Keith Williams, a senior insurance major. "With a lot of people coming from out of town and going to a lot of parties, you just don't have time to cook."

Tikia Dixon, a junior marketing major, shares a similar sentiment when it comes to fast food.

"I'm always on the go, and I don't know how to cook," she said. "Your friends are in town, and you don't want to wash all those dishes."

Hot spots for students include McDonald's, Negril and China Wonder, but some students opt for major convenience and head for on-campus vending stands.

Velichia Woods, a junior legal communications major, buys a meal consisting of a hot dog, Funyuns and a Snickers bar every day.

"It's my daily ritual," she said. "During Homecoming I'm always

running and coming in late. It's just easier."

Keishana Myrie, a senior accounting major, visits the vendors at least four times a week.

"I usually get a half-smoke or beef patty," she said. "I just like the convenience and accessibility the stand provides."

Although there are a lot of unhealthy foods found in fast-food establishments and vending stands, there is an increasingly popular influx of healthier alternatives appearing.

Jennifer Mansaray, a vendor on campus, incorporated healthier foods onto her stand.

"I try to sell a lot of reduced-fat products," she said, adding that she has seen a growing trend of students purchasing low-fat items. "A lot [of students] buy Nutri-grain and granola bars and bananas when I put them out."

Chazarra Clark, a junior international business major, is one student who chooses to eat light when she makes her trip to the vendor every other day. She usually opts for juice and a muffin, she said.

While fast food may be more convenient, health experts recommend not to go overboard with fast-food consumption.

"Homecoming should not be an

excuse," said Dr. Goulda Downer, assistant professor of Nutrition at Georgetown University and president and CEO of Metropex Health and Nutrition Services in the District. "Fast foods are relatively high fat. As African Americans, we tend not to do so well in watching our fat intake. Heart disease is the number one killer of men and women, and more so in the African-American community. We are literally digging our graves with our teeth."

To regulate and maintain a healthy diet, Downer suggests substituting high-fat meals with fruit and foods that are not fried. Reading food labels and following the food pyramid are also ways of leading a healthier lifestyle.

Drinking a lot of water throughout the day flushes the system and aids in digestion. Downer suggests drinking eight glasses of water a day, every day.

Serious diseases can occur when a person does not sustain a healthy diet. Prostate and breast cancers are both linked to high-fat diets and are predominant in the African-American population.

## Dazed and confused: the dangerous reality of 'date rape drug,' Rohypnol

By **Claire Thombs**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

As the holiday season nears, it is important to be aware of what is in food and drinks because of the disturbingly increasing abuse of Rohypnol, an illegal potent aphrodisiac smuggled in the United States from Central and South America.

During the past few years, Rohypnol, a tranquilizer marketed and used as a sleeping agent in 15 countries, has become common in the United States, particularly in southern California, Texas and Florida, where several packages have been seized coming via Columbia.

The drug has now filtered throughout the entire United States. Numerous reports have been made of Rohypnol being added to drinks

at parties and other gatherings. It is often given to females without their knowledge to decrease any sexual inhibitions and increase sexual activity, thus receiving its best known alias, the "date rape drug."

"This drug is being added to drinks, punch, whatever," said Dr. Anthony Wutoh, assistant professor of clinical and administrative pharmacy at Howard University. "Young women have reported waking up in unfamiliar surroundings with no clothes on or having been sexually assaulted."

Rohypnol can be found as a pill resembling a small aspirin or as crushed powder that is snorted.

The tranquilizer kicks in almost immediately after ingestion. Combined with alcohol, marijuana or cocaine, it can cause a rapid and dramatic high, Wutoh said. The effects from a 1- or 2-milligram

dose can last for six to eight hours.

Wutoh said intake of Rohypnol can lead to respiratory depression, aspiration or death. Other side effects include amnesia, hallucinations, confusion, nausea and vomiting.

Reports of sexual assaults while under Rohypnol's influence are often difficult to investigate because the victim can suffer from memory loss resulting from the powerful drug.

"Once it's been administered, a lot of women don't even know what took place," said Sgt. Paul Jordan of the District of Columbia's Sex Defense Branch. "You may wake up with what you think is a bad hangover and thinking you just had a bad night."

Although the use of Rohypnol is not as prevalent in the District as in other areas of the country, there

have been reported cases of its abuse, some occurring on nearby college campuses.

Wutoh said he does not see the Food and Drug Administration lifting the ban on the drug.

"I don't think it will be approved because of its high-abuse potential and potential to cause amnesia. I don't think it's necessary in the United States," he said.

Sonya Bryce, coordinator of client services at the Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Service in Woodbridge, Va., advises students to be cautious when they are out on dates or even out with friends.

"A lot of us trust people at face value," said Bryce. "If someone is an acquaintance, you think you can trust him. You think you can trust someone, but you just can't trust anyone."

Many reported cases have

involved assailants who were known and trusted by their victims.

SAVAS officials suggest going out in groups instead of with a person not well known.

"If there's a group it won't be as easy to single you out," Bryce said. "Some people who we think are our friends really aren't."

#### If you think that you have been a victim of Rohypnol:

- Report to police first and then to a hospital to be checked.
- Let police and nurses know that you suspect you've been drugged with Rohypnol so that special tests can be taken to specifically detect the drug.
- Call the local rape centers or abuse hotlines to get help if needed.



# SPORTS

## Football standouts pursue success beyond boundaries of playing field

By Ivan J. Aranha  
Hilltop Staff Writer

It has been said that the most intelligent players on a football team are those on the offensive line.

The men in the trenches seldom receive the credit they deserve.

They are responsible for protecting the quarterback, opening holes for running backs and adjusting to audibles and blitzing linebackers. All this is expected without the legal use of their hands.

Between busy class schedules, practice, meetings and games, tackles Robert Bell and Anthony Heyward are on a mission to graduate, play in the National Football League and dispel the stereotypes of "dumb football players."

The seniors are not discouraged by the fact that coming from a historically Black college makes their chances of succeeding professionally very slim. Former Howard football players Sean Van Horse (Detroit Lions), Rupert Grant (New England Patriots), Jay

Walker (Minnesota Vikings) and Jose White (Minnesota Vikings) have all achieved pro status.

"It's very important to get an

education is important to achieving success," said Heyward, a history major from Largo, Md.

After their football careers are



Anthony Heyward (66) is one of the key reasons why quarterback Ted White has time to throw at record pace.

education," said Bell, a Philadelphia native. "[Education] is an essential part and is unique to life. You have to get a degree."

"Life is a fine line between success and failure, and an

over, Heyward and Bell have different paths they plan to follow. Heyward plans to enter the religious ministry.

"I had my calling about a year ago," Heyward said. "It was a

personal decision I made."

Bell, a computer business management major, plans to go into marketing with a specialty in international business. By investing in computer stock, he plans to expand his father's business, selling insurance internationally.

Bell and Heyward agree that the most common misconception about student athletes, particularly Howard football players, is that they are "slackers" in the classroom. They said the idea of athletes "getting by" could not be more false.

"HU athletes don't get over in classes," Bell said. "I take 18 credits, and it is just as difficult as anyone else. Sure, professors allow extensions when we travel for away games, but they still grade the work as extensive as a regular student."

The controversial issue of paying athletes is very important to Heyward. He said athletes should be paid, but not for the average materialistic reasons one might think.

"It's true that between the season

and school, [an athlete] wouldn't have time to work," Heyward said. "But [athletes] should be allowed to get jobs during their off-season. It's not true that athletes don't need money, especially when we're trying to become financially independent. You don't want to call Mom and Dad every time you need money."

On the role model issue, Bell and Heyward said that an athlete's skill in their sport can be idolized, but their real lives should not be. They agree that parents should be role models by setting positive examples for their children to follow.

The teammates disagree, however, on their feelings about being viewed as athletes before students.

"We are athletes employed by the University," Heyward said. "If [Howard University] wanted us (athletes) to be students, they would have given us academic scholarships. But we were given athletic scholarships. [Football] was the reason why we (football players) were recruited."



Photo by All-Pro Photography  
Senior Robert Bell (76) is a punishing blocker and great pass blocker.

"The conception of being athletes first is wrong," Bell said. "I wouldn't be at Howard studying the School of Business curriculum if I didn't take my work seriously. Athletes who take their sport seriously are separated from the rest of the graduation."

## Howard Sports Hall of Fame Breakfast honors inductees

By Dennis Freeman  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The third annual Bison Foundation "Hall of Fame Breakfast" is held yearly to honor former Howard athletes being inducted into the Howard University Sports Hall of Fame. This year there will be 12 inductees into the hall, including present head football coach Steve Wilson. The event will take place tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. in the Armour J. Blackburn Center.

The honorary chairperson for the breakfast will be Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert. The recipient of this year's coveted Buffalo Soldier Award is General Colin Powell. The breakfast serves as a major fund-raising event for the Howard athletic programs and will be attended by nationally renowned guests and media personalities.

The master of ceremonies for the event will be Howard Hall of Famer and News Channel 8 anchor Glenn Harris.

The Bison Foundation Inc., which sponsors the breakfast, is a non-profit corporation organized in 1991 to provide financial support for the University's athletic teams, bands and cheerleaders.

The support of alumni is of critical importance because their support can provide additional revenue to insure that athletic facilities may be upgraded and academic support programs can be improved.

There are three football inductees: — Steve Wilson is present head football coach and a member of the Class of '79. Wilson had a 10-year professional career in the National Football League. He was a wide receiver before converting to defensive back most of his career. While at Howard, Wilson was named All-MEAC and All-American and established several school records (most career receptions with 94, most yards receiving in a season, 1,339, and 40 kickoff returns in a season).

— Michael Banks, Class of '77, set the standard for future Bison quarterbacks. He threw for 4,484 yards in one season, a record that stood for 17 years.

— Johnny Butler led the team in tackles for three straight years. Butler played an instrumental role on the 1964 team of nonscholarship athletes.

There are three men's basketball inductees:

— Harold Glover, the 1978 MEAC Player of the Year, gained a reputation as the greatest slam-dunker in the MEAC. He was also

named to the All-MEAC team for four years straight.

— Robert Lewis was MEAC's Most Valuable Player in 1972. Lewis was also named All-MEAC in '73 and '74.

— John Syphax was the captain of the '57 team and set a four-year scoring record of 1,792 points that still stands today.

There are two men's soccer inductees:

— Winston Alexis was instrumental in leading the Bison Booters to the first national championship won by a Howard team in 1961. In 1964, Alexis made first team All-American.

— Keith Aquil led Howard University to two straight NCAA championship titles in 1970 and 1971. He still holds the school record of goals scored in a game with eight.

Other honorees include:

Winsome Davidson, the lone woman being inducted into the hall, competed in volleyball and basketball for three seasons. She averaged 18 points, 12 rebounds a game during her basketball career, placing her among the top 10 all-time Howard performers in scoring and rebounding.

Gerald Davis was named all-conference three times in baseball and was the top player on Howard's team. During his senior year, Davis led the Bison in batting average, singles, doubles, triples, home-runs and runs batted in.

Lester Johnson won three CIAA championships by wrestling in three different weight divisions. Lester went undefeated in the CIAA for four years from 1964-1967.

William Ritchie holds or shares numerous track records he set here at Howard. He gained All-American honors in 1968 and established the Howard 100-yard dash record at 9.4 seconds.



Photo by All-Pro Photography  
Head Football Coach Steve Wilson will be one of the honorary inductees added into the Howard University Sports Hall of Fame.

## WHMM to broadcast Howard University Sports in near future

By Ivan J. Aranha  
Hilltop Staff Writer

It is a scene that avid Howard University sports fans have become accustomed. It is a beautiful Saturday morning, and the Bison sports teams are representing the University in an away competition. Turning to Howard University's television station, WHMM Channel 32, would prove to be futile. One may catch a glimpse of inspiring, educational programming, but no sports.

Is it a surprise? The cost of a camera, staff and equipment needed to broadcast a home football game is approximately \$25,000. Away games need an additional fee for a satellite feed, increasing the cost to \$33,000. Covering home basketball games would range from \$19,000 to \$20,000 for away games.

With such costs, many would not expect Channel 32 to broadcast regular coverage of any sports in the near future. That is about to change.

Howard University Vice President Hassan Minor Jr. said he is excited about the future plans of Channel 32 and the many possibilities it will bring to the University.

"[The Howard University administration] is putting in place the basic infrastructure to make

broadcasting an event a lot cheaper," Minor said. "President Swygert has made an important strategic step for the University. By making this one-time cost, Howard will not have to pay such an expensive fee each time it wants to broadcast an event."

The "one-time cost" is included in President H. Patrick Swygert's "Strategic Framework for Action" plan. The president's plan includes the extension of the University's Fiber Optic Wide Network, allowing the University to advance its multi-media technologies, particularly Channel 32.

The University is investing in an installment of broadcast points throughout the campus.

Last summer, as part of the Howard University Television Workshop, a team of engineers conducted a sight-survey of locations that will be key to the establishment of the "Howard Television Network." The initiative will create a campus video network connecting 21 academic buildings, Burr Gymnasium and Greene Stadium to Channel 32 for broadcast. This will allow special events to be routinely videotaped for subsequent campus distribution, and where appropriate, broadcast.

By placing permanent broadcast pods in the gym and the football stadium, the station will

eventually be able to broadcast Bison home games. The broadcast points in the academic buildings will allow the broadcast of guest speakers and other special academic events.

Channel 32's general manager, Jim Watkins, said he is pleased with the future plans of the station.

"Basically, it's (the station's advancement) a natural progression to utilize all the University's technology to help benefit the University," Watkins said. "The use of the fiber optic network gives the University a faster and cheaper rate to help in the overall broadcasting of events."

"[Channel 32] will be able show the campus to the public and throughout the University. This was the original reason the station was purchased in the beginning."

According to Minor, the network's extension should be completed by this academic year. As each broadcast point is established, the station will be able to immediately begin its use.

"Howard is very fortunate to be the only historically Black college to own its own television station," Minor said. "Once the network has been fully extended, we will use it for more than athletics. It will be a network where students, faculty and

alumni can always be aware of campus events. Howard will be its own voice to the public."

Minor hopes the station eventually be distributed to the heavily populated with Howard alumni and minorities. This will promote television sponsorship for sports and other popular events, as well as a useful recruitment tool.

One of Vice President Student Affairs Steven Favors' primary responsibilities is to oversee the operations of the University's department of intercollegiate athletics. He is ecstatic about the potential capabilities the station will bring to the athletic program.

"I'm excited about extensions," Favors said. "[Howard] will not just be able to give coverage to our basketball and football programs, but be able to broadcast other sports like volleyball, wrestling, championship intramural activities that take place on campus. [Howard] will be able to do a lot of things we haven't been able to do before."

Favors also said that coverage would help in athletic recruitment. "We'll be able to recruit top athletes because they'll be able to see the type of competition that Howard faces," he said. "The station will open up Howard's future."

## Swim team plans to make big splash in competition

By Anthony Edwards  
Hilltop Staff Writer

To most recreational participants, swimming is a sport that enables them to release the stress and frustration of everyday life. But to competitive swimmers it is anything but that. And the Howard University Sharks are no exception.

Maya Nasution, senior co-captain of the women's team, has been swimming for 18 years. "It's almost 50/50 between fun and work at this point."

"It's almost like a job sometimes," said Ja Ja Wade, senior co-captain of the men's team.

But the competition with others encourages the swimmers to continue. Reluctant to state if there was any real competition between the men's and women's teams, many

members identified the situation as "just trying to do your best."

"The main competition is against the other schools," said Stefan Steer, co-captain of the men's team. "The scenario is almost like a sister and brother competing with each other to impress everyone, including their parents."

In this case, the parent is third-year coach E. Newton Jackson. Jackson's numerous accolades and work experiences landed him at Howard as a faculty member and educator first. The women's team was the top academic team at Howard last year, boasting an incredible 11 members with a 3.0 G.P.A. or better.

The team has grown greatly in terms of competition. Along with Florida A&M University, Howard is the only historically Black school to compete in Division I

swim meets. This year's men's team has lost only one major cog in their machine, Jabari King, but freshman Willie Stewart is expected to be a major contributor.

Wade, who swims the 50- and 100-yard freestyle, as well as the 100-yard breaststroke, said that this is the strongest he has ever seen the team.

Wade is joined by juniors Stefan Steer and David Ricketts, all of whom are expected to win nationals and possibly advance to the NCAA Championships. Roderick Thompson and Malik Massac are two swimmers Jackson expects to also make a splash.

The women's team includes a strong nucleus with captains Seanna Westcarr and Nasution. Westcarr, a graduate student hopes to shine in the 50/100 freestyle, while Nasution, who placed fifth and sixth in the 100- and 200-

backstroke respectively, hopes to improve on those placing. Sophomore Anna Barber, one of the fastest sprinters on the team, another swimmer whom Jackson expects to do well.

The goals seem pretty high for both squads, "as well as the should be," Jackson said.

"Swimmers are worked so much harder than people realize," said junior Malik Massac. In one practice someone can swim anywhere from 5,000 to 8,000 yards.

This is something that many swim team alumni already know. This evening at 6:00 p.m., many of the alumni will return to Burr Gymnasium's pool to swim against this year's team. Jackson anticipates a strong showing for the team since this is the first alumni meet in 11 years.

**Support the Bison tomorrow in the Homecoming football game against the North Carolina A&T Aggies!!!**



# SPORTS

## Student trainers provide valuable services to the athletic department

By Tianna Scott  
Hilltop Staff Writer

You may have seen them rushing to help an injured player on the 50-yard line, assisting a player off the basketball court or cleaning a cut on the sideline.

To meet graduation requirements in the athletic training program must complete 1,000 hours of work with assigned sports, in addition to University academic requirements. Students must be knowledgeable in the human anatomy's muscular, skeletal, nervous and circulatory systems. During the program, students are familiarized with the constant injuries that comes with athletics. They must be able to diagnose and administer an effective treatment program enabling the athlete to return



One of Howard's student trainers hard at work. photo by Belinda Vickerson

to his/her sport. Whether it is a turf burn, separated shoulder, sprained ankle or a broken finger, the student trainers are knowledgeable, quick and effective.

Howard athletic training department consists of one head trainer, three assistant trainers, and 12 student trainers. Head Athletic trainer Bernard James is in his 15th

year, while assistants Reggie Butler (three years), Robert Moore (20) years, and Sonny Miles (26) years, combine for 49 years treating Howard's finest athletes.

Howard's student trainers are important team members. However, they are not on scholarship, they do not get stipends or uniforms. Student trainers must purchase their own uniforms, shoes and other necessary accessories.

Student trainers treat injuries and prevent injuries.

"The biggest gripe about the program is the size of the facilities," said student trainer Stephanie Garvin. There are nearly 300 athletes on this campus, but the treatment room is the equivalent to the size of a studio apartment. The head trainer and 3 assistants share

a make shift office/supply closet with no windows or ventilation.

For the past 26 years, nothing has changed for them. With only 12 student trainers (11 women and 1 man), they are stretched thin for help, but they carry a lot of heart and pride in what they do.

"Your heart has to be in it," said Garvin. "It (athletic training) is very time consuming."

Representatives of Howard University's training department said that the success of the University depends solely of two main things, funding and support.

"In order to take the program to a level of efficiency and competitiveness with other universities, Howard must have a level of commitment within the administration in trying to upgrade the athletic training program,"

Moore said. "A strong program must start with the basic understanding of the profession and its duties."

"Money has to be invested in the training program, it make the wheel go round, we are responsible for keeping the athletes playing," Butler said. "If we don't have a healthy program, how can the University have the same?"

The overall poll of student trainers showed that most felt that the program needed more structure and discipline, and if it merged with Allied Health that it would accomplish that. Student trainers are not just people who handle paper cuts or minimal injuries. Their dedication to the sports family is outstanding. Recognition of their services is not always received, but well deserved.

## Meeting the duties of Miss Bison requires more than a pretty smile

By Tianna S. Scott  
Hilltop Staff Writer

These man once said that you know a man until you walk in his shoes. This is true, but the man is a Bison, a lady more specifically, and her shoes are hooves. I walked that. I wore those hooves, and when you and me, I am dog.

The Lady Bison mascot is relatively new to the campus. She migrated here just about two years ago and already she has won the hearts of the fans and the respect of one very tired journalist.

As a junior, I was in awe the first time I saw the Lady Bison mascot. She kept the crowd hyped with her flirtatious ways, and she wore a smile. I said to myself, "I've got to wear that."

Two years later, that mascot came true. I did it. I was the Lady Bison for a day. It's so easy to be in the stands and cheer the Lady Bison mascot on and say to yourself, "I can do that!" But can I? Not only did I get to know the Lady Bison mascot, but I also had the opportunity to know the mascot inside.

On October 17, I eagerly started to transform into Miss Bison. I was excited that I was finally putting on the costume, and while I waited for my coaching, I started to

get nervous.

"Are you sure you want to do this?" Miss Bison asked.

At first I didn't think I could fit my 6'0" frame into the suit. After all, the original Lady Bison mascot is around 5'6". I also had no clue that the suit weighed about 30 to 35 pounds. Once I had the entire outfit

image.

"Sometimes it is really hard to be energetic and cheerful knowing that your shoe is untied and your glasses are slipping off your face," said Miss Bison.

While I pranced around during my day as Miss Bison, praying I would stop tripping over things, I

year-round, and you can't help but smile at her dancing to the band's music or when she tries to push-up on one of the male fans.

Since she was also the mascot at her high school, she had a feel for the job and what it entailed. Because of the strenuous activity, her endurance level has to be high. The suit itself weighs 25 pounds without the head. When her body is hurting the most, she still must be at her best.

"There are days when I have to perform for two different sporting events; even though I'm tired, I still have to perform," Miss Bison said.

Miss Bison tries not to play favorites, but even though she likes football, she admits that basketball is her favorite season.

"Basketball is easier to interact with the crowds because there are people everywhere, in the stands, in the hall and on the floor," she said. "I like to be at all sporting events, though, because they are all a part of the University, so they all should be supported."

I asked Miss Bison what feeling she wanted to leave behind when her tenure is up.

"I want to bring a character to the mascot, a form of legacy so that years from now you'll always remember the Lady Bison Mascot and who she was, and most importantly, what she did," she said.



The Lady Bison Mascot looks to blow off some steam. photo by Carlos Jackson

on, my body temperature immediately went up. To say it was hot would be an understatement. Often I wanted to quit because the sweat was dripping into my eyes and I could not see.

"Don't be afraid to interact with the crowd," Miss Bison said. "You have to try to keep them as involved as possible."

The fans think that Miss Bison is cute, and I had to keep up that

managed to bust a few dance moves and motioned a few cheers. Midway through the match, my body and spirit began to breakdown. As I took off the suit, I told Miss Bison, "You are a beast!" I had no clue that it was this hard, and I never wanted to wear that suit again.

To preserve the anonymity of Miss Bison, I can say this, she is the best athlete on campus. She never complains or quits. She does this

## Morehouse Tigers receive Bison stampede for their Homecoming

By Dennis Freeman  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Quarterback Ted White continued his assault for the second consecutive week by throwing five touchdown passes in only three quarters of play as the Howard University Bison stomped the Morehouse Maroon Tigers, 49-0.

White (22-28 for 297 yards), who has thrown 11 touchdowns in the last two games and 19 for the season, had an easy time hitting his receivers all afternoon and had a touchdown pass called because of an offensive foul.

Looking sloppy on its first drives of the game, Howard led 7-0 on its third drive with a touchdown and Themba Masimini's first touchdown of the season — three-yard toss from White.

Bison made it a quick 13-0 when reserve defensive back

Larry Conner recovered the ball in the end zone for a score after a blocked punt by strong safety Billy Jenkins.

It was the first block of the season for Jenkins and his 10th career block. That play seemed to have sucked the air out of the Morehouse players and swung all the momentum to Howard.

From there, the game was downhill for the Tigers. On Howard's next possession, wide receiver MacArthur Johnson snagged in a 10-yard pass from White to make it 19-0. The Bison made it 27-0 by half-time when freshman Leonard Stevens was on the receiving end of a 2-yard pass play from White.

By this point in the game, the only thing the Morehouse crowd had to cheer about or look forward to was the halftime festivities. Too bad.

The Howard University Marching Band treated the

Morehouse band the same way the Bison football team was treating the Morehouse team — they stomped them and made them regret getting on the same field.

Several fans, perhaps not too thrilled at the score and the way the Bison mascot was taunting the crowd, ambushed the mascot with a blindside tackle. That was the only solid tackle all afternoon that anybody in maroon and white could make.

The second half was pretty much the same as Howard continued to dominate the game. Marco Ward opened the third quarter with an acrobatic-diving catch on White's fourth touchdown pass in the back of the end zone to make it 35-0.

White's last touchdown toss went to Kevin Murphy for 5 yards to widen the score to 42-0. Running back Aray Williams (15 carries for 106 yards, 1 touchdown), filling in for the injured Tyrone Lewis,

closed out the scoring with a 3-yard touchdown run. This was the second time this season that the Buffalo Soldiers (defensive unit) have shut out an opponent.

Head Coach Steve Wilson said he was satisfied with his team's performance against Morehouse.

"The defense has been stepping up for the past couple of weeks," Wilson said. "We're a swarming type of team. Our pressure was good. Our coverage was good. We didn't let them breathe, and they didn't really get anything established."

Wilson also commented on White and this weekend's Homecoming game against North Carolina A & T.

"You can't tell him (White) short. He can hurt you," he said. "We're pretty familiar with North Carolina A&T. There's a lot riding [on this game] with bowl implications and championships. I look forward to it. I wish I could be a spectator."

## FLAG FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

WEEK #4  
SATURDAY'S MATCH-UPS

**American Football League**  
*E-Jay's vs. Arsenal*

In a match-up pitting the two best teams in the A.F.C., the E-Jay's (4-0) showed the Arsenal (3-1) who the kings were. After stopping the Arsenal on three downs, Brent Jones took the punt at the 50-yard line and returned for a touchdown that put the E-Jay's on the board first. On the next possession, Arsenal quarterback Lion Shaw led his team downfield and hooked up with Desmond Dunham for a 13-yard touchdown to tie the score at 6-6. This was the first touchdown scored on the E-Jay's defense all year, and they took it personally. After that, whenever it looked like the Arsenal were going to score, the E-Jay's shut them down. On a fourth and goal, Jeff Watson intercepted a Shaw pass, and later on in the game, safety Omar Evans picked off a Shaw pass in the end-zone to kill a drive. Brent White helped put the game away for the E-Jay's as he took a lateral pitch from Doxiades Hill to go up the left sideline for a 57-yard score. Eric Johnson also hooked up with Jeff Watson for a 48-yard touchdown to make the final score 28-7.

**Representas vs. He-Man Woman Haters**

After having last week off because of a forfeit win, the Representas (3-1) were ready to play. Early in the contest He-Man player Terrance Barker intercepted Representas' quarterback Omari Brown's pass and returned it to the Representas' 3-yard line. On the next play, Barker hooked up with Collin Smith for a 3-yard touchdown pass to get on the board first. The Representas looked as if they had tied the game on a 61-yard touchdown run, but it was called back because the player's flag was illegally tied. On the next possession, Barker made the Representas pay. From his own 1-yard line, Barker took a quarterback sneak 79 yards for a touchdown to make the score 12-0. In the second half the Representas finally woke up. Brown threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Jay Goff to cut the lead to six. Then with under 2 minutes to play, Brown led his team downfield to tie the score on a 26-yard touchdown with 1:20 left. In overtime, Brown completed his version of Captain Comeback as he hit William Aaron on a 21-yard touchdown to win the game 18-12.

**Shaolin Knights vs. Terribles**

The Shaolin Knights (1-2) bounced back from last week's shut-out loss to the E-Jay's to smash the Terribles (0-4) 28-0. Defense was the key for the Knights as Cheo Brockenbrough took two interceptions in for touchdowns. Knight quarterback Jason James also threw for two touchdowns, one to Brockenbrough and another to Benjaji Kusombi.

**National Football Conference**  
*Headbangers vs. Drew*

Headbanger quarterback Tijan Wyatt ran for a 19-yard touchdown and threw a 13-yard flea-flicker touchdown pass to Kwofi Handon to help the Headbangers (1-3) defeat Drew (1-3) 14-6 — and keep their playoff hopes alive. With about 10 minutes left to play in the game and Drew trying to tie, Headbanger Changa Anderson came away with a big deflection in the end zone on fourth and goal to seal the victory.

**Black All-Stars vs. Madness**

The Black All-Stars (4-0) continued their dominance over the league, and tuned up for the playoffs with a 26-0 win over the Madness (0-4). All-Star Dil Cardosa had an interception, scored on a 24-yard touchdown run and threw a 23-yard halfback pass to Marvin Richardson to contribute to the All-Stars' cause. Cabral Hobson and Cassius Harris put pressure on the Madness' quarterbacks all day, which led to an interception by Edwin Deas. All-Star quarterback Todd Payne also had a productive day passing for a touchdown of 23 yards to Benard Jenkins.

**Burn Some Ting vs. Zulu Nation**

With the Black All-Star's victory over the Madness, the pressure was on Burn for a win to maintain a tie for first place. Knowing that the Black All-Stars were waiting for next week's big game against Burn, they knew they could not make any mistakes — and they didn't. In a hard-contested battle, Burn Some Ting (4-0) defeated Zulu Nation (2-2) 19-6. Burn quarterback Damon Wilburn ran a touchdown for 4 yards and also threw 15-yard TD pass to Damian Goins to lead Burn to victory. Early in the second half, Zulu quarterback Kenya Hamilton threw a 33-yard touchdown to Kevin Brown to cut the score to 13-6. On Zulu's next possession Burn defensive player Sidney Hall picked Hamilton off and ran down the left side for touchdown that wrapped up the contest for Burn.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Us and Y'all Entertainment and MT Productions is currently looking for a coordinator for the first ever Pan-Hell Fashion Show. If you are interested in this position, please bring your resume, proposal and/or video presentation of your work to Room 102, Blackburn Center. The deadline is October 31, 1996. For more information please call (202) 991-1769.

**Tennessee Club Meeting Monday, October 28th 7pm Room B-14 in Douglass Hall**

## "Come if you represent"

H.U.S.A.s Community Outreach Program will be having a volunteer meeting on Monday, October 28, from 8:00pm-9:00pm in room 148/150 Blackburn Center. Please call Yvette @ 806-4136 if you have any questions.

**Tau Beta Pi Meeting Monday, Oct. 28th 5:15pm LKD 3314**

**H.U.S.A. Needs You!!!** If you are interested in becoming the assistant director of H.U.S.A.s Community Outreach Program, please give Yvette a call at 806-4136 or stop by the H.U.S.A. office.

CASHA meeting 6pm Thursdays in Honors Office, Locke Hall

## Come and Join Us!

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**Blackburn Center, Hilltop Lounge** More Info: (202) 806-4912 sponsored by TSA/Noonday Prayer

H.U.S.A.s Community Outreach Program is looking for hard working individuals to help implement community outreach events. If you are interested in becoming a project coordinator please call Yvette at 806-4136 or stop by the H.U.S.A. office in room 102, Blackburn Center.

Calling all Virginians: Virginia Club Mixer 10/30/96 7:00pm Rm: TBA

Everyone interested in volunteering at the Halloween Party, please come by the UGSA office to sign up.

Are you interested in serving your community? NCNW invites all to our membership drive/mixer Wed. Oct. 30 Bethune Annex Seminar Room 7pm "Together We Can Get It Done!"

**LISTEN UP and get on the bus!!!** The UGSA sponsored Black College Ski Weekend Trip is coming soon and a \$50 deposit is due by Nov. 1. Come by the UGSA office for more details.

NCNW invites the Howard Community to participate in NCNW Week beginning Sunday Oct. 27 with a Call to the Chapel! Come worship with us!

As-salaamu Alaikum!! Muslim prayer & sermon every Friday @ 1pm. Islamic studies class Sundays @ 1pm. All are invited! Carnegie Hall (near Douglass). For more information: 806-7280.

NCNW & NAACP present a canned food drive. Boxes are located in dorm lobbies today!

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**PERSONALS** Erin, Gemma, Jazmine, Stacy: Happy Homecoming girls. We have to kick it hard this weekend!

Love Ya! Big Nat

Big Pauly how about making yourself available for me next week, no more interruptions ok! Give me a call U Know Who

To 24-A-96, I know you will represent the pink & Green tomorrow. Work it out only the way my front can do. Love Ya, 25-A-96

Erin & Sharmell, Happy Homecoming roomies. We have to plan another 1005 outing.

Natalie Donya, You know it's tight on Blacks! But let's keep maintaining- Midwest style. Love Ya, your sidekick

Slop Sergeant, Happy Belated Birthday! Snakeface

Happy Homecoming, 6-A-96!! Love, 5-A-96

To the soul steppin' sorors of AKA: Good luck, keep your heads up, and reach for your THIRD victory! Love always, 10-A-96

To the most Gracious Ladies of the Upper Upper Most House of Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., many blessings on the Stepshow. I know you all will bring it home again. 5-A-96

24-A-96, We have reached another stepping stone in our journey Tomorrow will be a blessed day and then we can go on with the agenda. It has been a long wait. I love ya! 21-A-96

To my most gracious sorors, Good luck tomorrow. I know you will work it out and bring home 1st place AGAIN!! I love you all!! 25-A-96

To the soul steppers, 21-A-96, 24-A-96 & 52-A-96, bring the raucous this homecoming stepshow like we've done in the past. I love you, sorors!!! Queen Bee

Nat & Sharmell: You guys are the greatest roomies! Hope your Homecoming weekend is THE BOMB! Good luck Sheena in the fashion show (you better work it girl!)

Love your roomie, Miss McKinney

To my front, 4-A-96, good luck @ the step show. I know you 'bout it, 'bout it, so let these other people know!!

Inherited Traits Is it just us, or is Tina Turner the finest woman on the planet?

T-Dog: Thanks for sitting by me while I work, and making my day that much longer (smile). I know, yadah, yadah, yadah. You are really a great friend even though you don't know how to play spades or laugh right, ya local! Have a great Homecoming and you better write a decent Vibe article or I'll wreck on ya.

Your hangin' buddy, Eeerrrrrr

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You aight wit me kiddo! -- T-man

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-- Mr. Coates The infamous HHP (Shawn, Celo, Art, Hasani, Eli) are back for homecoming. Come party with us today at 942 Westminister St. NW (Off 9th btw S & T).

To the 1996 Step Team: We have worked very hard to get to this point. The time has come, the tone has been set. There is no doubt in my mind that all of us will shine! Love, Meal Deal

Congratulations to 1996-97 Campus Kings and Queens You are a very talented group of people!! We love you!!! Mr. & Miss Howard

How 'bout dat, IO BRYANT!!!

Bide on Brothers! Bide on! Thanks for all the love and support 06!!!!!! 2-B-95

To all my beautiful Sorors!!! Thank you for all your love and support! love 33-A-96

I hope I represent you well!!!! Miss Howard University 1996-1997

## Welcome Home Sorors!!!!

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