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General Assembly discusses professor critiques

Poor meeting attendance by student leaders also under review

By Janine A. Harper
Hilltop Staff Writer

If Jeanette Johnson, Arts and Sciences student council president, has her way, students will not be the only ones receiving bad grades this semester.

At this week's General Assembly meeting, Johnson presented a professor evaluation system, which was put together by her and the rest of the council.

"Each school would have to design an evaluation to meet their individual needs," Johnson said. Recognizing the faults of past evaluations, she offered solutions to make the information more effective.

"We need a way to make the evaluations more reader friendly," said Johnson, who managed to secure Howard University Student Association's promise for funds for the project.

The evaluations will be handed out before the end of this semester and tallied and available for distribution in time for Spring 1997 registration.

The professor evaluations, based on a model done by University of Maryland students, will provide Howard students with an at-a-glance reference to choosing the best professors.

Professors are not the only ones who will be called to task about meeting expectations.

Attendance at the meetings is a problem applicable to elected student leaders, according to HUSA President Vincent Jacques.

Twenty-two student leaders were present out of more than 40 elected representatives at the Wednesday meeting.

No representatives from the School of Divinity, Graduate School of Business, Graduate Student Assembly, the Law School and the School of Social Work were present for the announcement that five to six panels have been chosen for the implementation of President H. Patrick Swygert's "Strategic Framework for Action" or the announcement of HUSA's involvement in today's Texaco boycott rally.

The Policy Board meeting, which took place earlier this month, also suffered from low attendance, Jacques said. No representatives were present from the Undergraduate Student Assembly or Architecture Student Council.

Communications Student Council, Graduate Business Student Council, Medicine Student Council and Social Work Student Council were present for the board meeting, updating the members on HUSA concerns, town hall meetings and elections.

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Archbishop Tutu at the Mecca



Photo by Belinda Vickerson

Archbishop Desmond Tutu delivers a thought-provoking sermon at Cramton Auditorium on Sunday.

Tutu delivers message of thanks, inspiration

By Awanya Deneace Anglin
Hilltop Staff Writer

He stood all of 5 feet 3 inches tall. But though small in stature, he has a reputation for having a big heart and great love for his people and his country. That being the case, people throughout the District, Howard students included, filled Cramton Auditorium on Sunday to get a glimpse of South African Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu.

The present chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee of South Africa came to Howard to thank African Americans for their support in helping South Africa eradicate its problems with apartheid.

"Our victory is your victory," Tutu said. "You have empowered us in some of our darkest moments."

During his speech, the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner reflected on his experiences in South Africa when the hatred and malicious acts of apartheid destroyed and killed many Africans.

Tutu told the story of a young Black attorney whose head was blown off after opening a package containing a bomb.

Tutu also spoke about the way Blacks were given electrical shocks by their oppressors as a form of torture. Many others were placed on land mines and killed when the mines detonated.

In Tutu's desperate search to help his people escape apartheid atrocities, he asked African Americans to lend their support.



Photo by Belinda Vickerson

Archbishop Desmond Tutu shares his joy and gratitude with the Howard University community.

The response, according to Tutu, was inspirational.

"I came and asked for your help, you gave, and today we are free," an enthused Tutu said. "Our mouths are full of laughter. The Lord has done great things for us."

Though African Americans were helpful in abolishing apartheid, the Archbishop said if that if they increased their political power in the United States, they would be able to have more say in how Blacks are treated nationally and globally.

"African Americans have the same potential to lobby for South Africa," Tutu said. "Enlist your support."

Tutu also mentioned other countries that African Americans can help: Somalia, Rwanda and Middle Eastern countries.

White South Africans, Tutu said, have a sense of serenity and relief since the abolishment of apartheid.

"We are free, White South Africans," said Tutu, imitating White South Africans. "[We] are no longer pariahs."

Tutu said it is important for people of all colors, creeds and cultures to understand that "each one of us are created in the image of God."

"Even if you're stumpy like me," Tutu joked, "remember you are a V.S.P. — a very special person."

Many spectators were inspired by Tutu's speech.

"Now I want to go into the community and work that much harder to promote harmony in the community," said Braeden Troiman, a senior marketing major.

Tutu, according to Howard's Dean of Chapel Bernard Richardson, is "a prisoner of hope."

The TRC, for which Tutu serves as chairman, is responsible for investigating crimes committed during apartheid.

In addition to this position, Tutu is also the chancellor for the University of the Western Cape.

In 1984, Tutu was awarded a doctorate of humane letters from Howard.

Four stars Dining service gets top rating

By Fatima L. Hall
Hilltop Staff Writer

In a recent survey of dietary and vegetarian menus on college campuses, Howard University Dining Services ranked 11th in the nation, topping some of the country's most prestigious institutions for good eats.

The study, conducted by the Physicians Committee For Responsible Medicine, involved a comprehensive analysis of the variety and number of low-fat and vegetarian foods served at breakfast and dinner.

"Howard has an excellent variety of healthy options, and therefore their food service department was ranked surprisingly higher than some of the larger universities," said Kathy Savory, a PCRM spokeswoman.

Managers of food service at the contacted universities were required to send a sample copy of their menus to PCRM.

The committee then selected the schools that would undergo a more in-depth analysis requiring interviews with food service managers to detail specialty features, such as salad and pasta bars.

Duke University topped the list while Georgetown University ranked 14th. Howard also ranked higher than Yale, Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities.

"We paid close attention to what the students had to say about their dining experience," said Dining Services Director Veronica Cruickshank. "As the eating habits of the students change, it is our responsibility to accommodate them. Howard students are very vocal and constructive, which makes it easier for us to come to a happy medium. We will continue to upgrade our level of service because we want the students to know that they are our guests."

Under Cruickshank's direction, dining service managers are required to evaluate at least 10 students' comments per day.

The new ice cream facility is one feature implemented because of student requests.

Ihsan Christie said the dining center, better known by students as "the cafe," has improved since he came to Howard four years ago.

"The food has changed for the better. You get more of a variety," Christie said. "When I first came in 1992, there would be pork and beef entrees, but nothing for vegetarians. I came before there was a waffle bar or grill entrees. So, students definitely have it better."

A selection of bars rotates throughout the week with pasta, tacos, baked potatoes or vegetarian choices. Cholesterol-free foods or vegetarian specials are served daily. Students can choose from vegetarian burgers and an 18-item salad.

Please see FOOD, A3.

Texaco settlement does not satisfy community

By Keya Graves
Hilltop Staff Writer

Something unusual happened Friday night when Daillo Sumbry, a student at the University of the District of Columbia, pulled his car into the Texaco gas station on Georgia Avenue and W Street for a refill.

"Pull out of there," a husky voice commanded through a bull horn. "Are you an Uncle Tom? Black man, don't punk out on us. We must come together and boycott Texaco," said Malik Shabazz, a local activist. Shabazz is leading a boycott against the non-Black-owned gas station, located in the Howard-Shaw neighborhood.

News of a lawsuit filed in 1994 by six black workers at Texaco Inc. precipitated the boycott. Several

employees claimed they were overlooked for promotions, while a recently discovered tape revealed White executives referring to African-American employees as "niggers" and "black jelly beans."

The company has settled the suit out of court for \$176.1 million, the largest racial discrimination settlement in history.

As part of the settlement, Texaco has created a \$115 million fund to be distributed to current and former nonsupervisory African-American employees.

Current employees will also receive a 10 percent increase in their salaries from a \$26 million fund that will administer raises for five years.

But the settlement failed to appease protesters.

"Shut the racist down — boycott Texaco," protesters chanted as peo-

ple blared loud car horns in front of the station.

Sumbry said he was unaware of the company's racist statements until the rally.

"I haven't been watching the news lately," he said. "The rally made me aware of the statements. That is why I had to park my car and join in so our voice can be heard."

Sumbry stood with other protesters, a majority of them Howard students.

"Sometimes we forget what is going on outside of Howard University, because we get so caught up in our day-to-day activities. We must get more involved in situations that affect change and this protest is a good start," said HUSA Vice President Jania Richardson, who also attended the rally.

Despite dozens of people rally-



Photo by Rashida Harrington

Local activists protest racial discrimination in front of the Georgia Ave. Texaco gas station.

ing in front of the gas station, independent Texaco owner Mahmud Najam said he was not losing any business.

"We treat our customers with respect, and most of them know that

Please see TEXACO, A3.

CAMPUS

Forum highlights Howard students' role as leaders

By Anna French
Hilltop Staff Writer

More than 60 students and people from the Howard community packed the Meridian Hill Hall Reading Room to hear campus leaders such as President H. Patrick Swygert and HUSA Vice President Jania Richardson rouse students for community and college activism. "Each of you needs to think deeply and seriously about your own ability to affect change and assert leadership," Swygert said at the forum Tuesday night.

"There are thousands of colleges in the U.S. who could seek to duplicate what Howard has done. But they haven't," Swygert said.

More than 10 speakers representing several university organizations came together to impress on the student body the importance of taking a leadership role in the community and to make students aware

of all of the opportunities that are available to them to do just that.

Citing examples from his own lifetime, Swygert illustrated that motivation is a large part in seeking out a role that also requires intellect and endurance.

He said he believes that today's generation should be contributing more to its communities because they are more informed and have more resources than those that were available to his generation.

It was for these reasons that Carl Middleton, a third-year student in Meridian, organized the three-hour meeting.

"I was a concerned student, and I wanted to make a contribution to the school and organize something that would make students want to get motivated," Middleton said.

Shawn Jones, the undergraduate trustee, told students why she got involved and what being a part of Howard's legacy of leadership means to her.

"I wanted to join the Board of Trustees not just to meet people, but to make some type of policy change, to impact how Howard will be 20 or 30 years down the road," said the junior political-science and economics major.

Nik Eames and Jonathan Hutto, recently elected members of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, a committee of local mediators between City Council members and District residents, said that District politics should be on the mind of everyone in the Howard community.

"If you are here for five or six years, D.C. does affect you," said Eames, the 1B05 neighborhood representative. "You pay the city. Stop and ask yourself where the money is going."

Presently Eames and Hutto said they are fighting legislation that would create high rates for parking and a zoning law that would prohibit more than three unrelated people from living with each other. Both of these would have a major effect on Washington, D.C., college students.

Hutto, the representative for area 1B06, which includes Cooke Hall, Drew Hall and Howard Manor

apartments, said the 10,000-person student body is a "sleeping giant" that needs to be represented at the polls.

Steve Favors, vice-president of student affairs, was on hand to let students know of renovations the University is making, including steps to reopen Crandall and Truth Halls in Tubman Quadrangle.

Favors said facilities on campus need to be reviewed, including steps to quell problems such as excess off-campus party posters on trees and buildings.

Students applauded Middleton's efforts to create an opportunity for students to come face to face with Howard's administration in an open discussion.

"I am much more informed now after this meeting," said Remi Allen, a freshman from Boston. "I didn't realize how much I took for granted; all of the money and effort that is put into making the students' lives easier."

Tsege Barros, a political science major, also said she left the meeting knowing more about Howard's student organizations than she had before. "I was interested in joining an organization that focused on the community," Barros said.

Islamic Awareness Week aims to educate the nation

By Bishop Chui
Hilltop Staff Writer

Carnegie Hall, the small educational building across from Rankin Chapel, can be easily overlooked on a walk through campus.

Although the modest building has been on Howard's campus for more than 60 years, many Howard students do not know where it is or have never been inside the building. The Muslim Students of Howard University say that is the same kind of unfamiliarity that surrounds Islam.

To remedy the situation, Muslim student organizations nationwide have begun Islamic Awareness Week, a program designed to introduce people to Islam.

Islamic Awareness Week started Sunday, Nov. 17 and will conclude this Sunday.

"[The main focus] is to educate the community about Islam, to clarify existing misconceptions and to call people to the oneness of the Creator," said Hisham Mahmoud, president of MSHU.

The theme of this year's program "Islam: The Perfect Way," a belief Mahmoud said sums up the power of the fastest-growing religion in the United States.

"There is no way of life that will destroy all of the social ills of any society except Islam," Mahmoud said.

Guest speakers gave seminars all week as part of the exposition. Speakers invited to the programs included Johari Abdul Malik, Howard University's Muslim chaplain, Mahdi Bray of the National Muslim Political Action Committee and Howard University alumnus Omar Ewing.

"All over America, Islamic Awareness Week is going on because there are so many distortions about Islamic beliefs and practices," said Abdul Alim Musa, an Imam (Muslim leader), from Southeast D.C., at Monday's program titled "What the Muslims Do and Do Not Believe."

"We haven't abandoned Jesus," Musa said. "We have a higher understanding, respect and appreciation for Jesus."

Mahmoud said he hoped to address polytheistic, chauvinistic and racist beliefs people often acquire with Islam and bring a new level of understanding to campus about the religion.

"Some of the existing misconceptions are that God is a man, that He came as a man, and that Islam excludes or discriminates against Europeans," Mahmoud said. "Islam recognizes that there is good in every race and that there is evil in every race."

In preparation for Islamic Awareness Week, MSHU put together a display in the Howard University Undergraduate Library showcase to grab the attention of

passersby and curious students. The display contains a collection of posters of Islamic holy sites, Islamic literature and bulletins that highlight Islamic Awareness Week.

Programs this week began with an explanation of the "Five Pillars of Islam," five principles that make up the core belief of Muslims, followed by speakers approaching varying topics such as "A lesson in Manhood: Crisis of Manhood in Our Community," and "Understanding the Qur'an."

"I've always felt that I didn't know as much as I needed to know about Islam. I think he [Musa] had a good speech," said Aisha Massac, a freshman from Washington, D.C., who attended the program Monday. "He touched on the points that needed to be touched on about Islam."

Shahid An-Nur, a freshman Muslim student from Atlanta, said the program was helpful in showing the similarities between Islam and other world religions.

"Islam is not too different from what [Christians] believe," An-Nur said. "It's not a sect or a cult. It's a major way of life."

"Islam is new to me. That's why I wanted to get a feel for it," said freshman Rafik Harris of Raleigh,



Photo by Rashida Hill
Hisham Mahmoud speaks at a program recognizing of Muslims Awareness Week.

N.C. "I'm a young Christian. I'm open. I really won't know I go to the rest of them [programs] this week."

All of the Islamic Awareness Week programs are being held at the students' mosque in Carnegie building. Classes of Islam are held every Sunday between 2 and 4 p.m. Meetings every Friday for a prayer address and prayer from 1 until 2 p.m.

"I was a concerned student, and I wanted to make a contribution to the school and organize something that would make students want to get motivated."
— Carl Middleton, student organizer.

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'Separate but equal' Scholars nationwide revisit Plessy vs. Ferguson

By Lisa Prince
Hilltop Staff Writer

In 1896, signs above different railway car doors echoed the opinion of the Supreme Court: Coloreds and Whites.

In Washington, judges stated it more eloquently: "... all railway companies carrying passengers in their coaches in this State, shall provide equal but separate accommodations for White and colored races."

The Supreme Court ruling was passed after Homer Adolph Plessy bought a first class railroad ticket in New Orleans in 1892. Plessy, who was one-eighth Black, was carted off the train and arrested for breaking the Louisiana Rail Car Act.

The 1896 ruling on the state segregation law for railroads gave license for state and local governments to implement similar statutes nationwide.

In a conference titled "Plessy vs. Ferguson: Revisited Historical and Contemporary Perspectives" held in the Armour J. Blackburn Center last week, Howard University scholars paid homage to civil rights pioneers who fought to dismantle segregation.

Scholars such as Howard alumna Janice Sumler-Edmond, a professor at Clark Atlanta University, and researchers and lawyers from the

U.S. Civil Rights Commission discussed the wider implications of the Plessy decision and the effects of the decision on life today.

"The purpose of this revisiting was to acknowledge the history of Plessy, how litigators handled the case and its evolution over the past 100 years," said Arnold Taylor, a Howard history professor and conference chairman.

"Harvard and Tulane have had conferences, but we wanted Howard to take part and acknowledge the legacy. For historians and legal scholars, this is a very important and controversial issue."
— Emory Tolbert, chairman of the history department.

"This separate but equal issue went beyond the bus transportation and seeped into every aspect of life like a virus," said Clayborne Carson, a Stanford University professor who presented a paper on multiracial democracy.

Carson said the conference can help quell what he sees as a growing disdain for politics and law by the wider public.

"I think this is a start in explaining the despair, how to overcome it and how to begin toward a new positive political way of thinking," Carson said.

The conference is the first in a series of events to be sponsored by the Lofton Fellowship Fund, started

in 1984 by Charles Lofton in honor of his brother, Williston Lofton, who taught at Howard University for 37 years.

The fund annually awards scholarships to students pursuing degrees in United States history and Latin American/Caribbean history.

The Office of the President, the Office of the Vice President for

Academic Affairs and the College of Arts and Sciences also co-sponsored the event.

The 100-year commemoration also honored those who played a historical role in dismantling the system including: Oliver Hill, an alumnus of Howard law school and the first African American elected to the Richmond City Council; James M. Nabrit Jr., the second African-American president of Howard University; and Dovey Roundtree, the founding partner of the Washington firm of Roundtree, Knox, Hunter and Parker, who served 29 years on the General Council of the National Council of Negro Women.

The two-day affair also included Jack Greenberg, who succeeded Thurgood Marshall as the head of the Legal Defense Fund; Robert Carter, one of the major players preparing the Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka case; Julian R. Dugas, who served as general assistant to the mayor; special assistant to the president of Howard University.

Kwesi Frazier, a junior majoring in biology, lauded the conference for its attempt to involve the younger generation.

"The speakers and many audience members lived through the era we're just revisiting," Frazier said. "They understand all the emotional aspects of the case and allowed the younger generation to feel and understand what they had been fighting for years."

According to Emory Tolbert, chairman of the history department, there have been many commemorations at universities, but no historically Black universities or colleges participated in the 100th anniversary of Plessy vs. Ferguson until Howard's ceremonies.

"Harvard and Tulane have had conferences, but we wanted Howard to take part and acknowledge the legacy," Tolbert said. "For historians and legal scholars, this is a very important and controversial issue."

Corrections

—An article in the International section of last week's Hilltop incorrectly quoted Kanfitine Lare-Lantoine saying, "This is a system that has been established for years or centuries and that hasn't helped Haiti. Now, if you let these international operations go in, they do not do anything but keep this [bad working conditions] up." Lare-Lantoine was also incorrectly quoted as saying "Now what are you [U.S. government] doing? This is something you have to deal with."

Lare-Lantoine actually said: "This system [bad working conditions] has been going on for years and that hasn't helped Haiti. Now, if you let these international corporations go in, they do not do anything but keep the situation up." Lare-Lantoine asked Haitian Students Association President Will Andre, "Now what are Haitians doing about this? This is something you have to deal with. If Haiti gets better working conditions, corporations that come in will have to respect Haitian workers and pay them the salary they deserve."

Lare-Lantoine, who said he directed all his questions to Andre, not the U.S. government, said "I never meant the U.S. government in any way and at any time."

—An article in the Campus section of last week's Hilltop incorrectly said student representatives' requests for security guards posted in every dorm 24 hours a day were answered by Vice President of Student Affairs Steve Favors. These requests were actually answered by Campus Police Chief Lawrence Dawson.

The article also said the measure would cost the University a \$2,500 startup fee. The cost is actually \$2,500 per day for each dormitory.

The article also mentioned that students must now present IDs before entering the College of Fine Arts or the School of Communications after hours. That measure is not currently in effect.

The Hilltop regrets the errors.

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Let your NIKE student rep know the time and location of your events for next month. Reach her at: alia.hashim@nike.com.

CAMPUS PLUS

Students hope congressional fellowships will help futures

By Rashida Syed
Hilltop Staff Writer

Two Howard students have won the opportunity to help create legislative policies with the politicians on Capitol Hill through a fellowship program. Alicia Brown, a graduate student in the Department of Psychology and Kathy Woolbright, another graduate student in the Department of Sociology, are recipients of the Congressional Fellowships from the Women's Research and Education Institute.

Fellows are given the opportunity to work on Capitol Hill under the direction of a congressional representative. They are granted \$11,500 for living expenses.

Once placed in the program, fellows are assigned a mix of legislative responsibilities, including covering a contemporary issue. Then they are put in charge of briefing the congressional member to which they are assigned. They may also become a member of various organizations and coalitions on the Hill.

Brown was particularly interested in the congressional fellowship because she wanted the chance to shape policies that benefit women. She said she hopes to learn how to turn research into policy so that she may use it to her advantage.

"This is a big adjustment, but I feel a sense of privilege being able to work on issues like the Higher Education Act, that will affect many historically Black universities," Brown said.

As an assistant to Congressional Rep. Bobby Scott, Brown is doing research on the Higher Education Act. The education act, which funds several HBCUs, is currently up for reauthorization and is in danger of being cut or eliminated. Brown's job is to gather information in favor of keeping the fund, which is responsible for books, Internet services and the construction of labs at many HBCUs.

Brown also has an interest in the impact of homelessness on women and children. She has worked for a homeless shelter and Persons In Need of Assistance, a group home for delinquent adolescent females. She was also

a member of Each One Teach One, a tutoring program for children at Gage-Eckington Elementary School.

"Working on the Hill is still new for me and a lot different than academia, but I enjoy the experience," Brown said.

Brown's work also includes doing some major research on HIV prevention in adolescents. She said she believes her work on the Hill will give her an idea of how to get her own research in the hands of policymakers.

Woolbright purposely sought out schools in the Washington area because she was interested in gaining experience in public policy. She said she hopes to use her knowledge of research theory to affect public policy.

Because of personal experiences as a youth, Woolbright's specific interest is poverty and hunger. She worked for RESULTS, a grassroots lobby on hunger and poverty. The organization has chapters around the world that try to alleviate world hunger and poverty.

"It was touching to see how people live through the odds, a very awakening experience," Woolbright said of her work with RESULTS.

Woolbright chose to work with Congressional Rep. Tony Hall because of his work with hunger and poverty for the last twenty years. Her congressional project is Beyond Welfare, where she will be helping to find a solution for after welfare reform, specifically finding safety nets for mothers after their welfare runs out.

"Hopefully I will have an impact on the changes [President Clinton] will make," Woolbright said.

Woolbright said she will benefit from being associated with WREI because of the doors it will open. She would eventually like to do a research project on the effect poverty has on many different aspects of life, especially the effects on children. Her ultimate goal, she said, is to learn enough about Capitol Hill to pursue a career in the political arena, possibly in her hometown of Crockett, Texas.

Fellows will have the chance to share their experiences formally with other fellows and WREI members near the end of their yearlong fellowship. They will be able to conduct a meeting and invite their own guest speakers.

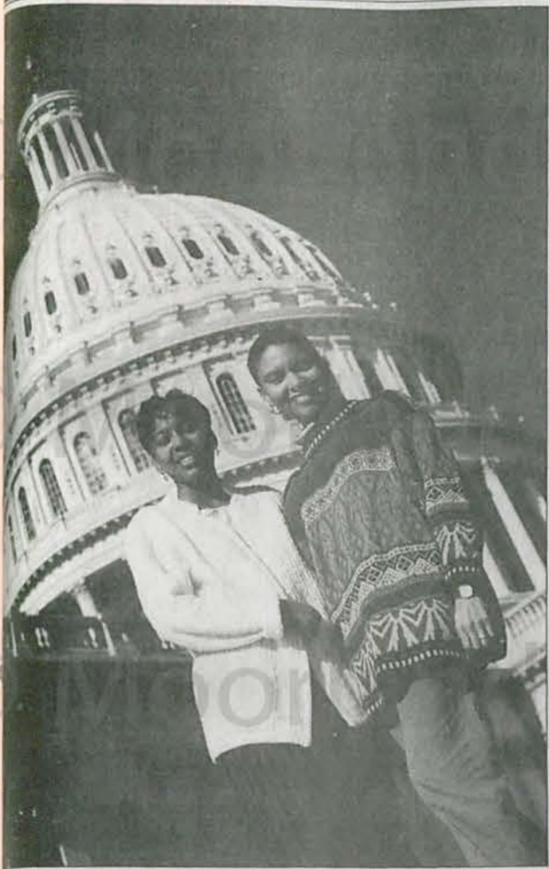


Photo by Hassan Kinley
Alicia Brown and Kathy Woolbright have won Capitol Hill fellowships.

Attorney General Janet Reno to speak at law school

By Linda P. Lee
Hilltop Staff Writer

Each month, Howard University law students get an opportunity to discuss a wide range of legal issues with prominent people in the legal profession as part of the school's Dean Lecture Series. This month, the school has invited Attorney General Janet Reno, who will speak today, Nov. 25 at 12:00 p.m., in the Moot Court Room on the law campus.

"The Dean's Lecture Series was designed to engage the budding lawyers in dialogue about current issues facing them and overriding policies facing the legal profession," said Alice Gresham Bullock, dean of the school.

She said the monthly series encourages students to ask questions and

exposes them to the different perspectives of invited guests. "Each speaker is given free range to address any issue that he or she chooses, and for this reason, the series is generally closed to the press so that speakers are not inhibited in any way," Bullock said.

Bullock also stated that organizers generally do not know beforehand what an invited guest may bring to the forum, but Bullock said she expects Reno, in the wake of California's recent enactment of its civil rights initiative, to address affirmative action policies.

"Janet Reno was invited because she is the leading lawyer for the United States, ... [she] makes final decisions on all things litigated and not litigated in federal government," Bullock said. "We expect her to give broad insight into legal issues which affect social and political policy today."

Janet Reno was sworn in by President Clinton in March of 1993 as the

nation's 78th attorney general. Before serving in this post, Reno was the state attorney for Dade County, Fla., a position to which she was re-elected five times. Prior to her state attorney position, Reno was a partner in a Miami-based law firm and a staff director of the Florida House of Representatives Judiciary Committee.

Reno is the only woman to address Howard law students at the lecture series. The most recent speaker was William Coleman, who served as secretary for the Department of Transportation during the Richard Nixon era, and who is one of the leading civil rights lawyers in the nation. Students have also heard from Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Sanford Cloud, president and CEO of the National Council of Christians and Jews. In the spring, former Virginia Governor Douglas Wilder is scheduled to speak at the series.

Howard food services ranked 11th in the nation

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bar daily. Soy milk can be requested. Fresh fruits, cereals and vegetarian soups are also offered daily.

"Healthwise, I think that the rating is correct," said Oberon Ka Adjepong, a freshman acting major. "But as far as taste is concerned, there needs to be more seasoning."

Approximately 1,800 students are on the meal plan at Howard and visit one of the two main dining centers on campus located in the Armour J. Blackburn Center and the Bethune Annex.

Students say recent events at Texaco is a wake-up call

From TEXACO, A1

this is a private-owned station, and we do not share the same views as the main headquarters," Najam said.

Still, the settlement does not sit well with some.

"Paying people for damage is not solving the problem, it is treating us like we are prostitutes who are paid to be violated by White people," said Jauhar Abraham from Unity Prosperity, an organization dedicated to community enrichment. "We must address the problem to affect change in our community. We must fight for what we want. Don't take the easy hand-outs."

Police closed Friday's rally, saying protesters needed a permit to protest. It may have ended the rally for that night, but Shabazz said he and his followers will be back to boycott today.

"I have enjoyed my first two years here, and I look forward to even better ones," Cruickshank said. "We view our students as our first priority. We receive positive and negative feedback from the students. Students are really not hard to please."

"It is just important to realize that they have ideas and concerns and they should be addressed. The most rewarding thing to hear is that they enjoy their meals, and our rating is an indicator that we are on the right track."

"Every Friday we will be out here making sure people will continue to boycott Texaco, and we appreciate having Howard students out here supporting us," Shabazz said. "We want all Texacos in Black neighborhoods to be owned and controlled by Blacks. That is the only true settlement we can expect."

Trevia Daniels, a junior public relations major, said people must pull together to protest.

"It's unfortunate that it takes extreme matters for students to get involved in the fight for equality," Daniels said. "We must come together with our community as a collective body of people and fight. We as fat HU students need to get on point, not just 100 percent, but 150 percent."

Campus Crime Report

BURGLARY

The complainant stated that on Nov. 2 at approximately 7:00 p.m., person(s) unknown entered his room in the Howard Plaza Towers West and removed personal property. There was no sign of forced entry.

SIMPLE ASSAULT

The complainant stated that she requested the subject turn down her music on Nov. 15 at approximately 12:37 a.m. The subject ignored the request until another person made the same request. Then the subject complied. The complainant asked why the subject did not respect her request. A physical confrontation ensued, initiated by the subject.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

On Nov. 17 at approximately 6:30 p.m., three subjects tried to sign themselves into Bethune Annex. When the subjects were told that they could not sign in because they did not live in the Annex and that their identification cards would have to be held, the subjects became loud.

If you are a victim of a crime:

Cooperate with investigating police and security officers

Do not touch or move anything at the crime scene until the police arrive and give permission

Answer all police questions

Try to remember as much as you can about what occurred

If you are robbed or burglarized provide a list of stolen items

Describe the robber as best you can. With your help, criminals can be caught.

Get involved in your campus community. Write for Campus Plus? Call Janelle at 806-6866.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT NEWS BRIEF #8

22 NOVEMBER 1996

Graduating Seniors

Financial Aid Graduation/ Exit Interview Requirements

Federal law requires that prior to graduation every student who receives a Federal Perkins/NDSL, Stafford/GSL, unsubsidized Stafford/UNGSL, Nursing Student Loan, or Health Professions Student Loan have an exit interview.

Federal Perkins/NDSL, Nursing Student Loan, Health Professions

—Student Loan Office, Room 218, "A" Building

Stafford/GSL, unsubsidized Stafford/UNGSL

—Financial Aid and Student Employment Services, Room 205, "A" Building

During the interview, you will be advised of provisions for repaying the loan and deferring the payment obligation.

Continuing Students

Registration/Late Registration Manual

The REGISTRATION/LATE REGISTRATION MANUAL for Spring 1997 will be available in schools and colleges after Wednesday, 4 December 1996. All students should obtain a copy. Reference copies will be in the Blackburn University Center 2 - 15 January.

Last day to withdraw from a class is *today*, 22 November 1996.

Financial Aid Application Workshops

Financial Aid and Student Employment is sponsoring a workshop for students who want help completing financial aid applications:

28 January 1997

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Blackburn University Center Forum

The DC Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators is sponsoring a citywide financial aid application workshop:

25 January 1997

10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King Library

9th and G Streets NW

Unsigned Direct Student Loan Promissory Notes

The 311 students whose ID numbers follow still have not signed their direct lending promissory notes for the 1996-97 academic year. If your ID appears, you must make an appointment immediately with Student Loan Services. Call 202-806-2572 to schedule an appointment to sign your promissory note.

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088227	088590	090516	091459	091874	092081	092804	093663	094063	095704
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119559	119567	119630	119821	119824	120053	120130	120224	120405	120412
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-Psalms 150:3-6

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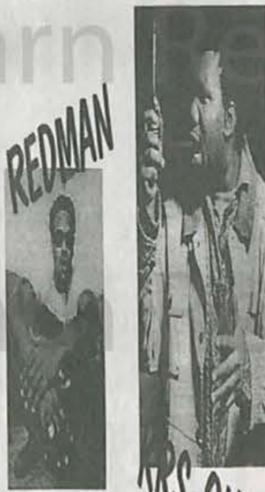


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LOCAL

LIVING ON THE EDGE

Rink gives kids a chance to 'skid on thin ice'



Photo by Aida Muluneh

At the fort DuPont Ice Rink, Coach Neal Henderson teaches D.C. public school students how to ice skate.



Photo by Aida Muluneh

Henderson laces up a student's ice skates at the Southeast D.C. rink.

By Keya Graves
Hilltop Staff Writer

Michael Stewart, a sixth grader at Sosa Junior High School, was a little shaky while learning how to glide on ice at the Fort DuPont Ice Rink in Southeast Washington.

"I've never gone ice skating before," Stewart said, hugging the wall as if holding on for his life. "You can do it. You can do anything," a caring voice said to the beginning skater.

"You just have to put your mind to it," said Neil Henderson, coach of the Fort DuPont Hockey Club. Stewart and 12 other anxious classmates are the first to take off their gym sneakers and lace up a pair of ice skates in a new community outreach program that is designed to give Southeast youth

an opportunity to spin across the ice.

Physical education students from several schools will learn the art of ice skating as part of their curriculum. Teachers will rotate classes once a week.

"Ice skating is a physical activity that challenges the brain," said Tina Parker, a physical education teacher at Sosa. "It also gives the kids a chance to be exposed to a new sport, which will broaden their horizons."

Henderson played a key role in helping the Fort of DuPont Friends Club set up a community outreach program with area schools.

"What the Fort DuPont Ice Arena is beginning to do is something that I have been doing for 18 years," Henderson said. "I have always gone out into the

community and taught kids who have never been exposed to the true skills and values hockey."

The rusty 20-year-old Fort DuPont Ice Rink was on its last leg, and many people thought the only indoor skating rink in the District did not have a chance of lasting another year.

The Friends of Fort DuPont, a group of fathers, raised roughly \$200,000 to refurbish the rink for their sons and families.

The organization negotiated a contract with the National Park Service, which owns the rink, in May of 1996. It then launched a major cleanup effort that led to the creation of teams, which play each other on a regular basis. The teams have become a close-knit family within the community.

"When we were reconstructing

the rink, kids stopped by and just automatically wanted to lend a hand," said Craig Wotta, the rink's manager. "When we looked for people to hire we went straight to the community."

At the newly renovated ice rink, visitors can catch a view of the city through its large windows that are encrusted into the walls thanks to such contributors as Clark Construction and Nike.

The ice rink was not rebuilt just through its many contributors, but through the work of people that have love for the children.

"Children are always ready to learn new things and jump in and help out. They never want to stop learning," Henderson said. "It is the parents and educators that hold our students back by not allowing them to explore."

Column in GMU newspaper causes racial controversies

By Steven Gray
Hilltop Staff Writer

Two weeks after George Mason University's student newspaper, the Broadside, published a Nov. 4 column that referred to African Americans as "animals that need to be taken care of by being chained down," a storm of protest has brewed. And while administration officials quickly rebuked the column, the newspaper's editors and several student leaders continue to defend it.

GMU student John Paul Wright wrote, "Can't they all just get along?" — a scathing column that asks whether or not members of "particular ethnic groups" can solve their problems without violence.

"It is interesting that only particular ethnic groups riot when something occurs that they disagree with," Wright wrote. "Perhaps it is not wise of me to think these humans are capable of reason ... Maybe they are animals that need to be taken care of by

being chained down. Then again, that would be cruel to a pet."

Wright's column drew sharp and immediate criticism from GMU President Alan G. Merten, who wrote a letter in the Nov. 9 issue of the newspaper asserting that the University has a "core responsibility to take every opportunity we can to advocate and defend tolerance and condemn prejudice and bigotry."

Merten later defended the newspaper's decision to publish the article because, he said, the University must remain a forum for free expression.

Broadside managing editor Jackie Coker said that the staff wrangled for days over whether or not to run the column.

"There was apprehension at first, but then we looked at it from a professional standpoint," Coker said. "We ran it to get a reaction from the students and to let people know that even though his column may have been negative, there is still freedom of speech."

Coker, who is an African American, said the column exposed the issue of racism at GMU, where minorities are roughly 23 percent of the school's 25,000 students. The school is about 11 percent Asian, seven percent African American, and five percent Latino.

"We raised some awareness that

things still need to be done, racism on campus," Coker said. "We can't hide it. We have to confront it and this seemed like the best way to do it."

Kirby Reed, GMU state government president, said Wright's opinions did not offend those of most GMU students, that most students were appalled by his rhetoric.

"A lot of students were angry. He made the comments — and understand why," Reed said. "I can't understand why they were angry at the newspaper for printing it. It's healthy that he let that out."

Reed, who is also an African American, said that Wright's column proves "the University has a lot of work ahead of it in supporting Merten's goal to promote and celebrate diversity at the Fairfax, Va. school."

Several students, including Jerome Jackson, said the column baffled them because they had read it twice. "I didn't read it through the column,"

Jackson, who is the president of the Black Student Alliance, said. "By the end of the first comment, I was angry and personally offended. I calmed down and tried to find a point to the column — and there was. He just went about it wrong."

"I had to read it twice because it seemed like it was edited so that it seemed like one thing or another," said Kendall Merten, president of the Student Council for Black Unity. "I felt outraged. How could people be ignorant?"

Mabry said that after the column was published, the Broadside flooded with angry letters from Black and White students who disagreed with the opinion expressed in Wright's column.

Last week, Wright and several Broadside staff members met with Black student leaders to vent the tension that permeated the campus.

Wright later wrote an apology in the Broadside, and attended a session at the school's Black Counseling Center.

"It seems as if he was serious about his apology. He's taking steps to 'fix' his sensitivity. Whether or not he'll really change remains to be seen," Jackson said.

Wright did not return calls for comment.

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— Jackie Coker, Broadside managing editor

EMERSON COLLEGE

The Division of Mass Communication at Emerson College, a Division with approximately 1400 students, 500 of whom have a concentration in film, is seeking tenure-track faculty for the Fall of 1997 in the following positions:

Film Production. Candidates must be able to teach 16mm production from the beginning to advanced levels and have expertise in one or more of the following: cinematography and lighting, film sound, animation, video production, multi-media production, and new technologies. Rank is Assistant or Associate Professor. Applicants must have college-level teaching experience and an established record of creative work. Graduate degree is required, M.F.A. or Ph.D. Please reply to Eric Schaefer.

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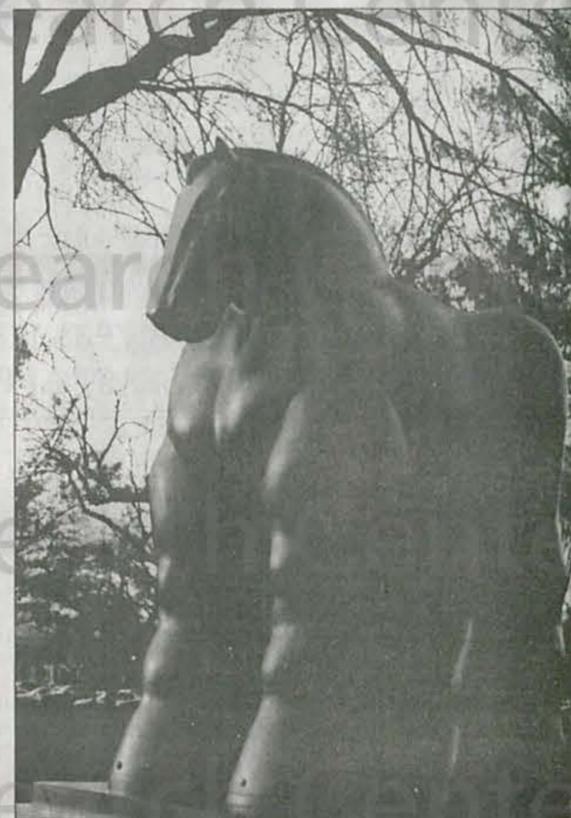
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The Broadcast Journalism Program of Emerson College is seeking a tenure-track faculty for the Fall of 1997. The program has 200 broadcast journalism students and 100 print journalism students. Candidates must be able to teach broadcast news reporting/producing courses and conduct research in the field of broadcast journalism. Rank is Assistant or Associate Professor. Ph.D. preferred although a distinguished record of professional achievement will also be considered. College-level teaching experience required. Please reply to: Dr. Manny Paraschos.

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Artist Fernando Botero's "HORSES" was brought to Washington several weeks ago. The exhibit, which has toured around the world, will remain at the Mall for the next two weeks.

NATIONAL

Passage of Proposition 209 angers students

By **Natalie Hopkinson**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Anger and disappointment spread across Howard University's campus last week after Californians approved Proposition 209, a voter-initiated initiative which abolishes all state-sponsored affirmative action programs. Although the law's future is uncertain — a flurry of lawsuits from both challengers and supporters of the law recently flooded California courts — many students fear its passage signals an end to the programs which have provided opportunities to women and minorities across the nation.

"Affirmative action is to allow minorities who are qualified to have a chance," said Carissa Baker, a senior math major. "I think that the glass ceiling still exists, it's going to exist for a long time. Now only a few will slip through the cracks."

The law, officially called California Civil Rights Initiative, eliminates all government programs designed to increase minority and female representation in education, business and employment.

California voters approved the ballot initiative 54 percent to 46 percent.

The law officially became part of the state's Constitution on election day, Nov. 5. However, the next morning, a coalition of civil rights

groups led by the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit to block enforcement of the law, arguing that it violates the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment.

"The measure treats the unfinished business of rooting out discrimination as if it were none of the government's," said Mark Rosenbaum, legal director of the ACLU of Southern California. "There's nothing new in its methodology, which disenfranchises minorities from reliable and effective participation in our political process."

But the next morning, the ACLU suit was challenged by the Pacific Legal Foundation, a conservative

public interest group. The group filed a motion asking the courts to enforce the law.

"California voters have spoken, yet the opponents to Proposition 209 are seeking to overturn the people's vote," said Ward Connerly, the Black businessman who is chair of the "Yes to Proposition 209 Campaign."

"I am sure the Governor Wilson and Attorney General Lungren will aggressively defend the California voters in these ridiculous challenges," Connerly said.

The law applies to state agencies, which include hiring in government agencies and admissions to community colleges and the public university system. The law cannot dictate policies of private

companies, however, businesses often take their cue from the public sector.

Many experts, including Alvin Thornton, chairman of Howard University's Political Science department, said it is likely that similar measures will be attempted in other states.

"On the heels of this you will see other initiatives on the ballot in other states for the next election," Thornton said, noting that affirmative action already sustained a serious blow from the 1995 Adarand vs. Peña Supreme Court decision. He said opponents of affirmative action are well on their way to eliminating the programs altogether.

"The horse is already out of the gate and half way around the track," he said.

Many students noted that it was ironic that California voters decided it was time to end affirmative action just days before high-level corporate executives were overheard using racist language in reference to Black workers.

"The Texaco incident shows that prejudice is still around," said Azuka Ugwonal, a senior engineering major, of the recently-released tape in which Texaco executives were accused of using the "n-word."

"If they are the ones making decisions about hiring and promotions, how can you say that affirmative action isn't needed?"

Black St. Petersburg residents riot after police officer found not guilty

By **Aprill Turner**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Riots broke out again last Thursday in the quiet little town of St. Petersburg, Fla., after a grand jury found police officer James Knight not guilty on charges of killing a 17-year-old Black male. The grand jury, made up of 17 Whites and one Black, found the killing of TyRon Lewis was not racially motivated and that it was a justifiable homicide. "We are convinced that race was a factor in the decision of officer Knight to use force," the jury's ruling stated. However, Knight was suspended

without pay for 60 days for the failure to follow the policy of the police department. Proper procedure for a police officer is that when in danger, one should leave the situation.

The fact that the car Lewis had been driving was reported stolen days earlier and that there was a super glue container found in Lewis' pocket filled with crack cocaine, were all taken into account when the jury made its decision.

The jury also concluded that the tinted car windows that Knight shot through were more tinted than allowed by Florida law, so the officer's fear for his life was justified.

The riots broke out just six hours after the verdict was issued. Mayor David Fischer publicly addressed the

residents of St. Petersburg. "There are those that rather throw bricks than build bricks, and that's unfortunate," Fischer said on television.

The police department and the mayor blame this eruption of violence on a radical Black movement called Uhuru. The group is said to be responsible for circulating flyers and posters condemning the city and police's White leadership.

Angelo Boykins, a 19-year-old student at St. Petersburg local community college, believes the violence and riots were justified.

"All the chaos that has been going on really can be understood," Boykin said. "An innocent young Black man was killed. What are we supposed to

be, happy about it?" In the riots, five people were shot, including one police officer. A force of 240 outside officers were called in to assist in calming down the public.

Authorities also allowed two major fires to burn out of control rather than jeopardize the lives of any firefighters. The sequel to the first riots caused an estimated \$5 million in damage.

Ellen Dayspring, an 18-year-old resident, said the riots do not prove anything.

"They went through all of the trouble to burn down people's homes and businesses," Dayspring said. "A Black man is still dead and a White cop is still let off, what difference did it make?"

Young politician wins father's former House seat

By **Cathleen Harrington**
Hilltop Staff Writer

After many Generation Xers are struggling to find a niche in the work force, Harold Ford Jr. has found his niche in the most important law-making body in the land. Ford, 26, will enter the 105th Congress as its youngest member. An African American will take over his father's seat, retiring Rep. Harold Ford Sr., D-Tenn., who held that seat for the past 22 years. The younger Ford was born in Memphis in 1970 to a family with strong Tennessee political ties. His great-grandfather served as mayor in Memphis during the Reconstruction era. He began his political career at age 16 with a speaking role in one of his father's campaign commercials. His father followed his father to the

transition team. Later, he returned to Sasser's office as an assistant to the Senate Budget Committee on Banking Matters.

In his campaign for Congress, he countered claims that he was being handed his seat by his father. "I took advantage of my opportunities, (but) if I went out and said I'm Harold Ford Jr., and I couldn't construct a sentence, nobody would vote for me," Ford said. "You can't inherit it. You've got to go out and earn it."

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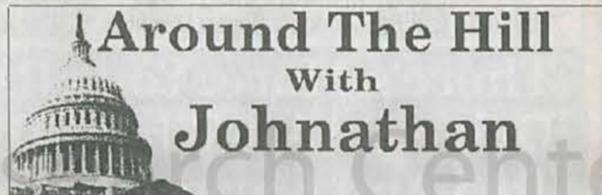
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In addition, he supports a \$10,000 college tuition tax deduction, a \$1,500 tax credit for college students and expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit.

While he supports additional policing in our communities, Ford said he believes building more prisons is irresponsible when all schools are not computerized and every youth is not given the opportunity to obtain summer employment.

Aside from his public policy stances, his bright personality shines through his cunning wit.

When asked by The Washington Post which animal he shares similar qualities with, he responded, "A panther. It's fast, it's slick, it's smooth, and it's an animal that has an agenda and will stick with it."



We could have had Congress: Black members had a chance at gaining more power



Johnathan Wharton is The Hilltop political columnist.

Black Americans could have had Capitol Hill at their feet if a Democratic majority had been returned to Congress. This past election was probably one of the most disappointing in a long time. Black members of Congress had an excellent chance at winning back the House of Representatives, not only in numbers, but also in terms of chairmanships on major committees dealing with essential legislative proposals.

Just a note: We lost Rep. Cleo Fields, D-La., due to the Supreme Court decision on minority redistricting, and of course the infamous conservative Black Rep. Gary Franks, R-Conn. Since the Republicans have gained control of both houses, Congress will probably plan more changes in legislation and have more conflicts with the president about national and international policies.

But, if it would have been a majority Democratic House (assuming that more than 49 percent of voters would have actually voted), there would have been several Black members being chairmen of major committees. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., would have been chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. This committee is considered the second most powerful after Appropriations. Rangel would have helped decide on essential legislation such as taxes, government appropriations, even health care and welfare issues. Rangel has been a key member, not only for the defunct Congressional Black Caucus, but also for the House of Representatives for over 25 years. His district includes the majority Black and Hispanic Harlem area, and minority voices could have

been finally heard. Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., another senior Black member representing a predominately minority district in Detroit, would have been the chairman of the Judiciary committee. This committee is fundamental in terms of hearings, investigations and Supreme Court oversight. Once again, we have really lost out on a major committee.

Rep. Ronald Dellums, D-Calif., a widely respected senior Black member, would have gained control of his former chairmanship of the National Security (Armed Services) Committee. This committee oversees all military appropriations and legislation affecting the Pentagon.

Rep. William Clay, D-Mo., would have been chair of the Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee. Once again, a vital committee not only for Blacks, but also for minorities particularly in the education arena and development in the private sector.

In addition, Reps. Julian Dixon, D-Calif., and Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, had a chance for chairmanships of some key Appropriations subcommittees. Moreover, Rep. Floyd Flake, D-N.Y., had an excellent shot at the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

Well, we missed out. We could have had strong Black leaders in Congress for a change. But the opportunity will have to take place in another two years, assuming that it will be a majority Democratic feeling among voters and if Black leaders still remain in the House. We should have voted this year in higher numbers.

We could have had an overwhelming Black power movement in Congress for a change.

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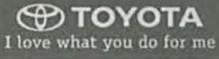
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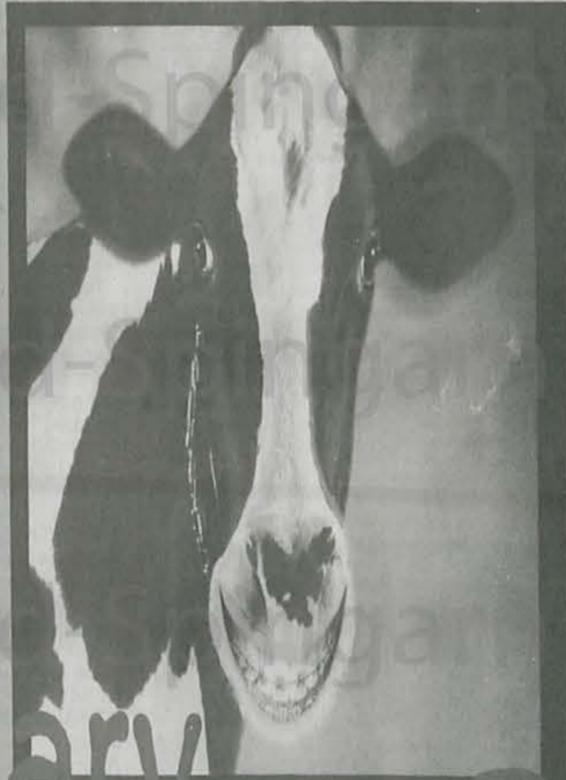
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INTERNATIONAL

After a two-year exile, Hutus return to Rwanda with hopes for peace

By Ndimyake Mwakalyelye
Hilltop Staff Writer

The flood of refugees leaving eastern Zaire for Rwanda has ended a two-year exile brought on by the genocide of 1994 that left about 500,000 Rwandans dead. The refugees are members of the Hutu ethnic group. The return is partly because of pressure applied to the Rwandan government by the international community to encourage their return, but also because the army which was holding them captive through propaganda and intimidation eased control over them, making them free to leave, sources say.

The shortage of food, water and medical supplies also dictated their decision to leave.

Back in 1994, the Hutus had attempted to eliminate the Tutsi-minority tribe. However, a counter attack by the Hutu-led rebel force brought the massacres to a halt and forced more than one million Hutus to flee and seek refuge in neighboring Zairian refugee camps, namely Goma and Munganga camps.

This mass movement back to Rwanda has resulted in a Canadian-led multinational humanitarian effort.

President Clinton agreed "in principle" to participate in a limited mission under certain conditions to provide aid, said White House press

secretary Michael McCurry in a news release.

The international force is expected to total more than 15,000 troops from several countries including France, Britain and South Africa.

"The mission of the force must be both to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid by civilian relief organizations and to facilitate the voluntary refugees by UNHCR. The force will not separate or disarm militants, conduct forced entry or police operations in the camp," listed McCurry as some of the "conditions" outlined by the president.

According to reports, the government of Rwanda, while accepting the aid from the multinational force, has rejected assistance of foreign military troops into the country.

"Rwandan government is Tutsi-ruled and they want to solve their own problems," Shamita Johnson, assistant manager for the Central African Region for Africare, said in response to the Rwanda's rejection of foreign troops. "It is a political situation and Rwanda doesn't want U.S. involvement ... I don't think we always need to intervene."

Rwanda has, however, allowed human rights groups to receive reports of human rights violation and report them to the international community.

Some are suspicious of Rwanda's decision to reject international troop involvement. Observers feel

the success of Rwanda's future is questionable without international peace-keeping troops to monitor peace.

Others suspect the government of Rwanda wants to purposely keep international focus out because it is plotting to unfairly avenge the Hutus for their participation in the genocide.

"Rwanda needs a neutral force to keep peace," said Mwiza Munthali, information specialist for TransAfrica. "Somehow the world has to monitor this to ensure a return to normalcy."

Munthali said those accused of crimes in 1994 cannot be tried fairly without international observers.

Some also say the justice system

needs to be improved.

Janet Fleischman, Washington director of Human Rights Watch for Africa, said approximately 83,000 Hutus were imprisoned for the 1994 massacres, yet no trial date has been set for any of them.

"The government has to get judiciary function," Fleischman said.

The number of people returning is too large to accommodate the available resources and conflict could be an inevitable outcome.

"No one expected 700,000 to move at one time," said Alameda Harper, director of the Central African Region at Africare. "The international community is not prepared to accommodate all these people at one time."

"Many will return to find people squatting on their property or (find their property) sold," Harper said.

There is some speculation that Rwanda's decision to keep foreign troops out of the country is out of fear of sabotage.

According to Harper, the Rwandan government is suspicious of foreign assistance. To explain her point, Harper explained how the French (who backed Hutus in Rwanda) in 1994 supplied arms to the Hutus under the pretext of supplying humanitarian assistance. Following this discovery, foreign assistance has been questioned.

Harper said the 1994 massacre brought an onslaught of relief workers who ran things their own way, with no control or policy formulated by the Rwandan government.

"They want to determine what is going to happen and who is going to come," she added, referring to the current situation. "They want the resources they (the international community) have, but they don't need the manpower to come in and do what they want."

Harper, who was in Rwanda in May, said the Rwandan government prefers to work with private voluntary organizations who have registered with the government and been admitted by the government. The PVO community feels if they are strengthened through the ability to provide relief assistance instead of sending soldiers, the government might be more accepting.

Even if this suggestion was to work, international communities want assurance that the assistance is getting to those who need it. In the past, sources say aid had been distributed among the leaders and others suffer as a result.

Many warn that the fact that the refugees have returned home does not mean the end to the Rwandan crisis. The conflict between the Hutus and Tutsis is long-standing, therefore the resurgence of genocidal conflict between the two groups is possible.

"We (the international community) has to continue worldwide attention to the [Rwandan] crisis," Munthali said. "There are no jobs, no shelter, etc., so crisis won't end with the return of the refugees. People have to be careful because it is still a crisis."

With conflicts like this, many advise that communication must remain open between the United States, Organization of African Unity and other regional countries trying to solve the problem.

Though many African countries have been assisting the Rwandan situation, many say not enough credit nor recognition is given to these countries.

"It is the African initiative that got the U.S. involved," Munthali said. "A lot of regional discussion and consultation to make sure there is a continued focus on the region so the situation does not explode to the level of the 1994 genocide."

Facts on Rwanda

PEOPLE
Population: 8,374,000
Population Density: 823 per sq. mile.
Urban: 5%
Ethnic groups: Hutu (90%), Tutsi (9%), Twa (pygmies-1%).
Principal Languages: French, Kinyarwanda (both official).
Religions: Christian 74%, traditional 25%, Muslim 1%.
Location: East-Central Africa.
Neighbors: Uganda on N, Zaire on W, Burundi on S, Tanzania on E.
Capital: Kigali

GOVERNMENT
Type: In transition.
Head of State: Pres. Pasteur Bizimungu; in office July 19, 1994.
Head of government: Prime Min. Faustin Twagiramungu, in office July 19, 1994.
Defense: 1.6% of GDP.
ECONOMY
Chief crops: Coffee, tea.
Minerals: Tin, gold, wolframite.
Arable land: 29%
FINANCE
Monetary unit: Franc (Feb. 1994: 145=\$1 US).

Board of Trustees honor Archbishop Tutu for his efforts to end apartheid, bring peace to South Africa

By Abiola Heyliger
Hilltop Staff Writer

Early Saturday morning, breakfast in the Blackburn Center Reading Room was served with cups of coffee, a few muffins and a slice of South African-style township. Students, faculty and administrators joined Howard's Board of Trustees and President H. Patrick Berger in honoring Archbishop Desmond Tutu on his recent visit to Howard University.

The Rev. Thaddeus Garrett, president of the Board of Trustees, greeted the intimate gathering and offered heartfelt gratitude to the honoree.

"Thank you, Archbishop Tutu for all that you have done," Garrett said. "Not just for the Republic of South Africa, but all that you have done to inspire and reinvigorate our brothers and your sisters of color around the world." Berger presented Tutu with the first bound copy of "The Long Walk" by Harry Robinson III, interim vice president of academic affairs. The book contains a true history of the development of the physical campus.

Tutu warmly expressed his spiritual connection to Howard and South Africa's appreciation of American support.

"We are free because of you," Tutu said. "Without your prayers, without the incredible participation in demonstrations and strikes, and working tirelessly, we

wouldn't be where we are."

Attendees chuckled along with Tutu when he reminded them that he "tried to get arrested in Cape Town" a few times, trying to get past the gates of the South African embassy. He marveled at the irony in the political change of events in South Africa that brought many of his colleagues inside the embassy for the first time.



The arrival of Archbishop Desmond Tutu drew a large crowd of students, faculty and members of the community.

Photo by Aida Muluneh

"In the past, I was always outside [the gates] demonstrating," Tutu said.

Tutu also thanked the Howard community for embracing his youngest daughter when she attended the school saying, "you helped to make her a better person than she otherwise might have been."

Offering words of encouragement to Howard students, Tutu said "you are all very special people and we depend on you."

Junior Zakkiyah Salim said she found the event "very inspiring," but was disappointed by the lack of students in attendance.

"I felt that I learned a lot. I wish that a lot more students could have had the opportunity to be here," Salim said.

Vincent Jacques, Howard University Student Association president, said he was also inspired by Tutu's appearance.

"As Howard has hosted many a political activist, his presence here symbolizes the struggle of South Africa," Jacques said. "We're certainly proud to have received him ... It's overwhelming. I'm very excited to have met him and I'm glad that he chose Howard University as his home."



A powerful sermon by Tutu inspired many and reestablished the hope for a strong South Africa.

Photo by Belinda Vickerson

Former Haitian ambassador discusses problems of color and class in homeland

By Karen Thomas
Hilltop Staff Writer

When Ralph J. Bunche, whom Howard University's International Affairs Center was named after, visited Haiti in the late 1940s, he was faced with the same problem said to be at the heart of Haiti's problem today —

Class and color are paramount in Haiti. It is our disease, our pathology," said Lyonel Paquin, former Haitian ambassador to the United Nations, at a recent speech hosted by the International Affairs Center.

Paquin said two elite classes emerged in Haiti after its independence — Mulattos and Blacks. According to Paquin, the masses were treated as "second-class citizens," while the elite shared the political and economic power in Haiti. This group has since taken the place of European powers and continued the exploitation of the poor.

Shermille DaBriel, a senior majoring in mathematics and

Spanish, said she did not know Blacks and Mulattos equally shared Haiti's wealth and power, and asked the former ambassador to further explain the shared power position between the groups.

"That is what makes Haiti's color problem interesting," Paquin said. "These two groups are grafted in corruption."

"In Haiti we have Mulatto and Black peasants and we also have Mulatto and Black millionaires," he said.

Haitian-born Edouard Leneus said Haiti's problems are not just related to class and color.

"It is also as a result of the raping of the country by its colonial masters and the wealth being left in the hands of the new elite of Black ex-generals and mulatto beneficiaries of that system," he said.

Paquin who is himself a mulatto, said he was a product of the mixing of Europeans and Africans.

"I am the only true Haitian," said Paquin who appears White.

"I was born from the love making of Blacks and Whites."

On the present situation in Haiti, Paquin said very little. He briefly mentioned that the United States' attempt at democracy in Haiti is good, but at a questionable price.

"It is a very fragile and chaotic democracy," he said. "It actually is more like a one-party system."

Paquin said that of the \$3 billion that the United States spent to restore democracy, none was spent on infrastructure such as the building of roads, installation of electricity in rural areas and the provision of water.

Paquin did not say whether Haiti's situation has worsened since the so-called mission to restore democracy, but he acknowledged that things were happening very slowly.

According to Paquin, Haiti is the richest country in the Caribbean, yet it is the poorest. Ironically, Haiti's economic history has been one that solely fueled the development of France, Paquin said.

The island's three main products

— coffee, tobacco and rum — supported France's economy during slavery. According to Paquin, the Haitian revolution dislocated France's economy and France reacted by imposing a \$20 billion debt on Haiti.

Added to the mortgaged growth of Haiti by France, Rome denied Haiti of Christianity, the United States refused to recognize Haiti for more than 64 years.

For more than 100 years, Haiti was harassed by all the world's powers with the most potent being the French and the Germans, Paquin said.

"The French controlled the people's thinking and the Germans controlled the business," he said.

Leneus, a sophomore majoring in chemistry, agreed that Paquin's assessment of Haiti's problem is generally true, but expressed hope for the future of his country.

"I believe that things are going to get better, the masses are now going to be educated in Creole and not French anymore," he said.

Study abroad program provides global education

By Karine Mehu
Hilltop Staff Writer

Darren Isom, a political science major from New Orleans, is studying abroad this semester at the University of Paris thanks to a partial minority scholarship he received from the American Institute for Foreign Study.

To qualify for the scholarship, students have to maintain a 3.0 grade point average, show leadership ability, a minimum of 24 credits minimum, have participated in activities with multicultural themes, show financial need and write an essay expressing the benefits of studying abroad. Isom qualified.

Sharon Festa, one of the coordinators of the program, is enthusiastic about the program.

"It's a very wonderful experience. Isom along with others will enjoy France and will return with greater knowledge," Festa said.

While in Paris, Isom can study at any of the seven specialized institutions affiliated with the program. There is a two-week orientation in Cannes, and then Isom will move to Paris where he will

have a choice between living in residence halls or own an apartment in a Parisian home. He will also be able to take language seminars which are also available.

At Hilltop press time, Isom had already left for Paris and could not be reached for comment.

The AIFS organizes study abroad programs for almost 3,000 college students annually. Founded in 1964, AIFS has sent more than 850,000 students and teachers to various world-wide programs. Some of the countries include Argentina, Australia, Austria, England, France, Hong Kong, Italy and Japan. The AIFS is affiliated with various higher learning institutions all over the world.

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EDITORIAL

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Proposition 209 creates another roadblock for minorities

The state of California voters ratified Proposition 209, the death knell for diversity and opportunity for women and minorities around the country. This initiative, which was audaciously named the Civil Rights Initiative, would abolish all affirmative action programs in the state. Our student population will be especially hit hard by this action, since we would be the prime beneficiaries of many of the programs.

Proposition 209 represents the beginning of a disturbing trend, a conservative shift in public policies and attitudes which will stir up hostilities among the races.

Since the Golden State has historically been the spark that has ignited most social revolutions in this country, we are almost positive that this event will snowball across the nation into other states.

We at The Hilltop, unequivocally condemn Proposition 209. This is a reactionary act from a state that has in the last decade become a hotbed for racial tensions. Many White Americans are still upset that O.J. Simpson was acquitted of the double murder of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman. Many Whites still feel uncomfortable since Los Angeles went up in flames after the Rodney King verdict.

The state's residents are becoming increasingly uneasy about the growing number of Hispanic immigrants. And in the era of downsizing and job insecurities, many White men feel insecure and threatened by the emerging Black middle class.

Angry White males have translated these anxieties into decisive action against poor and oppressed minorities in the state legislatures, higher education and in the prison system.

First, the State Board Of Regents ended programs in the public university system, which are designed to increase minority representation on campuses. Then the state legislature passed a law that will institute the heinous and unethical practice of castrating prisoners.

And now this. But this last coup, getting voters to pass Proposition 209, only scapegoats the nation's problems and is not an effective way to deal with these uncertainties over downsizing, the economy or race.

We at The Hilltop also call to task the leader of Proposition 209, Ward Connerly, a confused brother who is married to a White woman and refuses to identify himself as a Black man.

Connerly allowed himself to be manipulated by the conservative leaders, and effectively began the tide to end the very programs that he as a businessman used to get his foot in the door.

The betrayal and hypocrisy is resounding. Yes, this will make it a bit more difficult for minority applicants and White women to get a fair chance at a good job, a decent education and business opportunities. Despite this drawback, we as student must not allow our progress to be impeded. With less opportunities in the White, mainstream business world, we will have to pave our own way.

Our View
Proposition 209
should be opposed
at all costs.

Campus beautification effort is step in returning Howard to Mecca status

One of the best things that greeted Howard students this year was a clean and refurbished campus. For the last five years, the campus looked like a wasteland. Cracked concrete, overgrown bushes and buildings in complete disrepair are only a few of the problems that plagued the campus.

Students could be overheard as they walked the campus complaining about the poor state that the grounds were in. Students would complain that the campus did not look like the fancy White schools that their friends attended. More importantly, the campus did not look like the Mecca. But the appearance of the campus was only symbolic of a larger problem that had infected the University.

For years Howard had been the number one Black school, and one of the best schools in America. But when the Civil Rights Movement ended, the doors to many White schools opened for Black students. Many of them assumed that White schools were automatically better and hence they went to White schools. Howard never upped its game when the times changed.

Instead Howard rested on its laurels and decided to play on its image as being the Mecca. This strategy was to say the least, ineffective. Howard became a shell of what it used to be. Its star students fled to White schools, its star professors followed suit, and the once

unsinkable Mecca appeared to be going down fast. As the campus began to sink so did its appearance. The schools began looking dilapidated and much of the campus began to look like the rest of the District of Columbia.

President H. Patrick Swygert was brought to Howard to hopefully plug some of the leaking. The jury is still out on whether this is actually being accomplished. However, it appears that some of the leaking has stopped. Under Swygert, the Yard has been repaired, and flowers have been planted to at least make the campus look halfway decent.

The building renovations that began under Franklyn Jenifer have turned out nicely. We still will not win any awards for our dormitories, but the campus improvements show that the administration is at least headed in the right direction.

Our View
Recent efforts to
repair and beautify
our campus should
be applauded.

Speech is free for those in power

The debate that has consumed George Mason University's campus sounds strikingly familiar. James Paul Wright, a student at GMU, published an editorial dealing with the riots that ripped St. Petersburg, Fla. earlier this month. Wright's point was that violence is never an appropriate response to a conflict.

The student said Black people are always the ones who riot, and that Blacks are incapable of reasoning and should be chained down.

The student body president and the editorial page editor, both of whom are Black, are standing behind the editorial. They argue that while they do not agree with the editorial, they still support the right to free speech.

The Hilltop believes that this is a plausible argument, yet it is one that frequently shifts depending on who it is applied to. The Washington Post published an editorial rightfully condemning Wright's editorial, yet defending the student's right to publish it. Wright will also continue to publish editorials in the paper.

Yet, one wonders if Khalid Muhammad had written

a column for The Hilltop, whether the response would have been the same. Muhammad delivered a so-called "anti-Semitic tirade" at Howard University in the spring of 1994. The event garnered national coverage and intense criticism.

However, a good portion of the criticism was not directed at Muhammad, it was directed at Howard. Richard Cohen, an editorial columnist for the Post, suggested that Howard was an institution filled with hatemongers. No one defended Muhammad's right to voice his opinion or the University's right to host controversial speakers.

The issue here is an old one—money and power. People who have power in this country can say whatever they want about people who do not have power. The reverse

is almost never true. Black people have no power in America. We don't have access to large media. There is nothing at all we can do to get this racist student removed from his position. It is a sad situation, but the fact is that freedom of speech, like so many other things in America, is a right that originates from might.

Our View
Freedom of
speech is not
absolute; it is often
determined by
America's majority
population.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the perspective "Howard versus USC," Mr. Ewell tries to compare apples and oranges in several insignificant categories. There can not be any comparison between the two universities. When on the other side students hear that Howard is "The Mecca," they immediately assume that our campus, administration and students must be the best.

Students create their own fantasy about Howard and when Howard falls short, it's the most horrible thing to happen. Howard has a legacy of producing historians, doctors, chemists, engineers, politicians and lawyers that cannot be compared to White universities who do not even acknowledge their history.

This legacy was developed by our people. How could you overlook that aspect? Yes, USC has stadiums, stadiums and probably elaborate dormitories that enrich their students to do what? To be spoiled and accept life to always be this fabulous.

I agree that the administration is unsupportive and students are materialistic, but those are issues of any school — White or Black. They just seem so minor when you look at all that Howard has to offer. Howard gives students history, history you can feel every time you walk on campus because you know you are walking in the footsteps of some of the most important pioneers.

Most importantly, Howard gives you comfort everytime you turn around and see all those intelligent Black faces on the same mission — success.

Sincerely,

Lisa Prince
Psychology major

Correction

An editorial that appeared in *The Hilltop* last week incorrectly identified Steve Favre as the Dean of Student Life. Actually, he is the Vice President for Student Affairs. *The Hilltop* regrets the error.

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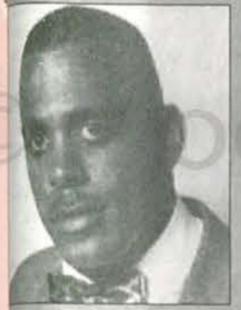
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PERSPECTIVES

David Muhammad

Those claiming anti-Semitism are anti-Black



did not intend to write about subject contained in this column semester. Not because it caused big controversy last semester, because I want my columns to deal with self-improvement and empowerment.

When I read the recent edition of Common Quest: The Magazine of Black-Jewish Relations, and I realized that there is information that should be shared with the Howard community.

Common Quest is published by the American Jewish Committee and George Mason University. The magazine is to debut toward the end of last semester soon after The Hilltop recently stopped publication, which some would say coincidentally, during the controversy with the Defamation League. We will all remember the ADL, the organization which has historically attacked and attacked Black leadership.

Richard Cohen, a close associate of the ADL and a columnist for The Washington Post, has an article in Common Quest about Black-Jewish relations. Howard students should remember Cohen as well. It was he that started the media barrage which resulted in Howard being labeled a "Citadel of Hate" and a "breeding ground for anti-Semitism."

It is Cohen's racism that is so disturbing and disturbing. In 1993, he wrote that Howard students were the "leaders of tomorrow, but the scum of yesterday." He also stated that Congress should be "funding from this institution." The publication of the "Bell Curve" the racist pseudo-scientific work which claims Blacks are genetically inferior to Whites, he wrote, "it's not I that can't read 'The Bell Curve.'" He went on to say that authors Murray and Herrnstein's scholarship was "discredited" and that their findings "have not been accepted by others in their field and it would be wrong... to accept them."

It leads us to Cohen's article in Common Quest. Cohen said he is writing a book about Black-Jewish relations. His book, however is not about how each side must do something to improve relations, but how low Blacks are solely to blame for poor Black-Jewish relations.

His book, in fact, is not about Black-Jewish relations. It's about anti-Semitism. That is the theme in Black-Jewish relations," Cohen wrote.

His blatant arrogance and disrespect must not be tolerated. Howard's administration should welcome Minister Louis Farrakhan on this campus, but

publish a magazine that degrades Blacks.

Cohen continues, "Blacks are poorer than other Americans and anti-Semitism is highest among the poor; Blacks are less educated than other Americans and anti-Semitism is highest among the less educated."

This is similar to a tirade Leonard Dinnerstein made against Blacks at a panel discussion in which Cohen participated. Dinnerstein, a professor at the University of Arizona, said that Blacks are the biggest anti-Semites and have been since slavery. To hear his words would make one think he was saying Blacks were innately anti-Semitic. He went on to call nearly every prominent Black leader throughout history anti-Semitic.

Common Quest is edited by Jonathan Rieder, a Jewish author and scholar, and Dr. Russel Adams, chairman of Howard's Afro-American studies department. Adams has a history of coming to the defense of organizations like the ADL, while belittling Black leadership. This is no attack on Adams, he is my brother and a distinguished member of Howard's faculty, but as I stated before, he must be held accountable for his actions.

Last semester The Hilltop published a factual article about the ADL. In a show of the ADL's influence, a media frenzy ensued. The ADL claimed that by exposing its wicked machinations against Blacks, The Hilltop was anti-Semitic. But if I claim the Urban League was wrong for honoring Sen. Strom Thurman, would I be anti-Black?

Where was the ADL or Richard Cohen when a George Mason University student berated Blacks in his column in the student newspaper?

John Paul Wright, the student who wrote the column, criticized Blacks for the L.A. uprising and the recent St. Petersburg disturbances. In references to Blacks, he wrote: "Perhaps it is not wise of me to think these humans are capable of reason. Maybe they are animals that need to be taken care of by being chained down."

The Black community must have a greater attention span and be much less apathetic. We are now outraged with Texaco due to top executives calling Blacks "niggers," and Blacks being suppressed at the company, but now that Texaco has settled, will we still want to boycott next week? Avis rental car is in much the same situation as Texaco. A top share holder and franchise owner in Texas had a policy not to rent to Blacks, saying "niggers are not reliable." Will we continue to rent from Avis? Kellogg's was forced to pull a line of advertisements in France because it compared Black Africans to savage cannibals. Will we still eat our Frosted Flakes in the morning?

Richard Cohen, the ADL and others are clearly anti-Black. Will we remember and then take action if necessary? The ADL is so feared because it reacts immediately when something happens it deems anti-Semitic. We should do the same.

The writer is a Hilltop columnist

Danielle Hyles

Fine Arts merger threatens professors, students

United we stand, divided we fall is the platform on which the Board of Trustees approved, "A Strategic Framework for Action," President H. Patrick Swygert's plan to restructure Howard University starting this year. Part of the plan involves merging schools and colleges, reducing the number from sixteen to eleven. One of these mergers means combining the College of Fine Arts, the College of Arts and Science, and the new National Center for African-American Heritage and Culture.

Many programs, scholarships and opportunities will be lost as a result. If you minimize a college to

a department, you run the risk of faculty cutbacks. Also, the presence of music lessons and the beauty music brings to Howard would be lost, as well as the emphasis on precision to achieve musical excellence. Merging the two colleges in effect will mean the deterioration of the College of Fine Arts.

Of course, it is true that Arts and Sciences and Fine Arts would complement each other in curriculum, diversifying students and educational background. According to James C. Keil, associate professor of English, "It would cause a loss of ability to attract brilliant and creative

students and, down the road, creative professors."

It is true that the president's plan would give the professors involved an opportunity to upscale their curriculum and give opportunities to create new programs. But what are the details of his plan? What is going to happen to professors that can't be put into Swygert's plan? Are brilliant professors who are contributing to Howard University going to be dismissed because of new framework?

Keil notes, "When a university gets tenure and if the department is alleviated with the two distinct schools then professors can lose tenure, and it was reaffirmed by the

Board of Trustees. It's happened in the past." Professors are given little information or chance for input, no professors even received a letter in the mail as notification.

The bottom line is that many students and faculty do not feel they were represented or were part of the collective decision in approving the merger. This is clearly a case of taxation without representation; only this time the taxpayers are the students and faculty whose opinions on the president's plan have been overlooked.

"United we stand, divided we fall," indeed is the effect of this merger, as the University has fallen

under the assumption that complete unity promotes strength, when in fact, it dilutes individual creativity and depletes concentration on one's talent.

There are better ways of dissolving the financial problems which have engulfed Howard. Increased alumni contributions could be a good place to begin. What kind of fundraising has Howard done to improve school facilities? If steps had been taken to recruit funds from outside sources, would Howard be losing the creative minds of its students in the sea of financial troubles?

The writer is a student in Fine Arts



Haki Halisi

A simple breakfast in the jungle feeds the mind more than the body

I woke up early one morning to find myself craving an egg and cheese biscuit meal from McDonald's. So I made the trek from Drew Hall to the McDonald's on Georgia Avenue on what seemed to be the coldest November day I had ever experienced in my twenty-four years.

When I finally got to the counter I placed my order and emphasized that I wanted the medium orange juice. (We all know the little midget cup of juice that comes with a breakfast meal couldn't satisfy a baby's thirst.) Anyway, when the lady gave me my order I noticed she had neglected to include my hash brown.

By now I realize that some of you may be anxious to proceed to the Hilltopics page because a missing hash brown isn't really news. Others may be asking themselves, "Is this guy really so cheap that he's beefing over a biscuit?" Well, just bear with me because I do have a non-food related point.

The lady at the counter proceeded to chastise me for making the wrong order, threw my change at me and turned and muttered something in Spanish to another employee. My first reaction was to turn around and see if I had disrupted some long line that she was trying to speed through, which might have justified her reaction in some way.

However, there was no one behind me. After the initial shock, I realized that my plans for the morning had nothing to do with being disrespected, all I wanted was a breakfast meal. So I returned the food to her, asked for my money back, and gave her a few words to think about.

Believe it or not, none of those words was among the four letter arsenal that one learns when growing up in Brooklyn. Instead, I spoke to her like the misguided sister that she was, but then realizing that the situation wasn't that deep, I turned to leave.

To my surprise, the manager actually stopped and served me the breakfast meal, assuring me he

would talk to the lady and make sure this kind of behavior doesn't happen again. To most people this would have been enough, but to an obsessive brother such as myself, this incident had the potential to ruin my entire day. I was hot!

Although, it had disappeared earlier, my Brooklyn mind-set and speech pattern resurfaced on my way home. I said to myself, "See now, I'd be wrong if I had just snuffed her." After contemplating a host of violent and excessive measures that could have escalated, I realized I was being silly because, for one, I had no way of getting an AK-47. Besides that, I claim to be a positive Black man and those thoughts should have never entered my mind.

Still this incident really upset me and made the trip home that much longer and colder. The fact is, although my words may have been the most eloquent words ever uttered in the English language, that lady still didn't care. All she saw was a young Black male and that alone gave her license to disrespect. The way that young brothers in our community get treated is appalling.

If but for a brief moment, one has to give credence to the notion that the climate of rage and violence being perpetrated by brothers in our community is fueled by the tendency for them to be disrespected.

The police, the media and even McDonald's cashiers all see brothers as the dump site for any form of insult and injury. Do you ever stop to wonder about your limit, your breaking point, your edge?

In the classic hip-hop thesis "The Message," Grandmaster Flash and The Furious Five say, "Don't push me cause I'm close to the edge, I'm trying not to lose my head." The CIA, crack, guns and racist public policy, all in a system that honors pilgrims and Christopher Columbus with holidays for murdering the native peoples of America, make up the jungle that was the focus of "The Message."

When I remembered where I had gone for breakfast that morning, I was slightly comforted by the realization that what was haunting me was in fact the McDonald's breakfast meal in my hand. In the jungle, our people constantly strike out at one another because of divisions perpetrated by capitalism.

A low wage, labor demanding job at McDonald's doesn't usually allow for a pleasant attitude and contributing \$3 for a substandard meal to a corporation which once supported Apartheid in South Africa doesn't make a brother very understanding to another's attitude.

Hence, with the true enemy out of immediate range, we lash out at each other in the jungle. Young Black males become the root of all evils because in truth we are too afraid to deal with the true ills which plague our communities and help to maintain generations of brothers killing each other and being incarcerated.

Somewhere along the course of my education I had taken a wrong turn. Apartheid changed because our people struggled. Therefore all those companies we didn't support then are not absolved of sin now. I shouldn't have been in McDonald's in the first place. When you live in the jungle, you have to watch every single step you take or else.

Condemning any brother in the community without taking into consideration the context in which his actions occur is a wrong step in the jungle. As Tupac Shakur said, "The power is in the people and the politics we address." Brothers are out there screaming for help, through hip hop and in many other ways. Don't let the jungle get them all.

As for the breakfast meal, by the time I reached my room it was too cold to eat. However, I did raise my medium sized orange juice in the air and drank a farewell toast to McDonald's—forever.

The writer is a graduate student in psychology.

Christian Ewell

GMU student's charges lack reason

There's a part of all of us who should sympathize with John Paul Wright, no matter how wrong he may have been.

And, oh baby, was he wrong. Shooting from the hip is something that we all do to some degree, whether in public or private. There are things we need to get off our chests at some level and more often than not, we accomplish that by talking to ourselves, keeping a diary, going to confession, telling a hooker, or—in the case of Wright (and myself)—writing a column.

So when Wright—a columnist at George Mason University's student newspaper, The Broadside—wrote in a recent column that Blacks were not "capable of reason," and that maybe we are "animals that need to be taken care of by being chained down," the only defense I could come up with for him was to say that he probably wasn't alone in feeling this way. That and freedom of speech form a powerful team.

The party line at GMU is that Wright's Broadside column, "Can't They All Get Along," was a response to the recent disturbances in St. Petersburg, Fla., where the "local Negroes" weren't sufficiently calm after a Black motorist was shot dead by a police

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officer. "It is interesting that only particular ethnic groups riot when something occurs that they disagree with," Wright wrote, ignoring the fact that Blacks are among the only ones getting screwed on a regular basis, and that the 70 percent-Black District is relatively peaceful considering that the 'Skins suck.

In an apology he wrote in the same paper, he admitted that he could have expressed his ideas better (just as a baboon could have), but that he stood by the notion that violent responses to injustice are wrong. (Please someone, hand this guy the Nobel.)

For the benefit of those who don't know, Blacks didn't invent the game of vigilante violence, having lost many more lives to Whites who instigated lynchings before Blacks had the chance to see a judge.

This country was founded by people who used violence to combat injustice, contrary to the popular belief of people like Wright, who probably thinks the Revolutionary War was fought by e-mail.

There are probably more creative ways to say this, but none come to mind right now: Wright is clueless.

Where the sympathy comes in is where we realize that at some point we say something hurtful that might have been better left unsaid. Worse, as in the case of Wright, some of the things we say even in public or private are stem from ignorance of the full story, something Wright should have checked out before opening his trap.

I sympathize with Wright because it is Wright who will have to live with his statements. He is the one who will have to run into Black classmates who will know that he would have them chained up, since they're animals who need to be taken care of. Most importantly, Wright is the one who proved, beyond all doubt, that it is he who is incapable of reason, and that maybe it is his writing hand that should be shackled.

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HIGHER LEARNING Some seniors pass on the 'real world' for grad school

By Dawnica Jackson
Hilltop Staff Writer

For Howard University's graduating seniors, procrastination is not an option. It is finally time for decisions to be made and decisions to be met. Some will take a leap into the real world by joining the work force, others will buy a little more time by going on to graduate school.

According to *U.S. News and World Report*, the starting salaries for most professions right out of college with a bachelor's degree is around \$26,000 a year. With a graduate degree, scholars are almost guaranteed a higher starting salary. "I saw my income jump about \$10,000 after I returned to school to get my master's," said Angelica Jones, a McClean High School guidance counselor and recent master's degree recipient.

The process of preparing for graduate school can be a long, tedious and costly one. Besides the everyday pressures of finishing senior year, and for some senior comprehensive exams, is the added stress of filling out applications and preparing for the graduate entrance exams.

"I have 18 credit hours, senior papers and regular work to do," said Adrian Bailey, a graduating senior. "And it is expensive. By the time I apply to all the schools and take the GRE, I would have spent about \$500."

As an anthropology major, is going to five major colleges such as the College of William and Mary or Duke University. He says the average application fee is \$50.

APPLICATION:

Application fees vary. The University of Wisconsin at Madison charges \$38 while The University of California at Berkeley and Hofstra University in New York follow with a \$40 application fee. The University of Maryland at College Park is \$50. Unfortunately, for many students wishing to attend an Ivy League school, the average application fee is \$80, a far cry from the \$25 application fee students paid to attend undergraduate school at Howard.

Applications are usually extremely detailed and the applicant must pay close attention to all aspects of the process.

"The application process is critical," said Carol Dudley, career placement officer in the School of Communications. "They look at everything from content, to neatness, to accuracy; they check to make sure everything is filled out, the applicant is focused and to see what the applicant plans to do with the degree."

"It can also be helpful for students to fill out the special circumstances and minority sections of the application because it can in many instances help wave the application fee and work in the favor of a student whose grades or GRE scores are not strong enough to compete otherwise."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Many schools require letters of recommendation or nominating letters. For example, Hofstra University has a specific letter of recommendation form in its application. But whether or not letters of recommendation are required, they can only enhance a person's application.

"When we review applications we try to take everything into consideration," said Cassandra Mills, career placement officer at the University of California at Berkeley.

"Letters of recommendation tell us something about the student's that test scores and grades can't."

DEADLINES:

Deadlines vary from school to school. Some state schools in California have deadlines in November for the fall semester and the University of Wisconsin at Madison has a deadline in January. The best bet for any person attempting to go to graduate school is to contact the institutions directly for specific deadlines and application requirements. The sooner your application is in, the better. Many schools like Harvard and Yale have picked a third of their freshman class by the end of first semester.

CRITERIA:

Students' standardized test scores and grade point average are the main criteria universities look for in their applicants.

"I recently talked to some admission officers for grad school and it seems that the officers are looking more at test scores," Dudley said. "Everyone can't be admitted so the tests are becoming the determining factor."

On average universities want at least a 3.0 grade point average and a competitive score on the graduate standardized exams.

"Everyone who is interested in going to graduate school should contact that school and ask for the profile of the average student," Mills said. "The school is going to take the very top and the bottom of that average. It just gives you a gauge of what to accentuate on your application."

CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY:

Choosing a university should be based on the what area a student plans to study and if the university has a strong program in that field. "The only criteria that should be

important to a student when choosing a graduate program is whether the program suits their needs," said Jeffrey Marks, a career coordinator at Hofstra University. "Whether you parents are alumni or anything else really has no place in the decision."

"I am interested in each of the schools for different reasons," Bailey said. "But all are doing research in what I want to do."

An article in *U.S. News and World Report* said that some employers prefer that students don't go to graduate school, stating that careers in communications, fine arts and some business programs do not require additional education. It is simply a waste of money.

A study by the Freedom Forum released last spring said that only 9 percent of recent hires in print or broadcast news had a masters degree in journalism, while only 48 percent had undergraduate degrees. The fact is a lot of people are walking in with other degrees and walking away with jobs.

PREPARATORY CLASSES:

Taking the graduate standardized placement exams is much like the senior year of high school. Graduating seniors find themselves paying for expensive preparatory courses like Kaplan or the Princeton Review (which can cost up to \$600) and spending hours studying, on top of regular class work.

Others students who can not afford the prep classes buy expensive books and attempt to teach themselves. And still others believe their college education has prepared them enough to do well on the exams. All do so in hopes of testing high enough to attend the graduate school of their choice.

Bailey decided not to pay for an expensive prep course, but to study on his own.

"I got some software (that helps you study for the GRE) and am going to buy a [practice] test book," Bailey said.

THE COSTS:

Different standardized tests range in cost. Some require that you pre-register weeks in advance and late fees can be added. Bailey has opted to take the computerized version of the GRE (\$96) which is offered more frequently than the written test (\$80).

"The advantage is you get the test scores back sooner and you can retake it after six weeks," he said.

Whatever the test, whatever the school, the time is at hand for graduating seniors. Although tedious, it is all worthwhile.



Photos by Arthur O. Mantle
Graduating senior Adrian Bailey has spent about \$500 in graduate school application fees. He plans to study at either the College of William and Mary or Duke University.

Financial assistance research can payoff for students

By Tomika Allison
Hilltop Staff Writer

There is money available for graduate and professional study if you know where and how to look for it. Because graduate school can cost anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30,000 a year, students need to be aware of the various scholarships, fellowships, grants and work studies that can be obtained.

Research done by the Association of Fund Raising Council shows that there are more than 23,000 foundations in the United States willing to give funding, and more than 80 percent of the applications for these funds are misdirected or filled out inappropriately.

The National Commission on Student Financial Assistance, a Congressional House Sub-committee, found more than \$7 billion available from corporations and of that only \$400 million was used. The unused portion of available funds equals \$600 for each of the 15 million graduate school-bound students in the United States.

There are a broad range of financial assistance sources available at the graduate level, including the federal government, some state governments, the school in which you are or will be attending and also the private sector.

The Internet offers a lot of information; www.fastweb gives a detailed listing of various financial programs. At Howard, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and Office of Student Relations and Enrollment Management sponsors grant and networking workshops every other Saturday, which began on September 21. "Most of my financial assistance for my second year has come from outside sources such as the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Foundation," said Cheryl-Ann Charles, who is obtaining her Ph.D. in organizational

communication here at Howard University. "There are graduate assistantships that are funded through the graduate school that provide a stipend of \$8,000," said James F. Scott, the associate dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. University support is the primary source of funding for students who plan to continue their studies. For foreign students who can not receive federal aid, this can be most helpful.

"Had it not been for my family, I would not be here; financially I would not have been able to attend graduate school," said Liselle Yorke, a student from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, who is in the process of receiving her master's degree in mass communications. "As an international student, your only hope is your family or a graduate assistantship, which are limited."

In the District, the Fellowship Office of the National Research Council administers the Ford Foundation Predoctoral, Dissertation and Postdoctoral Fellowships along with many other fellowship competitions.

"The Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowships fund the final year of dissertation writing," said Christine O'Brien, program supervisor for the Ford Foundation.

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowships are awarded annually and provide three years of graduate school funding.

All of these programs were developed to support the careers of individuals who are members of an ethnic minority group.

The private sector consists of fellowship foundations such as the Ford Foundation, corporations, associations, religious and fraternal groups. More than 65 percent of the scholarships, fellowships, grants and loans are from the private sector.

"Forty-five to 50 percent of graduate students receive some type of assistantship," Scott said.

Reflections

By Arthur O. Mantle

What are the prerequisites? What am I going to specialize in? Where do I want to be? Can I afford to go? What are the career benefits? Should I choose an Ivy League or an historically Black college? These are some never-ending questions that flutter through my mind as I prepare for graduate art school. A choice that not only contradicts my bachelor's of arts in journalism, but magnifies the myth of the starving artist if I were to pursue what you truly have a passion for over a seemingly more stable career in a field of self-promoting journalists.

My choice — graduate art school to receive a master's in fine art in photography.

What am I going to do with photography? Open a portrait and immigration one hour photo shop? On the other hand, I plan on being an artistic director for a leading international fashion, arts and entertainment magazine. How am I going to do that with photography? Some of those "artsy fartsy" careers you don't get at college. It's like a lifestyle job that has to be cre-

ated in you. With my journalism degree, the pursuit of magazine journalism cannot be questioned, and as a working published fine art photographer with a master in fine arts under my belt, the credibility will come.

It will come from long term projects, art exhibits, publications and traveling the globe. I now realize that I will not settle for less. The affirmation came from my recent national recognition in the *American Photo Magazine* (Nov./Dec. 1996), the leading fine art photography magazine in this country. In their distinguished annual photo competition, for which they received 41,000 entries, they published 100 winning photographs, two of which were mine.

But, where do I want to go? The top art schools are in New York and California and this makes graduate school all the more inviting. My lifestyle is definitely conducive to studying around blue-haired people with body piercings to overweight drag queens with serious gender issues.

My hair was once blue, my eyebrow was once pierced and a close friend of mine is a fabulous drag queen. So the fear of culture shock is out of the question. I personally

experience more culture shock here at Howard because everyone desperately tries to conform to their notion of hip hop, the inner-city and "keeping it real."

How am I going to afford graduate school? Loans, grants and more loans. This never

bothers me because it often translates deferment, deferment and more deferment in my mind. Some doctors in their forties are still paying off student loans. With specialized talent, you can also receive fellowships and grants regardless of your race. I don't see that many Black males with a feverish desire to attend graduate school in photography, so I'm at an advantage with or without affirmative action.

Ivy League or HBCU? Honestly, my decision to come to Howard was highly influenced by my passion for "A Different World." I connected with "Freddie Brooks" in more ways than recycling. It has been a kind of a different world here at Howard and I'm sure I've made it a different world for many who just glance at me. My view of undergraduate study is to achieve academic success as well as personal discovery. Howard has afforded me this with the balance from my friends at George-

town and George Washington University. I can't see myself going to graduate school at an HBCU. Specialization is the objective for graduate school and you need the very best institution for this. Unfortunately, no HBCUs have any impressive graduate art programs that can compete internationally. Yale does, that's why they only admit 8 students each year for photography. New Haven, Conn., is where I want to be, not New York or California. There are no blue-haired people or drag queens there. I'll find them in Manhattan, which is only 45 minutes away.

Realizing what you truly want to do takes time and personal development. It's not achieved by doing what your parents want you to do, fear of poverty or other issues that create

PGSD (pre-graduation stress disorder). If you have the guts to go for what you believe in and what you have a passion for, the fancy chivalries that make life more interesting will come. You didn't think I would go to graduate school to take your passport photos did you?

The writer is The Hilltop features photo editor.

PULSE!

After a century, the Delany sisters have their say

By Tina-Renee Johnson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Before *Brown vs. Board of Education*, there was *Plessy vs. Ferguson*. Before the Million March, there was the March on Washington.

And before all of these historical events, there was Sadie and Bessie Delany.

For most people, a good memory is considered a blessing. For Sadie and Bessie Delany, a good memory is a way of life.

The ability to recount the most recent experience is sometimes taken for granted, so it is even more amazing to hear the life stories of the Delany sisters — stories that span over a century in "Having Our Say," now playing at the Kennedy Center through December 8.

Set in Mount Vernon, N.Y., in 1993, "Having Our Say" is a 100-year-old journey through the lives of real-life sisters Sarah L. "Sadie" Delany, 107, and the late Annie

Elizabeth "Bessie" Delany, who died in 1995 at the age of 104.

The centenarians first entered the public spotlight in 1991 in a news feature article written by New York Times reporter Amy Hearsh.

Two years later, the sisters released "Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years."

Educated and sophisticated — "We're not old maids, we're maiden ladies" — the Delany sisters recount their humble beginnings as two of 10 children born in Virginia to a biracial mother and slave-born father.

Dispelling the typical racial and gender stereotypes of the time, the sisters moved from their hometown of Raleigh, N.C., to Harlem, N.Y.,



Lizan Mitchell (left) and Micki Grant (right) play Bessie and Sadie Delany, respectively in "Having Our Say."

to pursue their education in the late 1920s.

After graduating from Columbia University, Sadie went on to become the first African-American teacher of domestic science in New York City's high schools. Bessie

also made history by opening her own dental practice and becoming the second Black woman to practice dentistry in New York state.

As they invite the audience to partake in a traditional birthday dinner for their late father, the

sisters move from the living room to the kitchen, busily preparing dinner as they preach, banter and argue.

Sadie, played by author/composer Micki Grant ("Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope"), stresses throughout the play that she and her sister lead simple, yet fulfilling lives. That simplicity is illustrated through the set design.

Each time the characters referred to a picture during a story, the same picture would be projected on a backdrop above the set. When Bessie, played by Lizan Mitchell ("Law and Order," "The Preacher's Wife") tells of the time she was almost lynched for insulting a White man for leering at her, the background is lit with a photograph of a young, beautiful Bessie.

As the story-telling progresses, the images and music depicting the different time periods are flashed. What could have been a very

distracting concept is actually entertaining and informative, if the audience is looking at an album along with the Delany sisters.

Preserving the original oral history adaptations is no easy feat, but "Having Our Say" succeeds. Each sister's distinct personality shines through fresh, witty dialogue.

While the older, gentle Sadie self-described "momma," Bessie is the hot-tempered, who finds it difficult to negotiate with White people. Bessie's speech is peppered with quirky statements on racism, including how she can't get away with being a colored, he would be washed dishes right now!"

"Having Our Say" is an important portrait of history through the eyes of two African-American women who have seen a great deal of change in their lifetime. The portrait that is long overdue.

Keith Sweat, Deborah Cox rock Constitution Hall

By Donya Matheny
Hilltop Staff Writer

Hopeless romantics as well as R&B fans got a healthy mix of old and new when Keith Sweat's concert tour visited the District last Friday night.

But Sweat has swayed his listeners with emotional lullabies since his first appearance on the music scene in 1987.

Music from Sweat's five double platinum albums came alive on the stage of Constitution Hall as he performed soul-stirring hit singles from his earlier albums such as "Make it Last Forever" and "I Want

Her," as well as "Nobody," the hit single from his latest self-titled album. But before Sweat did his infamous begging and crooning that has become his trademark, he made a startling first appearance.

After diverting the audience's attention to a woman lying in her bed talking on the telephone, Sweat appeared out of what seemed like nowhere and began singing "How You Like It" and other tunes, often employing props such as a candlelit table for two and getting the audience to sing "Yumi," another track from his current album.

"Yumi," like many of his other older and current hits, is easy to embrace because it seems to mirror his

listeners' emotional journeys while stirring up intimate feelings in everyone.

R&B lovers were treated to faster beats while Sweat's dancers moved and dressed in clothes reminiscent of music group BBD (Bell, Biv, DeVoe) and their hit song "Poison." Rapper Pretty Ruff appeared for the closing act in an all white tuxedo, and Sweat — also clad in white from head to toe — stepped aside to let Ruff have a moment in the limelight.

Not only has Sweat done well to maintain his reputation for working with the most talented artists in the business, but he has also begun to recognize upcoming talent as well.

To his credit, Sweat helped boost the careers of music groups Silk and Kut Kloose. Athena Cage, one of the members of Kut Kloose, made a guest appearance while performing the smash duet hit "Nobody" with Sweat.

Recording artist Deborah Cox opened the show with Sweat, entertaining the audience with her hits, "Do You Love," "Sound of My Tears" and "When We Go From Here." Her strong vocals and melodic sound were definite show stoppers. Her performance would have been even better with a live band playing. But her enthusiastic stage presence and rapport with the audience was encouraging.

Venezuelan dancers promote creativity

By Aurelia Myles
Hilltop Staff Writer

Last weekend, Dance Place presented the Venezuela modern dance workshop company "Pisorrojo" for their debut performance in the United States.

The Pisorrojo Experimental Dance Workshop, in existence for 35 years, was developed as part of a program for the Cultural Department of the Central University of Venezuela.

The South American dance company utilizes creativity in their choreography and presentation to captivate their audience. The workshop's mission was to promote dance as a form of artistic expression.

Pisorrojo, meaning red floor in Spanish, performed several pieces, "Pedestal," "In White Instant," "To the Border" and "Antares."

In "Pedestal," a black box was used as the main prop. As the two males and one female danced on and around the box, positioned center floor, a visual connection was seen between the three dancers. The box represented a sort of high point in life that once one got on it, made them feel on top of the world.

Elements of artistic expression were seen throughout "In White Instant (En Blanco Instante)." There

was a freeness about this piece that gave the dancers the opportunity to be uninhibited.

The seven dancers, clothed in sheer blouses and pants in various colors, spiraled and turned their way toward the floor where the majority of movements took place. There was a feel of "groundedness" as they flung and contorted their bodies on the floor. As the topless dancers intertwined themselves with each other, beautiful pictures were created with the shaping of the bodies that could be considered works of art.

"To the Border," was abstract in nature. The females were dressed in white bras and briefs and the males also in white briefs. The piece incorporated the use of the voice as a form of expression with laughter, cries, yells and shouts. A refreshing change in this piece was the point when the roles were reversed and the females picked up the males.

In the high energy piece, "Antares," the dancers formed human pyramids as they pulled each other through a pathway made by masking tape on stage heading toward a focus point.

The emphasis of the movements were made inside the path. The dancers were clothed in sheer tops and bottoms with chalk paint on their clothes, bodies and in their hair.

Local kids prove they are 'children of the gospel'

By Alona Ballard
Hilltop Staff Writer

Recognized as one of the premier independent, non-profit performing arts presenters in the country, The Washington Performing Arts Society first began showcasing gospel concerts during the 1988-89 season as an effort to reach African-American audiences and praise the art form of gospel music.

On Sunday, WPAS was able to continue that tradition as it presented "Children of the Gospel: Voices of the Next Generation IV" at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The more than 300 member group of Washington area youth vocalists range from grades four through 12. The objective of the choir is to "showcase the tremendous talents of Washington area youth, provide them with disciplinary and artistic skills in putting together a professional production and creating an environment that promotes self-confidence, image, motivation and respect for one's self and others."

The Children of the Gospel has worked with a number of noted Washington music directors including Evelyn Simpson Curenton, Joyce Garrett, Eleanor Stewart, Ricky Payton Sr., Anita Jones, Thomas Dixon Tyler and Howard University's Chapel Choir

musical director and alumnus, Arphelius Paul Gatling III.

Gatling said he is honored to be a part of the Children of the Gospel.

"I think that this project is important because it gives the young people of today's time an opportunity to do something aesthetically and artistically beautiful," Gatling said.

He said was also appreciative of the fact that the children will "be involved in positive cultural activities as opposed to negative things that people report on all the time."

Gatling admits that getting a large amount of children prepared for a concert is hard work.

"Three hundred-plus children working together on 14 different occasions in preparation for this was an awesome task and it's just great to see something that can unify young people," Gatling said.

The Children of the Gospel Mass Choir's special guest performer, Vickie Winans, of the famous Winans gospel singing family, said



District children perform at Kennedy Center for "Children of the Gospel Concert."

she was also inspired by the large amount of young people who are not on crack-cocaine or shooting each other for a leather jacket.

In the performance, the children sang 16 songs ranging from traditional, "Praise to the Lord Almighty," to current gospel numbers, Kirk Franklin's "Melodies From Heaven." The performance also included Mariah Carey's "Hero."

In addition to singing gospel songs, the group performed an African dance number, which paid

a special tribute to Children's Defense Fund leader Marian Wright Edelman, South African President Nelson Mandela, a catalyst of the Civil Rights Movement Rosa Parks.

In addition to the sold-out performance of the Next Generation II and III concerts, the group also performed at last year's Kennedy Center Honors program, where they performed with noted soprano Howard alumna, Jessye Norman in a tribute to actor Sidney Poitier.

Photo Exhibit



Last week the Shashin Community photo exhibit brought together more than 100 people to 14 Bryant St., N.W. — the home of its founders. The night celebrated the diversity and excellence of the African-American community through photography.

Founded by Howard University students Marc Griffin, Hasaan Kinley, Tom Noy and JoJo Spiker, Shashin's mission is to make a commitment to excellence through photography.

"The theme is to bring the School of Fine Arts and the School of Communications together. The common thing being photography," said Kinley, a film major.

The group plans to showcase more photography soon.

Actor pays tribute to late Black Panther founder

By Alona Ballard
Hilltop Staff Writer

A match was struck. The orange light of a cigarette marred the perfection of a dark, eerily quiet theater. A handsome figure clad in black pants and a plain, black button-down shirt entranced the audience with his presence. The dry-mouthed Huey P. Newton (Roger Guenveur Smith) nervously twitched as he sat in a plain wooden chair next to a black, chrome-top ashtay.

Smith's one-man-show portrayal of the Black Panther founder made the audience believe they had the real Newton right in front of them as they sat quietly during the presentation of "A Huey P. Newton Story" at the Woolly Mammoth Theater Company near DuPont Circle.

In a way they did. Smith appeared possessed by Newton's spirit as he spun around in a nervous fit, punching the air, spitting, working up a sweat as Bob Dylan's music played in the background.

Smith is famous for his roles in Spike Lee's "Do The Right Thing," "Malcolm X," "School Daze" and "Get On The Bus."

Smith, as the brooding, outspoken, chain-smoking Newton, recreated his high-pitched Louisiana drawl and said things such as, "I don't like revealing the details of my personal life, except when it relates to the movement."

He talked about Newton's disapproval of the Vietnam War, "Black and Brown man, fighting the Yellow man, for the White man when the White man stole this land from the Red man."

He voiced his displeasure of one of the Black Panther's most vocal opponents, J. Edgar Hoover.

"(He) tried to pass himself off as a dark-skinned White woman — that's infiltration," Smith said in his act.

Smith wrote the play using Newton's autobiography, "Revolutionary Suicide" and other sources. The soundtrack, a combination of moody music and spoken words about Newton, was composed by Marc Anthony Thompson. Smith's next project is directing his original screenplay, "Incognegroes."

Smith portrayed Newton as a man who had a great deal of personal demons, a cocaine habit and many complexities.

"Huey P. Newton inspired me to write this play," Smith said. "In a sense he chose me as much as I

chose him — a man of many contradictions, a fascinating and a great leader and a tragic hero."

In 1966, Newton, along with partner Bobby Seale, founded the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense. The Black Panthers made up of urban young men in Oakland, Calif., grew to encompass women and spread to major cities in the United States.

The Panther's 10-point platform touched on issues of employment and education for Blacks. The Black Panther Party stood up against police brutality and created a free breakfast program for needy children and free health care facilities in poor Black neighborhoods. Newton died in a drug-related shooting in 1989.

"A Huey P. Newton Story" will run through Dec. 6.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Vegetarian diets are healthier, but less convenient

By Chana Garcia
Hilltop Staff Writer

Dixon scans the menu at the Panchout in disgust. Six years ago, Dixon became a vegetarian. Now the chicken sandwiches, beef patties and the bacon, egg and cheese biscuits that make up the menu fall under his category of "vegetables."

As he reads down the list, he frowns because French fries are the only thing he can eat. Dixon said he has watched the fries use the same grease for all the foods, which makes eating the fries just as bad as eating meat.

"I call them chicken fries because the first time I ordered them I got nauseous," said the sophomore majoring in business. "The Panchout, like most eateries, doesn't cater to his diet and Dixon spends more time pointing out what he can not eat.

"The most I can do is a grilled steak, but my arteries can only

take one of those a year," he said. Dixon stopped eating meat for ethical reasons. He said his beliefs view eating animals as wrong. But most of the 15 million Americans who consider themselves vegetarians have gone meatless to have healthier diets, said Dr. Lolita Kaul, professor at the College of Medicine in the department of Community Health and Family Practice.

"Before you didn't see many American vegetarians," she said. "They've done it for health reasons. Especially [cutting out] red meat."

Kaul said many people have a misconception that meat protein is essential for a healthy diet. Protein is needed for tissue repair and maintenance, skin, hair and muscle growth, but it can come from vegetables, beans and other soy products.

"The American diet is abundant in protein, so cutting out meat won't really affect it," Kaul said. "Dairy products and of course your lentils and beans are high in



Delights of the Garden, located on Georgia Ave. across from the School of Business, specializes in vegetarian-style cuisine.

Photo by Hassan Kinley

protein." Doctors and nutritionists have even reported that too much protein overworks the kidneys and causes the body to excrete large amounts of calcium, which can lead to osteoporosis.

Reducing protein intake helps the body to retain essential vitamins and minerals. But Kaul recommends visiting a dietitian before drastically changing your diet.

"If eating habits are poor, you can

see a registered nutritionist and look at the overall diet," Kaul said. "If you don't have money, you can look in a nutrition book like American Dietetic Association."

Courtney Epps, a sophomore majoring in psychology, has been a vegetarian for almost six years. When she first stopped eating meat she was always tired and fatigued, so she visited a doctor.

"One day I decided not to eat meat and the next day I didn't, but I didn't know what I was doing and I got sick," Epps said. "I didn't pay attention to the actual diet, so I went to see a nutritionist."

Epps was suffering from vitamin deficiency, but her diet was high in protein. She created a diet plan with her doctor that included foods that she liked such as veggie burgers and beans.

There are also health food restaurants such as Delights of the Garden and Soul Food Vegetarian, located on Georgia Avenue, where students can get vegetarian meals. Delights of the Garden sells raw vegan food, most of which is high

in protein, vitamins and minerals. "We serve a dish called kush which is raw cracked Bulghar wheat and wheat is high in protein," said Asia Broadus, owner and manager. "It actually has more protein than animal products. Other grains like couscous are also high in protein, but it's enriched which means they add preservatives to it and bleach it."

Many doctors agree that it is almost impossible to have a protein deficient diet. Kaul said fatty foods are what everybody, including vegetarians, should be concerned with.

"People should worry about cholesterol and look at their diet," Kaul said. "Baked foods are high in carbohydrates and are converted to fat. That's how people gain weight."

High cholesterol is also caused by greasy foods and too much red meat. Dixon said cutting out meat will not only lead to healthier living, but will also make people appreciate life.

Be wise when caring for wisdom teeth

By Claire Thombs
Hilltop Staff Writer

Months ago, Damien Marley experienced a toothache that he will never forget.

"It felt like the lower left side of my jaw was about to explode," said the senior marketing major. "It was the most painful feeling."

Marley took a friend's advice and made an appointment at a local dental office. After he was examined, Marley's wisdom teeth were taken out. Marley was informed that the pain he endured was the result of his wisdom teeth growing

Wisdom teeth or impactions are molars that are found at the very back of the mouth. People generally have four wisdom teeth, one in each side of the upper and lower jaws. Some people never grow wisdom teeth, while others have them and never have any complications.

When a tooth develops, it travels to its correct position beneath the gum line. If the path to eruption is blocked, the tooth is impacted. If the jaw is too small, the tooth will become partially blocked and impacted.

You need to have these teeth removed when the jaw is not big enough to accommodate all of

them," said Dr. Robert Bingham, associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at Howard University's School of Dentistry.

"Impacted teeth should come out because no one knows when trouble will incur," Bingham said.

Serious problems can arise from impacted teeth. Infection, decay and possible crowding are some threats. More serious implications can occur if the sac that surrounds the tooth fills with fluid and enlarges to form a cyst.

The cyst could cause an enlargement in the mouth that may result in permanent damage to adjacent teeth and nerves. If the cyst is not treated, a tumor could grow from its walls and surgery would be required to remove it.

The amount of time it takes to extract wisdom teeth varies from person to person, depending on how many teeth are being removed and how impacted each tooth is, Bingham said.

Marley, who had one of his

wisdom teeth removed several years ago, had the remaining three extracted in September, following his dentist's advice.

"This time it was more intense," Marley said. "It was something like I've never gone through before. The surgery feels like a mixture between pulling and tugging. I would have died without Novocain."

Novocain, gas or local anesthesia is used in this surgical procedure. The anesthetics normally last up to two hours.

The surgery consists of the removal of the bone from around the tooth, the sectioning of the tooth into parts so that it will come out easily and the removal of the tooth itself. In some cases, stitching is required to stop bleeding and help with the healing process.

Marley was awake during his

surgery. He said he remembers watching his teeth being removed from his mouth and how he was feeling.

"The popping of my teeth when they came out was really eerie," he said.

After surgery, precautions should be taken to prevent infections and clot the blood that may continue to flow from the incision. Patients are usually given guidelines to follow that will help them have a healthy and speedy recovery. Antibiotics are prescribed to ward off germs.

"Most of the bacteria found in or around the mouth are sensitive to antibiotics like penicillin," Bingham said.

Marley said that he followed his dentist's suggestion to take the prescribed antibiotics and codeine. He also tried placing a cold tea bag over his gums and rinsing with cold water to help the blood left in his mouth to clot.

Those who receive sutures usually return to the dentist within five to seven days to have them removed.

For those who fear having the procedure done, it may ease your fears to know that in most cases, you feel little or no pain.

"Generally, once the anesthetic has been administered, pressure or manipulation is the only thing you should feel," Bingham said.

- Tips for after surgery:**
- Maintain pressure over the extraction site for 20-30 minutes by biting on a gauze sponge.
 - Rinse with warm salt water.
 - Eat soft foods like warm cereal, mashed potatoes, soups, ground meats and vegetables.
 - Do not disturb the extraction site by sucking on it or touching it with the tongue.
 - Apply ice to the sides of the face to reduce swelling.
 - For pain, take two aspirin every four hours.

College environment can lead to stress for students

By Nicole Ballinger
Hilltop Staff Writer

College students are prime targets for high stress levels, said a management expert at the National Institute of Health.

Adjusting to a new living environment, making new friends and meeting academic demands prove stressful for many college students.

People associate external events with the cause of stress. However, events themselves do not cause stress. Stress results from how people interpret and react to them. What may prove stressful to one person, can be relaxing to another, said NIH.

Stress is mental or physical tension or pressure. Its symptoms are classified in feelings, thoughts, behavior and physiology. Reactions of stress include irritability, anxiousness, moodiness.

Problems with concentration, self-esteem, humiliation, helplessness and fear of failure are symptoms of stress. NIH said crying for no reason, high blood pressure, nervous laughing, missing teeth, loss of appetite or vomiting are some of the symptoms associated with stress.

Attending college here at Hilltop is more stressful than attending high school due to the hectic schedule I keep," said Valyncia Saunders, a freshman business major. "I balance a full load of classes, extracurricular activities,

a job and weekly collaborative business meetings."

The main cause of stress in most individuals is a major life change. Going to a new school, getting married or divorced, having a baby and the death of a close friend or relative are some life changes which can cause pressure, said NIH.

Rozales A. Swanson, a Howard University medical extern, said

challenging lifestyle may put a lot of pressure on them.

Students also experience economic anxiety and financial strain. The fear of deadlines, exams and grades can put a lot of pressure on the minds of serious students. Having an active social life and dealing with the pressures of friendly and intimate relationships can also be stressful, Swanson said.

Students in their final year may panic when they are faced with job recruitment and dealing with separation from friends; the stress then derives from frustration or confusion in making the right decisions for the future, Swanson said.

To reduce stress, NIH suggests:

- Exercising regularly and eating a balanced diet.
 - Taking on a hobby that you enjoy.
 - Talking out problems or worries with someone you can trust.
 - Avoiding procrastination, and creating and following a weekly schedule to reduce anxieties over studies and tests.
 - Learning to manage time wisely. When studying, a good idea is to work for 45 minutes and then break for 15 minutes.
 - Practicing relaxation techniques. For example, taking slow, deep breaths for a few minutes may help when the body is tense.
- Yusuf Cauthen, a martial artist and instructor, said that people can draw strength from the earth by using nature to reduce stress. He teaches that strong meditation can be better than medicine.
- "As the sun rises, it gives off energy, and that's the best time to meditate," Cauthen said.
- Cauthen suggests breathing in through the nose and exhaling out through the mouth three times with eyes closed. Then breathe only through the nose for 5 to 10 minutes.
- "People have different ways of relaxing," Cauthen said. "Some people should take a nap, and some are calmed and refreshed by a great workout. To reduce stress, the mind must be put at ease and made aware of relaxation."



As a member of the soccer team, Valyncia Saunders must balance her hectic schedule, which at times is stressful, she said.

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Easy Chocolate and Caramel Brownies

2 tablespoons skim milk
27 small soft caramel candies (about 8 ounces)
1/2 cup fat-free sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated skim milk)
1 (18.25-ounce) package devils food cake mix with pudding (such as Pillsbury)
7 tablespoons reduced-calorie stick margarine, melted
1 large egg white, lightly beaten
Cooking spray
1 teaspoon all-purpose flour
1/2 cup reduced-fat chocolate baking chips.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Combine skim milk and candies in a bowl. Microwave at HIGH for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or until caramels melt and mixture is smooth, stirring with a whisk after every minute. Set aside.
Combine sweetened condensed milk, cake mix, margarine and egg white in a bowl; stir well (batter will be very stiff). Coat bottom only of a 13 x 9-inch baking pan with cooking spray; dust lightly with flour. Press two-thirds of batter into prepared pan using floured hands; pat evenly (layer will be thin).
Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from oven; sprinkle with chocolate chips. Drizzle caramel mixture over chips; carefully drop remaining batter by spoonfuls over caramel mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Let cool completely in pan on a wire rack.
Yields 3 dozen.



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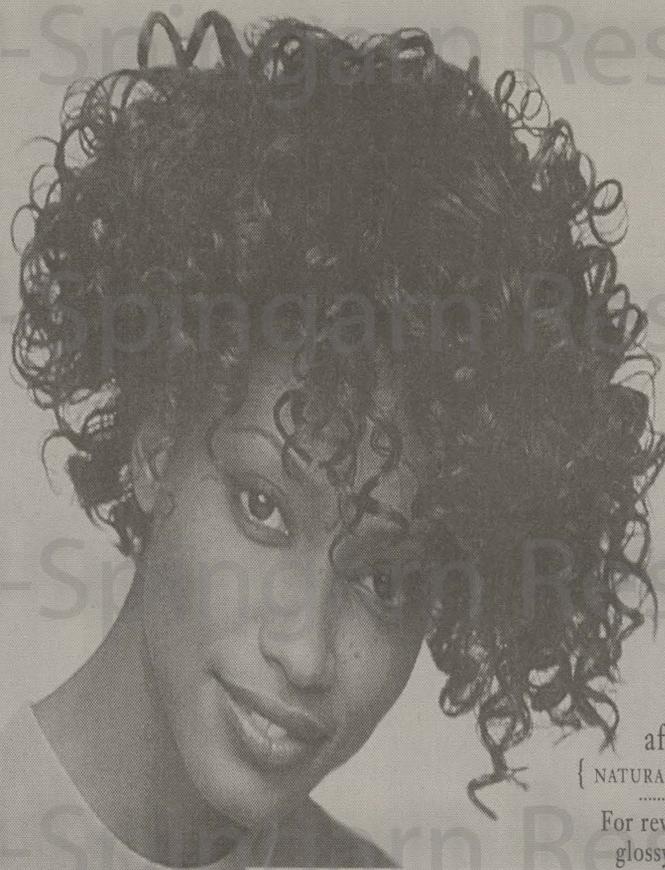
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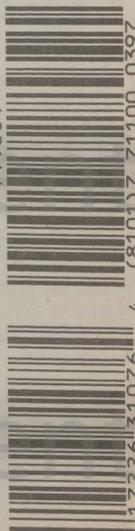
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SPORTS

Bison Bits

Football

The Howard University Bison football team will take on the Delaware State University Hornets tomorrow in Greene Stadium at 1 p.m. in the final game of the season for both teams. Howard (8-2 overall, 5-1 in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) clinched sole possession of second place in the MEAC and a berth to the Heritage Bowl with their 49-0 victory over Morgan State last week. However, the team will have to wait until the conclusion of tomorrow's game against the Hornets for their final determination of their postseason plans. There is a slim chance the Bison may receive an at-large bid berth into the Division I-AA playoffs, which is why the team has not finalized any decisions. Howard has to be cautious that it does not overlook Delaware State. The Hornets (3-7 overall, 2-4 in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) have defeated Howard the last two years. They won 20-13 last year and hold a 27-25-1 advantage in the series. Quarterback Ted White was selected as the MEAC Offensive Player of the Week for the second consecutive week for his performance against Morgan State. White, who is the No. 1 passer in all of Division I-AA, holds the school and the league record for touchdowns thrown in a season (33) heading into tomorrow's matchup against the Hornets. Look for him to add to that record.

Women's Volleyball

Four Lady Spikers represented Howard University on the 1996 All-MEAC Volleyball Team. Outside hitter Shannyn Hollie is a repeat nominee on the first team, and Britney Hughes, also an outside hitter, made the second team. Teammates Carla Ellis and Jaimi Smith received honorable mention votes.

Wrestling

The Howard University Grapplers will take four possible No. 1 seeds to the Old Dominion Invitational tomorrow at Old Dominion University. Derrick Henson (118 pounds) and the No. 12-ranked wrestler in the country at his weight, brothers Jason (142 pounds) and Jacobi Guyton (150 pounds), and Fred Ashley (177 pounds) enter the meet at the top of their weight divisions and are the names to watch during the wrestling season. Jacobi Guyton is the defending champion in his weight class in this tournament.

Men, Women Swim & Dive Team

Maya Nasution broke her own school record in the 100-yard Butterfly twice last week as well as the 400-yard individual medley record that stood for 16 years. The old 400-yard record of 5:41.9 was set in 1980 by Kim Ukkerd. Nasution shattered that mark by almost 54 seconds with a mark of 4:49.9. Nasution has broken school records in every meet this year. All together she has broken eight records.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team enjoyed a banner season this year, winning the Mid-Continent Conference East Division before losing in the semifinals of the conference tournament championships. The Booters were undefeated in league play (6-0) and finished the season at 11-6-3. Their great efforts were awarded by the conference selection committee members, who placed five members of team on the Brine Mid-Continent Conference First Team. Named to the team were Ray Goodlett, midfielder; Mike Lawrence, midfielder; Greg Simmons, forward; Andre Virtue, midfielder; and Carlington Clarke, forward. The league also voted freshman Mike Lawrence Newcomer of the Year.

Truly Dedicated

A back-to-back championship on the minds of the Lady Bison

By Martin Lewis
Special to the Hilltop

What up, Howard fans? The Sports Mouth of Howard is back. Where's he going? First to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship and then back to the NAAs. If you read my football preview this past fall, you know one thing: I give it to you straight up and I hit harder than a Tyson blow.

So if you're up to the challenge, then keep reading. If you're a little unsure about your self-identity, then fold up this newspaper and get to stepping.

Glad you stuck around. Now it's time to get down to business. Adjust those glasses, clean those contact lenses, move those bangs out of your eyes and just find a little quiet area to read the funkiest women's hoop preview you'll ever find on a college campus.

To say that the 1996 Lady Bison basketball team is good enough to win its second consecutive conference championship is one thing, but I'm telling you right now that this group will dominate women's basketball in 1997. This team WILL go down as the best EVER in Howard's history.

Let's break down the 1997 Lady Bison by position.

It's time for the role call

Point guard

Going into training camp, sophomore Kim "Lil' Kim" Ford, representing Philadelphia, has to be the front runner to open the season at the point. She's a shorty, 5 foot 3 inch, but don't be fooled by her size. She stepped in last season and performed well, splitting time between the one and the two guard position. She averaged 4.6 points per game and served up a team-high of 67 assists. She also stroked 24 three-pointers and only fouled out of two games. She's got a nice handle, runs the offense well and isn't afraid to go in the paint and battle with the big girls.

Biting on her heels will be the return of 1994 starter Candice "Little Apple" Hynes. Hynes, a junior, is a true warrior in every sense of the word. She is coming off a serious knee injury that caused her to sit out the entire 1995 season. I checked with our dynamic athletic training staff members in their lower Burr closet (sorry, I mean office) and they assured me that she's ready to play.

Hynes is another shorty (5'3"), but don't sleep! Just like the dollar sign tattooed on her right forearm, "Little Apple" is straight money!!!! She can do it all. Handle the rock with both hands, show off the famous D.C. crossover dribble, go to the hole and stroke the long ball. During her sophomore season, Hynes led the team in minutes played (897) and assists (109), and she didn't foul out of any games. She buried a team-high of 48 three-pointers and finished third on the team in points (334).

"Little Apple" represents Hollandale, Miss., and the folks back home are still talking about that deadly jumper. Look for her to blow up the spot in 1997. She's got a heart the size of the Howard football field and isn't afraid to challenge anyone, anywhere, anytime. Freshman Darria "Darcie" Boyd, representing Landover, Md., will see plenty of action at the point in 1997. Standing 5'7", Darcie is a scorer. This south-paw lit 'em up for 16.2 points and 4.3 assists per game during her senior tour. She has a nice handle, possesses total control of the D.C. crossover dribble, can stroke the long ball and go strong to the hole.

Freshman Alana "Leana" Lambert, representing Oxon Hill, Md., will also make a solid impact

at the guard position this season. Being from the area, you know she can rock the D.C. crossover, and stroke the three-ball from way beyond the arc. She will also bring in some ferocious woman-on-woman defense to the Burr. She will shut down some folks.

Shooting guard

We've got something special going on here. If you didn't see her last season, then you missed the best player ever to wear a Lady Bison uniform. But, you're lucky, she's back for another go around so don't miss her this season. I'm talking about No. 45, senior Amanda "Many Ways" Hayes, representing Columbus, Ohio. She's 5-foot-7 inch, but plays the game like No. 23 of the Chicago Bulls. "Many Ways" can do it all. She's the total package. She's got the quickest first step in women's college basketball and will even shake a couple of you fellows, if you start tripping. She doesn't run, she explodes to the hoop. That first move, "The Mandy Shake" is gonna break some ankles just like it did last season. Our opponents fear going up against her. Last year she introduced herself to the Hoop Happy Town of D.C. by starting 20 of 25 games, averaging 16.7 points per game, 7.2 boards per game, served up a team-high 134 assists, played 896 minutes (second on the team) and threw in 68 steals to boot. For her efforts, she walked away with the MVP trophy at the MEAC tournament, a spot on the All-MEAC first team and led the Lady Bison to their second NCAA Tournament appearance in school history. (The other trip to the "Big Dance" was in 1982 for you stat buffs.) I said it last year and caught a little flak from the men's coaching staff and players but I'M GONNA SAY IT AGAIN: She's so good she could make the men's team RIGHT NOW!

Small forward

Exploding into the starting lineup will be 5-foot-10-inch freshman Regan "And 1" Carter, representing Temple Hills, Md. I've got to be honest — I really don't like giving freshmen too much ink mainly because they haven't done anything. But I've got to go against my better judgment on this one. "And 1" can do it all. She can play the one, two, three OR four positions. I know you think I'm kidding, but I made it my business to watch her during training camp. And to say that I was impressed is an understatement. She can handle the rock, embarrass you with the D.C. crossover, and she simply EXPLODES to the hole. I called the coaches in the Prince George's County League, and they told me they're glad she graduated. She gave them the blues during her senior tour. She averaged 25.6 points a game and added 12.3 boards per contest. Regan will show you HU fans why she is called "And 1" just as soon as the season begins. She might fool everyone at first, but she's the next great player in HU history. The MEAC front office can polish that Rookie of the Year trophy right now and send it to her. IT'S IN THE BAG! If you need the address, just call me. Go ahead and call the HU Hall of Fame Committee right now. SHE'S LIKE THAT!

Behind "And 1" will be another local bomb, 5-foot-11-inch sophomore Latoya "Dark and Lovely" Gardner. "Dark and Lovely" is a player with some serious inner-city heart. (She even challenged me to a pick-up game. Since I'm representing Los Angeles, you know I had to serve her, but the respect is definitely there.) Even though she only saw limited action last season, she showed some serious athletic skills. "Dark and Lovely" is the best athlete on the team. She runs the floor at full speed ALL THE TIME

and goes strong to the cup. She has a nice low-post game and isn't shy about pulling up from behind the arc.

Power forward

Manning the starting position will be 6-foot junior Alisha "Tuff" Hill, representing Huntington, W.Va. "Tuff" is just that, one tough cookie. She has been the heart and soul of the team the past two seasons. "Tuff" paced the team during the 1995 season in four categories: minutes played (945); games started (all 30); points per game (17.6); and field-goal shooting percentage (59 percent). She earned a spot on the All-MEAC first team for the second straight season and became the first HU basketball player in school history (man or woman) to reach 1,000 points in her first two seasons.

This past MEAC Rookie of the Year is the second-best, low-post player in school history. (Ex-assistant coach of late '80s Darlene Beale-Norris was the best.) Like Beale-Norris, "Tuff" is unstoppable in the paint. She has a variety of low-post moves that just haven't been seen in the Burr. Her drop-step is the best in all of Division I women's basketball. And if you hack her, that's O.K. because she's a sure shot at the free-throw line. And just when our opponents thought they had her game figured out, she added a 10-foot jumper to her arsenal. TAKE THAT, POW!

Backing up "Tuff" will be the surprise of training camp, 6-foot Eriade "E-Dog" Hunter representing San Diego, Calif. "E-Dog" bulked up over the summer on the weights and added a drop-step to her game. A candidate for All-MEAC honors, "E-Dog" is primed for a super season. She runs the floor like a hurricane and brings big time muscle on the boards. Look for "E-Dog" to average double digits in the scorebook and on the boards. Much love and respect to this San Diego bomb.

Center of attention

When you talk about the best

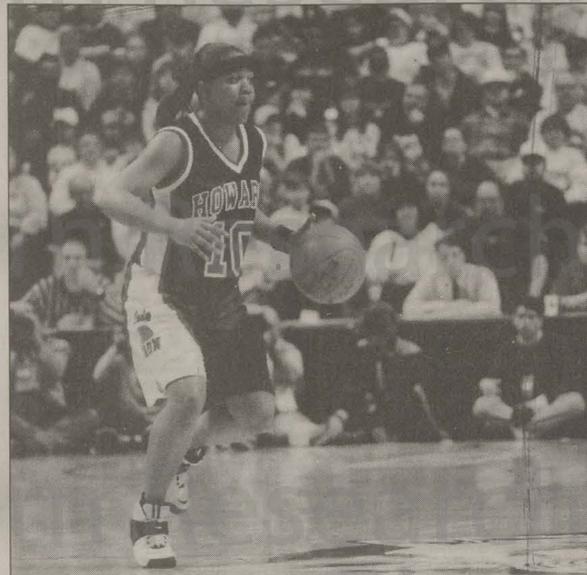


Photo courtesy of Sports Information
Kimberly Ford will be the Lady Bison floor general this season.

centers in women's college basketball at any level, the conversation has to touch on the City of Brotherly Love and 6-foot-5-inch senior Denique "Sheed" Graves. "Sheed," the 1997 conference preseason Player of the Year, is ready to explode. She bulked up over the summer, adding ten pounds of muscle and added a 15-foot jumper to her low-post game. Look for "Sheed" to explode on HU's competition this season after a fantastic showing in last season's NCAA Tournament. And I'm gonna say it again right here and now: THE GIRL CAN DUNK THE BALL. She promised me that she would flush one down for you HU fans in the Burr on a fast break.

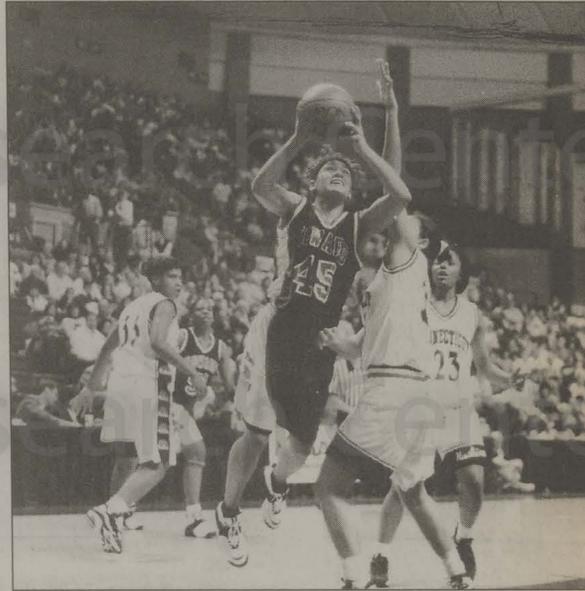


Photo courtesy of Sports Information
Amanda "many ways" Hayes is the go to player in crunch time for the Lady Bison.

So, take my advice: STOP INSULTING THE WOMEN'S PROGRAM BY ARRIVING AT THEIR GAMES AT HALFTIME. You're gonna miss something special if you're late. "Sheed" puts fear in opposing players. Just ask University of Connecticut's 6-foot-7-inch All-American center Kara Wolters, who had her hands full with "Sheed" during last season's NCAA Tournament. "Sheed" led the Lady Bison in rebounding in 11 games last season while averaging 14.4 points a game. She also swatted a team-high 74 shots last season.

Backing up "Sheed" will be 6-foot sophomore Renee "Reeree" Thompson representing Vicksburg, Miss. "Reeree" has been the second-most impressive player during training camp. She came to camp in great shape and has added a drop-step to her offensive arsenal. She is at her best in the paint and is one of the team's top clutch shooters from the cherry stripe. Not enough? She's also extended the range on her jumper to 15 feet.

from everyone! Tyler has more one-liners flowing out of her mouth on the sidelines during games than any coach in the country. She gives the referees straight hell. If you don't believe that, just watch how the referees cringe everytime they make a call against one of Tyler's girls. SHE DON'T PLAY THAT! Tyler is a super recruiter who has out done her peers the last few years in bringing in the top Black talent in the country. Just ask all of the coaches who tried to get "Many Ways," "Tuff," "Sheed" and now "And 1."

A clever motivator, Tyler has all of the Lady Bison wearing a "Red Bone" key chain for commitment 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Like most good coaches, Tyler has surrounded herself with one of the best coaching staffs on the HU campus. First up is second-year coach and ex-Bison hoop star Jeff Williams. Jeff is a players' coach, who is committed to getting our Lady Bison ready to dominate this season. He works mainly with the guards and will be directly responsible for putting at least three players on the All-MEAC first team this season. Linda Spencer, who doubles as the head volleyball coach during the fall season and was a member of the original women's hoop team at HU, has been by Tyler's side since day one. Spencer also works with the guards and handles all the teams traveling arrangements.

The schedule

One of the reasons I have so much respect for Tyler as a coach is because she is fearless. Instead of padding her schedule with some softies, Tyler signed the dotted line and will take her defending MEAC Champions on the road to do battle with nonconference opponents: Marshall University, University of Maryland, Vanderbilt University, Yale University and the big, bad Lady TarHeels of the University of North Carolina. Throw in all of the MEAC teams and our Lady Bison will go head-to-head against 29 tough opponents.

The prediction

The only question mark for the 1997 Lady Bison will be how bad they beat people this season. Trust me, it could get ugly! The Bison will beat the University of Maryland in their back yard by 15 points. They will stun the Lady TarHeels by two with [you-name-the-Bison] hitting the winning jumper as time expires, and we WILL NOT lose a SINGLE-ITTY-BITTY conference game. The Lady Bison will earn their second straight MEAC championship ring and another spot in the "big dance."

The coaching staff

Sanya "Committed to the Bone" Tyler suits up for her 17th season as the Lady Bison's fearless leader. Tyler is one of the finest coaches in all of women's basketball at any level. Besides her 216 career victories, Tyler demands respect

SPORTS

The Big Payback

Bison get things back on winning track

By Martin Lewis
Special to the Hilltop

I hope all of you hoop fans are ready to rock 'n' roll, bankhead bounce or do the electric slide with the 1997 men's basketball team. This is none other than the Howard Sports Mouth giving it to you straight about the ins and outs of this year's men's hoop team.

FINALLY, FINALLY, FINALLY, Head Coach Mike McLeese has assembled a group of young men that will make all you hoop-happy fans want to file, run, sneak or pay some cash to come into the Burr and cheer on some exciting above-the-rim, high-flying, 360-degree dunking dishes that promise to be good enough to eat.

To say that I'm excited about the upcoming season is one thing, but to get closer to the truth: I'M READY FOR THE BIG PAYBACK TO SOME OF THEM BUMS WHO ARE SLEEPING ON OUR BOYS! Yea, we owe some folks.

And you can forget about another 0-15 start and a season with only seven wins. Why do I feel so strongly about this? Mainly it's because I happen to be a huge McLeese fan, but more importantly, we finally have some players worth cheering for. Forget about past days with soft players who didn't have no heart. We have a group of young men who are ready to bring the thunder.

To say I'm excited about the '97 season just doesn't make my point. I'M STRAIGHT READY TO KNOCK SOME TEAMS OUT. I've personally ordered 14 extra-large black boxing gloves for the players and four for the coaches. McLeese told me it was cool, and he promised me that we're going to do whatever it takes — fight, fight, fight to put some W's in the win column. (You get the picture, we ain't playing this year.) So ... LET'S GET READY TO RUMMMMMMMBLE.

Warning: Stop reading this if you aren't ready to do whatever to help our boys reach the promise land because we don't have any more time to waste. We've got some serious business to tend to, like bringing some pride and respect back to the Burr. Trust me, you don't want to miss the 1997 season. I promise it will be one you'll tell your kids about.

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference picked our boys fourth in the preseason polls. None of our opponents think we'll finish that high. Sophomore point guard Jabari Outtz was our only player represented in the preseason All-Conference team. That's cool, though. We don't need them anyway.

So, why should you be excited about this year's group of ballers? Good question. Because ... IT'S TIMMMMMEEEEEE ...

Point guard

Leading the way at the point is none other than the 1995 Co-Rookie of the Year and 1997 Preseason All-MEAC first-teamer 5-foot-11-inch Jabari "J-Rock" Outtz. Representing Lanham, Md., Outtz led the team in minutes played (913), games started (all 27), points scored (460) and three-pointers (67) as a true freshman.

To say "J-Rock" is a player doesn't even do him justice; to say that he is one of the top five point guards in the MEAC, the country or the world is more on point. "J-Rock" can flat out do it all. Don't, I repeat, don't sleep on his skills.

His handle is one of the best in the business, and I think he invented the D.C. crossover dribble. I mean, he can give it to you with either hand, slow or fast, even on the fast break. Oh, and don't forget about that little hesitation dribble, "The Outtz Shake." It's deadly when done at top speed — just ask shorty from FAMU who had to get his

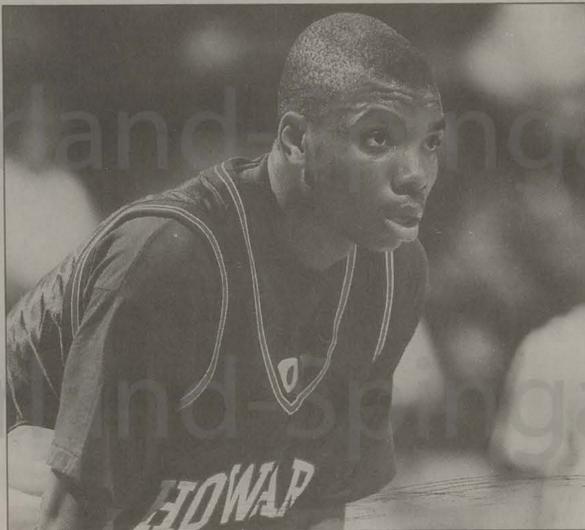


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Jabari Outtz, preseason All-MEAC pick, needs to have an outstanding sophomore year to fuel the Bison running game.

ankles taped after Outtz introduced him to it in the Burr last season. Straight embarrassed the kid.

"J-Rock" ain't nothing nice. He can bury the short jumper, medium jumper, and oh boy, can he stroke the long ball (three-pointer, folks). His no-look passes bring back flashes of a young Magic Johnson.

But perhaps the most impressive thing about "J-Rock" is his inner-city heart. If you pulled it out of his body, you could stretch it across the HU football field. And that inner-city heart is very contagious. Just ask his teammates, who have taken their games to another level with the help of Outtz. "J-Rock" promised me on team photo day that he was on a mission this year. "No more cute stuff," he said. "I'm straight gonna wreck some folks." That's what I'm talking about!

Backing up "J-Rock" will be 6-foot-2-inch senior Eric "E-Man" Dedmon, representing Detroit. "E-Man" is coming off his best season. Mr. Detroit lit 'em up for 244 points last season and shot 80 percent from the cherry stripe (the free throw line for y'all nonknowing people). His fade-away jumper should be registered with the Washington Metropolitan Police Department. He's flat-out deadly from inside 20 feet, and he's not afraid to knock down the long ball. "E-Man" explodes to the cup (that's basket, people) and isn't shy about throwing it down in someone's face. I like that.

"E-Man" is ready to explode this season. Look for him to mix it up with anyone, anywhere, anytime. He bulked up over the summer in the weight room and is playing some aggressive basketball.

Seeing some serious playing time will be 6-foot freshman Tony "Frek 'em Down" Mitchell representing Burtonsville, Md. "Frek 'em Down" does just that on the court. His handle is very solid and, yes, being from the area, he rocks the D.C. crossover with crazy speed. If you slip, he'll take you right to the hole and his jumper is "freaky" from 20 feet. But what earned him a jersey is his ability to hit the open man with one of them tasty no-look treats. He is going to earn some serious respect from our opponents this season with that pressure man-on-man defense.

Shooting guard

Opening the season with a loaded six-shooter will be 6-foot-5-inch sophomore Melvin "Double Duece" Watson, representing Temple Hills, Md. "Double Duece" introduced himself to college basketball and quickly earned a reputation as the Gun Slinger from the East. "Double Duece" specializes in the three-ball. He buried 33 of them last season while spending most of his time dodging double and triple teams. "Double Duece" came into training camp on a mission. He is in the best shape of his life, and boy, is that jumper on. Besides the long ball, "Double

Duece" isn't afraid to explode to the cup. He plays above the rim and promised me the other day that he has a new assortment of dunks to show off to all the fans. Coach McLeese has given him a total green light. (Green means go, go, go and collect the MEAC championship ring!)

Behind "Double Duece" will be 6-foot-2-inch senior John "Miami" Gay, representing Miami. "Miami" is coming off a sub-par junior season, but don't trip. "Miami" came to training camp with a new jumper and a new body. "Miami" hit the weights real hard over the summer. He's at his best coming off a screen and burying the open jumper, but he has added some offensive moves to his arsenal. All I can say is come out and check it out.

Up next is the next hot shot in HU hoop history. I'm talking about 6-foot-1-inch freshman Bakari "Drew Hall" Adams, representing Wheaton, Ill. "Drew Hall" is another one of those academic brains (he attends HU on a full academic scholarship, thank you very much) that can play some serious ball. "Drew Hall" is the pure shooter we have been looking for. Boy, can he light it up from long range. "Drew Hall" is also solid coming off screens, but don't sleep — he's got some one-on-one moves for all that want to try him. Besides the three-pack, he's got a solid handle that won't get swiped, and he never, I said never, misses from the cherry stripe.

Representing the Boogie Down, Bronx, N.Y., is 6-foot-3-inch junior Imsomie "Black Street" Leeper. "Black Street" has the second-best set of ups on the team and brings some serious inner-city toughness to the Burr. Schooled on the rough and tough hard courts of New York City, "Black Street" will see time at the three or the four positions and could even handle the two if needed. He plays all aspects of the game very well. He can stroke the long ball, but it's that first step to the hole that is going to turn some heads this season. He doesn't just run, he explodes to the cup. He plays above the rim like most inner-city kids. (I love inner-city folk. It's all about the grassroots with me.) "Black Street" plays well under pressure, he applies some serious man-on-man defense, and he's got his own version of the D.C. crossover.

Small forward

Let me be the first to introduce the future of HU basketball. He is none other than 6-foot-6-inch freshman Xavier "Silky Smooth" Singletary, representing Washington, D.C.'s Dunbar High School. "Silky Smooth" is just that on the court. He enters HU as the most impressive signee ever. He can do everything all of you fakers only dream about. He can play the one, two, three or four positions. I don't have to even say it, but you know

he is a master of that killer crossover dribble, but that's even his strong point. (Don't get me wrong, he freaks it, but that jumper is his ticket to the next level. He can give it to you straight up or kiss it off the glass from way up in the bleachers. I called the MEAC front office yesterday and told them to mail him the Rookie of the Year trophy right now. They tripped for a minute, then put it in the mail.)

"Silky Smooth" averaged 21 points and 8.0 boards per game during his senior tour in D.C.'s extra, extra-tough inner-high school league. To put it very simply, he's the player Coach McLeese has been waiting for his whole life. Enough said!

Up next is HU's resident tough guy, 6-foot-7-inch senior Thurman "Thurmo" Johnson, representing Dallas. "Thurmo," just like that other Thurmo on John Madden '93 (for the Sega game fans), is super tough, very physical and will embarrass you if he gets that first step. Thurmo's job is to make anyone who dares to enter the paint pay the price. Opposing players must go down, and they must go down hard. Besides setting bone-jarring picks, cleaning up the boards and finishing on the fast break (above the rim, of course), "Thurmo" will bury the 15-foot jumper.

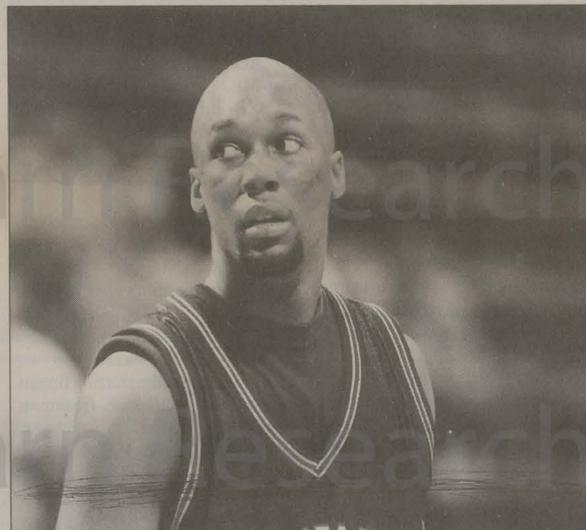


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Shooting guard, Melvin Watson, must elevate his play to take the pressure from the shoulders of Jabari Outtz.

Seeing plenty of action will be 6-foot-4-inch sophomore Derrick "Hops" Davis, representing San Diego, Calif. "Hops" does just that, jumps like nothing you've ever seen before. "Hops" is my kind of player. Only two years ago he was the team manager in charge of filming games, passing out uniforms and all the other low-profile junk. But, all that is in the past. Don't sleep on "Hops."

"Hops" to the surprise of many, has a nice game. He can stroke the jump from 15 feet, clean the boards with the best of them, and oh boy, does he have heart. Like most of us, he created that above the rim game on the blacktop. He can play the low-post or turn and face the basket. WARNING: Don't test him either — he'll definitely get 'em up. (Now you see the reason for all the boxing gloves.)

Power forward

WE'VE GOT SOMETHING SPECIAL BREWING HERE. It's my pleasure to introduce 6-foot-6-inch freshman Jermaine "Big Dog" Holloway, representing Washington, D.C.'s Roosevelt High School. Don't worry about our boys getting pushed around any longer, "Big Dog" is gonna take care of all of that and then some. (He's the real reason I got my hands on those boxing gloves.) "Big Dog" fears no one. Don't get the wrong idea about "Big Dog" — he is more than just a bruiser. He's got the best double-pump move in college basketball. For all you that want to

get a good look at him, just aim your cameras at the free-throw line. That is where you're going to see him most of the time. He's gonna get hacked, no doubt, but don't trip and run out on the floor — trust me he can handle himself just fine. He was so impressive in training camp that he has been starting with the first-team since Day One. He takes care of all the business on the glass like it was his own private property. POWER, POWER AND MORE POWER describes his game. I told the coaches to give him No. 5 because he is going to foul out at least two players per game. (Five fouls and you're out. It's in the rule book that way, I didn't just make that up.)

"Big Dog" is HU's version of NBA great Charles Barkley. He runs the floor well, and oh boy, does he like to throw it down, if you know what I mean. For all you low-post fans, don't worry about a thing, "Big Dog" solves all of our problems.

Backing up "Big Dog" will be 6-foot-8-inch freshman Garrett "Mean Streak" McCormick representing Chester, Penn. "Mean Streak" is a blue chipper who has a nice game and an even nicer mean streak. "Mean Streak" is a budding star in this game. He is at his best doing battle in the paint. He has a nice variety of low-post moves and

doing just what his names says — he flies in for a slam dunk. The team's best above the rim player, "Sky" can give it to you any way you want it. (I really like that double clutching backwards joint.)

But, don't think his game stops there. He's a shot blocker who told me he is going to start a "GET THAT STUFF OUT OF HERE SECTION" in the Burr. You gotta love that. And when he's not 10 feet above the rim, "Sky" will knock down the medium jumper.

Now here comes a great story: Rene "Rebo" Harry, a 6-foot-11-inch junior representing Washington, D.C., is finally healthy and ready to explode on the MEAC scene. "Rebo" is one of those guys who never quit. (If you don't love that quality in an athlete, then you have serious problems.) "Rebo" has fought off nagging injuries and is playing the best basketball of his life. He gives HU another physical force under the boards, and wow, does he like to dunk on people.

"Rebo" told me that he is going to make old Mike Jarvis of GW pay for counting him out two years ago. (Yea, that's the attitude I'm talking about.) Get ready for "Rebo" to mix it up this season. He's got nice touch inside 10 feet and, just like that ex-L.A. Laker center, that hook shot is unstoppable. He'll average double digits this year, no question about it.

The coaching staff and the schedule

At the helm of the team for his third season is the classiest head coach on HU's campus, Mike McLeese, representing Washington, D.C.'s Dunbar High School. You know the little school off Seventh Street that won all those league championships and took the high school basketball world by storm in the late '80s? McLeese is a player's coach, pure and simple. He likes to run and gun, and his philosophy is if you can knock it down, then for sure launch that three-ball. McLeese, just like the NBA's Pat Riley minus all that hair grease, likes to play that pressure defense.

Although he only has 16 career college victories, don't sleep on this guy. (It really wasn't his fault. I don't make excuses, but over the last two seasons his team has out-shot their opponents 3,090 to 2,210.) His players just couldn't fill it. Something to think about: McLeese has one quality that you'll fall in love with. If he can't go first-class then he's not going, period. Finally, McLeese brought in some players that are going to help him book first-class airline tickets right to the NCAA Championships.

Like all good coaches, McLeese has surrounded himself with a first-class coaching staff. First up is Derrell Matthews, the old school teacher of the group. He works with the guards and demands respect from his players and the admiration of opposing coaches. He's a nice guy, but if you anger him, you'll be running laps until that old nasty cafeteria food comes up the hard way. He handles all of the scheduling and is responsible for lining up University of Maryland, University of Cincinnati, American University, Liberty University and Morehouse (not to mention all of the MEAC schools) to do battle with our boys. Up next comes the next great Division I head coach, Mike Jones, an ex-HU stud of the early '80s. Jones works with the big men, handles all of the film work and also serves as the team's main recruiter.

Last, but definitely not least, is Kevin Nickelberry. Nickelberry works with the guards and keeps all of our boys in good standing academically with the NCAA. Nickelberry also coordinates all of the HU camps and marketing duties.

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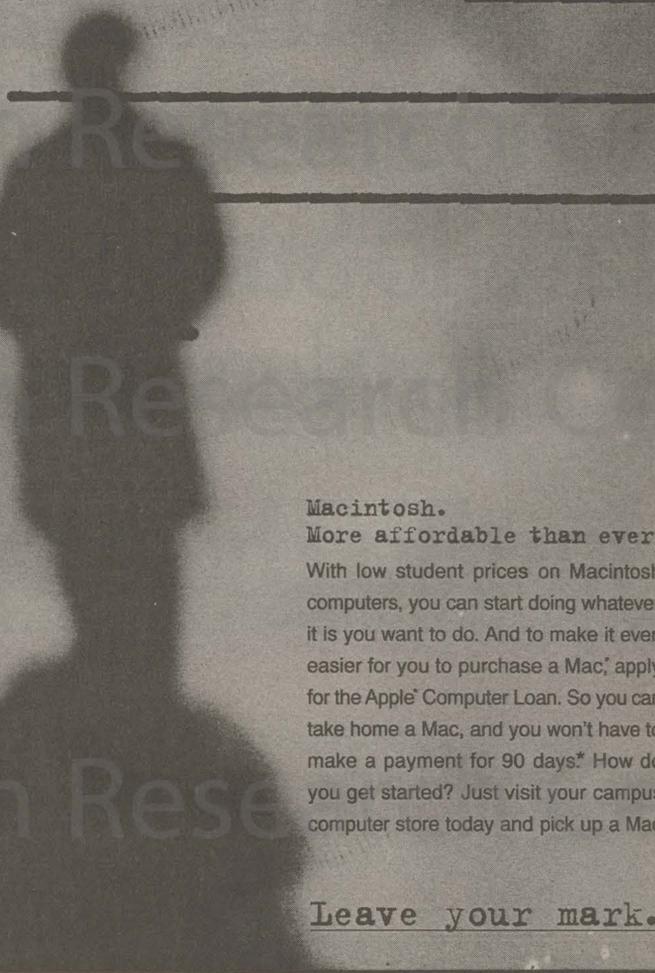
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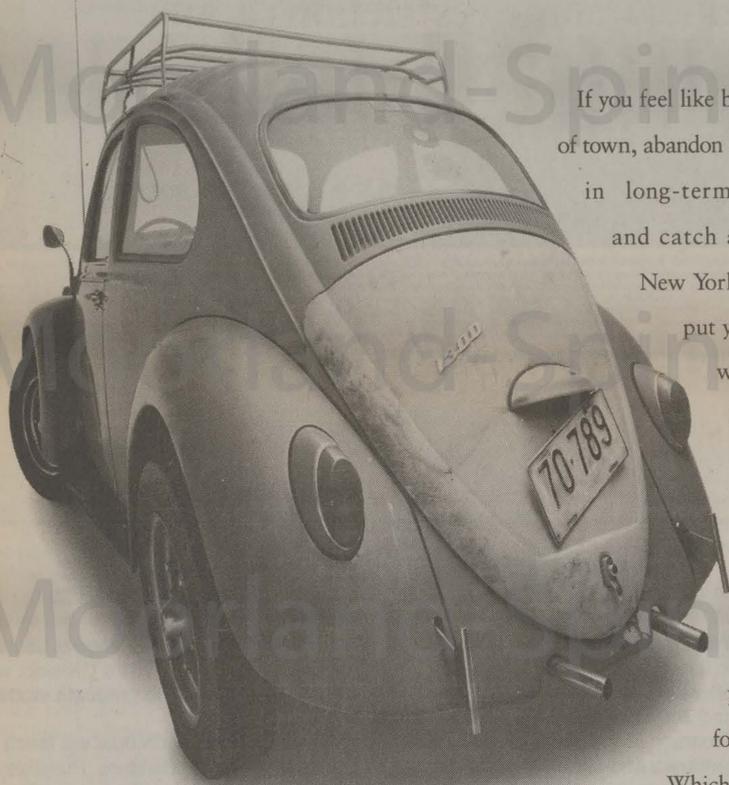
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