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The Hilltop wishes everybody a happy, safe break. Our next issue will be January 17, 1997.

Students seek onlookers to confirm brutality claims

By Natalie Y. Moore
Hilltop Staff Writer

Six area college students are looking for witnesses to step forward for their defense in what they call a case of police brutality during the Howard University Homecoming weekend.

Four Georgetown University students and two University of Virginia students said Metro and U.S. Secret Service officers applied unnecessary "excessive force" Oct. 25, the night of the Jay-Z/Kid Capri party at the Ramada Inn on 10 Thomas Circle NW.

In front of Popeyes Famous Fried Chicken, near the busy corner of 14th and N Sts., the men say three Metro and two U.S. Secret Service officers wrongly accosted them at approximately 11 p.m.

Dion Woolfolk, a fourth-year UVA student, said he and his friends left their car and headed toward the party when they were singled out by the authorities.

"Out of nowhere, [there was] a big mob of folks. We turned and started running. It never entered my mind police were chasing people," he said.

A gun was pulled out on one student; another was hit in the eye and hospitalized for a mild concussion. All six were sprawled on the concrete and kicked, punched or billy clubbed for five to seven minutes. No rights were read or arrests made.

"Once on the ground, they [officers] started yelling 'who threw the f---ing bottle?'" said Geoff Ratcliff, a second-year UVA student.

Woolfolk said they tried explaining to the officers that they had not thrown any objects.

"We were not antagonistic at all. We kept saying, 'We just got here. Yes sir, we didn't do anything,'" he said.

Because of the bustling flow of people and traffic on the streets, they hope eyewitnesses call the police station with their accounts. Ratcliff said many bystanders yelled in their favor.

"[They] don't need to take police tactics to that level," said Jebel Bennett, a Georgetown senior.

"I feel it was totally uncalled for. We want them to know they were wrong. Witnesses will help us out instead of our word against theirs [officers]."

Georgetown sophomore Brian Swift suffered from bruises on his shoulders and scrapes on his chin.

"I was sore, humiliated and embarrassed," Swift said. "They [officers] got on us like we were criminals. It was a busy street. Lots of people saw what happened. We hope they call in and report to be a witness."

The officers let them go after showing university IDs. The students filed affidavits the following day at District Three Metro Police Department. There are two ongoing investigations — Metro police and Secret Service.

Capt. Marcus Westover, of the District Three police station, said a melee started when a fire marshal closed down the Ramada party, now the Washington Plaza Hotel. The crowd became disorderly; rocks and bottles were thrown at the police and the young men pressing charges got mixed up in the commotion, Westover said.

"We're collecting statements and interviewing people. The Metro Police Department and Secret Service are working very, very closely in trying to identify the officers in question." The case will then be forwarded to the U.S. Attorney's office.

Please see BRUTALITY, A6.



Photo by Pedro de Weever

Vice President for Student Affairs Steve Favors and President H. Patrick Swygert join a student in cutting the ribbon to a new computer lab in the Tubman Quadrangle.

Swygert unveils computer labs in ceremony

By Anna French
Hilltop Staff Writer

The cutting of a blue ribbon in the 15-minute ceremony at the opening of the campus' newest computer labs, signaled the speed at which Howard University is moving on the information superhighway.

A crowd of 30 students and faculty were on hand Tuesday as President H. Patrick Swygert and administrators unveiled the latest campus improvements to student life: 20 computers in Tubman Quadrangle and 10 computers in Carver Hall with accompanying laser printers.

"This is just our small part of the continued commitment to the students of the future," said Swygert as he dedicated the labs to students who have lived in the dormitories in years past.

In early September, a computer lab was opened in Drew Hall the title RESNET.

The pilot project, which university officials said met with success in the all-male dormitory, will be extended to other dormitories by the end of the academic year.

Quad resident Trina Hill said she is excited about the opening of the computer lab.

"This is pretty amazing," Hill said. "I am especially glad that it's right here in the dormitory where

it's easily accessible."

All of the computer workstations are directly connected to the Howard University Network, which means that all students who use the workstations have access to the Internet, World Wide Web and other research services within HUNet.

Telnet, e-mail, Netscape Navigator and the Microsoft Internet Explorer browser are other features that are also easily accessible from the workstations.

Joseph Collins, assistant vice president for Information Systems and Services, said males from other dormitories will be allowed to have free use of the computer lab in the Quad, but will have to follow normal guidelines for visitation.

The new computer lab, located in Baldwin Hall, will be accessible to students 40 hours a week. However, this schedule is subject to change. Administrators will be conducting a survey in order to collect feedback and create an ideal schedule for lab hours.

Resident adviser Ameena Karim, a fourth-year chemical engineering major, voiced her concerns about the present schedule.

"I think that the hours of operation may need to be extended, especially if males are going to be allowed to use the facility," Karim said.

Please see COMPUTERS, A9.



Photo by Chris Bell
Lee Thornton, of the broadcast journalism department, is leaving HU to teach at UMCP.

Touted professors' departure raises questions

By Ta-Nehisi Coates
Hilltop Staff Writers

Howard University professors Ron Walters and Lee Thornton are from separate ends of the campus. But they share two things in common: a distinguished resume and the University of Maryland, College Park. This time next year both professors will be teaching at UMCP.

Ron Walters has accumulated a plethora of awards. He worked on Jesse Jackson's 1984 presidential campaign and authored several books on Black politics.

Political science professor Lorenzo Morris said Ron Walters helped expand the parameters of the political science department.

"Ron, in addition to doing Black politics, did international affairs ... focused on Africa, but he also did some parts of international affairs pertaining to Black politics," Morris said.

Morris said the former department chairman was integral in making Howard one of the few centers for Black politics.

Chris Hart, a political science major, said Walters "was a very informative and very productive professor ... [who's] missed very much."

Yet for all of the respect and homage that political science pundits pay Walters, few are clear on why he has chosen to depart.

Please see PROFESSORS, A9.

Finally!



Photo by Chris Bell
Amber Anderson studies in Founders Library for a final exam. Classes ended yesterday, and library hours will be extended to accommodate students during the reading period.

Bison football to bring in the new year at Heritage Bowl

By Reginold Royston
Hilltop Staff Writer

Cheers of "Bison!" will ring in the new year as the Howard University Football team takes on Southern University in the McDonald's Heritage Bowl at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on New Year's Eve.

The match-up will mark the first time the Bison have ever competed in the historical Black college bowl game, and a win will crown the team National Black College Champions.

Swygert and a contingent of university officials and students will travel to Atlanta before the game to host a reception for the Howard team. Administrators are hoping to

use the event to showcase the University to students from more than 500 area high schools and interest them in enrolling. Qualifying applicants will be admitted to the University on the spot.

Vice President for Student Affairs Steve Favors said registration booths and information literature at the reception and game will mark the weekend as a sort of institutional and career fair, which will end with a game after party sponsored by the Howard Alumni Atlanta Chapter.

Favors said the University has also hired more than 200 presidents and members of Howard alumni chapters from around the country to participate in fund raising and to

organize seminars meant to jumpstart national efforts to increase alumni support, which is currently hovering near 3 percent.

The game runs on the heels of last weekend's Bayou Classic, in which more than 45,000 fans packed the New Orleans Super Dome to watch Southern University of Baton Rouge, La., topple the Grambling State.

Favors said Southern is planning to bring more than 20,000 fans to the game. The Jaguars have not met the Bison in a championship match since the 1990 Los Angeles Classic, which Howard won 21-7.

"They're preparing to even the score. We want everyone who has the time to come down and join us," Favors said.

CAMPUS

Mock trial team captures honors at Yale

By Keisha Kelly
Hilltop Staff Writer

Owing to the legal tradition established by Thurgood Marshall and Charles Houston at Howard University, the Martin Luther King Jr. Mock Trial team returned with high honors from the Yale University Invitational Tournament last month.

Competing against colleges from around the country at the Nov. 16-17 tournament, the team conducted mock trial court proceedings based on actual trials.

Howard won second and fourth place out of 12 teams, with senior legal communications majors Jamal Johnson and Dorian Daggs both receiving awards for best attorney.

Kevin Carr, a senior in the School of Communications, and Jabari Young, a student in the College of Arts and Sciences, both received honors as best witness.

"It is truly a rewarding experience having the opportunity to compete with other great students around

the country and prove HU is truly the Mecca," said Young, a sophomore political science major and veteran of last year's team.

Young said the team's success stems from the dedication of its coaches, speech professors Debyii Thomas and Felicia Walker.

At their Thursday practices, which often run more than five hours, guest attorneys, judges and legal scholars advise and critique the team's portrayal and practice of the case.

Last year the work paid off. The team placed second at the Cornell University Invitational Tournament and ranked in the top ten in the nation. And at the close of last season's national competition, held in February in Des Moines, Iowa, the mock trial team ranked sixth in the United States.

The team is now practicing for regional and national competitions, which will be held early next year.

Mock trial teams compete with three attorneys and a group of witnesses against other schools who

argue cases against them. Teams are ranked according to how well they follow and demonstrate higher legal procedure.

Judges evaluate each team on objections, witness testimonies and oratorical skills.

Andrea Blount, a senior legal communication major, said the team prepares students for the courtroom by simulating the atmosphere of a trial.

"The mock trial team is a rewarding experience for anyone who is going to law school," Blount said. "You have an edge that others do not have."

Young said his mock trial experience prepares him to follow in the footsteps of Black civil rights leaders who have sought equal treatment under the law.

"The whole debate experience is useful in moving and convincing people as to what is right rather than what is thought to be true ... how the justice system and laws affect us as African Americans," Young said.



The Martin Luther King Mock trial team brought home more than 40 percent of the awards from the recent Yale Invitational.

Bison quarterback matures on field and off

By Kisha Riggins
Hilltop Staff Writer

Lizzie White remembers a time when her son used to break down and cry after every football game his team would lose. She remembers a time when he would call her every day, sometimes three times a day, bringing her phone bill to almost \$400 a month. She also remembers when Federal White doubted that he would be able to succeed academically and athletically at the collegiate level.

But all those memories are in the past. In Howard's 21-20 heartbreaking loss to Florida A&M earlier this season, Lizzie White saw that there was a big change in her son.

After the game, gone were the tears she so readily expected. There stood a mature young man who was quite different from the 18-year-old that left Baton Rouge, La., three years ago.

"Ted is a mama's boy," Lizzie said. "When he left to go to Howard, I missed him so much and he missed me too. He would call all the time — in the morning, in the afternoon and at night. He was so homesick. But now he doesn't call home as much. Ted has grown tremendously, he has really matured."

White, a red-shirt sophomore, has broken numerous school and conference records en route to leading the Bison football team to a 9-2 overall record and a berth in the Sixth Annual McDonald's Heritage Bowl against the Southern University Jaguars on New Year's Eve. White (174 of 289 passing for 2,814 yards, 36 touchdowns, 10 interceptions) is the top-ranked passer in

Division 1-AA this season as he leads the Bison to their first post-season game since 1993 when Howard was led by Jay Walker, now of the Minnesota Vikings. White broke Walker's school record, as well as the conference record for most touchdown passes thrown in a season (36, the former mark was 24). He twice tied Walker's mark for most touchdown passes in a game with six.

White was selected as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year and placed on the All-MEAC First Team. White will also be honored as the MEAC Player of the Year by the Pigs Club of Washington. He stands alone atop the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in just about every offensive category for a quarterback.

White's collegiate career so far consists of 3,767 yards passing and 42 touchdowns, which places him second in career touchdowns behind former Howard quarterback Lee Dubose (49). Local sportscasters are calling White the "hottest quarterback in the area."

But before earning such complimentary nicknames, he doubted his abilities many times and considered leaving Howard.

"My freshman year I was frustrated because the offense was so difficult for me to learn," White said. "Then I was redshirted and couldn't play that season. I would be at every game on the sidelines, wanting to play and contribute, but I couldn't."

White won the starting quarterback position his freshman year, but six games into the season, he came up against NFL-bound Florida A&M

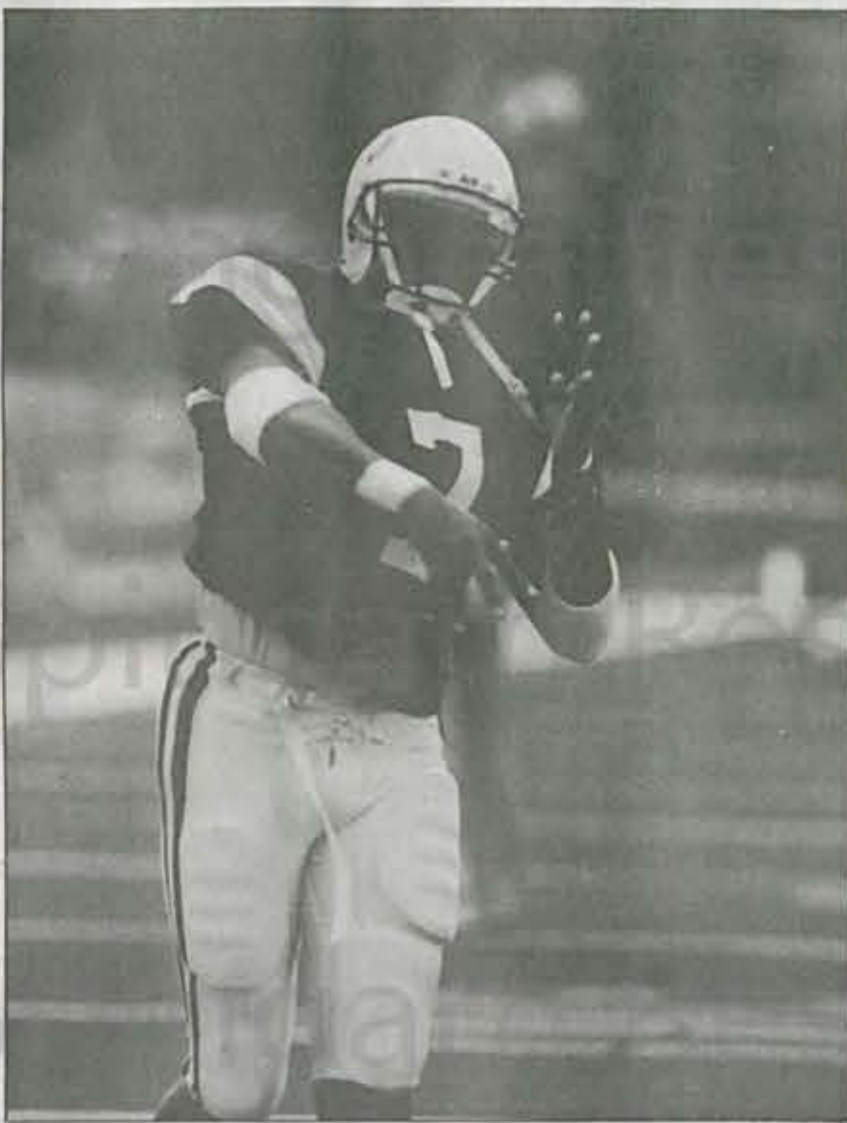


Photo courtesy of All-Pro Photography

Howard Bison Ted White has overcome several obstacles to obtain his current athletic and academic success.

linebacker Earl Holmes, who knocked him out for the rest of the season.

"I was throwing to Marco Ward and I got hit in the ribs," White said. "I thought I just had the wind knocked out of me. So coach [Steve Wilson] took me out of the game."

"The game was close then, but I

wanted to go back in and I didn't feel any pain, I was numb," White remembered. "So I went back in. After the game my side hurt real bad, and I was spitting up blood. Then I knew something was wrong."

White had a lacerated kidney and was out for the rest of the season.

During his junior year in high school, he hurt his knee and needed surgery. In his senior year, he broke his collarbone.

"My mother wanted to come up here [to DC]. But I told her no because I knew that if she came up here, I would go home and never come back," White said.

"He didn't want me to come up there and start babying him," Lizzie said. White overcame his fears about playing again with the help of his coaches and teammates.

"I thought that I wouldn't be the same player that I was before the injury. But everybody kept telling me that I would be," White said.

He took to working hard to get back into shape. White knew he was ready to play when he was no longer afraid of getting hurt during spring practice this year.

While he recovered from his injuries, White focused on his education and getting better grades.

"To me education is so important," White said. "If I had the chance to talk to kids about playing football and education, I would always tell them to choose an education because football is all about taking risks. And every play is a risk that your football career will be gone. But with an education, you won't have to worry about risks like that."

Those words, his mother said, are a testimony to how much he has grown and matured.

"At first he really didn't want to go to college," Lizzie said. "I think it was because he didn't know if he could do well with his grades. But me and his grandmother stayed on him. I'm so proud of him."

White selected Howard because it

was a historically Black university and its football team was successful. Bison went 11-1 that season the university was away from

"It was between Howard, Eastern and Grambling," White said. "I chose Howard because it was away from home. When I came here for a visit, I liked it and [Lewis, a Bison running back] and I decided to come here at about the same time."

"At first I did. In the beginning and Tyrone would call our parents all the time. But then I adjusted," White said.

White said he owes a lot to his former quarterback Jay Walker. "Howard was recruiting Walker called him, and the two cussed the offense. And for the two years, Walker has come back to help White with his game."

"I had a problem with my work," White said. "Jay would come back to Minnesota and tell me they would tell him about work on the footwork. Not that people would do that, come and help me out like that."

White said he is not looking for an NFL right now, despite his achievements.

"My goal this season is to be an All-American, and I pray that I stay healthy and don't get hurt," White said.

"When it comes right down to it, I'm not going to listen to everybody else is saying. Right now I want to graduate and come to graduate school. I'm gonna do what's right for me, what's right for Ted White."

NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw discusses racial inequities in journalism opportunities

By Donya Matheny
Hilltop Staff Writer

"NBC Nightly News" anchor Tom Brokaw acknowledged the racial inequities of job opportunities in journalism at the School of Communications' 25th anniversary dinner.

"When I began as a young man, out in the prairie, and for too many years after that, this was an all-male, all-white club," Brokaw said. "In Omaha, Neb., well above the Mason-Dixon line, in the early 1960s — when Bob Gibson was being welcomed home for his Hall of Fame appearance in another World Series as the star of the Cardinal victory — in Omaha, in my station and in no station in town did we have any black employees outside of the custodial staff," Brokaw said. "And when I raised it constantly with my employers and my colleagues, I was turned aside."

Brokaw, who now sits on the School of Communications' Advisory Board, also said much of his success was attributed to "the luck of timing" and that he knows opportunities probably would not have

been abundant if he were not part of the country's majority population.

"I tell you this not because I want you to celebrate me. I tell you this because I want you to know that I know that none of that would have happened to me, none of that would have happened to me had I been black or Asia or Hispanic or Native American, even if I had gone to a better school. ... That was wrong. I will never forget it. I am determined to do what I can wherever I can to make sure this profession and this society solve this cancer in my lifetime," he said.

Robert Johnson, chairman of BET Holdings, Inc., pledged to give \$100,000 to the School of Communications in an effort to show the appreciation BET has for its relationship with Howard.

"I just want to say that we really, absolutely, unequivocally appreciate the tremendous talent and energy and enthusiasm that the students from Howard bring to Black Entertainment Television and we have benefited tremendously from what you bring to us. And because it's probably proper that we acknowledge how important you are to us,



Photo courtesy of Roy Lewis Photography

NBC anchor Tom Brokaw spoke of the segregated media in the early days of his career at the School of Communications gala dinner.

I'm going to take it upon myself, as the chief decision maker at BET, to make an announcement that BET is going to set up a \$100,000 money gift to Dean Dates," Johnson said. At the dinner, President H. Patrick Swygert and Interim Dean Dr. Janette Dates presented Johnson with "The Messenger Award for Excellence in Communications."

The gala dinner also featured Actor/Producer Ossie Davis and "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" national correspondent Charlayne Hunter-Gault. An interactive video conference on "Telecommunication, Technology and African-Americans" at the Freedom Forum was also part of the two-day celebration.

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ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

NEWS BRIEF #9

6 DECEMBER 1996

Prospective May 1997 Graduates

- ❑ Each candidate for graduation is personally responsible for obtaining clearance for graduation. You *must* consult with your academic advisor to determine if you have met all academic and financial requirements. If you have not been financially cleared, you must report to Financial Aid and Student Employment and Student Financial Services to settle your account to be eligible for graduation.
- ❑ If you have not met *all* academic and *all* financial requirements, you *cannot* receive your degree nor can you participate in Commencement Exercises.
- ❑ See your academic advisor *now* or not later than 10 January while you can still register for classes you may need to fulfill graduation requirements. Add/Drop ends 15 January 1997; **retroactive registration and retroactive program changes are not permitted.**

Appeals Process

(Students Failing to Meet Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards)

- ❑ Students who fail to meet satisfactory academic progress standards are not eligible to receive financial aid. (Academic progress is reviewed after every second semester of enrollment and is based on grade point average, cumulative hours earned, and number of semesters enrolled.)
- ❑ Within 14 days of notification, students who are determined ineligible for financial aid have the right to submit to Financial Aid and Student Employment a written appeal for reinstatement of aid eligibility. (The appeal should include a statement citing the reason(s) for failure to meet progress standards and any pertinent supporting documentation.)
- ❑ Students receive written notification of the decision (approval or denial), and if they are not satisfied with the decision they may submit a second appeal (in writing) to the Chairman of the University-wide Financial Aid Committee. (Requests are reviewed the first and fifteenth of each month.) The Committee's decision is final.
- ❑ If your appeal is approved, you *cannot* use the decision as the basis for registration if the registration period has ended.
- ❑ Once an appeal has been approved, contact Financial Aid and Student Employment regarding aid eligibility.

Registration/Late Registration Manual

- ❑ Pick up your Registration/Late Registration Information Package from your school/college or department. This package includes a letter, the Spring 1997 REGISTRATION/LATE REGISTRATION MANUAL, and an errata sheet.
- ❑ Reference copies for your use are available at Help Desks (lobby "A" Building and information desk Blackburn University Center) 6-17 January 1997 or from Room 105 "A" Building after 4 December 1996.

Registration Hotline

(202-806-7510)

- ❑ Available 4 December 1996 - 16 January 1997.

Address Holds

- ❑ The following students must report immediately to Enrollment Management/Records and Articulation, Room 105 "A" Building to provide their current mailing addresses:

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042578	079012	097580	112265	120162	911477
055619	082210	097711	113130	122328	926306
057949	083367	097951	113308	122787	927240
059869	084048	099729	113431	122818	
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Reminder: To avoid being assessed a \$75 Late Payment Fee, you must pay at least the first deferred payment by the close of business 20 December 1996.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT NEWS BRIEF #10

6 DECEMBER 1996

Registration/Late Registration



Inclement Weather Plan



- For the latest information, call the University Telephone Operator (202-806-6100) or the Registration Hotline (202-806-7510) or tune in to WHUR (96.3 FM). Also, check other local radio and television stations.

University Status Procedure

Curtailed Operations

(Liberal Leave granted. Therefore, some offices, especially within the schools and departments, may not be staffed.)

All eligible continuing students with approved programs can use HU-PROS to reserve classes. Thus, you can register from any touch-tone telephone, eliminating the need to see a SOLA operator.

Pay the next week day that the University is open or your classes will be **purged**.

Closed

All dated registration activities move forward by one week day for each day the University is closed.

Example: If the University is closed 7 January 1997, all activities scheduled for 7 January 1997 will take place on 8 January 1997, **AND** all activities scheduled for 8 January 1997 will take place on 9 January 1997.

Dated Activities: 7 January 1997
Financial Registration for New Entrants

8 January 1997
Late Financial Registration for all students

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT NEWS BRIEF #11

6 DECEMBER 1996

Student Recruitment Workshop

Who Says You Can't Go Home Again?

- Are you interested in recruiting at your former high school or in your hometown?
- Then, please attend a mini-Recruitment Training Workshop:

9 December 1996

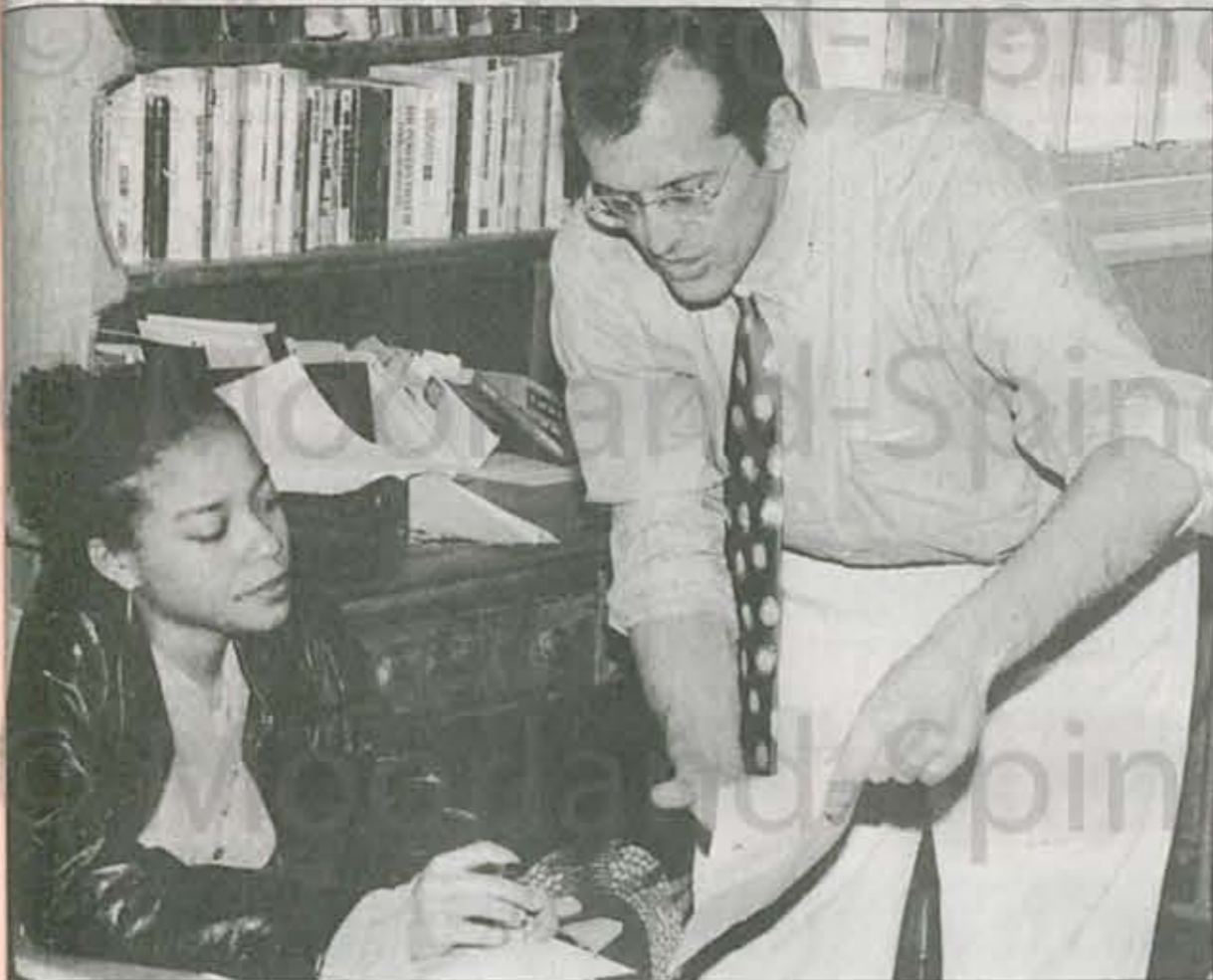
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3:00 p.m.

Blackburn University Center Forum

LOCAL

MAKING THE GRADE



Matthew Johnson teaching student Jeri Baucum.

Photo by Pedro de Weever

District teacher gives students a real-life taste of life in court

By Anthony Edwards
Hilltop Staff Writer

A downtown D.C. courtroom filled with local teenagers is filled with silence as a stern-faced judge reads down his verdict.

For someone who just stumbled into the room, this is probably the sad story of inner-city youth living for their careless actions. Matthew Johnson and his students, it is the culmination of a hard work.

Johnson, who brought the law case to Benjamin Banneker Academic High School three years ago, is very involved with his students. Bringing new things to the classroom, besides books and assignments, is a major part of his teaching, he said.

"Teaching from a book and reading all the time are the worst things for students," Johnson said. "Especially here [at Banneker], where the brain is already stressed." Instead of telling his students about the consequences of a contempt-of-court charge, he shows them the results through scenes

from the movie, "A Few Good Men."

"He made a class that could have been very boring exciting and fun," former student Gowon Thorpe said.

Graduating from George Washington University as a political science major, law was not among Johnson's career goals, but teaching at Paul Junior High School led him to Banneker.

Johnson is a unassuming teacher. His close, prickly conservative shave and funny bow ties reflect him as a fair, but exciting and enjoyable teacher. He is a students' teacher in every sense of the word.

If you were to walk into any of Johnson's street-law classes last semester, you would have probably seen him preparing his students for the District's 24th annual mock trial program. Banneker won the last two trials coming into last year's competition, and although they did not win last year, they still made the finals. Johnson often brings in Georgetown University law students to help his class with their cases.

"This way they learn from people who know the information first hand," he said. "The mock trial is

only a short-term result of the hard work that the students put into it, but it's so much more that you learn from the class that will help you down the road."

Johnson has four lessons he hopes his students will leave his course with.

First, public speaking, because being comfortable and confident helps you on interviews whether it is for college or a job, he said. The second is reading comprehension.

"Becoming familiar with the wording and language just adds on to your vocabulary," Johnson said.

This actually ties into the third aspect, which is diligence and the fourth is teamwork. Johnson said that he likes to see his students work with someone they are not close to and grow a mutual respect for that person through their work. But Johnson said the teamwork aspect of his class is really his favorite part of the job.

"Getting to know kids and see them grow with me as well as their classmates from the first day of class through the day of the mock trial is something that I enjoy," he said.

Metro rail robberies alarm HU students

By Steven Gray
Hilltop Staff Writer

Misty Starks, 20, sat patiently on a frost-bitten bench in the Shaw-Howard University Metro station, waiting on the next Green Line train to whisk her off to work.

With her leather purse by her side, a middle-aged man appeared out of nowhere and sat on the edge of the bench — right next to Starks.

Shaken and alarmed, she clinched her purse and gazed at the man out of the corner of her eyes, only to realize that he was staring intensely at her.

"He just sat down like he was going to run off with my bag at any moment," Starks said. "I wasn't scared because he sat down next to me, it was the way that he sat there ... all jittery. He could have snatched my bag and I would have never seen it again."

Armed robberies have plagued Metro stations in recent weeks, and Metro authorities are bolstering security in its stations and trains to quell the fears of riders.

A 43-year-old man was robbed at gunpoint November 9 while riding on a Red Line train between Takoma Park and Fort Totten.

Peter DePree was startled when a yet to be identified man whispered in his ear: "Where's the money cuz?"

While several other passengers looked on in quiet awe, the first man was joined by two other young men. Within minutes, DePree had been robbed of his wallet, which he said contained \$23.

DePree said that he was sitting in the back of the train behind a glass partition when the incident occurred.

Another Metro passenger was robbed Nov. 11 on a Red Line train when two men punched and choked him before taking his wallet.

Nine days later, a 24-year-old man was robbed by two men as a Red Line train pulled into the Metro Center station from Farragut North. One man demanded money while a second man opened his coat, flashed a gray pistol and said: "Don't be a fool. Give me your wallet," a police report said.

In response to the recent surge in robberies on its trains, Metro authorities quickly re-assigned members of its 240-officer police force from suburban parking lot patrols and onto trains.

Metro Police Captain John Chumas said there are no plans to hire new officers because the hiring process takes roughly nine



Photo by Belinda Vickerson

Students are advised to take extra precautions when riding Metro bus or Metro rail.

months.

"The chief has made arrangements to reallocate the resources that we have without forgoing any of our responsibilities," Chumas said.

Many of the reassigned officers will walk from car-to-car in both uniforms and plain clothes to give Metro's 275,000 daily riders an added sense of security, Chumas said.

Regardless of the bolstered

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—Jennifer Brown, Metro rider

security presence on Metro trains, some Howard University students said they will take matters into their own hands by protecting themselves, even if it means changing their routine.

"When I have to make a transfer, I get off at Gallery Place instead of Mt. Vernon because it's just a more crowded and safer station," said Starks, who often rides Metro home from work late at night. "If someone is walking toward my dorm, I'll walk with them. But I'd rather wait on the bus than walk down Georgia Avenue alone."

"I usually go to sleep on my way to work," said Cheri Russell, a

sophomore accounting major who makes a 45-minute commute to work each weekend. "But this weekend, I was sitting there with my bags thinking, 'If I fall asleep, will someone take my bags?'"

Chumas said that students should feel safe and secure when riding Metro trains, and that in comparison to other large cities like New York, Chicago and Philadelphia, Washington's public rail system is relatively safe.

He also warned students to use "common sense" by being aware of their surroundings and keeping track of time.

If a passenger encounters a problem in a Metro station or train, Chumas said they should immediately report the incident to the station manager, whose office is located in the kiosk at the front entrance of the Metro terminal.

Howard University sophomore Jennifer Brown said that she feels comfortable riding Metro trains to school from her home in Northern Virginia. But, she said, reassigning police will not solve Metro's problems.

"I don't see putting more cops out there as stopping people from harassing or robbing you," Brown said. "It's one of those common sense things. You have to take the initiative to watch out for yourself every time that you walk out of your house."

Howard Deli continues legacy as oldest business on Georgia Ave.

By Zerline A. Hughes
Hilltop Staff Writer

The establishment stands at 2612 Georgia Avenue, N.W., across from the Howard University School of Business and has welcomed students, faculty and local residents since 1923.

Now known as the Howard Bannockburn, the business is the oldest on Georgia Avenue. After spending countless hours as a children serving sandwiches to customers, brothers Daryl Diaz and Kenneth Gilmore bought the business in 1988 from an Italian family, founded by Frank Guerra.

The original deli, known as Frank's Deli, was renamed George and Louis's Deli after Guerra's children. Not until the

1930s did Howard University's name grace the storefront, when the store moved from the School of Business's present location to Georgia Avenue.

"We grew up here," Gilmore said. "It's been our neighborhood since the '20s when our grandparents used to live here."

The owners said they strive to maintain a tradition of serving the Howard University community.

Through its years of service, national leaders, pop icons and Howard alumni have walked through the deli's doors as regular customers.

The list of frequent customers includes former D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt-Kelly and the late Ralph Bunch, Armour J. Blackburn, Mordecai Wyatt



Photo by Belinda Vickerson

The Howard Deli has been serving the local community since 1923.

Johnson and Ted Cooper. Portraits of numerous entertainers grace the walls of the

deli. Gilmore said that a large portion of his business comes from

Banneker High School students, many of whom stop by before and after school.

In addition to making and selling sandwiches, the deli offers everything from school supplies to The Washington Post.

The businesses along Georgia Avenue corridor, Washington's longest running street, are heavily patronized, Gilmore said.

They depend on business from Howard University students to keep their businesses running strong.

Gilmore said business at the Howard Deli "is simply fine."

"Business is competitive — much more than when we started," Gilmore said. "We feel like foreigners in our own neighborhood with all the different cultures and philosophies that

surround us."

He added however, that they are still struggling to bolster their profits.

Along with competition, another existing problem is crime.

"Specifically, there hasn't been any crime here, but there are carryovers," Gilmore said. "We have to close early. It's not the same as when I was a kid."

Nevertheless, this successful Black-owned business is striving to be bigger and better. Our goal is to begin making a project and invest in real estate in the community.

Gilmore confesses that since his early start in 1956, he's served hundreds of thousands — maybe even a million — and he is enthusiastic in continuing to do so.

Season's Greetings from the Local Page. Have a safe and happy New Year.

NATIONAL

Controversy arises over legalization of marijuana in California, Arizona

By April Turner
Hilltop Staff Writer

California and Arizona voters made history Nov. 5 after approving a law that legalizes marijuana for medical purposes.

But the passage of this legislation has sparked much controversy among those who support the measure and those who fear the law's passage will lead to similar measures in other states and an increase in drug use.

Movements have been gaining momentum across the country to keep similar legislation from reaching the ballot in other states.

The laws in the two states differ slightly. California voters approved a law 56 percent to 44 percent which legalizes only marijuana.

Arizona went a step further and approved a law 65 percent to 35 percent which allows any prohibited drug, not just marijuana, to be prescribed for medical purposes.

The initiatives are the first time since the repeal of the prohibition that restrictions on mind-altering substances have been loosened.

But the measures have drawn criticism from anti-drug groups and the White House.

Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey told The New York Times that he thought the laws are cause for alarm.

"Just when the nation is trying it's hardest to educate teenagers not to use psychoactive drugs, now they are being told that marijuana and other drugs are good; they are medicine," he told the newspapers.

"The conflict in messages is extremely harmful."

Federal officials fear that the law would complicate the process of

deprived of medication. Both proposals have bought about mixed feelings on Howard University's campus. Nursing

keep these drugs in a controlled environment, clinics and acute care facilities, then this proposition should work," Bavwidinski said. "But the state legislature has to ensure that persons receiving these drugs have an actual medical need."

Derrick Lapread, a history major and California resident, does not agree with the legalization of marijuana for medical purposes.

"It is sending out the wrong message," Lapread said. "We preach for years it is bad and don't do it to the young kids, and then we turn around and say it is okay for medical purposes."

The proposition was passed to help the chronically and terminally ill use marijuana to ease pain and relieve nausea for cancer victims and AIDS patients.

Some supporters of the law the next step in a more rational drug policy is that hypodermic needles should be made available to decrease the spread of HIV among addicts who share needles to increase access to methadone (the heroin substitute) and mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenders.

Political science major Gizaza sees no reason why marijuana should not be legal for medical use.

"I think if it's going to help people, then it should be legal for medical purposes," Gizaza said. "If they made nicotine and alcohol legal and they serve no medical purposes at all, then marijuana should be legal. At least it would help someone."

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drug enforcement. In the case of someone having their marijuana confiscated, they could sue, claiming that they have been

major Marie Bavwidinski said the law can work as long as it is regulated.

"I feel that if these two states can

Black women's vote key in Clinton's re-election

By April Turner
Hilltop Staff Writer

African-American women's vote was crucial to President Clinton's re-election a panel of Black leaders concluded last week during a Capitol Hill forum.

The panel included C. DeLores Tucker and Denise Baer of the National Political Congress of Black Women; and Yvonne Scruggs of the Black Leadership Forum.

Panelists discussed the strong and growing influence that African-American women and men have as they dramatically increased their presence at the polls. Baer shared the results of a study on Black voter turnout.

"The African-American voters to

the Clinton Coalition were an important part of the Clinton victory," Baer said. "Especially in the women. They are a large and growing constituency whose concerns must be addressed to mobilize their presence at the polls."

Baer went on to discuss other breakthroughs African Americans made during the Nov. 5 elections.

"Black Americans in this election demonstrated the ability to run and win in majority White districts," Baer said. "Four members of Congress including Julia Carson from Indiana and Cynthia McKinney from Georgia now represent majority White districts."

Among elected African-American politicians, women make up a larger percentage than Whites

in Congress.

While women make up 11 percent of members of Congress and Blacks make up 7 percent of Congress, Black women make up one-third of the Black members. Black women represent one-fourth of the women members in Congress.

However, the study shows that nation-wide voter turnout dropped across the board. The largest decline in voter turnout occurred among White women, as only 86 percent of White women voting in 1992 came to the polls in 1996.

The amount of Black American voters increased largely because of the Black male. An estimated 1.7 million more Black men voted in 1996 compared to 1992.

Militant Labor Forum provides a different look at current events

Socialist group meets weekly to discuss national and world issues

By April Turner
Hilltop Staff Writer

A visitor to Pathfinder Bookstore at 7:30 on a Friday night will be faced with a different type of discussion on national and world issues by the Militant Labor Forum.

The lively discussions take place in Pathfinder's one-room bookstore in which books by Lenin, Mussolini and Stalin fill the shelves. One corner features a display dedicated to Malcolm X.

Last Friday's topic was, "The 1996 Election Outcome: More Attacks on Workers, More Wars Around the World." That evening, a small group of 12 listened attentively to a lecture by Sam Manuel, the Socialist Worker's Party candidate for D.C. Delegate and a Black member of United Transportation Union.

Manuel addressed the all-White audience about the recent presidential elections and what can be expected for the future.

"Both Clinton and Dole claimed

that they wanted to save Medicare," Manuel said. "This is always a clue that it will be the next thing to go on the chopping block."

Manuel then spoke on the Million Man March, debating whether or not it achieved its goals and questionable motivation from organizers.

"The Million Man March was put together by Louis Farrakhan to increase the political and financial stance of the Nation Of Islam," he said.

Manuel also compared the march organizer's attitudes toward women to the attitudes of the actual participants.

"The march was symbolic of how men should be the leaders, the role of women is only secondary," Manuel said. "But of course that was not the view of most of the people there. On the day of the march, no one was going to tell the women to go home."

Manuel then explored low voter turnout for this election.

"Dole stood for nothing in this

election," Manuel said. "Clinton had a platform, and he was lucky that the economy was stable. There was nothing big at stake and no real contest. People didn't feel they really had to vote."

Candice Wagner, coordinator of the forum, said the meetings provide an outlet for those interested in participating in interesting debates with unique viewpoints.

"We meet here once a week to discuss different perspectives and experiences of today's issues," Wagner said. "We also work with other organizations and try to put together panel discussions."

In addition to the discussion, the forum publishes a newspaper, "The Militant." The weekly publication is socialist-oriented and focuses on the interests of working people.

The discussions take place at the Pathfinder's bookstore near Du Pont Circle, 1930 18th St., N.W. For more information, call (202) 387-2185.

Students search for witnesses to alleged brutality by Metro police, Secret Service

From BRUTALITY, A1.

The students said the three Metro officers were Black and the Secret Service men were White.

"I want to see something positive come out of all the negativity ... some sort of reprimand ... can't condone random gun pulling," Woolfolk said. Suspension or fines would be reasonable responses to the incident, the other students said.

A representative from the U.S.

Secret Service office offered a "no comment" statement.

Jim White's son, Jason, had a gun put to his head. He is organizing parental action, most of whom have gotten together collectively.

"The parents' position is [we're] waiting for the police report. We are waiting to see if they whitewash it or take responsibility for what they did. The officers should be disci-

plined," White said.

The investigation results will be released 45 days after the report file date.

"You hear about this stuff all the time. This is another case of young Black males being picked on," Ratcliff said.

Witnesses should call the District Three police station at (202) 673-6930 with any information.

Online universities allow students to earn degrees in the comforts of home

By April Turner
Hilltop Staff Writer

Anne Slaughter is enrolled in school to earn a bachelors degree in business. Today's modern technology allows the 34-year-old mother to take classes while staying at home raising her 13-year-old son William.

Welcome to the 21st century. The age of the Internet and "virtual classrooms." To the delight of computer junkies and busy professionals, the new and easy way to receive a degree can be done without ever having to leave the computer screen.

Schools and colleges around the United States and abroad are linking on to the Internet and conducting courses online.

"It fits in well with everything else that is going on in my life," said Slaughter, an online student at University of Texas who is also an operations manager at a bank. "It is easy to use and I can receive a higher education and still maintain

my professional lifestyle." The online course operates just like a regular college course does. Students can choose courses in most subjects, ranging from art to history. In most cases, prospective students must still apply and go through an interview before being accepted. Loans and financial aid are also available.

Some classes meet two or three times a week for live lectures. Students are expected to have their assignments electronically mailed to the professor on time. There are final exams, and school is out of session during breaks and holidays.

Several major universities — including Boston, Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Duke, Princeton, the University of Texas and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill — have taken this new method of learning.

Officials at the Computer Learning and Design Center said Howard currently does not offer any courses online and has no immediate plans to do so.

The online universities also allow

students to take classes at universities that are located in other countries.

"The Internet makes it possible to pursue a degree overseas from your own home," said The Payton, spokesman for University of Paisley in Scotland. "It comes without the hassled expense of international travel giving up employment."

The University of Paisley provides its students with their own personal computer and high speed modem, which they deliver up in the students' homes. The computer comes with the course material pre-loaded and ready to use.

Despite the raves, not everyone is a fan of online universities.

"I don't think that anyone can sit at home on a computer and get a true college experience," said Shenelle Williams, a Howard University engineering major. "It seems too easy, there has to be an advantage of actually getting up and having your body sitting in a classroom."

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CENTRAL CAMPUS TRAFFIC CHANGES

Changes in the vehicular circulation pattern of public streets within the University have been approved by the DC Government. These changes were requested by the University to increase control over private vehicles entering the University.

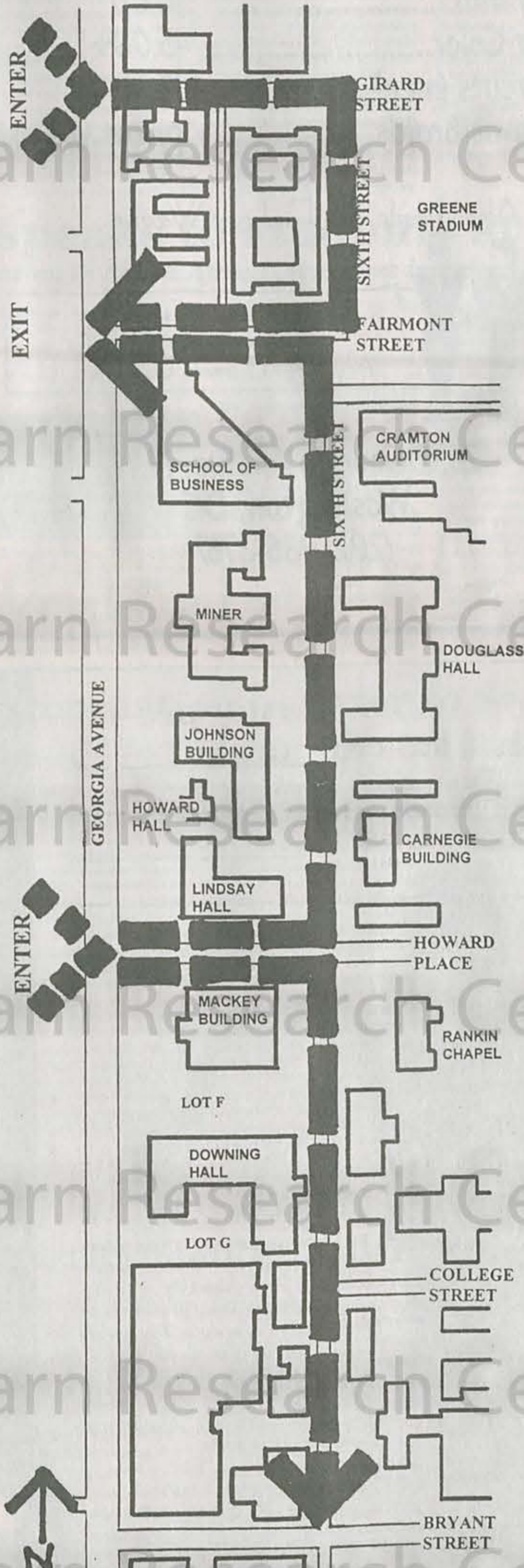
When the changes become effective, all traffic for the upper campus will enter the University at the intersections of Georgia Avenue and Howard Place or Georgia Avenue and Girard Street.

■ The Girard Street entry will be one way east to Sixth Street and then one way south on Sixth to the Fairmont Street exit to Georgia Avenue.

■ The Howard Place entry will be one way east to sixth Street. At the intersection of Howard Place and Sixth Street, traffic can proceed one way down (south) Sixth Street or one way up (north) Sixth Street. The north bound traffic will exit at Fairmont Street, one way west.

■ In this plan, the parking lots between Architecture and Engineering (Lot F) and Engineering and Wonder Plaza (Lot G) will be entered and exited only from Georgia Avenue, eliminating the vehicular traffic on Sixth Street generated by these lots.

The Department of Public Works will provide a three-day notice prior to changing the signage accommodating the new traffic pattern. The student, faculty, and staff leadership of the University have been briefed on this situation and agree with the security benefits of this plan.



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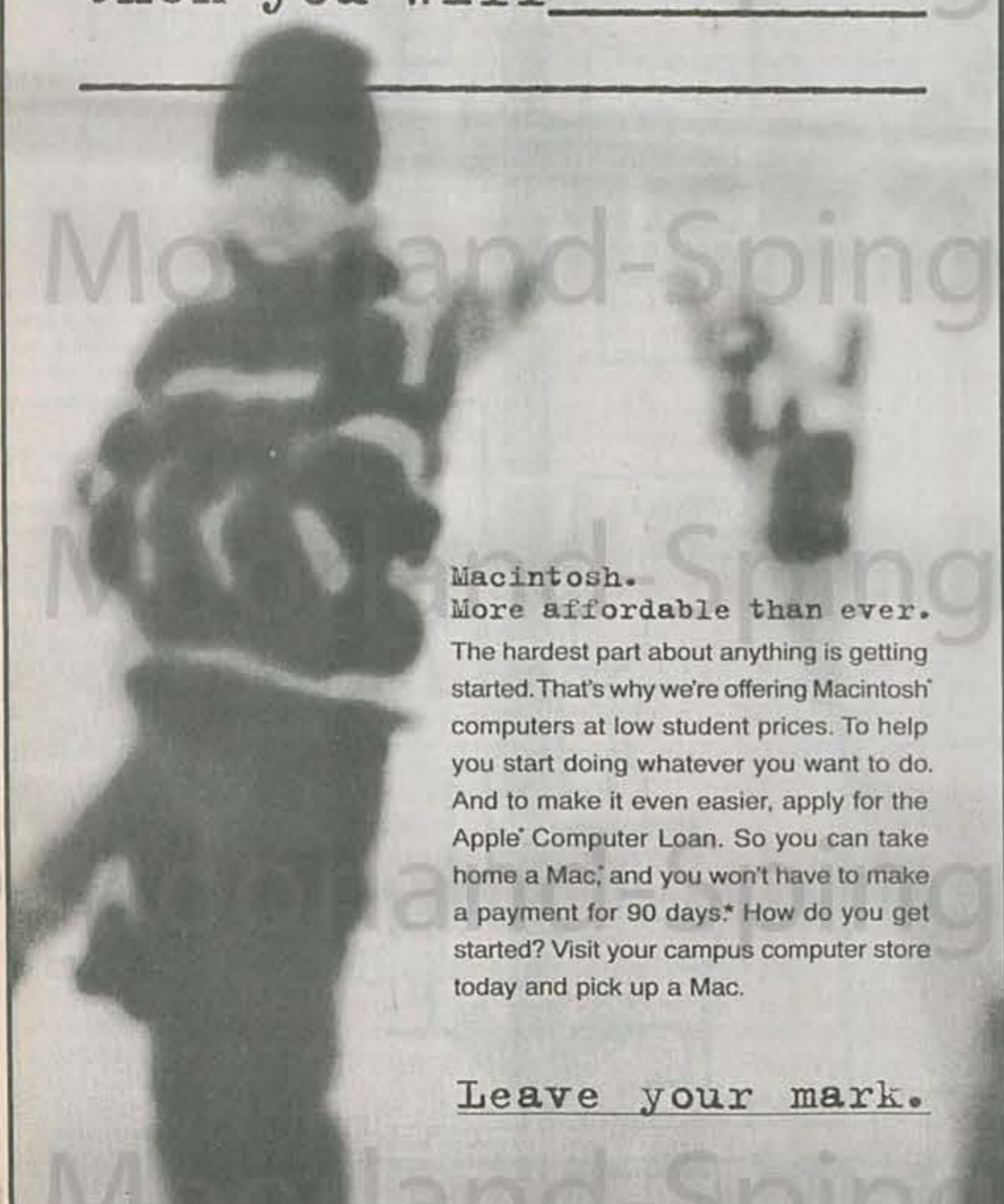
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INTERNATIONAL

Speakers discuss religion's role in global politics

By Abiola Heyliger
Hilltop Staff Writer

Separation between church and state remain a politically divisive issue. At a recent luncheon on Religion's Role in World Politics... by the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center, two of the spiritual leaders, Episcopal and Anglican Chaplain the Rev. Dr. J. Carlton Hayden and Islamic Chaplain Jahari Malik engaged the congregation of students, faculty and staff in a thought-provoking discussion that addressed the relationship between the two religions in a global perspective. Malik captivated the participants from the first hour, addressing religion and politics in Islamic society as inseparable. "A person who is an Islamic spiritual leader, is also a political and social leader, so that the idea of religion of government has no place in the real tradition of Islam," Malik said, expounding that Islam

is more than a religion. "Muslims subscribe to, whenever possible, a code of conduct — 'the Shariah' or 'holy laws,'" Malik said. The Shariah are the basis on which people will make their decisions in a spiritual and legalistic way at the same time. The life and behavior of the individuals, both privately and publicly, are governed by these rules." Malik said, in Islam, immorality is equated with illegality. Any person who is guilty of breaking the law, is "breaking a law which is not a law that district judges made up and is subject to some change. It [is] based on the code of conduct from Allah." Malik criticized the media's negative portrayal of Islam, even though it establishes order. Specifically speaking of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, Malik said, "they show pictures of him going into the mosque. [The incorrect assumption is that] this must be an Islamic government, an Islamic society, and therefore, what they are doing is sanctioned by Islam." In

Sudan, the media has reported alleged cases of slavery and human rights abuses and this is in direct contradiction with the Qur'an. Slavery is outlawed in Islam." Malik denounced the media for falsely projecting that "Muslims are [fair, light-skinned] Arabs ... the majority of Muslims are African or Asian." James defended her documentary, "Hope of Glory," as portraying Muslims as other than just people who are of fair and white-skinned, but people who are of color. In response to Malik's comments about the media, James also pointed out the film's effort to highlight the influence of Islam on traditional American religions. "Particularly down in Georgia and South Carolina, the Muslim faith has intertwined with the Baptist faith, so its all one," James said. James's film is a historical study of the African-American church and its important role in the development of the Black community. In his final comments, Malik

responded to participants who asked why the Nation of Islam, led by Minister Louis Farrakhan, was not accepted as a Muslim organization. "The Nation of Islam's beliefs I think they are akin to what Christians have had to wrestle with in this country: Where their beliefs are similar to groups like the Ku Klux Klan, [who] they claim had a religious mandate," James said. "They claim that they believe in the Bible, they hole up in temples of the religion, while promoting a doctrine of hate and oppression of others, and justify their killing, or whatever is necessary, in the name of their god. I believe we have the same type of comparison in groups like the Nation of Islam." Hayden supported the Nation of Islam on one point, saying that it does represent one spectrum of Africa. But he explained the complexity of varying religions, and that it spans more than one dimension of African-American life. "The African-American religious

condition is one that really sees the spirituality and the spiritual aspect as being linked with the whole issue of justice," Hayden said. "It very much comes out of that tradition and it does a lot of good." Noting the role of the Anglican church in the struggle against South Africa's apartheid, Hayden reminded participants of his fellow Anglican, Archbishop Desmond Tutu's request that African Americans become the kind of lobby for Africa that American Jews were for Israel. This was one of many examples Hayden cited as evidence of the church's involvement in world politics. Hayden also cited humanitarian efforts of the Anglican church and its work with "Church World Services," which distributes over \$60 million annually overseas. Hayden said there is a basis for the international religious relations. One is the intellectual, conceptual basis, which is "the Christian notion first of the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man." He said prophetic tradition is the second

basis and is embodied in the book of Exodus. "God frees the slaves," he said. "God is on the side of the oppressed. God wills persons to be free." These two concepts provide the foundation for what Hayden calls "the liberation theology." These concepts have reverberated throughout the speeches of all the major political and spiritual leaders throughout the world. Henderson, a representative from the U.S. Holocaust Museum, identified the Holocaust as yet another case of conflict between religious ideology with politics. Although, Henderson said, "the final solution" was a plan on the part of the commanders and managers of Nazi Germany to annihilate completely anything that was Jewish, Henderson reminded participants that the Holocaust was not just an example of hatred towards Jews, but on other peoples as well.

Nelson Mandela's advisor speaks to students at HU

Ahmed Kathrada urges reconciliation and revitalization in South Africa, discusses imprisonment

By Abiola Heyliger
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After serving over a quarter of a century in prison, one might expect South African President Nelson Mandela's special advisor, Ahmed Kathrada, to be bitter toward his former captors, the South African government. However, Kathrada, addressing a group of students and faculty at the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center, stressed that "if we concentrate on restitution, it will be an endless battle for years to come." Instead, "policy of reconciliation was adopted to help the country move forward," Kathrada said. Kathrada served time alongside Nelson Mandela on Robben Island for much of his 27-year imprison-

ment. Many wondered what kept them alive, or what kept them going. Kathrada said that he never lost the faith while he was imprisoned. "In the face of all this repression, our movement (African National Congress) was gaining more and more support from the international community," Kathrada said. Thousands died in the struggle to end apartheid, while political imprisonment remained the rule and not the exception. "We were protected to a certain extent [on Robben Island]," Kathrada said. "Many of our colleagues had it worse than us. The first person killed for the cause was in 1963, and since then over 100 of our comrades have been killed while in police detention." Although Kathrada avoided

focusing primarily on his prison ordeal, he did discuss the feeling of isolation from the rest of the world. He told the audience that newspapers, radios and books were smuggled in. Kathrada had already served 16 years before the South African government allowed newspapers into the prisons. Seven years later, television was introduced, "to ease the culture shock," Kathrada said. Bittersweet laughter followed Kathrada's story about the eve of

his release. A guard had come with news that a fax had come in stating that Kathrada would be released the following day. Instead of being preoccupied with his impending freedom, Kathrada's executive body [of the ANC] in Lusaka," Kathrada said. "Prisoners don't negotiate." Even behind bars, Kathrada said, Mandela was still a powerful man and served as the driving force that convinced the administration of the strength of the ANC. According to Kathrada, it was Mandela who stressed to his supporters that almost every struggle in the world ends at the negotiating table. When the ANC won the April 1994 elections with 62 percent of the vote, Kathrada said he was elated, but the prospect of serving his country at the highest levels of government had not occurred to him. "Never, ever was it discussed that we would be serving in parliament," he said. "We were not

preparing to come out of jail [and] into parliament." Mandela prepared his comrades by encouraging them to get up-to-date on current events. "He virtually forced people to study. He made that a law that [we] must study to serve our people," Kathrada said. This was jokingly referred to as the University of Robben Island. Kathrada said many things have happened since democratization in 1994. South Africa now has a constitution that symbolizes social progress and "guarantees to protect" while making "provisions for minorities." But Kathrada admits that problems in South Africa are so prevalent, it will take a long time to satisfy the majority of complaints.

"If we concentrate on restitution, it will be an endless battle for years to come." [Instead], a policy of reconciliation was adopted to help the country move forward." —Ahmed Kathrada

African students complain of discrimination in letter to Swygert

By Karen Thomas
Hilltop Staff Writer

The last thing one would have thought was that a Nobel Peace Prize winner's visit to the Mecca would spark controversy. But African students said that while welcomed Desmond Tutu, they were dissatisfied with the way they were treated by the administration. In a letter to Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert dated Nov. 19, international students expressed feelings of disgust with the University. "We have been for far too long 'window-dressers' conveniently used to decorate the legacy of 'the Mecca,'" the letter read. Marilyn Hoosen, president of the African Students Association, said African students were treated like second class students at the event. Hoosen condemned a statement by a Howard professor in his welcoming speech earlier at the Ralph J. Bunche International Center, which said Howard University embraces its international commu-

nity. Hoosen said African students are yet to be embraced as a part of the University. Hoosen, together with four other international students, met with Swygert Friday to express their concerns about discrimination and unfair treatment of African students. Students said the meeting was not satisfactory. "He was very abrupt; he rushed us," Hoosen said of Swygert. Citing as the reasons for the immediate demand for changes in the way foreign students are treated, Hoosen and Shemele Da'Briel, president of the International Students Association, explained how international students were treated at the breakfast and luncheon held in honor of Tutu. They said African students were asked to leave while a table was reserved for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. "We had a right to eat and sit with Desmond Tutu like everyone else," Da'Briel said. The group said they tried to take

a picture with Tutu, but Swygert insisted on rushing him on, even though Tutu appeared willing to take pictures. Students said they are not asking for special treatment, but for equal treatment like other students. "It is Howard's responsibility to treat its students with respect," said Bolly Ba, a senior majoring in accounting. "We are not asking for special treatment. We are paying our money." Being a historically Black university, some students said Howard is not doing enough to bridge the cultural gap between African Americans and Africans. "There is a big gap between international students and American students, and Howard has to help bridge that gap," said Esigwe Aguele, a sophomore electrical engineering major. Another area of discrimination international students cited was employment. Aguele said when he went to the international student office to seek employment, he was told to wait six

weeks. Two weeks later, Aguele said he took a friend to the office to sign up for a job, and one week later his friend was working in the library. Jania Richardson, vice president of Howard University Student Association, attended the meeting. She expressed interest in the concerns of the students and reminded the group of her campaign agenda to listen to the students. "We are very concerned about your situation and we will take the steps we can in our capacity to help solve any problems," Richardson said. Citing another example of how foreign students are excluded from being a part of the community, some students recalled an incident during orientation were Swygert mentioned all the American states where Howard students come from, but made no mention of other countries. Foreign students said even the theme, "Leadership for America," excludes international students. They recommended "Leadership

for the World" as a more appropriate theme. They accuse the University of being insensitive to the differing educational backgrounds and cultural orientation of international students. Though complaints by African students on their mistreatment are many, Richardson said some of the problems are not unique to international students. When one student complained that advisors make foreign students repeat classes they have already completed in their country because the University does not acknowledge them, Richardson said she had similar problems with her advisor, dispelling the idea that it is discriminatory. The African student concern about discrimination is not new. Howard student Simon Zagore wrote a letter to The Hilltop in 1979, in which he talked about the complaints of many international students who have been victims of discrimination here on campus. Zagore advised students in his let-

ter to develop attitudes aimed at reinforcing amicable human existence and eliminate difference in the name of unity. "In order to block artificial dividing factors, interpersonal contacts among the international students and the American students is highly needed," Zagore wrote. Later that month, Princewill Forbai, an accounting major from Unie du Cameroon, wrote a similar article. He said that Black foreigners long to come to Howard because they want to feel at home. But when they come to Howard they do not feel at home. Instead, "they are shocked by the stereotypical thinking that direct the attitudes of their brothers and sisters," Forbai wrote. Grace Ansa, director of the International Student Services, said she has not received any specific complaints of discrimination. Any student who wants to file complaints or offer suggestions is encouraged to use the suggestion box outside the ISS, in the Blackburn Center.

Computer labs link students to the Internet

From COMPUTERS, A1. Students at the presentation said they were pleased with the quality of the center. Having a computer lab in the dormitory is appealing to Maisha Campbell, a biology major. "It's great to have access to computers without having to leave the dormitory," Campbell said. "It is much safer for students at night." Administrators are aiming to give as many dormitories as possible access to HUNet. Collins said the University hopes to have centers in the Bethune Annex and Cooke Hall next semester. Hours of computer lab: Monday-Thursday, 6:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Professors' departure puzzles faculty, worries students

From PROFESSORS, A1. "I don't really know. I know that he was looking for ways of doing his work in a more effective situation," Morris said. Students are also in the dark about why Walters left. "At this point we've heard absolutely nothing, but we would like to see some type of information maybe from the administration or from the department of political science," Hart said. The School of Communications faces a similar dilemma with Lee Thornton, but

there is no mystery to why she is leaving. Thornton was offered an endowed chair in the University of Maryland's broadcast journalism department. "They offered me not only the endowed chair," Thornton said, "but full professor status, which I don't have at Howard, and tenure, which I do have at Howard. But it's a tremendous opportunity, and I think that's why people leave jobs. They leave for opportunity." Knowing why Thornton is leaving has not lessened

the blow for her colleagues. "Personally, I think Dr. Thornton was [Howard's] broadcast journalism [program] and broadcast journalism was Dr. Thornton," said Lawrence Kaggwa, a journalism professor. Thornton has worked as a senior producer for Cable News Network and was the first Black woman to work as a White House correspondent for a major network. For students, Thornton's departure raises questions about the University's commitment to the broad-

cast program. "It's simply ridiculous that there only two people holding together a program with this many students," said Lesli Foster, a senior broadcast journalism major. Kaggwa said the University did not fight to keep Thornton. Dates said an effort was made to keep Thornton, but she declined to divulge details. The office of President Swygert also had no comment. The departures of Walters and Thornton raise serious questions about the ability of historically Black col-

leges to compete with White colleges for top professors. "The commitment is there in terms of hiring the best they can find, but I'm not so sure they know how to keep the best they can find," Kaggwa said. Dates looks at Walters' and Thornton's departure from a different angle. "I think it says a lot that when they [other schools] want to have the best they come here and they look to us for finding the best," Dates said.

EDITORIAL

Black businesses need to remedy racism

As Howard students we are trained to get a job. We want to be able to live in a nice neighborhood, drive a nice car and generally live the good life. The best way to attain this is to get a well-paying job. Much of corporate America is controlled by Whites, thus the law of mathematics dictates that the people we will end up working for will not look like us.

This can lead to problems, which recent events with Avis and Texaco Inc. easily illustrate. While we end up with the nice job, house and car, we still have to face discrimination. And employers who refer to us as "Black jelly beans." Or we have to deal with companies who will not serve us.

This is an ancient game. Since the landmark cases of the Civil Rights Movement, Black people have been hurling charges at White corporations, alleging discrimination or harassment. Usually the company either wins the case or promises to hire more African Americans and institute "sensitivity training."

After settlements a few Black folks get paid, a few get jobs and life goes on as normal. But one wonders whether the problems are actually solved. Apparently not. We stand 30 years away from the Civil Rights Movement, yet still Black employees have to sue to get jobs and sue to not be harassed.

But nothing changes. We knock at the door of opportunity, then when no one answers, we sue. It is a sick cycle. But discrimination and corporate racism do

not seem to be going anywhere. At some point we have to examine other solutions. One of those has to be creating our own corporate institutions. We have to start making our own "door of opportunity", and Howard must necessarily play a key role in this.

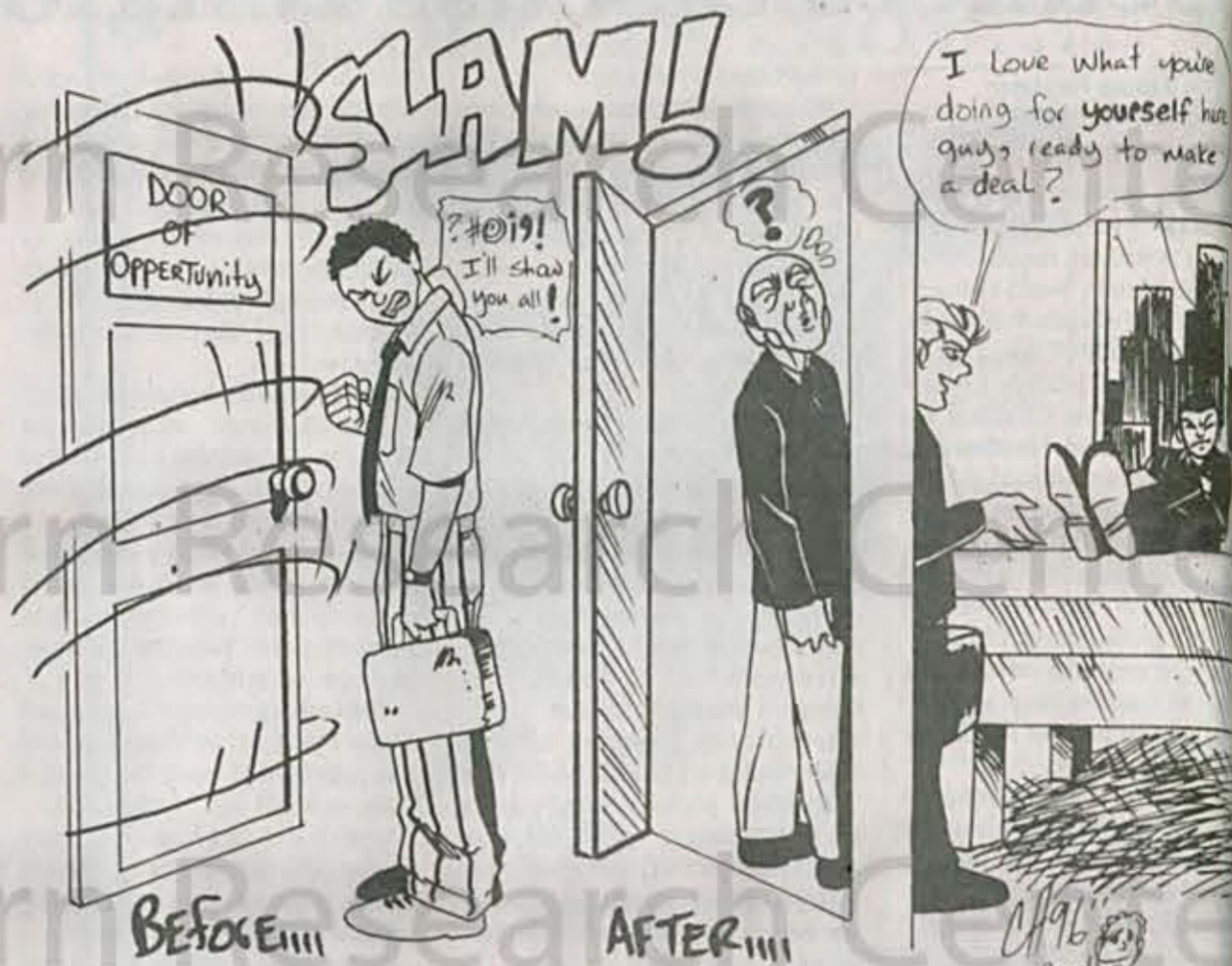
Institutions of higher learning help shape your world-view and your goals. In the past Howard has reared us straight to the job market. Howard should begin rearing more of its students down the road of entrepreneurship.

Our View
Howard should train students to own businesses not just work in them.

Efforts must be made to encourage hotel management students to start building and owning the hotels as opposed to just working in them. Biology students who aspire to be doctors should be made to feel that not only can they work in a hospital, but that they can also help build one. Journalists must be reared towards

creating magazines that service the Black community. While Black-owned businesses will not solve all of our problems, one that it will certainly rectify is corporate racism. If there were a national Black rental car company, then we will not have to worry about people not servicing us because we are Black. We will not have to worry about employees being discriminated against because they are Black.

The bottom line is there is a need for Black people to be able to provide services and jobs for themselves. This cannot happen in a workplace that looks upon us as "niggers." Howard should rear us toward creating our own institutions where such things are not a factor.



Howard needs to focus improvement efforts on professoriat

The new improvements to campus this year include benches, bricks, and if you live in Drew Hall, billiards. However, there is one capital improvement to the University that has not been made that may prove fatal to the atmosphere of scholarship and academia that Howard is hoping to revitalize: the Black professoriat.

By the end of this school year, Howard will have witnessed the untimely and unfortunate exodus of two highly noted African-American educators: Ron Walters of the political science department and Lee Thornton of the journalism department.

The casualty is Black education as these scholars move on to predominantly White universities.

When trying to compete for Black scholars, Black universities have their work cut out for them. The pool of resources comprised of alumni support, grants from private endowments and research foundations offered by White colleges and universities dwarf what most Black universities can offer.

Without competitive resources, financial incentives and sometimes just common respect, Howard's ability to woo highly regarded African-American intellectuals is diminishing.

Meanwhile, prestigious White universities are moving quickly to appease multiculturalist critics and philosophical absences by availing themselves of these highly gifted, scarce individuals.

The result is that at Howard and other HBCUs the pool of African-American teachers seems to be growing quainter and quieter by the year.

The Strategic Framework for Action, a five-year plan for University renewal, hopes to address this problem with the establishment of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and formalized teacher performance evaluation. But the details of these plans have yet to be made public.

Black professors cannot expect Howard to offer the same amount of perks as White universities. Howard simply does not have the resources to compete. But by the same token, Howard can no longer expect leading Black scholars to feel privileged to teach at HU, because of some ancient legacy.

The University, administration and students must be willing to demonstrate the advantages of cultural and intellectual discourse available at HBCUs.

Howard no longer has a monopoly on the professoriat segregation once afforded to us. But this University cannot allow top-ranking professors to become marginalized and co-opted by White institutions.

For Howard to accept its position as the most dynamic Black institution in this country, it needs to focus its resources in the vital areas that will produce changes capable of providing "Leadership for America." Howard needs better research facilities, a few endowed chairs, and it needs to make its professoriat feel wanted.

While brickways and yard work may better the look of the campus, they can do nothing to heal Howard's massive internal wounds. If something is not done soon, the fences that Howard seeks to erect may become a metaphor for a limited and stagnate professoriat.

Our View
Howard must make greater efforts to maintain leading Black intelligentsia.

Brady bill presents challenges that cannot be ignored

More than 15 years have passed since a crazed John Hinckley fired shots at President Ronald Reagan. Reagan lived through the attack and went on to be a two-term president. But Reagan's press secretary, James Brady, who was also hit by bullets from Hinckley, was not so lucky.

Brady was paralyzed and has since been confined to a wheelchair. He and his wife, Sarah Brady, have become outspoken advocates of gun control and pioneered the Brady bill.

The Brady bill requires gun dealers across the country to wait five days before selling handguns. During that waiting period the local sheriff is required to do a background check on the prospective handgun buyer. If the buyer has been convicted of a felony, he would be prohibited from buying a handgun.

Recently the Brady bill has come under fire. In the Supreme Court, several county sheriffs are calling for the Brady bill to be struck down.

The sheriffs raise several valid concerns about the Brady bill. First, the federal government does not have a database that can be accessed by the sheriffs.

Consequently, they have to spend hours poring over

data to complete the background check.

Secondly, the sheriffs argue that many criminals do not gain access to guns through legal means. Thus, the Brady bill is ineffective against real criminals.

While the above criticisms are valid, this does not mean that the Brady bill is invalid. A database should be created by the federal government to monitor and track felons. Also efforts must be made to curb the illegal acquisition of weapons.

But there still must be some means for keeping handguns out of the hands of convicted felons. In a friend of the court brief, 11 senators claimed that the Brady bill had stopped an estimated 100,000 felons and "other prohibited persons" from acquiring handguns.

It is really hard to knock those figures. That is 100,000 convicted felons who now do not have access to handguns.

It would be really easy to toss out the Brady bill altogether, but that still leaves problems. The federal government would still have no means of tracking felons.

The way to deal with the Brady bill is not to toss the whole thing out, but to fix the challenges it presents.

Our View
The Brady bill helps keep handguns from getting in the wrong hands.

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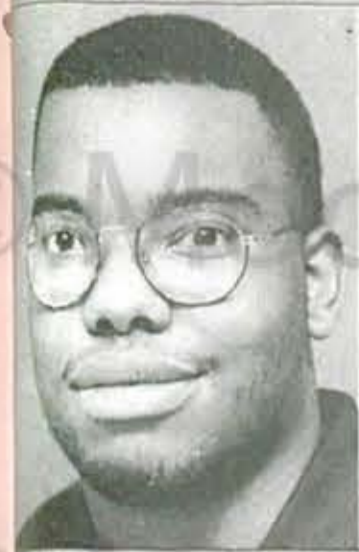
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PERSPECTIVES

Nehisi Coates

Defining hip hop is a Task



Wanted's first album and the Geto Boys. I still think Scarface is a master at telling stories, not the grandmaster like Slick Rick, but better than more than a few New York heads.

But then some things started to change. For some reason in the early '90s as more MCs outside of New York started dropping, it seemed more and more of them were coming off whack. Part of this was the rise of gangster rap, and a bunch of bandwagon MCs who figured they could cuss a few times and go platinum. But another part of this, I now believe, is that the art started to change.

The initial reaction is to diss, because change doesn't fit within established boundaries. In rap the primary criteria for judging an MC was on lyrics and flow. But now in 1996 how do you judge Bone Thugs and Harmony on that criteria? First of all, many times you can't understand what they're saying. Second, when you do the lyrics aren't extremely clever.

If you put one of them on stage in a battle (using traditional standards) against Ruck from Heltah Skeltah, they'd get smashed. Does this then mean that Bone Thugs and Harmony are whack? Does this mean that they aren't hip-hop?

Or does it mean that Bone Thugs are a different type of hip-hop, and consequently are meant to be judged by different standards. For example, if Ruck was put up against Bone Thugs in a harmony contest, then he'd probably get smashed. But if you do decide that Bone is different then what is their criteria? If not for their lyrics, if not for their flow, then why are they good MCs? Are they even MCs anymore?

Take Mac-10. The California-based, rhyme-sayer has been the subject of more than a few jabs from me. But my criteria for judging an MC is based on lyrics and flow. Mac-10 has an average flow, and no creative lyrics. But what if Mac-10 isn't concerned with creative lyrics? What if being an MC means something else to him?

On an episode of Rap City, Big Les asked Mac-10 to freestyle. Mac-10 shifted nervously in his seat, then half-way responded, "Mac-10 don't do nothin' for free." Clearly the kid didn't have any freestyle skills, but was trying not to look stupid. But what if freestyling isn't important to him? If that's not what he's trying to do should he be dissed for it?

The next step is to say, "Well maybe California MCs are different than New York MCs." But even this fails when you consider The Alkoholics, The Pharcyde or Rakkas, all of whom would be right at home in anybody's freestyle session.

New York still represents the pinnacle in hip hop, but this shouldn't disturb people from other places. In other forms of Black music, the situation was the same. New Orleans, unquestionably is the pinnacle of jazz, boasting innovators such as Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet and now the whole Marsalis crew. The Mississippi Delta was pinnacle of the Blues. The region features a list that includes Charlie Patton, Robert Johnson, Muddy Waters and B.B. King.

Rap is still changing. Traditional hip-hop fans are really going to have to stretch to embrace acts like the 69 Boys and Quad City DJs. But that stretch may be necessary, after all C. Delores Tucker and Bob Dole don't care where you from. Or maybe it's time to draw the line and say what is and what isn't hip hop.

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Dennis Freeman

Living off a second chance

I didn't know where I was going with my life. It seemed as though my life was suspended in mid-air. Here I was, 30 years old and I was contemplating what to do with my life. Well, I had a major decision to make. The decision I had to make was whether to continue to work at a job where I'd been working for ten years or go and live out my dream of attending the most prestigious of historically Black colleges — Howard University. Since the age of 12, I knew I wanted to attend Howard.

Why Howard? Why not the University of Southern California, the University of California, Los Angeles, Pepperdine University or one of those other well known institutions out West. Well, those universities are very fine schools, but I knew they wouldn't serve me what I needed and wanted. Attending those colleges were only a blinking thought to me, even though I'd lived my entire life in Southern California. I wanted to attend a historically Black college and Howard was that the school I had heard so much about in terms of turning out successful African Americans in professional fields as well as embracing and raising awareness of Black culture.

The opportunity to gain acceptance to such an institution was an honor in itself, but when I received my acceptance letter I was flabbergasted. For fifteen years, I dreamed and dreamed for such a moment to happen and when it did I didn't know how to react. But reality soon set in. I had obligations to fulfill and responsibilities to take care of. The biggest of those responsibilities was taking care of

my then 6-year-old son (now 11) Dennis Jr. His mother and I each had custody of him at different points, but I couldn't leave my job because a fantasy of mine came true. I was and I am the sole provider for my son's welfare, even when he doesn't live with me.

I was very indecisive with my life then. I was watching a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity slip through my fingers like sand. The timing just wasn't right for me to run off to Washington without financial dividends coming in to support my son.

Twice I turned down coming to Howard, and twice I felt like the opportunity for me to make something positive out of my life was slipping away. I worked ten years as a janitor at Los Angeles County - USC Medical Center, the largest hospital in the country. The job was a very humbling experience. People don't see you and your duties as important. You're constantly looked down on and talked down to by nurses, doctors and even your own superiors at times.

But I knew my job was vital. Being a janitor or a custodian at any health care facility is a big responsibility. People's lives and yours depend on how well you clean and sanitize the environment in which you're working. Doctors and nurses are not the ones who risk their lives when they step into a highly infected room to work on a patient. When there were patients dying with highly infectious diseases that were airborne, I was the one who had to step in those rooms first and properly disinfect them.

Still, I knew I had to move on to other things. Being a janitor was

not helping me to further advance myself in the creative and positive way that I wanted.

I was accepted again at Howard in the spring of 1994, but I was still languishing over the decision of whether to resign from my job or attend "the Mecca." One Sunday evening after leaving my girlfriend's house I decided to give my son a call. I don't know why I pulled up to a pay phone in South Central, Los Angeles that night. I had a phone at home. But I hadn't talked to him all weekend and I just wanted to talk to him and I couldn't wait until I got home. There was no answer when I called, so I decided to call a relative of mine that I hadn't talked to in awhile.

About a minute into our conversation I had the strangest feeling that someone was watching me. I turned around to be greeted with a .38 pistol pointed at my head — I was being robbed. The perpetrator wore a cowboy scarf over his face and within seconds, six more hooded bandits were waving guns at my head. That was the most helpless position I've ever been in my life, and I just knew then in my spirit, I was going to die.

As my assailants searched me, the only thoughts that were going through my mind were that I would never see my son again and I would die never doing what I really wanted with my life. I remember praying that God would always protect my son from all harm and danger and that my son would remember that his dad loved him. Well, what happened next was nothing short of a miracle. The would-be robbers asked me for my wallet and my money. Well, I had left my wallet in

my car and what was strange was my car was the only car parked in front of the phone booth. Even stranger was that my car-keys were in my left hand when the perpetrators searched me. They asked me again where my money was.

This time I gave them a response. "I just got robbed 20 minutes before you guys came," I said. "I'm on the phone telling my wife what happened." If those guys had checked the phone I wouldn't be writing right now. As it was, my cousin Casey had stayed on the line and heard everything that happened. I was afraid if they had picked that phone up and asked if she were my wife and she said no, they'd kill me. They told me to keep my head down, don't turn around or look back at them or they would shoot.

They hopped in their getaway car and took off. I was left standing, shaking like a wind-torn leaf in disbelief at what had just happened. God had spared me. As I sat in my car, going over what just transpired, I told myself that it took an almost fatal experience for me to finally decide what I was going to do with my life. I made my decision then.

I was going to Howard University. That experience taught me how precious life is. And it, as well as the many opportunities life can give a person evaporate in seconds. So I am here, a senior at Howard University, enjoying the doors it has opened for me and being a very humble man, after getting a second chance at life.

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Valyncia Saunders

A day for all to give thanks

Thanksgiving Day — a day we celebrate and give thanks for all we have been given. From grandma's sweet potato pie, to the turkey that's plump with stuffing and the relatives who by the end of the day looked plumper than the turkey, this was our time to rejoice.

Besides the food and the warm smiles we received this past holiday, what do we as an African-American people have to be thankful for? There are a number of inhibitors to our progress such as poverty, unemployment, lack of educational opportunities and racism. But if we take the time out to think about the rights and privileges we have already obtained, we can give thanks for more than what is on the table.

The Thanksgiving of 1905 was a feast to remember. It was in August of that year in Niagara Falls that 29 Negro men came together because they were concerned about the present state as well as the future of their people. Their manifesto declared their aims of freedom of speech and criticism, an unlettered and

unsubsidized press, manhood suffrage, the abolition of caste distinctions based on race and color, the recognition of the principles of human brotherhood as a practical and present creed, recognition of the highest and best training as the monopoly of no race or class, belief in dignity of labor and a united effort to recognize these ideals under leadership. This meeting commemorated what is known as the Niagara Movement; an effort to address issues and concerns regarding African Americans.

If it were not for strong-willed African Americans such as W.E.B. Du Bois and the 28 other courageous participants, where would we as a people be today? Where would poets such as Maya Angelou be today had it not been for African-American voices of the past such as that of Frances E. Watkins? After the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 and the Missouri Compromise came into being, Watkins reflected the mood of the times in her book, "Poems on Various Subjects." Would Angelou still be rising phe-

nomenally over racism and sexism?

Where would African-American engineers be without Granville T. Woods who was responsible for more than 100 patents including the Electric Railway and Tunnel System?

Where would the world be without Norman Rillieux, an African American who studied in Europe and by age 24 had published several papers on the steam engine and later developed a process that turned sugar cane into fine grains at half the normal cost?

Where would you be right now had it not been for civil rights activists such as Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Rosa Parks? If it wasn't for the dreams of these African Americans and the steps they took to make their dreams come true, would you be sitting behind that desk everyday?

If it wasn't for African-American lawyers such as Charles Houston and Thurgood Marshall, would you have received the education you undoubtedly deserve? Have you actually taken the time to think about what it is your peo-

ple have done for you?

If it were not for the efforts of your ancestors, your grandparents and your parents, you could very well be made to drink from the dirtiest of water fountains. You could very well be made to sit at the back of a bus or be beaten down on a regular basis by those in positions of authority. You could very well be chained and shackled like an animal until it was time to work in the fields. Picking cotton; giving up my seat? Not me. Not you. But to whom do we give thanks for the privileges we have obtained?

I thank God, I thank God for the African Americans who stood up for me before I could walk, who took the time to breathe education in before air ever filled my lungs. I thank God for those who shouted so loud for their rights and mine that they lost their voices and their lives before I first opened my eyes.

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Chris Ewell

Transfer student ends pilgrimage to 'the Mecca'

Back in the good ole' days of Monday night football, announcer Don Meredith had a saying that he would uncork as one team would finish off his opponent.

"Turn off the lights," Dandy Don would say, "the party's over."

Surely, the saying pre-dates Meredith, but it is easily identified with the former football player and it would be appropriate when put in the context of my column and my time at Howard.

The party is over. Okay, for some people who disagree with my writings from time to time, it's been more like a wake. But whatever you call it, it's about over and no one is sadder than the person writing this column.

Of course, the sadness doesn't come from the opportunity to go home and see family that I haven't seen for any length of time in about 15 months. Nor does the sadness come from the thought of the sunny weather that throws

itself upon Los Angeles in January. The sadness comes from leaving a school that has grown on me over the past four months.

At this point, some are surely groaning, "Isn't that the same bastard who was running smack on Howard about three weeks ago, telling us to dump the DKNY?"

Yes, the joint known as "the Mecca" has its share of shortcomings beyond pretentious attire, as do 90 percent of the other institutions of higher education in this land, including the one that I will return to next month.

But like every other place that I've ever been to and left, Howard will hold a piece of my heart, as hokey as that may sound to some people who insist, "You know you're glad to be getting out of here."

That's true and untrue at the same time. I associate Howard with school, and seeing as I don't particularly like school at this

point, I'm glad to be getting out of here. The real deal is that I honestly-goodness like this place.

It has been said before there's nothing that could be done to keep me here for four years, but the only thing keeping me from not staying here a whole year is that next semester is my final semester in school — hopefully.

I like the people, who are much friendlier than I expected. Not that I expected Howard students to be unfriendly, but as an outsider, I didn't expect to be accepted into the University community as easily as I feel that I have been. I know that the same thing probably wouldn't happen to a student at most other schools.

The experience for other incoming students might be different in this regard, but at least at Slowe Hall, rare is the occasion that someone will pass you by without uttering some form of a hello. People will occasionally

notice that they don't recognize you from the year before and ask you where you're from.

Part of that atmosphere comes from the fact that Howard is a fairly small school, but even in small communities, it's still rare. The feeling not only exists with the students, but also with most of my professors, who have been around to help me whenever my help was needed.

Unfortunately, this column is beginning to read like a really bad Hallmark card or something, but for those who might have gotten the wrong idea from the previous column, this isn't all that bad a place to be.

Okay now. Lights out.

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Tempo

Howard steps into cyberspace

By David Muhammad
Hilltop Staff Writer

The super information highway, the Internet, the Web, cyberspace — all of these terms are used to describe a global network of computers connected by phone lines. This network enables a user in Washington to communicate to relatives in Africa in minutes using electronic mail, or a Howard student to do research at the University of Cairo, Egypt, on a laptop in his or her dorm room.

Technology, Blacks are severally lacking when it comes to online access. Some critics say Blacks are not even on the on-ramp of the super information highway. Howard is also lacking in technological availability, but the University is trying tirelessly to catch up that reality.

Howard is behind the times. There are some things by the administration and the President that need to catch up... and catch up," said the associate vice president of Information Systems and Services.

Dr. Swygert oversees the operation of public labs providing Internet access to Howard. ISAS performs three major functions: support for administrative computing; academic computing; and the University's phone system.

Internet labs fall under academic computing and includes labs in the schools of Communications and Business, and the Computer Learning Design Center in the School of Engineering.

Dr. Swygert provides all students who apply with e-mail accounts. His goal that by next school year all students will be given e-mail addresses," Collins said.

Currently services between five and six thousand accounts, some of which are faculty accounts gives students an e-mail address and space to create their own Web page. Accounts can be accessed at any of the open labs. Students keep their accounts as long as they are registered at Howard for a minimum of six months to a year.

Dr. Swygert hopes to have ten e-mail facilities online by the end of the school year, Collins said. The new labs will allow students to stay home and access an extensive network for school projects.

Students can gain access to information on any subject on the Internet," said Jonathan Hutto, a Drew Hall resident's assistant. Papers are much easier and now the technology is in the dorm with us."



President Swygert officiates a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier this week celebrating the opening of new computer labs.

Photo by Pedro de Weever

Clint Walker, now the manager of Academic Computing Services, heads the Open Access Lab, one of the more popular labs among Howard students located in the basement of the C. B. Powell building. Walker also teaches Fine Arts courses Multimedia I and II. Beyond normal lectures and text work, Walker's classes have an online component.

Walker's lectures, handouts, quizzes, mid-term, and finals are all accessible on the Net. Not only can you read the text of a lecture you may have missed, Walker's references are also on his Web site.

This may also lead to classless or interactive courses, where students do not attend daily lectures, but download the necessary information from the course Web site.

Walker's cutting edge approach to education has paid off. When he received a call from the Department of Commerce requesting students for employment, Walker referred the recruiter to the student section of his Web site. After viewing the students' work, the recruiter called back and employed them all. Every one of Walker's Multimedia II students are currently working in their field.

The Internet has proved to be lucrative for many students. Besides job availability for the Internet savvy, students have formed businesses from their online know-how.

Eruptions of Funk, a group of recent Howard grads and current students, is a sociopolitical organization with a financial base. The group has recently opened a new cybercafe one block from the Howard Towers that combines coffee, pastries and online access.

"Our mission is to provide information to the world, particularly to our generation," said Rodney Ward, editor in chief of E-Funk's online magazine. "It's the news from our perspective and we want to be the voice of our generation."

The cafe's name, www.efunk.com, is also the Web address or url for the group's online news magazine. The magazine is geared toward so-called Generation Xers who are looking for a fresh alternative from *The Washington Post* and other mainstream media's online services. Dreamality, another student business, creates Web pages for businesses and organizations.

Would you like the Internet with your coffee?

Here's a new combination expected to be the next money making trend: coffee and computers.

The Intel Corporation and Apple Computer Inc. are planning to team up with some of America's favorite hot spots to increase its consumer base through technology-themed restaurants and coffee shops.

The popular coffee franchise Starbucks Corp. has collaborated with Intel to create "cybercafes." Intel chief executive Andrew Grove made the announcement at a trade show in Las Vegas late last month.

Earlier this month, Apple decided to license its name and products to be sold in cafes. Within the restaurants, consumers will be able to play multimedia software and select menu items from touch-screen color displays.

Diners will also be able to interact with other diners at various Apple cybercafe locations via the Internet.

The first Apple cybercafe is expected to open in Los Angeles in late 1997. The 15,000-square-foot shop will be the first in a chain of cafes which includes future locations in London, Paris, New York, Tokyo and Sydney.

Look for the Starbucks/Intel cafe to open early next year.

The idea of cybercafes was actually started in 1984 in Los Angeles by Kip Galloway and Sherric Rabubiwitz, the founders of Electronic Cafe International.

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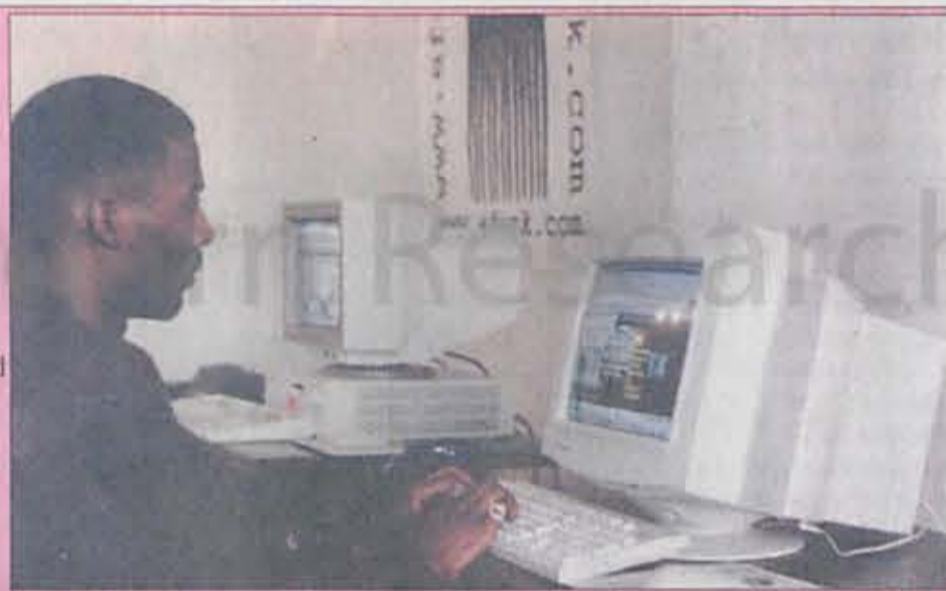


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Rodney Ward, co-owner of Eruptions of Funk cafe, surfs the Internet. The Florida Avenue cybercafe lets customers sip cappuccino while having computer access.

Formed in 1995 by six engineering students, Dreamality has grown to include a team of over ten students who hope their business will grow into a large corporation in the future.

It was not Howard's instructive classes that equipped these students with the ability to market their talents although the facilities did help.

"None of what I do [for Dreamality] I learned in classes," said Changa Anderson, a fourth year engineering student. "You can learn most of this stuff on the Internet itself."

Cyberspace Glossary:

cybercafe: a growing trend where coffee houses include Internet access to the menu.

download: the printing or saving to disk information received from the Internet.

e-mail: electronic mail, like the mail you receive from the Postal Service, but the messages are sent in minutes through computer.

Internet: the entire global network, which includes the World Wide Web, e-mail, file transfers and other services.

Vertigo Books celebrates five years of service

By Tomika Allison
Hilltop Staff Writer

Vertigo Books offers warmth, friendliness and arousing conversation. After five years of service, Vertigo has been compared to an old barbershop because if there's no one there that you know, you will still find someone to talk to.

"I wandered into Vertigo Books on my lunch break one day and I found the employees to be very helpful," said customer, Amber Rice, 23. "They welcomed me with open arms."

On Saturday, December 7 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. the bookstore will be celebrating its Fifth Anniversary Barbershop Bash. The celebration is a token of thanks to the many loyal customers, outstanding authors, friendly publishers and dedicated staff who have supported Ver-

tigo Books throughout the years. The scheduled events feature authors like Jabari Asim of *The Washington Post* Book World and freelance critic Patricia Elam Ruff. The critics will discuss their current literary favorites and all-time hits.

"We are so glad to be here five years, thanks to the customers who are extremely nice and supportive," said Bridget Warren, part owner of Vertigo Books.

As stated in its mission statement, the bookstore opened its doors five years ago with the belief that everyone had the right to see themselves reflected in the pages of a book. Vertigo Books has recognized the best established and emerging writers in international politics, African-American studies and multicultural

literature. It has fulfilled its mission to provide a place for readers of all races, nationalities, ages and political perspectives to meet and discuss an author's work.

"We came up with the name Vertigo from an Alfred Hitchcock film," Warren said. "We wanted a name that could not be easily categorized and would give no preconceptions about the store."

Vertigo Books has had the honor of being host to such celebrities as Johnnie Cochran, Kwesi Mfume, Colin Powell, Kareem Abdul Jabbar and such authors as bell hooks, Kevin Powell, Clarence Page, and E. Lynn Harris.

"I meet the coolest people here, these authors, these poets," said Melissa Scott, a Vertigo employee. "They are the nicest people."



HOROSCOPES

December 1996 Sun Sign Forecast
By Stan Heyward

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) You play the role of the philanthropist and feel the need to help others. Travel is fruitful and friends and family are generous. Beware of deception in communications or from con artist salespersons.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) Avoid being impulsive in your actions and don't start anything new without reviewing the pros and cons. Friends, groups and organizations can help you get closer to reaching your goals. Business and travel mix easily and both are beneficial.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Impulsive relationships end abruptly. Others place you on the defense and make a big deal out of petty issues. Hopes and wishes are realized.

Aries (March 21 - April 20) People perceive you as too serious and disciplined, but you know what you have to do to get the job done. Being too cautious could make you miss out on legitimate opportunities. Your superiors may try to denounce or embarrass you in public.

Taurus (April 21 - May 20) Relationships turn sour because of secrets and jealousy. Find relief from pent up energy through planning or organizing holiday festivities. Someone long distance is good to you and good for you.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) Peace and harmony rule in a relationship. Gains and honor are derived from partnership, legal affairs and sales. Creativity and uniqueness yields benefits in higher education.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Spiritual redemption and renewal can happen through seeking the deeper meaning of the holiday. Platonic relationships are beneficial. Authority and your superiors try to cramp your style.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) Entertainment and having a good time are foremost on your mind, and it will all happen for you. People look to you for ideas and leadership. Strange, weird and freaky things occur in your dealings with others.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) Creative ideas and energy finds a practical outlet. Home and family situations clash with your personal plans. You might try to lead others, but they may not want to follow.

Libra (September 23 - October 22) Correspondence, letters, lectures and tests bear positive tidings. There are many comings and goings and short trips this month. Others seem cold and unresponsive to your advances.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 22) A charming and diplomatic approach wins you affection and appreciation from people you are trying to impress.

Sagittarius (November 23 - December 21) Avoid confrontation and arguments that have the potential to turn nasty. When in unknown territory, watch your back. People are confused about how to deal with you because you are sending so many mixed signals.

Photos by Chris Bell
Tomorrow Vertigo Books will
celebrate its 5-year birthday bash.

PULSE!

Jordan jams to different 'toon' in new movie

By Tachlea Roland
Hilltop Staff Writer

Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan makes his film debut this holiday season in "Space Jam."

This live action-animation film is also equipped with special appearances from Charles Barkley, Mugsey Bogues, Shawn Bradley, Patrick Ewing, Larry Johnson and Teresa Randle ("Girl 6"). The movie also stars the cartoon characters from Warner Brother's Looney Tunes, Wayne Knight ("Seinfeld") and Bill Murray.

During a television press conference, Jordan announces that he will give up basketball for baseball. Next, he is seen striking out on the baseball field as his awe struck teammates and fans cheer him on from the bullpen.

Jordan is adored so much that his lack of talent on the field is overlooked. Even when he goes to his "normal" home to his wife (Randle) and his two children, it is a picture-perfect life.

Meanwhile, tiny space aliens called the Nerdlucks, are sent to earth by their sleazy boss (played by Danny Devito) to capture the Looney Tunes.

Their mission is to bring the wacky and spunky talent of Bugs Bunny and his friends to live up the failing theme park on Moron Mountain.

When the Nerdlucks arrive in Looney Tune Land (which rests somewhere in the Earth's interior), they meet up with the smart savvy of Bugs Bunny, who is the apparent representative of Toon Town.

After the Nerdlucks demonstrate their powers and intentions in a town hall meeting, Bugs challenges them to a game of basketball. If the Looney Tunes win, they get to stay on earth. If they lose, the Tunes are doomed to slavery in the theme park in the sky.

Realizing that they know nothing about the game of basketball, the aliens disguise themselves as humans and go to actual professional basketball games to steal the talent from the best players. With the

talent and know-how of the game, the Nerdlucks instantly grow into huge "trash-talking Monsters."

The Looney Tunes, completely frightened by their opponent's agenda, sequester none other than Jordan.

Jordan is sucked underground during a golf game with former Boston Celtic Larry Byrd, Murray, and Knight (Jordan's annoying fan who constantly attempts to be instrumental in his life).

Impressed by the likes of Yosemite Sam, Jordan immediately adjusts to the underworld and tries to train the Toons. One of the team members include a sensuous character named Lola.

Lola is a sexy cotton-tail female rabbit who can really play basketball and hates being called "doll." Her character can be described as the feminist equivalent of cartoon character Jessica Rabbit. This of course starts Bug's little heart pumping away.

Naturally the humor of the Looney Toon's wackiness ensues to end of the big game.

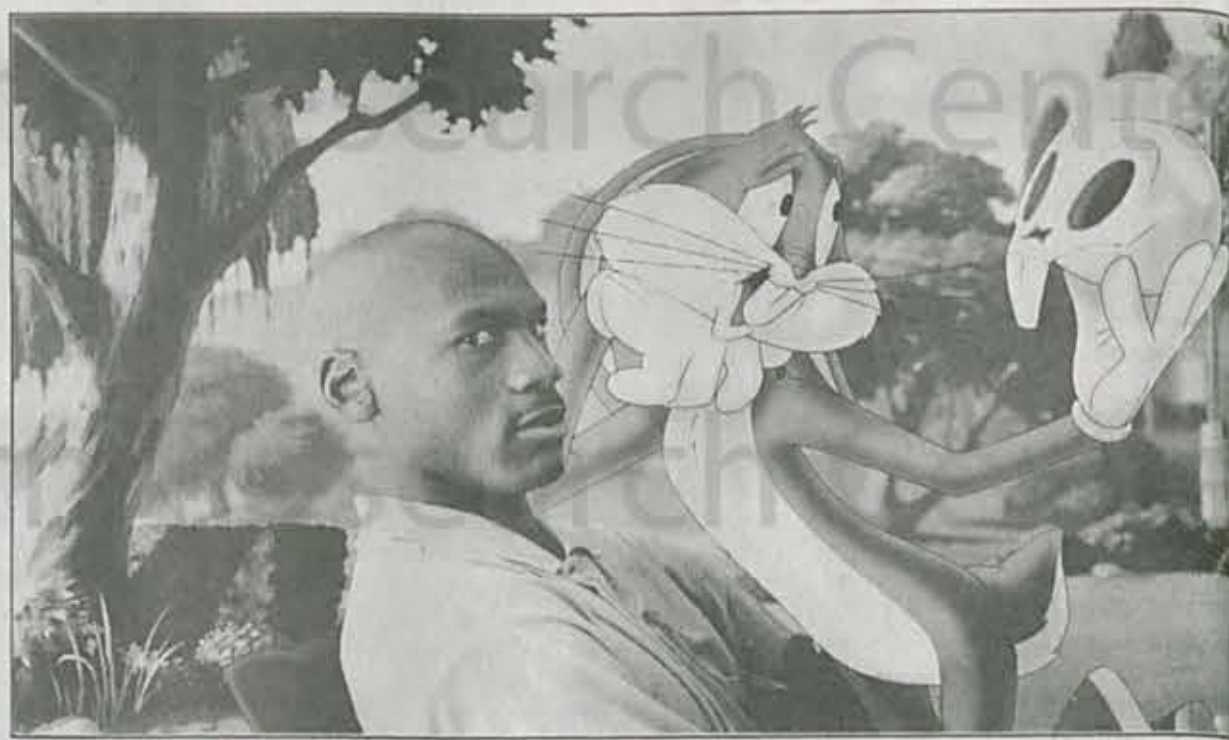


Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Entertainment Co.
Michael Jordan and Bugs Bunny star in the live action/ animated comic romp, "Space Jam."

However, the movie itself is like an elongated Air Jordan commercial. It appears to be done in fun and in no

way can be compared to the more witty movie, "Who Framed Roger Rabbit." Kids will like it and walk

away with the notion of wanting to be "just like Mike," engraved in their minds.

Singers need a few years before can call themselves 'Mista'

By Jeffrey Lyles
Hilltop Staff Writer

Atlanta has come to be known as the hot spot for up-and-coming R&B and hip-hop acts, boasting such stars as Goodie Mob, Outkast, T.L.C., Kriss Kross and Xscape.

Now Mista, a group of four teenagers — Byron, Bobby, Darryl and Brandon — hope to establish themselves as yet another successful Georgian act.

Their names may not be as popular as say Ronnie, Bobby, Ricky, Mike, Ralph and Johnny, but if their self-titled debut album is any indication, Mista has a long way to go before they reach even Immature's lofty status as the teen stars of Generation X.

Mista easily conjures up other pre-pubescent groups like The Boys, ABC and Kriss Kross. The major

problem with those groups was as soon they hit puberty, they lost their "cute" sound and quickly faded from the scene.

Mista has the potential for fitting into this category. They often sound more like the female group, 702, instead of a group of all males.

Hearing an artist's voice crack is an experience best saved for live performances, not the sweetened studio album version.

When all of their voices mature, they will have a totally different sound.

Most "one-hit" wonders consist of adolescent groups looking to be the next Jackson Five or New Edition only to have reality crash through once their voices change from boys to men.

Thanks to their extraordinary production staff, Organized Noise, Mista has the potential to survive

in the business. Mista does not boast a big time producer like 112's Sean "Puffy" Combs, but Organized Noise definitely deserves a second look after this project.

Their production style is eerily reminiscent of Lenny Kravitz or Alanis Morissette, quite unlike the sounds of a Teddy Riley, R. Kelly or Jermaine Dupri.

This sound is unlike any currently found in R&B and gives Mista a unique style of their own. This puts them ahead of other teen acts, 3T, A+ and Quindon.

However, the actual song content is Mista's downfall.

The lyrics on "Crossroads," "What About Us?" and "Lady" (remember when song titles were original?) are geared to a more adult audience. What kind of trials and tribulations could a 15-year-old be going through?

Lyrics aside, it is also hard to take Mista seriously.

With their "candy girl" voices, the album was more of a success if it had a label saying for a younger. Focusing on the Immature audience lead to greater success for the group.

But Mista is not without their share of quality. "Blackberry Molasses," "What Love Is" and "Scars and Lies," are the best and will help Mista more than a few albums.

The rest of the songs are not that bad, but they won't leave a lasting impression on a listener. Only 11 songs, plus an interlude, Mista can't have any forgettable tracks.

With so many superior R&B albums out right like Aaliyah, Blackstreet and New Edition, a meager effort like Mista will be quickly forgotten.

Mista is a solid album for listeners who have reach puberty.

Bush Babees mature with age Rap group addresses social issues with sophomore album

By Alona Ballard
Hilltop Staff Writer

After two years, the Bush Babees have grown up with the release of their second album "Gravity."

They are back with a deeper, more mature, socially conscious mix of clever lyrics and "creative reggae."

Bush Babees have dropped the "Da" from their name and two members have changed their names. Babyface Kaos is now Lee Major and Y-tee is now known as Light. The other member is Kahliyl a.k.a. Mr. Man.

You may remember the Flatbush neighborhood in the Brooklyn natives' videos "We Run Things" or "Remember We" in which the group won a nomination for the MTV video award.

While the group's name may hint at the artist's maturity, it is a lot deeper than that.

"The universe is a very, very old place," said Kahliyl, 22. "So anybody that came through after the beginning of the universe, whenever that was, is a baby!"

The Bush Babees were born when

Mr. Man and Lee Major met while freestyling rap lyrics. They felt a connection, but knew that there was a missing link — a reggae artist. Mr. Man saw Light, who was Y-tee then, at an artist showcase. He lends his reggae flow to such songs on the "Gravity" album as "The Love Song," their current single.

While experimenting with musical beats, De La Soul's Pos (Plug One) created the beat for "The Love Song." The message conveyed in the song is that the Bush Babees want to spread love to everyone



photo by Daniel Hastings
Bush Babees address social issues on sophomore album.

from any city or any coast. The Bush Babees are being touted as the latest additions to the Native Tongues genre.

This group includes A Tribe Called Quest, De La Soul and the Jungle Brothers.

Performing true to Native Tongue style, the Bush Babees do not shy away from social commentary in their lyrics.

Though not affiliated with the controversy that surrounds rap artists from the East and West coasts, the group has a strong idea of how the problem generated — money and greed.

"The reason that it's still going on is because people can make money off of it," Light said. "If everyone said I don't wanna hear it, then they would stop talking about it."

The group is also concerned with the allegations on the CIA-crack scandal.

"You gotta go back behind the CIA-crack scandal. You gotta go into the whole plan that this whole government was built upon," Major said. "Before you talk about the little things, crack in our communities, voting, you have to look at this government that was founded and who was it for. Was it for us?"

British film addresses human emotion

By Tachlea Roland
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Secrets and Lies" is a new British film by acclaimed film maker, Mike Leigh.

Winner of the 1996 Palme D' Or at the Cannes International festival, "Secrets" shines through with its wondrous commentary of the human condition.

Hortense (Marianne Jean-Baptiste) is a young Black optometrist who lives in London. After the death of her adoptive mother, she decides to seek out her

birth mother.

With the help of an agency, she searches through her birth documents and discovers that her birth mother is White. After procrastinating, she calls and arranges a meeting for tea with her mother, Cynthia.

Cynthia (Brenda Blethyn), the central character, is a sensitive, big-hearted woman with a sultry past. Her mother died during her childhood, leaving Cynthia to raise her brother Maurice. She had a child at the age of 15 and gave it up for adoption before she could see or

hold it. It is now many years later and Cynthia's second daughter Roxanne (Claire Rushbrook) is about to turn 21. She of course has no knowledge of the adoption.

Though this family has had its share of hardship, it is not at all close. Feeling guilty by this, Maurice (Timothy Spall) decides to have a barbecue for Roxanne's 21st birthday. The proud Cynthia invites Hortense under the guise that she is a new friend who has her own car and "flat with a mortgage."

At this point the story starts to resemble the classic, "Guess Who's

Coming to Dinner" with Sidney Poitier. In a traumatic moment at the party, Cynthia reveals the truth and everyone at the party is thrown in emotional disarray.

The irony and essence of the film is clear when people's true expressions are shown immediately after a snapshot is taken and the false smiles are dropped.

Though it may take some time to get used to the English dialect, "Secrets" is filled with soothing chamber music and a dramatic flow of details up to the very end.

Though the PULSE stops for the holiday season, events haven't. Here are some of the upcoming concerts and movies...

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December 20 -- "ONE FINE DAY" Starring Michelle Pfeiffer and George Clooney opens nationwide. Check for listings.

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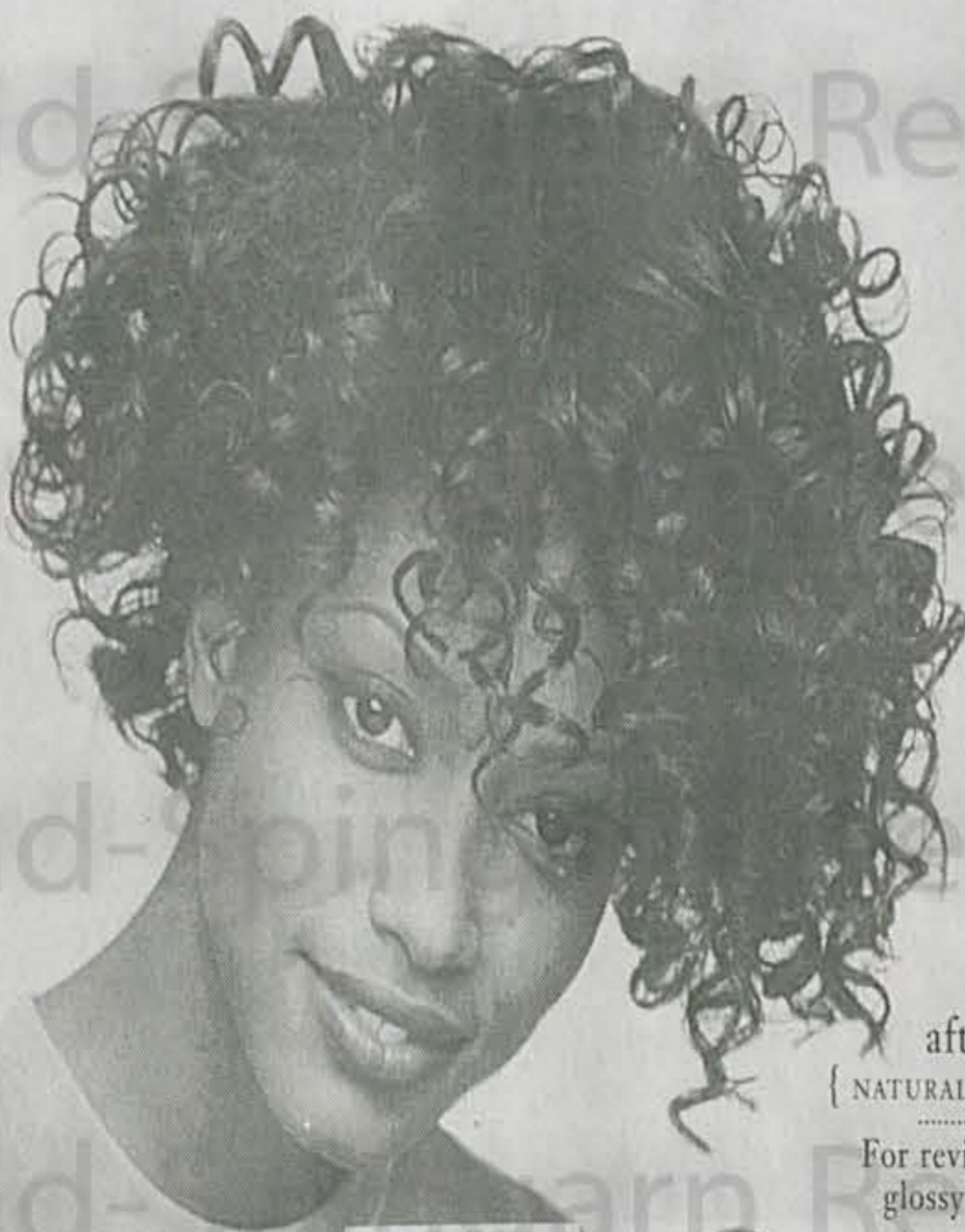
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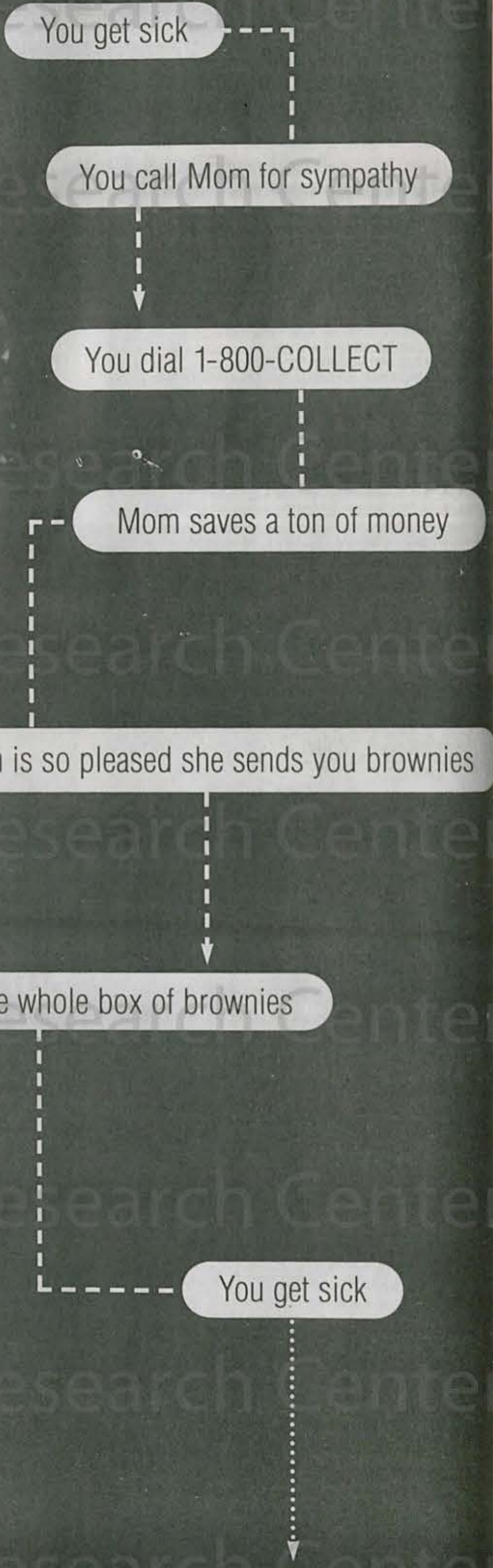
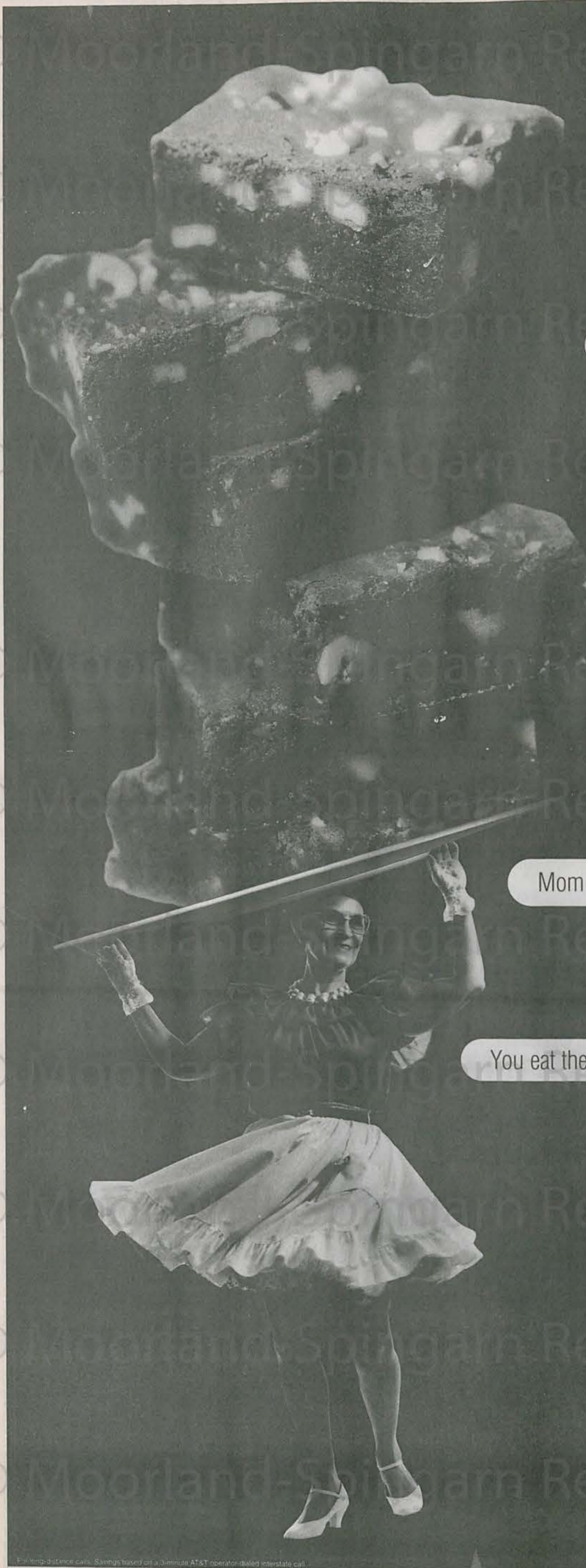
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HEALTH & FITNESS

Exchanging sleep for study time does not guarantee good grades

By Claire Thombs
Hilltop Staff Writer



Students often fall asleep in the Undergraduate Library and other study hot spots during the final exam period. Photo by Hassan Kinley

"I'm always tired," said Doyle. "I can not make it through one day without at least one nap."

Doyle said she does get seven hours of sleep at night, but her passion for late night television has been a deterrence.

"I make myself stay up to watch 'Good Times' and 'Sanford and Son' every night," Doyle said.

Charon Mitchell, a senior speech pathology major, has learned to balance her busy schedule to guarantee at least six hours of sleep a night.

"Being a graduating senior, I've learned time management and how to make time for work, school and extracurricular activities," Mitchell said.

Harrell suggests that students get as much sleep as possible during finals. Without sleep, Harrell said, students may not think as clearly, which defeats the purpose of staying up to ace an exam.

Harrell said that taking stimulants to stay awake is not a good idea. The stimulants will keep you awake temporarily, then cause a rebound effect. You will eventually crash and stay in the rapid eye movement phase longer, which means heavier sleep for a longer period of time.

If you simply must stay awake, Harrell suggests a safer approach like a 15 minute catnap, exercise or a caffeinated drink.

"If you are driving, caffeine would be best. Caffeine will make the brain alert," Harrell said.

Shawn Stallworth, a junior print journalism major, said that he is feeling the effects of a long running sleep drought of four hours of sleep a night.

"It's worse during exams, but I never get enough because I always have company or work to do," Stallworth said. "I'm used to it, it's no big problem, but if I ever do get

a chance to sleep, I'll sleep forever."

Junior print journalism major Desiree Tucker is also suffering from sleep deprivation.

"This is the worst year for classes," Tucker said. "I miss out on a lot of sleep and it causes irritability. It makes me angry. Sleep is very important to me. It's the happiest part of my day."

The amount of sleep one needs varies in comparison to others. Harrell said that as we get older we need less sleep because of a decrease of melatonin in the body. Melatonin is a chemical that is said to aid in the sleep process.

"Sleep is one thing that can overrule hunger. Without it, it seems to take over and can affect you in a serious way," Harrell said.

Recipe of The Week Christmas Cookies

Gingerbread Men

- 1 cup molasses
- 1/4 cup softened butter
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour

Lightly oil two cookie sheets and set aside. In a 4-quart saucepan, heat the molasses to a boil and remove from heat. Add butter and oil; stir until the butter melts. Blend in ginger, baking powder and baking soda. Gradually add the flour. As the dough cools, knead briefly in the pan.

When cooled, divide the dough in half, wrap each part in waxed paper, and chill for at least 2 hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Roll out dough on a floured board until it is 1/4-inch thick and cut out cookies with a floured cutter. Sprinkle with sugar, add raisins or outline with icing. Bake cookies for 7 to 10 minutes, and cool on a wire rack. Makes 50 cookies.

Source: *Sweetness and Light.*

Almond Sugar Cookies

- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup plus 3 tablespoons stick margarine, softened
- 1/4 cup skim milk
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 large egg white
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup ground almonds
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Cooking Spray

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Combine three tablespoons sugar and cinnamon in a bowl; stir well. Set aside. Cream one cup sugar and margarine at medium speed with a mixer until light and fluffy. Add milk, extracts and egg white; beat well. Combine flour, almonds and salt. Add to creamed mixture; beating well. Divide dough in half; cover and refrigerate half of dough. Shape remaining half of dough into 30 (one inch) balls; roll balls in sugar mixture, coating well. Place 2 inches apart on baking sheets coated with cooking spray. Flatten each ball with bottom of a glass. Bake at 325 degrees for 14 minutes. Cool on wire racks. Repeat procedure with remaining dough. Makes 5 dozen cookies.

Source: *Cooking Light.*

Basic Cookie Dough

- 7 cups all purposed flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 1/3 cups butter flavored shortening.

Combine flour and salt in a large bowl. Cut in shortening with a pastry blender until mixture is crumbly. Store in an airtight container in a cool dry place for up to 4 weeks or freeze up to 3 months. Makes 9 1/2 cups.

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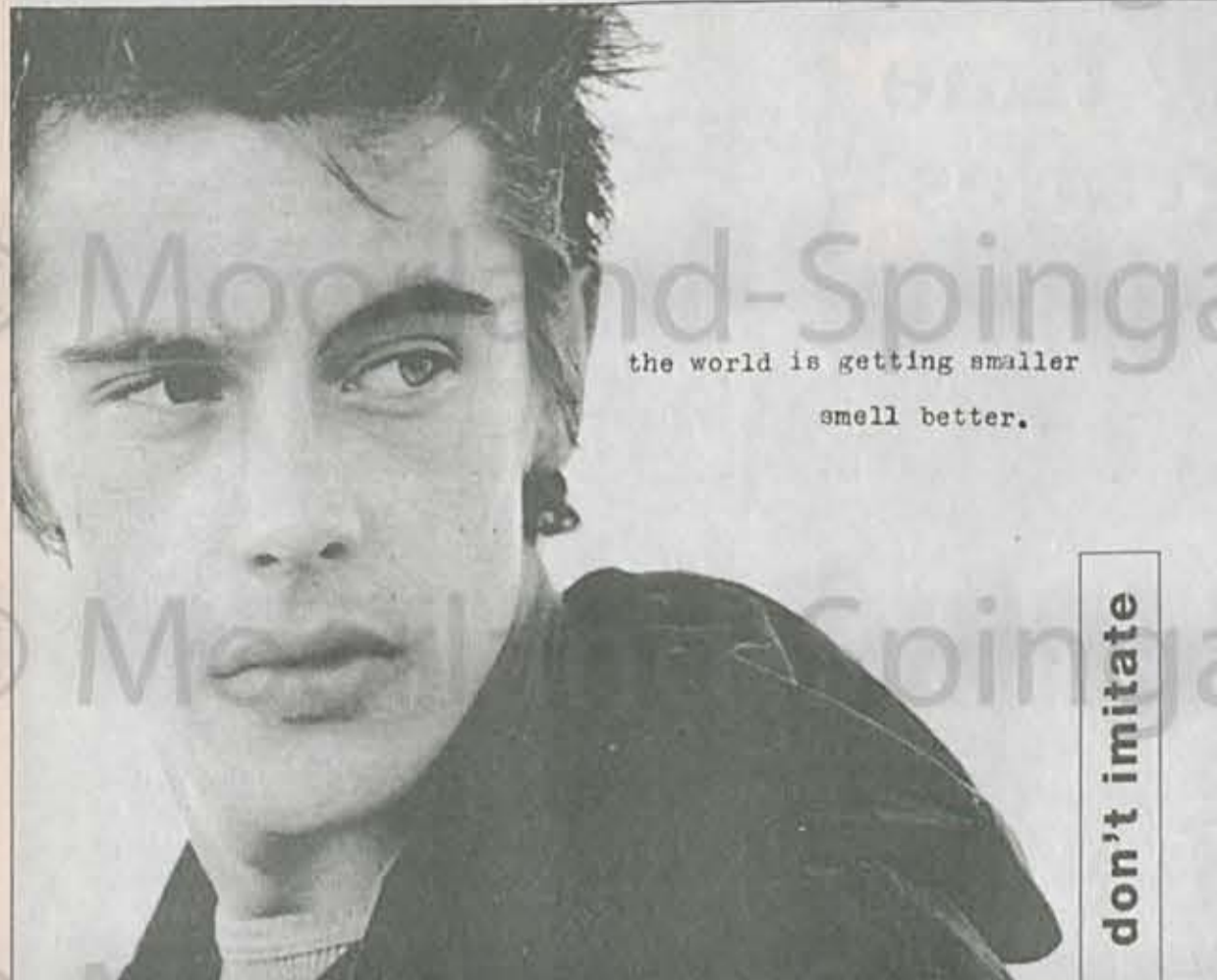
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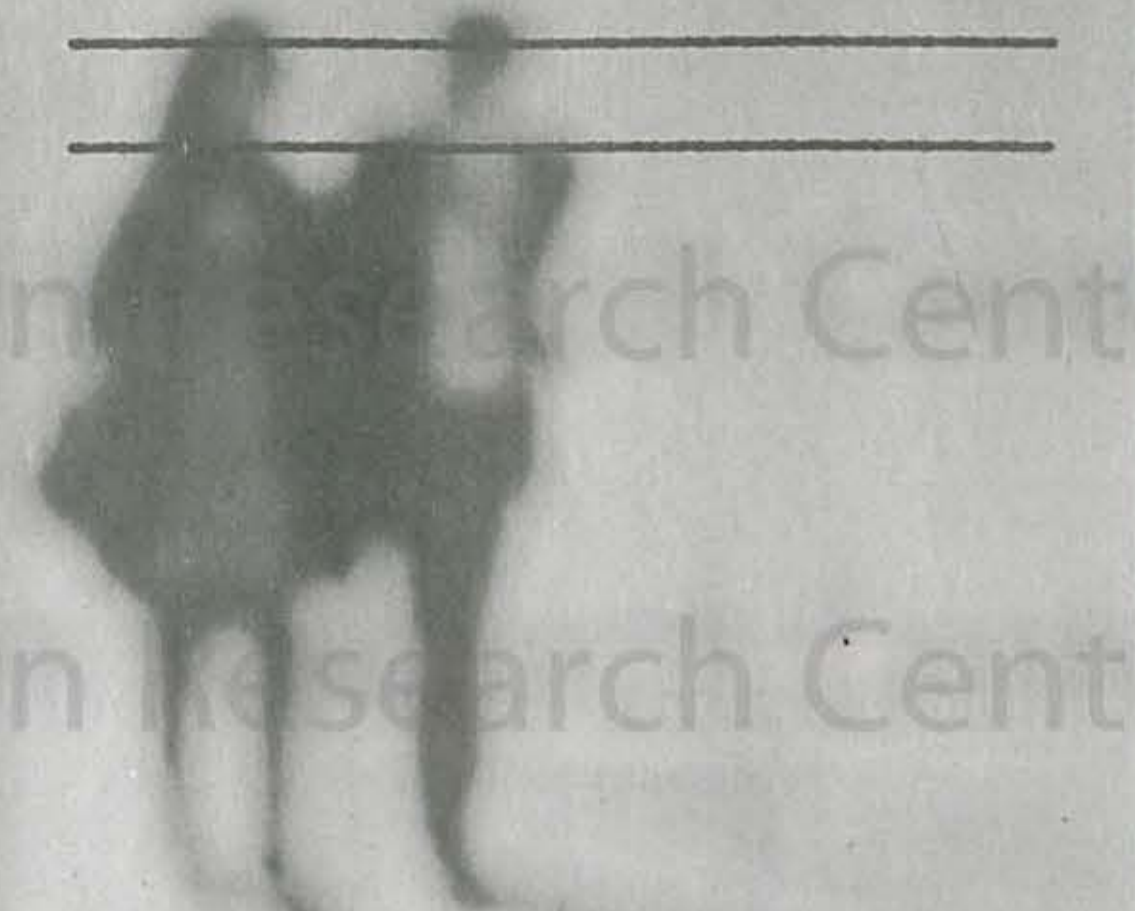
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Quarterback Ted White — selected as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year after his record-breaking season this year — leads five other Bison football players in being named to the All-MEAC First Team. Six other players were named to the All-MEAC Second Team, and eight others were chosen for the Honorable Mention Team.

Named to the All-MEAC First Team Offense with White were guard Anthony Heyward, tight end Themba Masimini and place kicker Jason Decuir. Defensively, tackle Marques Douglas and strong safety Billy Jenkins made the first team.

Rounding out the second team of the offensive unit are linemen Kireem Swinton and Robert Bell, wide receiver McArthur Johnson and punt returner Aki Wilson. The conference also placed defensive backs Curtis Jones and William Burch on the second defensive squad.

The honorable mention list included: center Fred Ray; wide receiver Marco Ward; running back Aray Williams; and linebackers Bobby Jones, Clarence Peacock, Rhoan Hill, Curtis Allen and punter Ruben Ruiz.

White, who broke numerous school and conference records this season, led Division I-AA in passing. This season, White was 174 of 289 passing for 2,881 yards and 36 touchdowns, breaking the school touchdown record once held by former Bison quarterback Jay Walker.

White and Head Coach Steve Wilson will be honored as MEAC Player and Coach of the Year, respectively, by the Pigskin Club of Washington at its 59th Annual Awards Banquet on Dec. 20 at the Capital Hilton Hotel.

The Bison finished the season at 9-2 overall, 6-1 in the MEAC and in second place in the conference behind Florida A&M, who beat the Bison by one point in Florida. The Bison's second-place ranking earned the team a spot in the Heritage Bowl, where they will play the Southern University Jaguars on New Year's Eve in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. The game will be televised live by ESPN. Kickoff is scheduled for noon.

Wrestling

At 118 pounds, undefeated Derrick Henson is ranked 12th in the nation out of 20 wrestlers and is the highest ranked Bison wrestler ever to compete in Division I. The Howard wrestlers will compete Saturday in the Slippery Rock Open, then return home to face Norfolk State and Delaware State on Dec. 14.

Men's Basketball

The Howard Men's team has opened the season with four straight losses. But the Bison will look to record their first victory Saturday against Liberty University. The team will then return home on Dec. 14 to take on American University at 2:00 p.m. before they travel to Ohio to battle University of Cincinnati, the No. 3-ranked team in the country, on Dec. 17.

Women's Basketball

The Lady Bison (1-2) faces several stiff challenges in the next couple of days. After playing and upsetting Rutgers University, the Lady Bison will play the No. 7-ranked team in the country, Vanderbilt University, on Tuesday, Dec. 10, then travel to Chapel Hill, N.C., to face the North Carolina Tar Heels on Dec. 14.

Following the Rutgers game, both shooting guard Amanda Hayes and power forward Alisha Hill were named to the All-Tournament Team at Rutgers.

Injuries slow Bison running backs

By Ivan J. Aranha
Hilltop Staff Writer

The cold winter winds will become nothing more than mere breezes on the coats of the Howard University Bison football players when they prepare to attack the Southern University Jaguars in the Heritage Bowl on Dec. 31 in Atlanta.

But among all the pre-game excitement is one of the most ironic occurrences in the 1996 college football season — the cross fortune of Howard running backs Tyrone Lewis, of Baton Rouge, La., and Aray Williams of Wilson, N.C.

At 5'10" and 200 pounds, Lewis said he patterns his running style after Dallas Cowboy running back Emmitt Smith. Although Lewis does not consider himself very fast, he said he is the type of runner who can explode through the hole.

"[Lewis] is a darter who moves in and out of traffic with proficiency," Head Coach Steve Wilson said. "He sets blocks well and is an extremely good finisher."

Williams said he is a "slasher-type" runner without many moves. At 6'10" and 225 pounds, he is a power-back who likes to run through and over people and is most dangerous running between tackles.

But in 1995, both Lewis and Williams suffered serious injuries that limited their contributions to the football team. Williams twisted his left knee before playing any games and missed most of the season. Lewis ran for 357 yards and four touchdowns before sustaining cartilage damage to his right knee that cut his season short. After Lewis went down, Williams stepped back in and ran for 357 yards and three touchdowns to end the season.

In a dramatic replay of last year, the 1996 season started with Williams suffering another injury. This time it was a tear in a quad muscle in his left thigh. Lewis, who danced and dazzled through opposing

defenses while becoming Howard's feature running back, tore ligaments in his left knee and went out for the season for the second year in a row. Lewis had rushed for 345 yards and two touchdowns. Williams once again stepped in for Lewis and ran for 597 yards and five touchdowns to end the season. Williams' yardage led the team in rushing this season.

The Bison also discovered other runners who stepped in and played admirably this season while Lewis and Williams were hurt. Mike Richardson, Stuart Broome and Stephen Mosely all played well this season, but Lewis and Williams still remain the big guns for the Bison.

Lewis said the injuries are just obstacles blocking what he wants to achieve on the field.

"[The injury] created problems because I set a goal to rush for 1,000 yards and be one of the best backs ever at HU," Lewis said. "God determines the reason for what happens; the experience can only make me grow spiritually."

"[The injuries] are the nature of football," Wilson said. "That's why you have to have more than one [running back]. Our backs carry a heavy load. ... When Ty and Aray are healthy, they offset each other."

Lewis said he is ready to work toward the road to recovery.

"I love to work," Lewis said. "The injury has only made me work harder and fight to win. As far as the mental game is concerned ... if you're not mentally strong, you can't play the game."

Williams agreed that the key to playing well after an injury is to forget about it, and he attributes his determination to the "love" he has developed for the game.

"The love is like a drug," Lewis agreed. "It's become a big part of my life, an addiction I can't explain."

Wilson said that although Lewis and Williams bring a balanced attack to Howard's total offense, the running game has been



Photo courtesy of Sports Information
Junior running back Aray Williams led Howard in rushing with 597 yards this season.



Photo courtesy of Sports Information
Tyrone Lewis was on his way to an outstanding year before a knee injury cut short his season.

used mostly as a distraction to unleash the explosive passing attack. But both players seem willing to sacrifice their own individual goals in order to help the team.

Both players are confident in Wilson's philosophy and are satisfied with contributing to a winning season. Williams also dismissed the notion of any rivalry with Lewis.

"Ty and I are in it together," Williams said. "It doesn't matter who's starting. ... Whoever's hot stays in. It's not really a competition as long as I'm contributing."

Lewis, however, had a slightly different view.

"It's always in the back of my mind," Lewis said. "It comes with being a running back and the competition of the sport. Aray is a great running back. ... We encourage each other

and ultimately it's all about teamwork. Both strive to meet our expectations."

Any further competition will have to wait. Williams will be playing in the Heritage Bowl while his comrade looks on.

"I'll feel sad that Ty won't be able to play with us," Williams said, "but we'll concentrate on the positive — playing on national TV, big game with everything on the line."

As for Lewis, he'll have to wonder what could have been, at least until next season.

"[Not playing] has been eating and nagging at me," Lewis said. "It's like an itch you can't scratch. It would have been great to play close to home in front of friends and fans, but I can rest easy knowing that I'm part of a winning team and they will do whatever it takes to win."

Tae kwon do lightweight national title for the Bison

By Marcus Matthews
Hilltop Staff Writer

Very few students on campus are familiar with Howard University's Tae Kwon Do Sports Club, which boasts 27 national titles between the men and women teams. The squad of 15 women and 12 men usually competes every year at the National Collegiate Tae Kwon Do Association National Championships, but lately the team has not been able to participate because travel costs to Berkeley, Calif., where the championships are held, are too expensive for the club.

"Because it is so costly going to California, we can only afford to send at least one person," said Summoray Alpha, the tae kwon do master.

That one person sent was Harold Houston III, who won the national championship title in the lightweight division.

"He [Houston] has won many titles, but never a collegiate title," Alpha said. "Since this is his last year of eligibility, it was very good that he was able to win it."

Houston was elated about his victory.

"It's been a long road since I got here," Houston said. "I've been every year and got a bronze last year. This year I improved on that. I finally won the gold medal."

Houston, a senior, said he came into the tournament more focused than ever. He defeated two highly touted opponents whom he had lost



Photo by Edouard Leneux
National champion Harold Houston III connects on a kick to the head.

to before en route to the title. One was a former member of the U.S. National Team and the other was nationally ranked.

"My head was there more this time," Houston said. "I believe that when you fight somebody you should always learn something, especially when you lose."

As national champion, Houston automatically becomes a member of the men's national team and will be traveling to Mexico to compete.

His teacher, Alpha, an executive member of the Pan American Tae Kwon Do Union and a member of the Pan American Sports Organization, is working hard with others in the organization to develop a Pan American Collegiate Championship competition.

"Mr. Houston and others can look forward to that because they will be competing against all of the countries of this hemisphere," Alpha said.

The tae kwon do team is in a rebuilding stage right now, but members are looking forward to the year 2000 when tae kwon do becomes an official Olympic sport in Sydney, Australia. And with some financial backing and hard work, Howard will be in a position to make history again. In 1992, when tae kwon do was a demonstration sport in the Barcelona Olympics Games, Howard sent five representatives who brought back gold, silver, and bronze medals.

Bison track team gets a leg up on indoor season

By William Bryant
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Sunday, Dec. 8, the Howard University Men's and Women's Track and Field season will begin at Seton Hall University in East Orange, N.J., and Head Track Coach William Moultrie is expecting nothing but the best for both his men's and women's teams.

After completing the "fall conditioning" season, known as cross country, Moultrie expects the upcoming 1996 indoor season to look bright for both the men's and women's teams.

"We evaluate our personnel during the fall conditioning season," said Moultrie, who has been at the helm of the track and field program since the early 1970s. "I am very excited about this year's team, which includes many seasoned veterans plus a new core of recruits."

While reinforcing track's basic fundamentals, Moultrie pushes his team by reprimanding the members often.

"William P. Moultrie might yell and fuss, but I care about my athletes," Moultrie said. "I want these kids to succeed at Howard and in life. I'm trying to plant that seed of success in their minds so that when they leave Howard, they can live a lifestyle that is positive in our community."

Several runners returned from last year's squad, and they expect to improve on their achievements. On the men's side, Damion Rowe and Kiley Maynard placed first and sixth in the 800 meters at the 1996 MEAC Indoor Championships, and Senior Captain Yameen Chesnut, who placed sixth in the 400 meters at the same meet, performed exceptionally during the cross country season.

Howard University has always been strong in the relay events under Moultrie. This year's squad has several runners who can contribute to the relay events. Rowe, Chesnut, Jason Charter and Adrian Clarke return after placing third in the 4X400 meter relay at the MEAC Indoors last year. In addition, Maynard and transfer student Erik Austin provide Moultrie with depth in the relay events.

"Adrian Clarke is our secret weapon," Moultrie said. "The capabilities, mental toughness and maturity are there."

Omar Moody and Kenyon Link

are two other individuals Moultrie will be counting on to make contributions this year.

The Bison women placed second in last year's 1996 Indoor MEAC Championships. Sophia Williams impressed Moultrie with her maturity during practices, and she will be counted on to add strength to the relays this upcoming season. Abby Harry (second, long jump and triple jump) is considered an exceptional athlete, while teammates Jammy Edwards (500, 1500), team captain Stacey Stevens (third, 800), Dion Walker (400), Janell Martin (second, 100 meters and 200 meters), Sheri Ferguson (fourth, long jump and fifth, high jump) and Nicole Probst have been described as solid track citizens with mental toughness and intensity. Vernetta Gordon will be a competitor looking to upset her reigning champ in the 55-meter hurdles in the MEAC this season.

Moultrie often accepts the criticism applied to Howard as a "track university."

"The historically Black colleges lack the individual stars who are franchise players," Moultrie said. "They do not surface as much. We do not fool ourselves. However, we take what we have and make it competitive. At Howard, the art of running the relays is emphasized."

Moultrie prepares his entire track team for the indoor season, having them participating in cross country running. He admitted that he has heard several people criticize his decision to run cross country without a solid core of cross country runners.

"We must train in the fall," Moultrie said. "If we do not, the athletes might establish poor study habits and become academic casualties. People must accept responsibilities at Howard University and in life."

"There are social, academic, economic and athletic reasons behind Howard's participation in cross country," Moultrie said. "Those who criticize should speak with Coach Moultrie."

Academics has been and will always be Moultrie's No. 1 concern for his athletes, and he preaches the importance of education to them.

"Regardless of how fast you are, there comes a time when you have to unlace those shoes," Moultrie said.

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Sincerely,



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Happy Holidays! ... Erin

Rahn, Thanks for the shot out (sorry for the late response). But you know you're the one that has the ladies screamin'. Keep up the good work undercover lover. By the way, where is you woman? -- Ms. E.

Anita from Alabama. We met around Homecoming on the shuttle. Been on lookout for you. I study in Founders.

P.O. Each day we spend together, I find myself growing closer to you. You already know how I feel and what I want... E.B.

Big Nat and Sharmy-Sharm. Hey, that last 1005 thang was cool! Let's do it again before we leave, but can we do it without the rats? Good luck with your finals and hope you both have a wonderful and restful winter vacation. Luv ya'll, Super E

HAPPY BELATED B-DAY KANYE WILLIS and LISA LOWE

I hope you guys didn't think I forgot! May God bless you both with another year of joy and happiness. -- Erin

to Melanie & Gladys Happy Belated Birthday from your sorors of Z Phi B.

Congratulations Alva, on your new Baby Girl Ahjail!

To Soul Sister, Happy Birthday from your sorors of Z Phi B G.O.D!!!! Thanks all the Ladies who supported their Rent-A-Gent

fundraiser.

Cherise,

Had fun clownin' in class. You'll be missed while you're gone. -Kaleda, Caroline, & Melissa

to Aphasia, Innerage, Drama Smiley and Virtual Reality. Big Ups for helping the fellas in the Towers.

Cell, O-Smooth, Slice and Big Jeff have no time for fake ones.

Smooches, Happy 21st Birthday We've been through a lot, let's make this year special. I shy

Happy Birthday to Donna, Venus, Jameris, Shawn and Rae Love 27-A-96

Chester, We had fun the last 3. Come back for the last 1. 'Cause the last 1 is the best 1 and we got mad sh... to do!!!

Much Luv Liss

Congratulations to 13-A-96 and 35-A-96. Continue the good work!!! Love 27-A-96

Cherise,

Ya know we're gonna miss ya. We had mad fun and it ain't over yet.

Luv from Reenie, C.Y.G. and Me. The KMHS FAM

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