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 Today: Mostly Cloudy
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 Wednesday: Few Showers
 High 78, Low 68
 Thursday: Few Showers
 High 82, Low 68

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Sept. 11: Three Years Later

BY JONATHAN DAVIS
 Contributing Writer

Flags from all across the country surrounded the Howard University flagpole as the Office of the Dean of the Chapel, the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) and the Howard University Chapel Assistants hosted a ceremony to remember the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 on Friday.

The ceremony, titled "A Service of Remembrance: A Time to Mourn, A Time to Heal, A Time to Reflect", began with the president of the Chapel Assistants Alexis Logan. She began by saying to the audience how our country is only 1,095 days removed from 9/11.

Logan went on to say that today is a day to memorialize those that lost their lives from individuals involved in the plane crash into the Twin Towers in New York City and the bombing of the Pentagon.

This service, Logan told the audience, urges people to

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Science Labs Not Up to Date

BY AYESHA RASCOE
 Hilltop Staff Writer

Rusty instruments, dilapidated facilities, outdated and inoperable equipment.

These are just a few of the complaints that biology and other pure science majors are making about the laboratories and classrooms in their departments.

Although Howard University is the only HBCU to be designated a level-two research institution, many of these young researchers feel that when it comes to the conditions of their departments, their tuition could be better spent.

"A lot of materials we use are rusted," said sophomore biology major Joytrese George. According to George, the scalpels biology students use when dissecting organisms are rusted. George also mentioned that the department has new microscopes, and it also has old microscopes that are not in the best condition. She said students often compete to get the newer microscopes.

"It's like a race when you're going to get microscopes," George said. "I think we can update tools so I feel my tuition is going somewhere."

Eboni Santos, a freshman biology major, agrees with George about the state of materials in the biology department. She feels that upgrading the materials used would greatly benefit students.

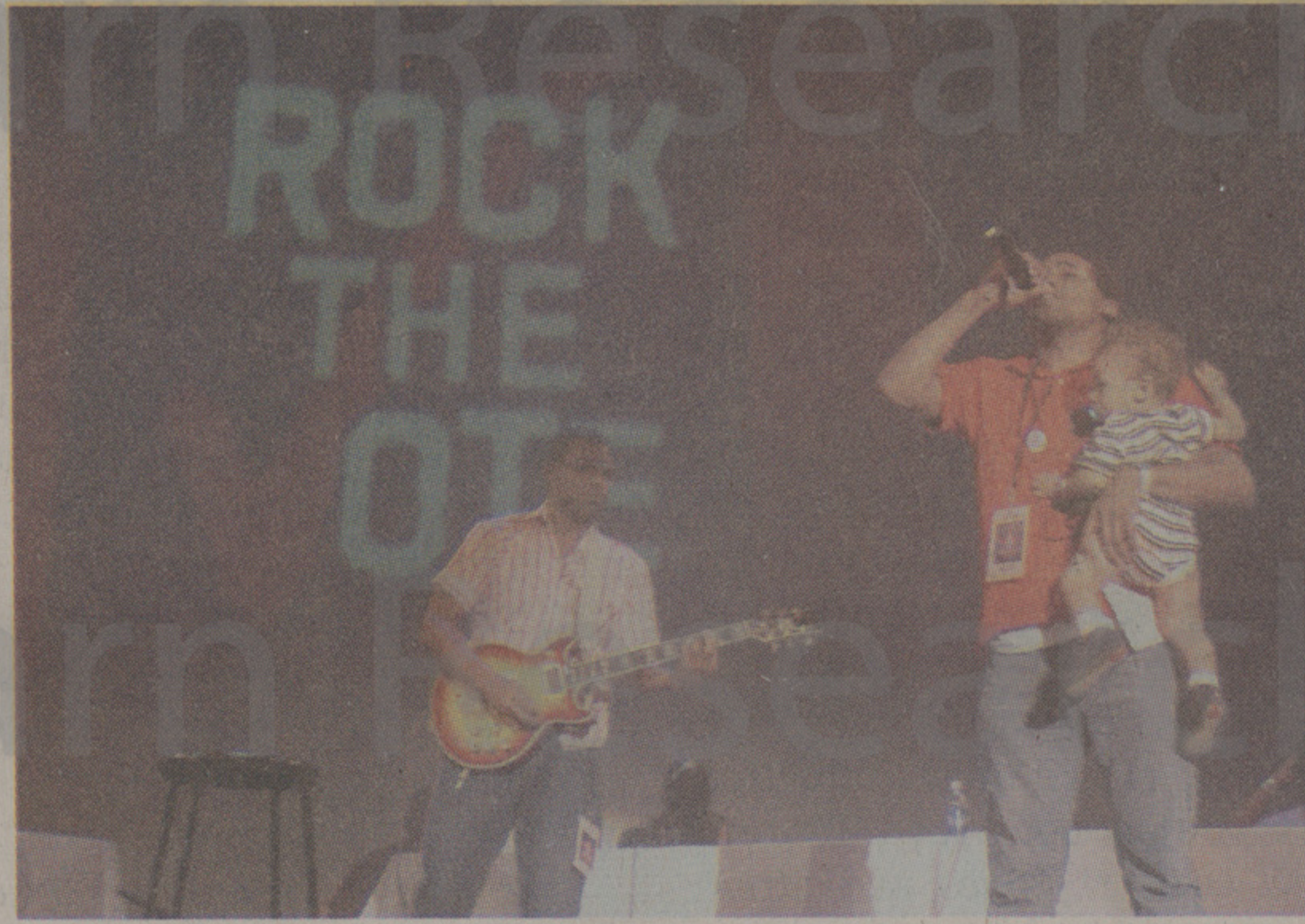
"If we always had the best equipment in the lab, that would give us the best learning abilities," Santos said.

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VOTER EDUCATION

First of its kind Hip-Hop
 Caucus Comes to Cramton
 Auditorium

Hip-Hop Panel Rallies Young Voters



Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

HU students sacrificed Saturday night plans to attend the hip-hop caucus at Cramton Auditorium. Panel members explored the question, "Why should we vote?"



BY MICHAEL IVEY
 Contributing Writer

This past Saturday EPP, in conjunction with Hip Hop Voices and the Hip Hop Summit Action Network presented the first ever Hip Hop Caucus, at Cramton Auditorium.

The event's main goal was to educate Howard students, as well as students visiting from Florida A&M, Hampton, Georgetown, American and George Washington Universities, about the current state of the electoral process and major issues surrounding this year's election.

The three-hour program also featured a performance by Raheem Divine, and a lengthy question and answer portion, which allowed students and organizations, such as The New Black Panther Party, to communicate their concerns to the ten person panel of Chequan Lewis, political director of the Howard University Student Association; Sonya Lockett, public affairs director for BET; Jeff Johnson, vice president of the Hip Hop Summit Action Network; Kenny Diggs, field director of the Young Voters Alliance; Bakari Kitwana, co-founder of the National Hip Hop

Political Convention; Jehmu Green, president of Rock the Vote; Malia Lavu, field director of the Young Voters Alliance; Calvin S. Williams, Jr., student body president of North Carolina A&T State University; Joel Segal, senior legislative assistant to Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.); Nancy Hawin, program development consultant of the National Coalition of Civic Participation.

Moderator and official "Hip Hop Reverend" Lennox Yearwood got the discussion going by inquiring of the panel, simply, why should we vote? Opening speaker and reign-

ing Howard Man of the Year, Chequan Lewis, pointed to the historical relevance of voting, saying that the black vote is "drenched in the blood of the past."

BET's own Cousin Jeff, aka Jeff Johnson, said that students should use financial motivation to hit the booths in droves on election day. He also stated that government monies are funding prison construction and the space program instead of needs like public education.

The panel was also asked

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Freshmen Unaware of Special Elections

BY AYESHA RASCOE
 Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard students will not have to wait until the November presidential election to participate in a political process. On Wednesday, Sept. 22, special elections will be held for the University's student government organizations.

Although special elections are held near the beginning of each fall semester, many students, especially those new to campus, seem unaware of what purpose the elections serve.

According to the HUSA Constitution, special elections are held "to fill vacancies left from the General Elections held in the spring."

During special elections, freshmen class officers are selected, and schools and colleges can have referenda or amendments to their constitutions placed on the ballot.

The requirements to qualify as a special elections candidate have changed this year. Senior computer information systems major and Special Elections Chair Diana Beauge explained that now each candidate must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.

In addition, candidates must submit a petition that includes at least five percent of the enrolled student population of their respective school or college, unless otherwise specified in their school's constitution.

According to Beauge, these changes were made to help rectify some of the differences in qualifications for various schools and colleges.

Even though the special elections give freshmen an opportunity to run for office, some freshmen say they lack the information necessary to get involved in the process.

Kayon Kidd, a freshman political science major, said that she did not find out until September 9 that candidate applications were due on September 10. By then, she felt it was too late to complete the

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D.C. SAT Scores Well Below National Average

BY CIARA FAMBLE
 Contributing Writer

Every year, all across the country, thousands of high school juniors and seniors take the test that determines their educational future, the Scholastic Aptitude Test, better known as the SAT. For the rare person with the perfect score, the opportunities are limitless. However, the options for those not fortunate enough to attain such high scores, are not quite as abundant.

According to a report by the Montgomery County Department of Shared Accountability, Maryland's Montgomery County had an average SAT score of 1102 up from 1094 last year. This rise in scores is due to a 33 point

improvement by Asian students and a 10 point gain by Caucasian students. Two Montgomery County high schools had scores averaging over 1200, 174 points over the national average of 1026.

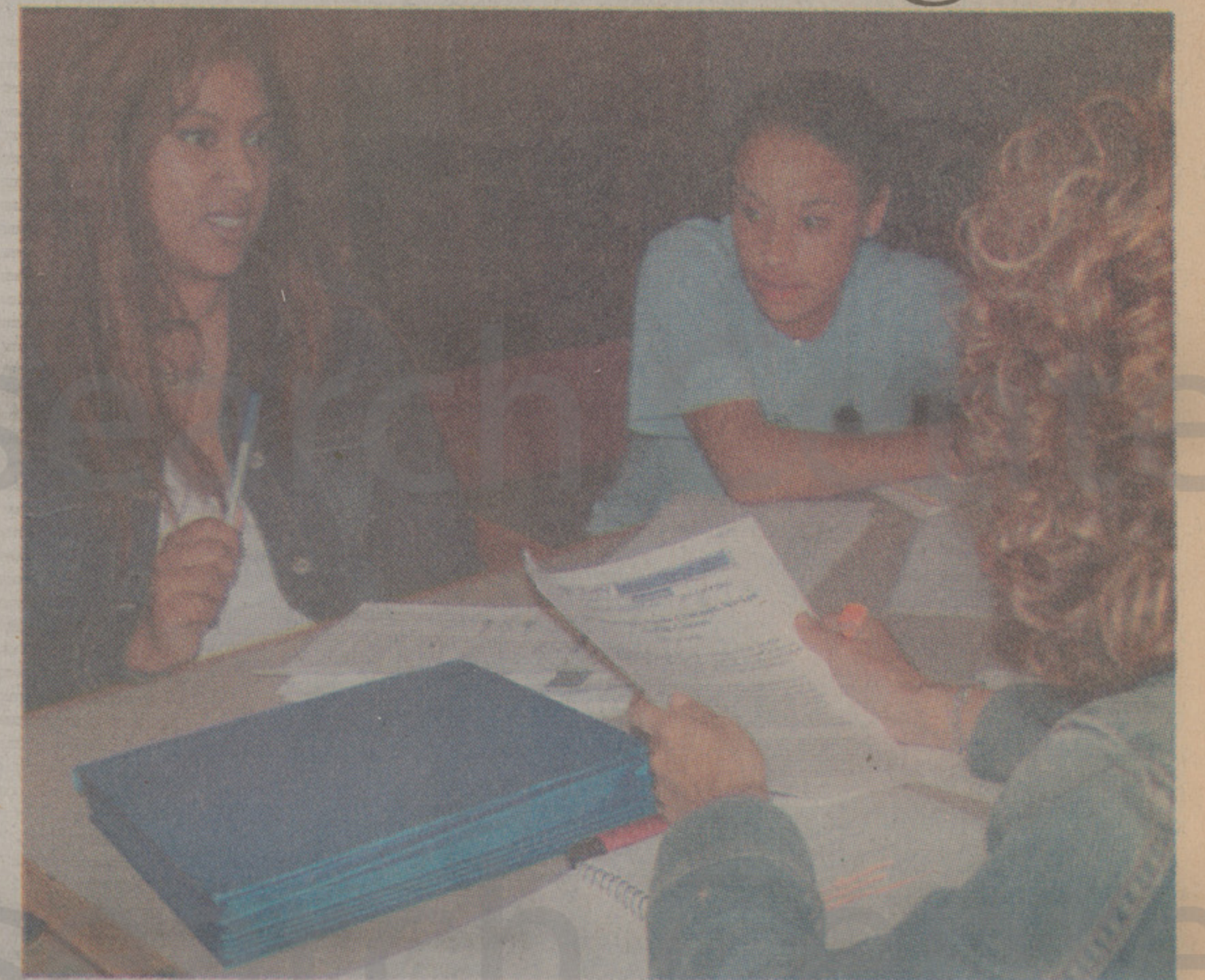
The average SAT score for African-American students in Montgomery County showed a 17-point gain, raising the average to 854. Schools in the District, despite achieving a 14-point gain from last year, were not as fortunate. The average SAT score in the District of Columbia is still only 814, 112 points below the national average.

Where is this disparity between counties coming from, when Montgomery County is also home to a substantial minority population? Not

everyone in the public school system feels unprepared. Bryan Campbell, rising junior at Banneker High School has a different perspective than most. "The grading scale here [at Banneker] is really hard. It takes at least a 95 to get an A. Also, we have to take the PSAT every year, so in the end our scores are better," he said.

Some students think that many students and some teachers don't take school or themselves seriously enough. Nicole Davis, a senior in Dunbar High School's pre-engineering program, said, "They only really prepare us [in the school's pre-professional program] for the SAT because we're considered 'smart.' They encourage everyone to take it, but no one else

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Marlene Hawthorne-Photographer

Some say D.C. schools don't spend enough time preparing all high school students for the SAT.

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Graduate School Receives Donation from Former Dean

The Howard University Graduate School recently received \$51,383 from the late Carroll Miller, former Graduate School dean. Miller, who served from 1966 until 1974, passed away in 2003. The donation will help to establish the Carroll Miller Dissertation Research Fund for graduate students.

School of Communications Professor Publishes Book

Howard journalism professor Yanick Rice Lamb recently released a book, co-authored with Frances Clayton Gray, about the life of tennis legend Althea Gibson. The book, entitled "Born to Win: The Authorized Biography of Althea Gibson," examines the difficulties Gibson faced as she fought to integrate women's tennis.

School of Business Students Place First in Nation

Five School of Business students traveled to Orlando, Fl. on July 10 to compete in a case study competition sponsored by accounting firm KPMG, LLP and the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA). Senior team members Marquita Barnes, Shari Harrington, Zenitra Perry, Palisia Stallworth and junior Joshua Butler, placed first based on their in-depth analysis of a complex accounting problem and the quality of their presentation. Other schools to compete included North Carolina A&T University and Bentley College.

NSCS Holds Induction Ceremony for New Students

BY RUSHONDRA J. JAMES
Contributing Writer

Rasheem Rooke, adviser to the Howard Chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS), encouraged students during their induction ceremony on Friday evening in the Blackburn Ballroom to "get out of the box, try your best and have no regrets."

During the ceremony, the chapter inducted more than 100 sophomore and junior students who were selected on the basis of their grade point averages.

Throughout the evening, guest speakers told inductees that they must reach beyond their comfort zones and strive for something beyond resume-building and self-promoting

opportunities.

Once inducted into the organization, members are expected to incorporate the organization's core values of scholarship, leadership and service into their everyday lives.

Wesley Bullock, a sophomore 2004 NSCS inductee, expressed that he defied all of the stereotypes of Black Alaskans when he came to Howard. After the completion of his freshman year, Bullock was awarded several internships and maintained a 3.75 grade point average.

This year's inductees are also excited about being the newest members of the honor society and about being able to contribute to the legacy of service.

Because of their lifetime commitment to community service, Angela Forman and John

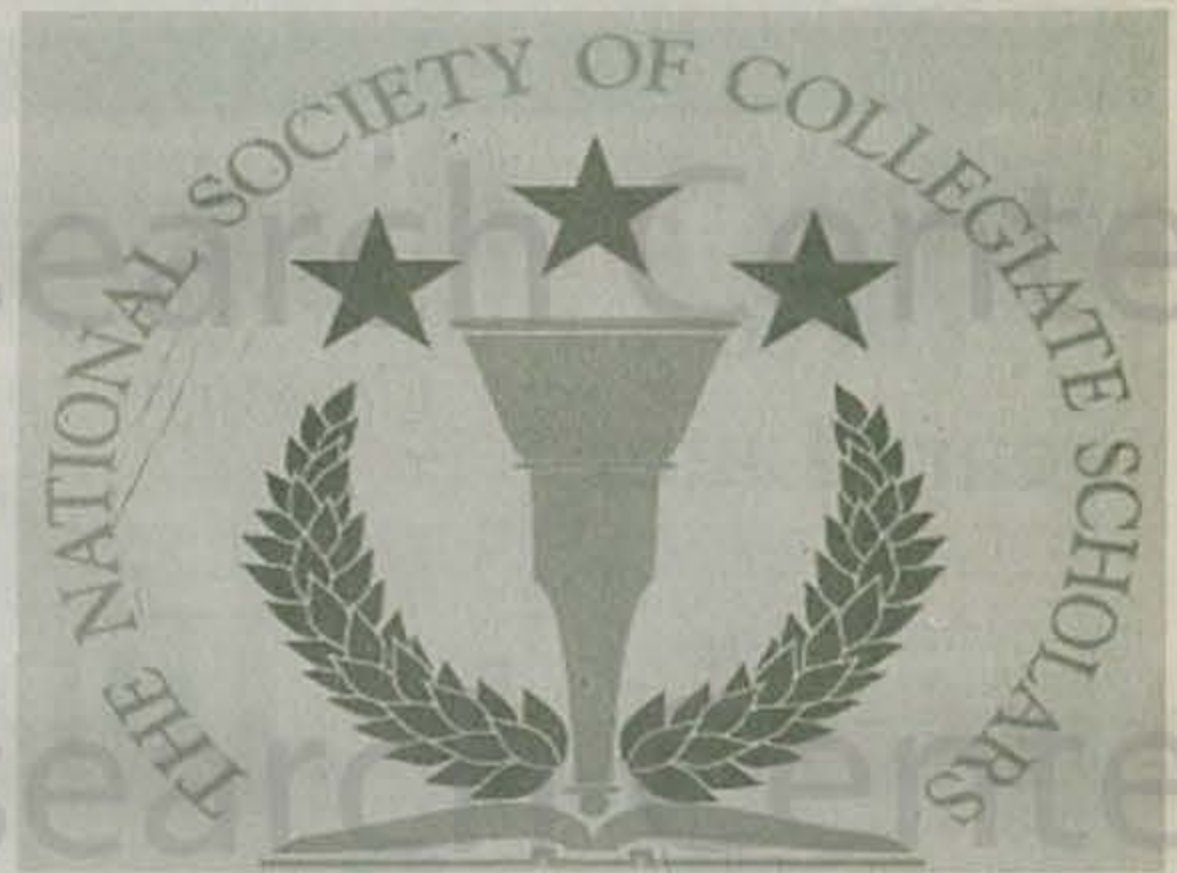
Davis received the Distinguished Member Award.

Davis, an assistant professor in the department of political science, was the keynote speaker for the event and told the audience that there must be an increase in male representation in college. He would like to see the number of black males in college surpass the number of black males in prison.

"We must step out of the box and end this. This is a time to celebrate historically black institutions, not to end them," Davis said.

After inducting the 2004 entrants, members of the executive board were ready to encourage members to fulfill the core values of the organization.

See NSCS, News A9



NSCS members are inducted into the organization on the basis of their academic achievements. New member of NSCS are expected to live up to the organization's core values.

Arts & Sciences Student Council Hosts Week of Events

BY JOY E. MORELAND
Contributing Writer

This week, the Arts and Sciences Student Council will host their annual College of Arts and Sciences (ASSC) Week as a way to engage students in the local government of their school.

"I am excited about this week because we have worked so hard to plan all these events for all students within Arts and Sciences," said ASSC Council President Faith L. Walls.

The ASSC wants students within the college to take part of all the events that are planned for this week, as well as future events.

Arts and Sciences Week was started so new students, as well as returning students, could share ideas and help other students who share the same major.

"I will be attending some events because I would like to see more students who share the same interests as [I do]," said junior political science major Tranetta King.

"Students within other schools and colleges are more than welcomed," Walls said.

Students such as sophomore Khalia Hampton intend to utilize the events as a social

outlet.

"My major is broadcast journalism, but I will be attending some of the events with friends who are in Arts and Sciences," she said.

When Arts and Sciences students take ideas to the ASSC, the members said that they are willing to listen to them.

"[The] sophomore class of Arts and Sciences has coordinated Monday's event because they are the only class that has elected representation," Walls said.

While some students around campus might complain about their school's faculty and staff, students such as junior English major Candace Morgan say the ASSC staff is helpful to her.

"Whenever I have a problem, the faculty and staff is always willing to help and will not stop until the job is complete," she said.

"The staff has been nice to my family and me when it was time to register for class," said freshman biology pre-med major Danielle Jackson.

It is not only the returning students who are given help by faculty and staff, but they help freshmen as well.

Musical Brings Activist Height's Legacy to Life

BY LAUREN STEPHENS
Staff Writer

Social activist and educator Dorothy I. Height was honored in the musical, "The Height of Excellence: The Lady, The Legend, The Legacy" on Thursday evening in Cramton Auditorium.

Height is best known for her activism through the various eras of the Civil Rights Movement dating back to the 1940s.

She is also a respected leader of major organizations including the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Produced by VanJo Productions and the American Performing Arts Collaborative (APAC), the performance was one stop on a tour scheduled to visit major cities across the U.S. in an effort to celebrate Height's legacy, stimulate activism and raise funds for the NCNW.

The production was directed and based on the book written by George Faison, a Tony Award winning choreographer and director who saw this project as an opportunity to inspire and educate the audience.

"When I ducked down and found out the history, the interaction and the background story of what happened, there was a lot of controversy, a lot of confusion and dissidence, but in the end we were able to join hands and become a force," he said. "That's something we have to reintroduce to ourselves and that's something that can only be done if we really respect each other."

The audience, of over 300, mostly members of the community at-large, came out to show support for Height's legacy.

"I have known about Dr. Height for a number of years. She has always been a powerful woman to get things done and very important to the black race. So, I figured I had to be here



Students paid homage to Civil Rights legend Dorothy Height at a tribute held in Cramton on Thursday evening.

tonight," said Michael Alvarez, a spectator from the surrounding community.

Many of the students who were in attendance were members of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. and felt it was necessary to give support to an important historical figure.

"As president of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., I thought it would be an honor to come out and give celebration to a woman who has done so much for the community as a whole and for African-Americans in general," said senior psychology major Mona Taylor. "For her to be our [sorority's] past national president, it would only be so great of an honor for us to be here and give our support for her life and the things she has done."

The musical, told from a first-person point of a view, revealed some of Height's personal insights on life, such as "It's so important to do everything you can while you're able because tomorrow is not promised."

While the backdrop featured only a set of bleachers and a slideshow of pictures from the time period of each scene, the simplicity of the set allowed the audience to use their imagination as to what that time actu-

ally looked like.

At the end of the performance many of the attendees left impressed, not only by the story of Height's life, but also by the level of talent the actors and actresses displayed.

"The performance was really great, and it was very inspirational. It had a lot of historical content. The music was wonderful, and the singers were talented. I really enjoyed it," said senior political science major Cassandra Cumbess.

Senior accounting major Ezinne Kwubiri wishes more students would have attended the event.

"It was a great program and to whoever organized it, great job. But I think more students should have come out because it was a lot more of African-American history then it was the story of Dr. Height," Kwubiri said.

Beyond the entertainment value, Faison hopes that the play will educate and inform the audience of the importance of Black history.

"I hope [the audience] was really reintroduced to the history and how great it is and how sacrifices were made on their behalf, so that future generations could have just that, a future," Faison said.

Website Poll Question

We asked... You answered!

Do you plan to submit an absentee ballot to your state for the 2004 presidential election?

Yes 59%
No 23%
Maybe 4%
N/A 13%

This week's question: How much money do you estimate you will spend paying organizational dues this year?

Vote at

www.thehilltoponline.com.

Do you feel the current dorm visitation policies hinder the personal growth of students?

VOICES & VIEWS



Jenna Burton
Senior
Anthropology

"We're being treated like irresponsible kids as opposed to young adults; we are always monitored and our privacy is always invaded."



Erin Mathewson
Senior
Anthropology

"I'm old enough to pay for my tuition or get kicked out but I can't control how long someone stays in my room."



Jamaal Hackett
Senior
International Business

"They should allow us to be independent and monitor our own time and activities. Visitation was fifty percent of the reason why I moved off campus."



Quintin Reid
Freshman
Undecided

"Yes, I feel like I'm at home; still all of my friends at other universities have 24-hour visitation."


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SHARA'S SOAPBOX:



All 'Soul'-ed Out

BY SHARA D. TAYLOR
Campus/Online Editor

During my sophomore year, a colleague of mine expressed that he did not want to be surrounded by people who did not love him as much as they loved themselves. This statement not only caused me to change my view of this individual, but it made me wonder how many people on this campus (and in life) operate under this twisted logic.

Do you have any friends or associates who feel as though you owe them something because they spend time with you?

(Wait...isn't there already a term used to describe this type of arrangement? And, I don't think "friendship" is it.)

How many people do you know who believe their time is more valuable than yours?

In my 21 years of existence on this planet, I have never understood why some people feel as though they have the right to calculate another person's life value for them.

I could never love another person as much as I love myself.

No questions asked. As a matter of fact, if anyone (including you) ever expects me to show them the same love and loyalty that I show myself, I will personally escort them out of my life.

I wonder about those people who consistently go out of their way to please an individual or a group of individuals.

Consider this for a minute: You are in a relationship (or just a friendship) with a person who gives you nothing but headaches and problems. This person undervalues you and your time and has made it clear that you play only a minute role in his or her life.

Do you stay or do you go? Do you allow them to eat away at your soul day after day until it no longer belongs to you?

Operating under my colleague's logic, you stay because you place the same level of value on their presence that you place on your well-being.

Only an insecure, self-loathing person would allow himself or herself to be subjected to such treatment. And, only a selfish, immature individual would wish to have such people around them. Unfortunately, I have seen this phenomenon (for lack of a better term) manifest itself time and time again.

Watching another person give his or her soul away, piece by piece, until it becomes an unrecognizable entity is perhaps the saddest and most draining feeling I have ever experienced.

I can't (and don't) want to imagine how that person feels within the confinements of his or her soul, and I hope you never have to feel the anguish that comes along with soul-ing out.

Senior marketing major and Memphis, Tenn. native, Shara D. Taylor, urges you to stay away from this mind state. Comments? Questions? Send e-mails to sharaoncampus@hotmail.com.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Campus Calendar 9-14-04

2004 Mr. & Miss School of Business Pageant
"Success in the City"
Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004
7 p.m.
Blackburn Ballroom
Open Admission

Peer Life Mentor/Mentee
Informational and Mix and Mingle
Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Blackburn Center, Recreation Area

Circle K International Community Service Organization
1st General Body Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004
6 p.m.
Douglass Hall Room 116
Voter registration forms will be available!

Howard University Mock Trial Team
Tryouts for 2004-2005 season
Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004
7 p.m.
Blackburn Room 148
Attire is business casual.

Arts and Sciences Week
Black Examples Sharing Their Stories Lecture Series
Featuring Dr. Carr, Afro-American Studies Dept.
Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004
7 p.m.

Blackburn Hilltop Lounge

Mentor/Mentee Mix & Mingle
Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004
7 p.m.
Blackburn 1st Floor Terrace

2004 Mr. & Miss School of Communications Pageant
Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004
7 p.m.
Blackburn Ballroom

2004 Mr. & Miss Arts and Sciences Pageant
"Tropical Night in Paradise"
Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004
7 p.m.
Blackburn Ballroom

Absentee Voting Registration
Friday, Sept. 17, 2004
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Blackburn Lower Level

Sudan Embassy Demonstration
Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004
10:00 a.m.

Meet on lower level of Blackburn
Will travel to Sudan Embassy at 11:00 am

The Campus Calendar is published weekly. Submissions for University-recognized organizations should be submitted to sharaoncampus@hotmail.com no later than Friday, Sept. 17, 2004 by 12 p.m. to appear in the next Campus Calendar in the Sept. 21 issue.

HU Art Student Reaches Semi-Finals

BY TISETSO DLADLA
Contributing Writer

Howard University fine arts student Justin Jackson was selected as one of ten semi-finalists in the 2004 Verizon Historically Black Colleges and Universities Student Art Competition (HBCUSAC).

Jackson submitted an art piece entitled "Marathon" that depicts the celebration of African-American culture under the theme of the competition, "Evolution of Progress."

Jackson's piece is a panoramic view of symbolic images of African-American history.

"I would describe my style as illustrative. My piece is not just a painting, but serves also as a narrative," he explained. "My objective was to get the viewer to have a reciprocal interaction with the piece. It is like having visual conversation."

Although Jackson's piece only made it to the semifinalist round of the competition, he feels that it worth the experience.

"I am disappointed that I didn't get further in the competition. I still feel privileged to have made it to the semifinals. Making my art is a personal experience on its own, so I do not feel it to be a loss," he said.

Fine Arts professor Edgar Sorrells-Adewal believes that the contest gives students the opportunity to show their work to an audience that extends beyond campus boundaries. "The com-

petition is fantastic. It allows students to gain exposure, and they are able to have their work viewed in a public venue," he said. "I hope that Justin is successful because I believe his work deserves recognition."

"[Justin's] piece has a certain rhythm that makes the eye dance across the image. It almost feels like it should be on a postcard or in a building lobby somewhere," said senior painting major Elizabeth Stewart.

"Justin is an extremely creative and thoughtful artist. His work demonstrates a high degree of skill. He is a questioner, always seeking to make a statement with his art. He has a passion for art and his passion transfers in his desire to better himself through his art," Sorrells-Adewal said.

"Black art, once a passionate and creative form of expression in the African-American community is near extinction, and it will take programs like Verizon HBCU Art Competition to ensure that its future is protected," said Verizon HBCU SAC 2003 Judge Corinne Jennings.

According to Halima Taha, a 2004 competition judge, the program gives young artists the opportunity to continue the legacy of black artistic expression.

"This competition stands firmly on more than a hundred years of tradition, whereby black colleges provided primary training and exhibition for young artists, curators and scholars," she



Fine arts student Justin Jackson advanced to the semi-final round of the Verizon HBCU Art Competition.

said.

"It is important that we support the work of young artists, particularly when it enriches our lives by exposing us to diverse cultural experiences," said Verizon's President of Retail Markets Bob Ingalls.

The overall winners of the competition were: Grand prize winner Tymmeria Bracey from Tougaloo College with her piece entitled "The Perpetual Journey;" first prize winner Samantha Christian from Florida A & M University with her piece entitled "BARS;" and the second prize winner was Amir Campbell with his piece entitled "Evolution of Progress."

The 10 semifinalists were judged based on four criterion including theme address, origi-

nality, memorable content delivery and the potential for gallery exhibition. They each received \$50, a semi-finalist certificate and public exhibition of their original artwork at a New York Gallery and the 2004 Verizon HBCU Art Competition Awards Gala.

Bracey received \$2,000 and a 12-week paid internship at Burrell Communications, which is an advertising agency that handles Verizon's African-American promotions. She also received a \$25,000 Verizon Foundation Art and Technology Grant that will be awarded to the fine arts department of the winner's school.

Know Your University: Founders

BY LA'TRISHA GOMER
Contributing Writer

Imagine if the spacious floors of Founders Library were cramped into one minuscule floor in the Administration building. Before 1910, that was a reality for Howard students.

During the early stages of Howard University, the Administration building sat in the place where Founders sits today and housed a cramped library on the third floor. Students looking to check out books were faced with many obstacles.

There was only room for about 7,000 books, there were

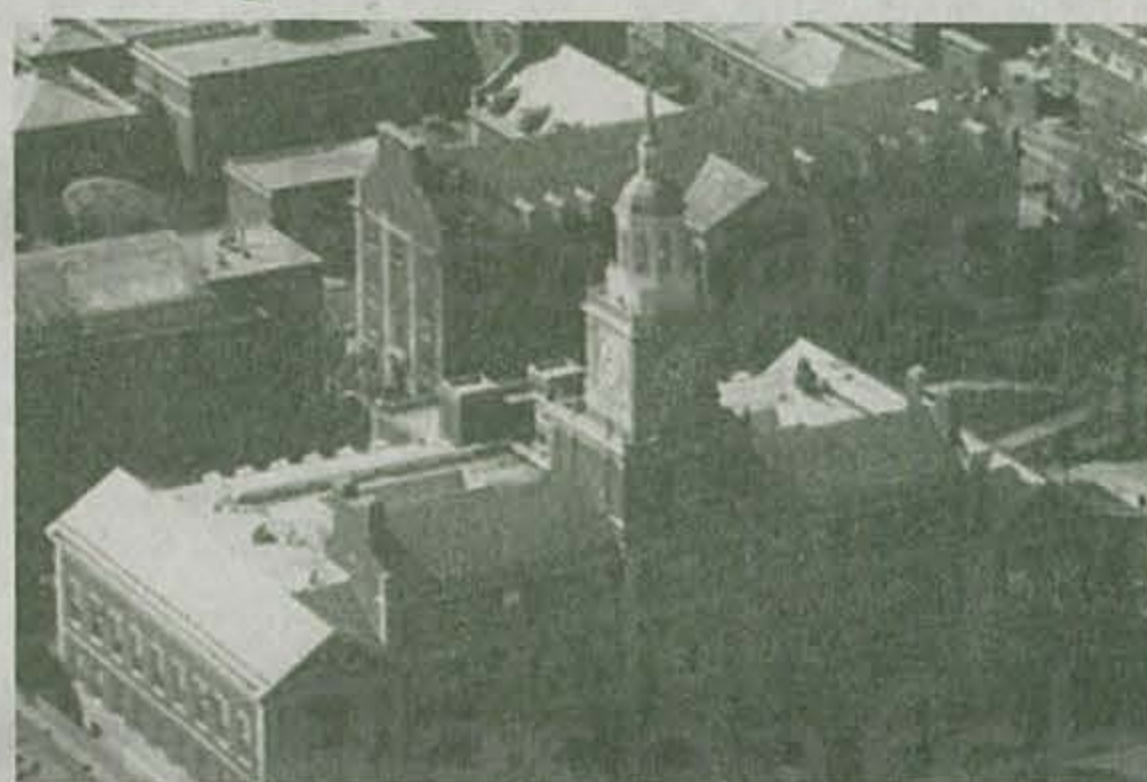
no permanent staff members to assist students and as a result, the library was only open for a couple of hours per week.

Howard students and staff members understood the need to build a library that would adequately accommodate Howard's growing community. In 1920, Carnegie Library was built and housed more books than the old, main building could.

There was a full-time librarian, and students were able to use the new library at their convenience. Although Carnegie was a better library, Howard had outgrown the small space by 1924.

There was room for about 85,000 books in Carnegie, but the University's increasing research endeavors and the expanding book collection meant that Howard needed to build a larger library.

By 1930, Carnegie Hall was converted into the School of Divinity (until 1977). Architect and Howard professor Albert Cassell, who also designed Douglass Hall and the Chemistry Building, created the plans for the new library. Congress allo-



During the early days of Howard, students endured cramped spaces and limited hours in the library.

cated \$1,000,000 to the project. The main building was knocked down and construction began.

The new facility opened in 1939. The library was named Founders Library in honor of the founders of the University. The elegant oak furniture, grand staircases, and numerous study areas made Founders rival Ivy League schools at the time. There was air conditioning, elevators and space for 500,000

books, features that in the 1930s made Founders stand out as one of the best.

It was one of the most elegant and paramount libraries in the country. On May 25, 1939 the adviser to President Franklin Roosevelt, who was also the secretary of the interior, spoke at the dedication ceremony. Founders was and continues to be a landmark on Howard's campus.

HBCU BRIEFS



Florida A&M University

For the second time in less than a year, Florida A&M University finds itself under more financial scrutiny. A recent audit found questionable spending patterns, including the disbursement of millions of dollars to athletic and scholarship programs that were not properly budgeted.

It is expected that university president Fred Gainous, who is already facing opposition from alumni, will be questioned about the findings by the University's Board of Trustees next week.



Tennessee State University

Four of seven of Tennessee State University's top administrative officials will leave their posts by the end of the 2004-2005 academic year. On May 20, 2004, university president James A. Hefner notified TSU of his planned retirement on May 31, 2005.

Hefner's announcement came on the heels of an investigation that revealed he had accepted Super Bowl tickets and more than \$9,000 in gifts from Aramark officials.



South Carolina State University

Last week, South Carolina State University was approved for a \$36 million loan from the state for the construction of a complex of low-rise dormitories that will house 784 students.



Southern University

Southern University has been granted \$400,000 to recruit new faculty members under an endowed professorship program. The Law Center will receive \$300,000, while the Department of Mass Communications will receive \$100,000. Within the last five years, Southern has been given a total of 35 endowed professorships.

Compiled by Shara D. Taylor

Howard University Community Choir

Presents...

Joy Night

"I'm Coming Out!"

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Georgia Ave. Day Returns

BY REVAE THARPS
Contributing Writer

One moment, all was well: The Backyard Band had just finished its set, and freshman Kimberly Harris was having a good time. The next moment, Harris said, "all I heard were gun shots, and everyone hit the ground."

For Harris, and many others in attendance of Georgia Avenue Day 2001, this was where the fun ended. "Pandemonium broke out," said senior Micah Thomas. "People were trampled, kids were left, and many people started jumping over fences."

Even those not in attendance were affected by this catastrophe. "I was trying to go to the [Howard Plaza] Towers, but students couldn't leave their dorms because they were afraid of us being shot on Georgia Avenue," remembers senior Melissa Morgan.

These are the vivid memories of Georgia Avenue Day 2001, and one of the reasons why today, this event doesn't get much community support.

Fede-Rico Lindo, a local barber at Best Cuts Barber Shop, across from the School of Business, attributes the violence to the fact that many people do not know the purpose of Georgia Avenue Day. "If everyone was aware of its purpose, it could prevent tragedy," he said.

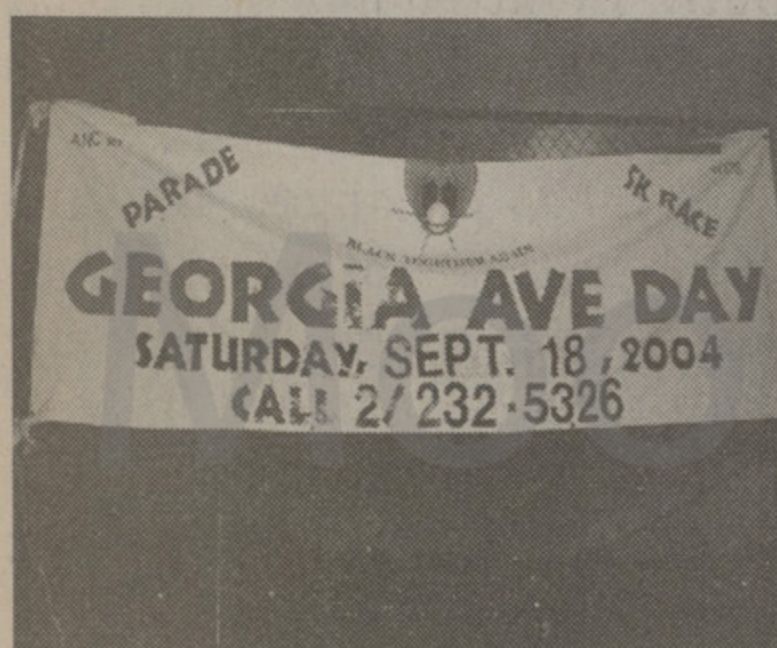
Georgia Avenue Day was founded in the late 1980s to promote community unity, pride, and entertainment. The former mayor Marion Barry, city council members Charlene Drew-Jarvis, and Frank Smith are its founders. They realized that the treasure of every community exists within its youth.

Originally, Georgia Avenue day was a festival that encouraged community involvement and local business interaction with the surrounding community. Over the years Georgia Avenue Day has lost its focus on the community and has turned into a "side walk affair." "At the last Georgia Avenue Day there wasn't much to do, so people were just walking up and down the streets. I think they need more events, more for the kids, and to make it more family oriented in order to take it away from the violence," said Jared Croxton, a barber at Best Cuts Barber Shop.

That is exactly what Resha Howard, the project manager of Georgia Avenue Day 2004, and the Lower Georgia Avenue Business Development Corporation, plan to do with this year's project "Save Georgia Avenue Day."

Howard assures that security will not be a problem this year. "I knew that was a constraint of mine when I started this project, but that is why we are going to have tighter security. We know that people are worried about safety, and we are going to do everything in our power to make them feel secure," said

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Jordan Colbert-Asst. Photo Editor

Black Caucus Uses Hip-Hop To Mobilize Young Voters

Star-studded panel encourages voter awareness

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

The worlds of hip-hop and politics joined forces last Friday at the Washington Convention Center, as members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and movers and shakers in the hip-hop community held a forum on mobilizing the youth vote.

The forum, one of many given over three days by the CBC, sought to educate young voters about the importance of voting this year.

"There is only one day in America when we are all equal," said Representative Harold Ford, Jr. (D-Tenn.). "That's on election day when all the votes are counted."

Ford, a four-term congressman and member of the CBC, hosted the event along side a five-member panel.

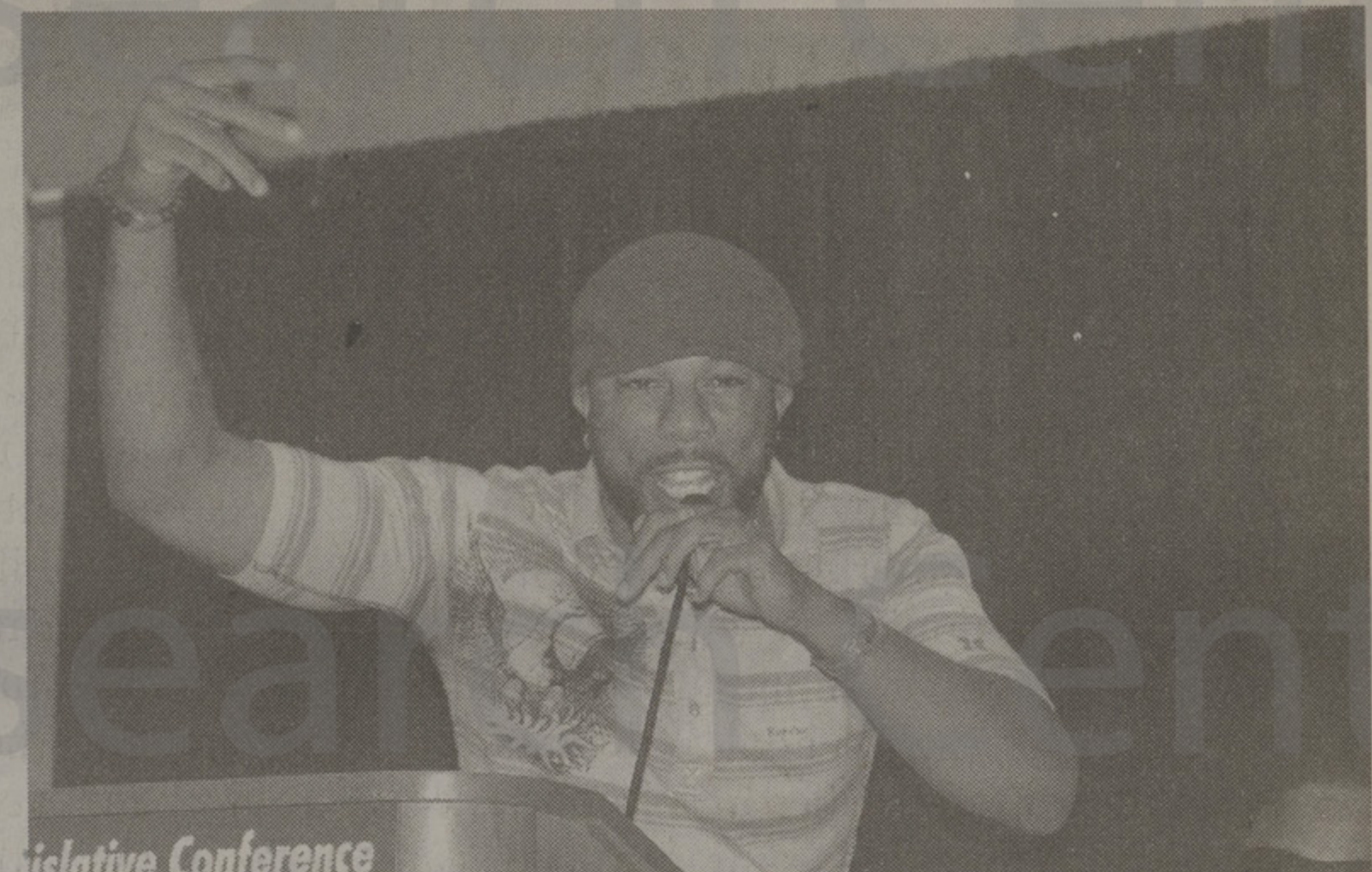
Panelists included political strategist Donna Brazile, founding father of hip-hop and Chairman of Rush Communications Russell Simmons, entertainment lawyer Londell McMillan, President and CEO of

the National Urban League Marc Morial, and the President of Rock the Vote Jehmu Greene.

In an increasingly tight election race, both President George W. Bush and opponent John Kerry (D-Mass.) are



Panelists discuss various means to get young voters out to the polls.



Panelist at Conference

looking for extra votes wherever they can find them.

Young voters, or "hip-hop voters," as they are commonly called, are a constituency that both campaigns are paying extra attention to because they have the

power to swing the election for either candidate.

"The candidates understand they cannot ignore this generation," Greene said. "This is the year for young voters."

Greene predicts at least 20 million "hip-hop voters" will turn out to vote in November. Polls show, the major concerns of the hip-hop generation for this year's election are not very different than the concerns of mainstream America.

"They're interested in results, not rhetoric; they want instant results," said Brazile about the hip-hop generation. "They don't like war. They're concerned about crime and finding work."

Brazile, who was the first African-American to run a major presidential campaign (Gore-Lieberman 2000), said the hip-hop generation is very independent in their thinking, which makes them fair game for either of the candidates running for president.

"They're not interested in being identified as Democrats or Republicans," she said. "They're independents."

However, after working with a num-
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More to Consider About Off-Campus Living Than Parties

BY RACHEL WADE
Contributing Writer

House parties, house parties and more house parties is generally what comes to mind for many college students around the world when they think of off-campus living. For students who didn't receive housing for the fall semester, there is more to independent living than the fun side. Students searching for apartments in D.C., Maryland and Virginia have the tough task of finding a place that is metro accessible, safe and has adequate living conditions.

According to Nancy Simmons, president of Apartment Detectives, an apartment referral agency in Washington, D.C., students have a lot to worry about when looking for an apartment, their first concerns are with price and location. "Students prefer to live near their university, and want affordable rent since they have other expenses to worry about,"

she said.

Another concern for students is safety. Simmons suggests that students check with the Metropolitan Police Department to get a profile of

"Students prefer to live near their university, and want affordable rent since they have other expenses to worry about."

-Nancy Simmons,
Apartment Detectives

the community if they are skeptical about its safety. "There is usually no ideal community that is student friendly because apartment vacancies are scat-

tered. Since this is election year, there are fewer vacancies available because politicians are in town."

Maya Russell, a junior broadcast journalism major, is one of those students who didn't make the RSVP deadline and was denied housing. Russell lives in Northeast D.C. She commutes to school on the bus and takes the Slowe shuttle to school on Rhode Island and Third Street.

"My roommate and I were looking for apartments since April and found one the weekend before school started. It has definitely been stressful and difficult to find our place," she said. Russell said that she feels lucky because she knows people who didn't have housing and who still didn't find a place to stay however. "It's hard to go back and forth to campus by public transportation especially when there are a lot of activities in

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Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

Some students prefer the area rowhouses to the University's housing program.

The Bumpy Ride to Repairing Klingle Road

BY LAUREN SMITH
Contributing Writer

Sinkholes, fallen trees, and trash litter plague the section of Klingle Road that has been barricaded for over 10 years in the community of Cleveland Park, near Howard University School of Law.

"I wish the city could spend the money to repair the road, but from the looks of it, I know it would cost a lot," says jogger, Rachel Stevens, a resident of the

neighboring community.

Since 1991, after a section of Klingle Road was closed indefinitely due to deterioration from a nearby drainage failure, there has been much debate as to whether or not it should be reopened to the public.

Running northeast to west from Beach Drive in Rock Creek Park, to the Washington Cathedral, this segment connects Porter Street, Northwest

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Neighbors are actively campaigning to get this road reopened because of increased traffic and drug activity. Klingle Road is in need of repair due to signs like this.

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Montgomery Co. Scores High

SAT, from Campus A1

takes an SAT prep course like we do. Montgomery County schools aren't all that different from us, but maybe they have access to tutors and other things they need, and we don't."

Brannon Floyd, a sophomore at Banneker High School, thinks that the difference lies in environment. "A lot of kids skip class here, or they just got out of jail for something. You just don't hear about that so much in Montgomery County."

For D.C. students, the problem may also stem from a lack of exposure to many of the reading materials that most students that attend Montgomery County schools experience regularly. According to Roberta McLeod, director of the Blackburn Center, Intramurals, and Recreation at Howard University and former PTA president in Prince George's County, Maryland, this is exactly the case. "Many

minority students spend more time watching television than reading and they are not encouraged to do otherwise. I believe that our education is 60 percent our responsibility and 30 percent the responsibility of others, but the problem lies in the fact that white students are usually taught the importance of things and are exposed early to the works with the words that will be used on tests like the SAT," she said. "However, minority students usually aren't and end up being put on a non-college prep track, which they usually don't have a problem with because they think it's easier on them but do not understand the effect that will have on them later. In the end the playing field is not even."

Parents also seem well aware of the challenges ahead to improve the overall standing of D.C. Public Schools. According to Wanda Lucas, mother of Alethea Bell, a sophomore at

Cardozo High School, the problem lies in a lack of parental involvement. "I volunteer at Cardozo and attendance is really a problem. They have an SAT course available, but they have to cut funding so much that students can't take other classes they need. Because of a lack of money last year, they cut the science classes at Cardozo, and this year, my daughter can't take it because everyone who couldn't take it last year has to take it now to graduate," she said. "But the focus in the school is just on trying to make it safe, not necessarily on the students' scores."



Elections Lack Promotion

ELECTIONS, from Campus A1

it was too late to complete the requirements.

"They did not let people get informed enough," Kidd said. "A lot of people I know wanted to run, including myself, but I didn't know about it."

Freshman biology major Brittany Lanier said she did not know anything about special elections or their purpose.

"All I have seen is people asking what school you're in, and then asking you to sign a petition so they can get on a ballot," Lanier said.

Lanier also said that she knew people who wanted to run for student government, but did not know about special elections and the procedures involved in running for office. She said she felt that the elections should have been promoted better.

Leon Dixon, a freshman

whose major is undecided, agrees with Lanier about the promotion.

"Maybe they could make posters or announcements," Dixon said. "I've heard about [special elections], but it's not something everybody knows about."

Although some students are complaining about not knowing enough about the elections, according to Beauge, the amount of participation in these elections is high.

"I've run out of applications twice," Beauge said. She attributes the lack of knowledge about the elections among some students to the elections occurring so early in the fall semester.

She does concede, however, that more could have been done to notify students about special elections. "We did attempt to promote [the elections], but schools and colleges

need to promote too," Beauge explained. She also feels that older student leaders have a responsibility to inform new students about participating in special elections.

"Those student leaders know where those students are that need to be reached," she said. "We have to get that information out because [new students] don't know to seek it."

In the upcoming weeks, Beauge said that the promotion of the elections will be stepped up significantly.

"It's going to be overtly advertised by schools and colleges, as well as HUSA."

Science Laboratories Not Well-Equipped

SCIENCE, from Campus A1

Santos also believes that even though the labs could be improved, they are currently sufficient in meeting student needs.

Another worry that students have is that the condition of facilities and lack of equipment is not preparing them well enough to enter their chosen professions.

Tamara De Souza, a junior double majoring in chemistry and biology, has this concern. "What we are training for is research, and we need that experience," De Souza said. "We do not get any real lab experience. [The experience we get] is not as detailed as it needs to be to conduct our own research."

De Souza also claims that a lack of proper equipment has hindered her educational process.

"In General Biology, we had to skip a couple of experiments because we did not have equipment," she said. "What we did get to do was very basic."

Jesse Nicholson, chairman of the chemistry department, feels that his department is lacking funds and according to him, the three percent budget cuts across the board that went into effect last year have not helped his department's situation.

"It's sad, but some students come in and remark 'I had better [labs] in high school' and it's true," Nicholson said.

He explained that it is not all the administration's fault that the departments are lacking in funds, but that materials and facilities needed for these subjects are extremely expensive.

"When I first came [to Howard] a piece of glass was a couple of dollars," Nicholson said. "What was two dollars years ago is now 20 dollars."

According to him, glass-



Tia Goodson-Staff Photographer

Biology and chemistry students must work in outdated and hazardous laboratories.

ware such as flasks and cylinders, as well as equipment like balances and microscopes are consumables because they break. Although students pay lab fees, this is not enough to cover all the breakage. He also mentioned that as more sophisticated equipment is acquired, the more expenses the department incurs.

Nicholson does feel that the administration tries to help the department. He cited the chemistry building's recently renovated auditorium as an example. However, he feels that the administration is neglectful at times.

According to Nicholson, an analytical lab had a leak over this past summer, and nothing was done until it was time for students to come back. He also talked about equipment that is stolen because of a lack of safety measures and about how the 68-year-old chemistry building last received major renovations in 1980.

"I love this place, but this should not be Howard University," Nicholson said. "Students should not have to work like this."

Associate professor Mary McKenna has been working in

Howard's biology department for 18 years. Throughout this time, she has faced difficulties arising from lack of funding, but she has worked to meet this challenge.

When it comes to teaching on a small budget, she said that it is more often a question of creativity rather than funding.

McKenna feels that faculty members also have a responsibility to try to locate money for their department as well as to inform the administration about their students' needs. As an ecology professor, she is looking for outside sources to finance the rebuilding of the department's greenhouse, which she said "hasn't been improved or even maintained" since she arrived at Howard.

According to the Strategic Framework for Action II, the administration plans on building an Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building, which would house the biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics departments, as well as other academic programs and research centers.

Safety, Cost & Convenience of Off-Campus Living

LIVING, from Metro A6

progress on campus."

Despite some disadvantages, she enjoys the privacy of her own apartment. She said that she can quietly do her schoolwork in peace without interruptions. Based on her past experiences with dorm life, she wasn't always able to do her homework in noisy dormitories such as Meridian.

LaKeisha Stockton, a sophomore human development major, lives in Silver Spring, Md. She too is grateful for her quiet living environment and appreciates being the boss of herself. "There

are no visitation rules and I don't have to go to a floor meeting with an RA," Stockton said.

Samantha Grey, who also lives in Silver Spring, Md., said, "I love having my own bathroom and kitchen, however the cost to get back and forth to school is expensive because I don't have a car."

Though Grey is thrilled about her apartment, other students feel that they would develop a relaxed attitude toward school if they were to have their own place. Promise Onuorah, a biology major said, "I wouldn't be surprised if students didn't know how to handle living in an apartment because of the numerous

opportunities it provides to slack off from school work."

Despite different attitudes toward off-campus living, a successful off-campus lifestyle depends upon a number of deciding factors. Howard University students are faced with countless challenges when searching for apartments in D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

Apartment Detectives is an agency that searches for vacancies in the D.C., Maryland and Virginia area. Students interested in living off-campus can make an appointment at www.apartmentdetectives.com or by calling 202-362-RENT.



While apartment complexes like Summit Hills is a popular apartment complex for HU students, others find the hunt for apartments to be dreadful.

Tia Goodson-Staff Photographer

Festivities Return After Three Years

GEORGIA, from Metro A6

Howard.

Many people have an optimistic outlook on this upcoming Georgia Avenue Day. Howard is very appreciative of all of the help from Howard University students. "We are trying to bridge the gap because this is

our community as well. If you don't like where you live, you should try to do something about it. It is important to give back so we can change the state of the community," said Howard.

Georgia Avenue Day 2004 is a two-day event, beginning on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004.

The first day is entitled "A Day in the Park!" and will be held on the Banneker recreational field. Gates open at 11 a.m., and there will be activities such as a celebrity softball game, live broadcasting from WKYS, a school supply drive, a live concert featuring local talent, and other children's rides and activities.

Day two, entitled "Chocolate City Step Show Classic" is being held on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at the Capitol City Pavilion. Doors open at 4 p.m. There you can experience a Greek step show, live entertainment, and a brief reception after the show.

Website Campaigns to Reopen Road

ROAD, from Metro A6

to Cortland Place, Northwest, running underneath Connecticut Avenue. By closing it off to traffic, some supporters say the city is contributing to an increase in traffic congestion. "It would open up the city if cars could use it," said Eric Lerum, also a resident of Cleveland Park.

Proponents of the movement, including residents and businesses in Mount Pleasant, Crestwood, Adams Morgan, Columbia Heights, 16th Street Heights, Palisades, Foxhall, Cleveland Park, and Woodley Park feel that shutting the road down has also contributed to gang violence and drug activity, which threatens the safety of the

community and brings the property value of the neighborhood down.

Though there is much debate, some residents still remain unaware of the impending battle. "I see the signs everywhere, but I really don't know what it's about," said resident Dan Lustig. "I would like to learn more about it."

Over the years, public officials have stated the \$5 million that it would take to repair the road is too high of an expense to pay at this time. A police official from the second district, said that he has not heard of any complaints of gang violence or drug use in the area. "It would be a very scenic nature trail or bike path for residents though if it were to open up," he said.

Officer Rhinehart, also of the second district, said, "People wouldn't have to stop at the light on Porter Street if the road were repaired."

When Howard students were asked about their feelings on Klinge Road, many did not know of the issue or felt that it didn't affect them. "The few times I have been to Rock Creek Park, I have not seen or heard of the part that has been closed," said recent graduate Kalena Smith, who still lives in the D.C. area. "I love to go to the park for picnics but I am not afraid by the possibility of drugs and gang violence."

According to recent findings, negotiations are being made by D.C.'s city council to reopen the park for vehicular usage, but

supporters still remain wary due to the extended wait that they have had to endure for the past 10 years.

If you would like more information or would like to learn more about the campaign, log on to www.repairklingleroad.org.



Hip Hop Voters Stay Independent

VOTERS, from Metro A6

ber of focus groups that study the potential effects the hip-hop generation may have on the election, Brazile said based on their stances on many issues, most hip-hop voters tend to "lean democratic."

But that is no reason to assume they will all go out and vote for Sen. Kerry, according to Simmons. He said the real issue is holding elected officials, rather they be Democrats or Republicans, responsible for the choices they make while in office.

"Whoever is in office, we want them to be accountable and respect our agenda," he said. "We're still pushing and hoping our agenda will be recognized."

The forum, with more than 400 people of all ages in attendance, served as a bridge in closing the gap between the hip-hop generation and past generations who sometimes disagree with hip-hop culture.

Given the high stakes of this year's election, leaders from past generations say there is no time to bicker over the differences.

"We don't have time to have a generation gap," said Congressman and CBC Chairman Elijah Cummings (D-Md.). "We have to make sure the new generation is coming in to fill these spots left by older generations."

Cummings, who is a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, did not serve on the original panel of speakers for the evening, but made comments and an appearance in support of the forum.

The panelists reminded all youth in attendance of their power to force change within society.

"Things changed in the 1960s because of young people," Morial said. "It was the youth who participated in freedom rides, lunch counter sit-ins and who filled up jails in Birmingham."

Bizzology: To Thine Own Self Be True

BY VENUS B. TAYLOR
Business & Technology Editor

"Neither a borrower,
nor a lender be; For a
loan oft loses both itself
and friend, And borrow-
ing dulls the edge of hus-
bandry.

This above all; to thine
own self be true, And it
must follow, as the night
the day, Thou canst not be
false to any man."

-William Shakespeare,
Hamlet

The words of this dis-
tinguished playwright are
still more than applicable
today as family and friends
fall out with one another
over money.

I loan people money all
the time. I borrow money
all the time. That's just the
life of a college student.

But I have noticed one
very upsetting disparity. I
pay back more than I get
back!

Am I being too nice or
am I just a good friend?

After attending the
Congressional Black
Caucus' 34th Annual
Legislative Conference last
week, I realized that my
niceties are holding me
back from reaching my
financial goals.

The Conference host-
ed various panel discus-
sions on financial issues in
America. In every forum, I
saw one recurring theme:
debt.

To borrow (no pun
intended!) a phrase
from The Washington
Post Business columnist
Michelle Singletary, "We
are living the American
dream on borrowed
money."

As part of an instant-
gratification society, we
are quick to borrow money
from friends, family, who-
ever to get what we think
we need.

But don't get me
wrong, occasionally true
emergencies do arise in
which we need to as for
help. These are not the sit-
uations I'm talking about.
I'm talking about pizza,
music, clothes, etc.

Some friends can pass
money back and forth, with
an understanding that they
will always be there for
each other whenever one of
them is in need. However,
when terms are not prop-
erly agreed on, this type
of borrowing and lending
does nothing but put strain
on otherwise healthy rela-
tionships.

Case in point:

I know a couple of peo-
ple here at Howard (don't
worry, I won't call you out,
we don't use names around
here) who are great to be
friends with, but are pain-
fully tight when it comes
to money. They can't even
buy a value meal for a
hungry friend without ag-
onizing over that \$4.49 for
the rest of the school year.
(I'll pay you back as soon
as I get my refund check,
Sheema!)

But seriously, too often
do I see my friends, peers,
associates, and classmates
falling out over money. So
I offer this advice piece of
simple advice: "Neither a
borrower, nor a lender be;
For a loan oft loses both
itself and friend, And bor-
rowing dulls the edge of
husbandry."

E-mail your thoughts
on this column to
Bizzology05@yahoo.com.

Starbucks Company to Undergo Price Hike

BY SHENNETH DOVE-MORSE
Contributing Writer

As Howard students become
acclimated to being back at
school and are forced to stay
up until the wee hours of the
morning to do school work, they
may think twice before going
into the Starbucks on campus
for their daily shot of caffeine in
the future.

The entire Starbucks Coffee
Company plans to raise its prices
for the fourth time since the
company's inception. The price
hike, which has not yet been
determined, is forecasted to be
between four and five percent by
some analysts in the restaurant
industry.

This price increase at the
specialty coffee chain will be its
first in four years. According to
The Wall Street Journal, higher
costs for milk and other ingredi-
ents, in addition to higher rent
and health expenses are the rea-
son for the price hike. There
was no comment about the pro-
posed price increase of the chain
from the Starbucks on Howard's
campus.



Jordan Colbert-Ass. Photo Editor

Students brace their wallets as Starbucks Company discusses another price hike.

The planned price hike will
not deter some students from
coming to Starbucks. Jacqueline
Kearley and Ramatolie Saho,
two freshmen political science
majors, still enjoy their drinks

from Starbucks do not feel the
price hike will impact them.

"We usually come to
Starbucks whenever we visit
the bookstore and have been
here twice already this week.

The price increase won't keep
us from coming to Starbucks,"
agreed Saho and Kearley.

Other students would rather
go to other places to fill their
coffee needs.

"I'm not a big coffee drinker,
but if I do need a cup, I would
rather go to Dunkin' Donuts or
even McDonald's than pay for
Starbucks Coffee. It's just too
expensive, I can't fit it into my
budget," says junior adminis-
tration of justice major Angela
Lee.

The convenience of the loca-
tion of the Starbucks outweighs
the price increase for some.

"I shouldn't come [to
Starbucks] but probably will
because it's convenient."

In a recent article in The
Wall Street Journal, Starbucks
chairman Howard Shultz stated
the necessity of the increase.
"It's clear to us that there are
certain financial issues that we
can't control."

Other coffee specialty stores
such as Caribou Coffee have
been faced with the rising price
of commodities such as milk but
have made no plans to increase
prices of coffee so far.

The Starbucks on Howard's
campus opened on Oct. 15, 2002,
in a joint venture between Earvin

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Flat Panel Televisions Become More Affordable

BY TATIANA KING
Contributing Writer

In this day and age where
possessing iPods, Nextels, and
laptops gets as much attention
as wearing a carat of yellow
diamonds, everyone is becom-
ing more technology savvy. In
the midst of the hoopla, flat
panel televisions have become
the newest big thing.

Currently prices are three
percent lower than they have
ever been on flat panel liq-
uid crystal displays (LCDs).
Wholesalers reported that pric-
es at factories in Asia, which
produce most of the screens,
fell by 5-10 percent. LCDs have
been priced at much lower,
competitive prices since July.
Most mentionable is the fact
that high supply and weak
demand are forcing price cuts
on many LCD televisions.

The reason for the popu-
larity of LCD televisions is not
just the space it saves, but for
the concept of style it also eman-
ates. LCDs can reach up to 46
inches. Anything bigger than
this (up to 71 switches) becomes
plasma screen technology.

Even though the price
slashes have just begun, stud-
ents are quick to jump on the
opportunity of lower prices.

"Flat panels are very con-
venient," said freshman Nathan
Miller. "I'd buy one not only
because it's lighter and easier
to manage, but I know I can
trade in my old TV and use the
cash towards buying a better
flat panel one."

Reputable companies like
Sony and Sharp originally
offered LCDs but the market
is now seeing great expansion,
especially for the upcoming
holiday season.

Now, other companies,
such as Hewlett-Packard, Dell,
Polaroid and Motorola are
preparing to launch their new
lines of affordable flat panel
displays. Most LCD televisions
range from a relatively modest
\$550 to an exorbitant \$4,000.

Due to the increasing num-
ber of suppliers, the price war
is well on its way. On Best
Buy's website, there is a 17-inch
GoVideo LCD for almost \$650.
However, the 17-inch Dell LCD
TV is priced at \$629. Both offer
virtually the same features and
quality, with free shipping from
both providers' websites.

In another case, Polaroid
offers a 20-inch for \$949, while
Audiovox produces a less flashy
20-inch for \$764.99.

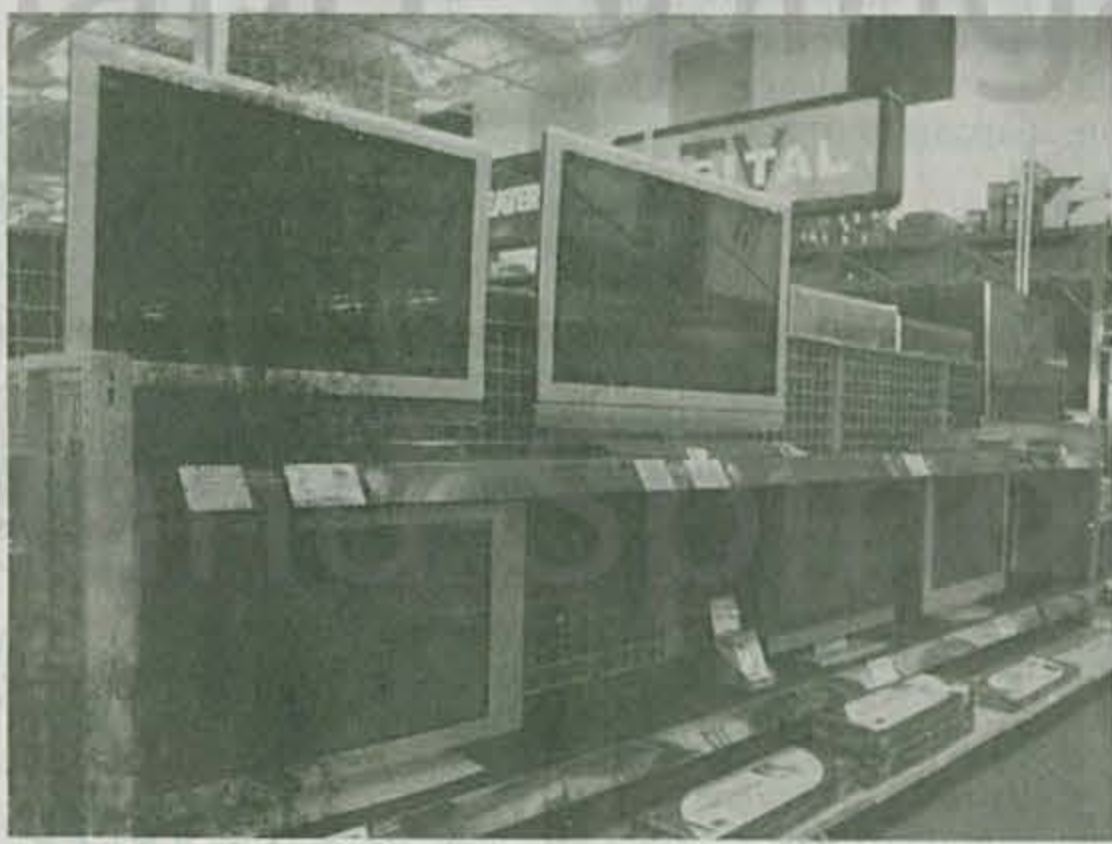
Junior psychology major
Tiffany Morales offers some
advice on purchasing 'no frills'
version of LCDs.

"Even though you may have
never heard of [a company]
before, it doesn't necessarily
mean that their product will be
bad," Morales said. "Just look
at APEX. No one ever heard of
them until last year and almost
everyone has a good TV from
them now."

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Marlene Hawthorne, Staff Photographer

As computer makers Dell
and Hewlett-Packard begin
producing affordable flat
panel televisions, tradi-
tional television-makers
grow anxious.



Healthcare Skyrockets, Job Recruiting Slows Down

BY KAIA KARAMOKO
Contributing Writer

The rising cost of health-
care has forced employers to
make budget cutbacks nation-
wide.

According to Howard
Kurtz of The Washington Post,
America will witness the high-
est increase in healthcare since
1989. Medicare premiums have
risen 17 percent.

High Medicare packages
affect all Americans: the unem-
ployed, single mothers and
fathers, senior citizens, young
adults and employers across
the country. Employee health
benefits are a major payroll
expense for companies that
provide them. Employers are
complaining and employees are
suffering.



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Many companies have
reduced their coverage of
health benefits; now employ-
ees may have to pay up to 20
percent for benefits. Reducing
the amount of healthcare cov-
erage is not the only solution to
decreasing a company's expens-
es. Companies may downsize,

lay-off, and/or cancel entire
departments within their cor-
porations.

This is interesting news for
young adults everywhere, who
will soon browse the job mar-
ket in search of jobs that pro-
vide healthcare benefits. They
may find jobs that do not offer
healthcare coverage.

"People will go elsewhere
to find better coverage...else-
where maybe below their stan-
dards," said sophomore history
major Dominika Anderson.
"Healthcare should adjust to
the values of the people, if peo-
ple want to be healthier then
healthcare should meet their
demands and it should be
affordable."

In light of healthcare

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HU Electronics Entrepreneur Saves Some Students Time and Money

BY SHENNETH DOVE-
MORSE
Contributing Writer

Most students in college
dream about fulfilling their
professional goals and think of
them as things to start working
towards after completing col-
lege. College is the time to have
fun and socialize before facing
the real world for most college
students.

This is not true for Jack
Edward Jenkins, Jr., one
Howard student who did not
wait until he graduated to fulfill
his dreams of becoming a busi-
ness owner.

Jenkins, a senior busi-
ness management major from
Shrewsbury, La., runs his own
company called Royal Electronix.
This online electronics store
provides students, and anyone
else interested, with their elec-
tronic needs.

Jenkins offers televisions,
DVD players, small kitchen
appliances, computer acces-
sories, digital cameras, video
games and much more. His
products are sold at reasonable
prices and Jenkins even has a
feature on his website where
the buyer can suggest a lower
price than the one offered by
RoyalElectronix.com.

Jenkins says his inspira-
tion for becoming an entrepreneur
before finishing his education
was his own inner desire.

"I didn't want to be an
employee of someone else. I
wanted to start something on
my own," Jenkins said.

Jenkins went on to further
explain that this particular busi-
ness is valuable to Howard stud-
ents because it is affordable
and convenient.

"College students don't
always have cars but they do
have needs for major appliances

"It's always good to
see a young black
man trying to be
independent."

-Joi Nash, junior
psychology major



Maya Gilliam, Senior Photo Editor

Royal Electronix offers stu-
dents affordability and con-
venience to Howard students.

and electronic items," Jenkins
said. "You can order them
through my website and have
your items shipped right to your
dorm."

Royal Electronix has not
been in operation long. Jenkins
opened his business to the pub-
lic on August 9. Jenkins named
his business after his grandfa-
ther who passed away when he
was 11 years old.

Junior psychology major Joi
Nash has received one of the fly-
ers Jenkins distributes promot-
ing his business.

"It's always good to see a
young black man trying to be
independent," Nash said. "I
think that his business is a very
good idea for people that have a
need for it."

According to Jenkins, the
best aspects of owning a busi-
ness include: "Doing what you
want to do, how you want to do
it. You feel more accomplished
when you do everything your-
self."

But Jenkins also admits
there are difficulties that come
along with running a business,
such as lack of time. He has
trained himself to keep late hours
to do work such as research for
his business.

Being taken seriously is also
another difficulty that Jenkins
has had to overcome in start-
ing his business. He called 275
wholesalers to provide the prod-

See STORE, News A9

First Caucus Well-Attended

CAUCUS, from Campus A1

to point out the major issues facing voters ages 18 to 36. Most talked about the core four-education, criminal justice, war, health care- but North Carolina A&T student representative Calvin Williams Jr. was as concerned about the prevalence of self-hate in the black community. Johnson also chose a topic of particular importance to the African Americans- "moving the movement forward."

He stressed to the audience and the panel the need for a "collective blueprint" for advancing the cause of Blacks in America. Johnson wanted all in attendance to make sure they left with something concrete and achievable in their daily lives, as opposed to "just clapping and [being] excited."

Baraki Kitwana was eager to piggyback off this issue that's rarely addressed. He also spoke about the need for voter education in neighborhoods and not waiting for organizations such as the ones represented on the panel to come to town to take action.

Though time constraints caused the program to end after three hours, in the true spirit of

hip hop, the caucus spilled out into the street. Among other things, panelists discussed the possibilities of a non-white male being elected president in the near future. Kitwana said that if the parties continue to move closer to the right and partisan politics prevail, there's little hope. Yearwood thinks that America is not too far from a more colorful White House, saying "we're only 139 years

removed from physical slavery" and all we need to do is "break the mental shackles" to make it happen.

Many students put their Saturday night plans on hold to attend and though some left early, most endured. Junior film production major Iman Maynard said about the caucus, "It's a positive move toward political awareness for young people."



Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

More than 400 people attended the session on voting and the Hip-Hop generation.

Computer Companies Create Low-Cost Flat TVs

FLAT TVs, from Biz & Tech A8

Although the reduction in prices may set off alarms to some to pour out their wallets, others warn to fight off the urge to splurge for a bit longer.

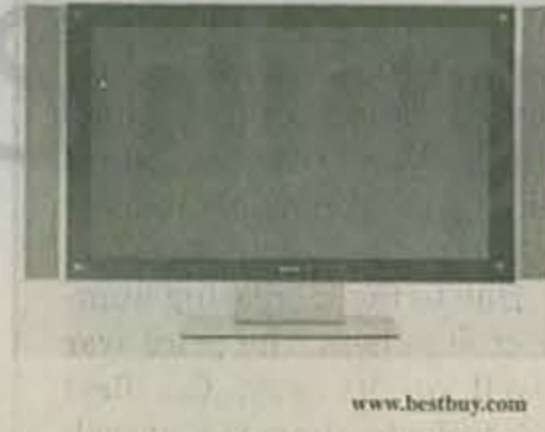
"If I'm living in a dorm room, I don't see the need for an expensive TV right now. A \$600 television is still a lot of money," said junior English major Derick Bowers.

Among others, tube-based (cathode ray tubes, CRT) TVs are still acceptable to students like sophomore accounting major Ryan Carroll.

"In my case, I'll stick with my regular TV because I don't see the point in buying an expensive new LCD when the [television] I already have works just fine," Carroll said. "It's not like a different TV will give me different channels—not on campus anyway."

As mentioned by Paul Semenza, vice president at iSuppli Corp., a technology research firm, "The CRT may be big and ugly, but it's a good value."

The consensus is that normal CRT-based TVs will be off the market in as little as five years. According to reports



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from Panasonic and Toshiba on news.xinhuanet.com, production on CRT televisions will stop this month in Japan, as Sharp announces that production on CRTs will halt in the global market next year.

Scholars Follow Core Values

NSCS, from Campus A2

Veronica Womack, historian and programs coordinator for NSCS, said the primary focus of Howard's chapter of NSCS is to serve students of middle school age.

"The sixth and seventh grades are vital in a child's decision about college or their plans for the future," Womack said.

She said she feels as though the Planning for Success College program is a vital function of the Howard's chapter of NSCS as a whole.

Sophomore sociology major

Allison Mathews believes that the NSCS positions its members to excel in all aspects of life, even after college.

"NSCS is a good program because it provides students with internships, along with community service and exemplifies young black scholars," she said.

Sophomore human development major LaToya Robinson agrees with Mathews.

"I am just happy to be a part of something on campus that I can benefit from and simultaneously others will benefit from," she said. "It is an honor to be a

part of an organization as prestigious as this."

The ceremony ended with inductees taking an oath to continue scholastic endeavors and uphold the ideals of scholarship, leadership, and community service on which the organization was founded.

Before departing for the evening, the inductees were left with a final challenge by Rooke.

"I give you one-half of your congratulations today, but the other [half] will come at the end of the year after the completion of your community service," he told them.

Ceremony Recalls Memories

SEPT. 11, from Campus A1

remember that "we are still here." "Still here to complete God's divine will or just for another day, never the less we are still here," Logan said.

Being able to say that one is still here on Howard University's campus, residing in the infinite shadow of Howard Thurman, Frederick Douglas and Mary McLeod Bethune, and other great individual African-Americans that were called to take the long hike to where Blacks are today was an essential part to Logan's message.

Next to speak was Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert. He talked about how society is still trying to figure out what the world has come to since the tragic events of 9/11. "It's a world fraught with fear and terror," Swygert said.

Swygert did mention that there is still one constant both pre-Sept. 11 and since then. The campus's faith in a higher being, and an affection and love for one another. "That is a constant that continues to define Howard University," Swygert said.

The Howard University president then thanked the students and faculty members for giving up a few moments out of their day to observe and acknowledge those who lost lives and some who lost spirit on Sept. 11, 2001.

"This is a great university, great because of you and great because of what you believe in and what you try to make real," Swygert said.

Lindell Cook talked about what he did on that day of the 9/11 attacks. The senior human development major remembers

leaving Drew Hall on his way to class as a fellow resident told him about a plane crashing into the World Trade Center.

"As long as I live, I will never forget the vision I had and the sight coming out of Locke Hall and just seeing all the unusual anxiety that was on campus."

Cook said that he was right in the middle of what was happening on 9/11. He recalled how he shared a prayer with some of the students that stayed in Drew later that afternoon. He also recalls lying in bed that night talking to God and that he received peace from the power of prayer.

"It was that intimacy with God that enabled me to cope with gravity of that situation of tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001."

Cost of Healthcare Affects Jobs

HEALTH, from Biz & Tech A8

increases, the job market faces the chance of not providing suitable healthcare benefits. It may also reduce the amount of recruiting corporations on and off college campuses. In addition to America's alarming economy, increases in healthcare insurance may make matters worse.

Carol Y. Dudley, coordinator for the Office of Career Developing for the John H. Johnson School of Communications, seems to differ. "Increases in healthcare insurance will only harm older workers that have been working for 25-30 years, individuals who are used to receiving health benefits."

Dudley believes that the business of healthcare will not subdue recruitment at any college. The urge to work and the need for assistance will

never cease. She argues that for young people, the idea of receiving healthcare is fairly new, so having to pay will not come as a shock. "Yes, healthcare insurance is always at the top of the list of employees, but working is primary and receiving healthcare is secondary," Dudley said.

According to Dudley, many may consider other career options, but with the job market being so tight, the idea of not ceasing an opportunity is preposterous.

Many protest the capitalistic tactics of the health insurance business. According to Richard L. Clarke, a contributing writer for Healthcare Finance Management, most providers fail to make a difference.

"Unless we find cost-effective ways to efficiently deal with this demand, healthcare services will be too expensive for anyone to afford," Clarke said.

However, tactics will not disrupt the flow of job recruiting at any college.

Ellis, a 23-year-old criminal justice and history major, believes that "the increases will affect the common folk, not necessarily big businesses, [the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services], or the Bush administration."

Howard has several services, which help to ease its students into the working world, and to make the transition as smooth as possible.

For more information on career services at Howard University, visit the Center for Professional Development in Suite 222 of the School of Business. The Career Service Office in Room 208 of the John H. Johnson School of Communication's C.B. Powell Building is also available to assist students in their employment-related endeavors.

Jenkins Starts Online Store

STORE, from Biz & Tech A8

ucts for his business, but was able to get contracts with only three.

"I think it is admirable that he has the resources to start his own business at such a young age," said junior public relations major Blair Edwards. "I will definitely think about [becoming a patron of] his business in the future."

Jenkins also has other goals and interests outside of his business endeavors. He is due to graduate next summer and would like to pursue acting. Jenkins dreams of becoming a millionaire by the age of 25 and opening up entertainment complexes around the country. He also wants to own his own sports team, preferably a football team.

Jenkins encourages other students to follow his example and start their own businesses.

"If other students have a product that would benefit black people, get it out there to the community," Jenkins said. "Research is important when starting a business. Know what you are talking about and have a plan."

Chain Raises Prices for the Fourth Time

COFFEE, from Biz & Tech A8

CEO of Johnson Development Corporation (JDC), and Schultz. The company, which originated in the Seattle area is the top retailer, roaster and brand of specialty coffee in the world.

The Starbucks on Howard's campus is one of 37 in a ven-

ture called Urban Coffee Opportunities, LLC (UCO) set up to develop Starbucks locations in ethnically diverse neighborhoods around the country. Starbucks has more than 5,000 retail locations around the world.

Some students say that they will still go to Starbucks despite

the price increase because of the atmosphere. Pharmacy graduate student Muluken Seyoum, said, "I come here only once in a while. So the price increase won't be a problem for me but it may be for those who come regularly. I enjoy coming here because it's a nice place to relax as well."

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"She Got Game"

BY ASHLEY ROSS
Sports Editor

Being the nocturnal individual that I am, I cannot immediately give in to my daily exhaustion and fall peacefully asleep. So after flipping through three infomercials in a row last week, my hopes of finding one last diversion started to wane. But alas, there are always two final respites on my nightly television journeys... ESPN and ESPN2. They have never let me down, and last Thursday on ESPN2, I wandered upon an oasis that I had personally long forgotten.

Sprawled out on my living room couch I watched Nikki Teasley of the Los Angeles Sparks pushing the ball up the court on a fast break. As I began to yawn, she made her defender's knees buckle with a behind the back cross over, followed by an effortless fade away three-pointer. Before the ball fell through the net, I shut my mouth and sat straight up.

As a diehard basketball fanatic, I am truly ashamed to admit I have not watched an entire WNBA game in years. Although I did follow the league closely from its inception in 1997 until a couple years ago, I really have no legitimate excuses as to why my interests as of late have diminished. But as the time ticked away during the second half of the Sparks versus Shock game and center Lisa Leslie made history finishing with 29 points, 15 rebounds, and 10 blocked shots (the third triple-double in WNBA history), it all came back to me.

Not even a decade ago, the very thought of a professional women's basketball league was unfathomable. Let alone the possibility of such a league attaining the success the WNBA has already achieved in such a short time span. And now in the midst of its eighth season, those who actually follow the WNBA and its players can say they have witnessed an unbelievable phenomenon in sports history.

I have nothing but the utmost respect and admiration for those who can actually say they played a part in this history. Believe it or not my high school basketball coach, Suzie McConnell Serio, a two-time Olympian and mother of four, refused to let such an opportunity pass her by. After training for several months and scrimmaging with us during practices, she went on to become the starting point guard for the Cleveland Rockers from 1998 to 2000 at the age of 32. Through my experiences with her and others that currently play in the league, I developed a deep appreciation for the league and its participants that I've somehow started to neglect in recent years. However, even without such personal relationships, the WNBA has so much to offer the common spectator.

The WNBA is unequivocally the most successful of all the professional women's sports leagues. Despite the success and popularity of professional women's soccer, volleyball, softball, and others, no other professional league has managed to sustain any comparable revenues or attendance. Even television ratings are on the rise this season and accord-

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Pirates Capture Eighth Consecutive Win Over Bison

BY ZACHARY KENWORTHY
Sports Editor

Hampton University scored touchdowns on both a punt return and a kick return as the Pirates thumped the Howard University Bison 47-14 at Armstrong Stadium in Hampton, Va. on Saturday. In front of a capacity 17,500 fans, the Bison struggled with five untimely turnovers that increased the two-game season total to 10. For the Pirates, it was their eighth win in a row over the beleaguered Bison who are now 0-2 for the season.

"Their special teams dominated us," admitted Bison Head Coach Ray Petty in the post-game press conference. "Kickoff and punt returns played a big part as well."

The Bison surrendered two returns for touchdowns on special teams.

Pirate wide receiver Jerome Mathis returned a Justin



Brantly kickoff 91 yards in the first quarter for the first return for a touchdown against Howard since the 2002 season. Mathis, who was named to the First Team All-MEAC in 2003 and runs 4.14 in the 40-meter dash, also had three receptions for 21 yards.

However, it was Marqua McDaniel's punt return of 85 yards midway through the third quarter that underscored the Bison's day as numerous missed tackles allowed the Pirate receiver to slip down the sideline for the score. To add insult to injury, both running back Roland "Jay" Colbert and defensive back Fred Turner had fumbles on punt returns.

Offensively, Coach Petty and the Bison failed to make considerable inroads. Jay Colbert and Antoine Rutherford were unable to find any rhythm or lanes from the backfield and it was not until five minutes were left in the second quarter that Colbert managed to break for a 53-yard gain. The gain, however, was in vain as punter Noam Dror had to make one of his nine punts. Colbert finished with 86 yards on 12 carries while Rutherford lumbered to 22 yards on eight carries.

"Defensively they loaded up the box on first downs," Petty confessed. "They were able to do some things that definitely put our offense in difficult situations."

In addition, a quarterbacking dilemma has reared its head as Marcos Moreno was uncomfortable in the pocket and threw two interceptions. Completing only seven of 19 passes, Moreno was harassed and possessed very little pocket presence as he was sacked five times. His only touchdown pass came seven minutes into the game when he



Dr. Elsburg Clarke - Photographer

Jarrett Burgess (98), Ronald Bartell, Jr. (1) and Antoine Bethea (2) all had outstanding individual performances in Howard's loss to Hampton.

completed a 6-yard pass to senior wide receiver Ryen Wilson. The situation did not improve for the Bison when backup quarterback Antoine Hartfield was introduced with 14 minutes left on the clock. Hartfield was sacked on his first play from scrimmage and was just three for nine on passing for 45 yards with an interception.

Commenting on the defense Petty assured that, "defensively we held on, but they did what they do best and ran the football." Pirate tailback Alonzo Coleman steamed for 126 yards on 27 carries. His 32-yard scamper with just four minutes left in the game was the blow that gutted the already dejected Howard defense.

"It's frustrating," commented senior

cornerback Ronald Bartell Jr. "They did everything that we expected them to, but we had breakdowns on special teams."

The Bison managed to contain Hampton quarterback Prince Shepherd as he completed 14 of 23 passes for 127 yards. Perennial playmaker Antoine Bethea also grabbed his first interception of the season and recorded 11 tackles for the Bison. "We just have to switch our focus to Alcorn and next week," Bethea remarked after the game.

With Saturday's Prince George's Classic against Alcorn State University looming, the Bison will be wary of the role turnovers have played in the first two games of the 2004 season.

Spotlight on Jarahn Williams: A Rising Star For the Bison

BY JONATHAN DAVIS
Contributing Writer

With his four reception, 110-yard performance against Alabama State in the Detroit Ford Classic at Ford Field, sophomore wide receiver Jarahn Williams was named Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Week. His performance in game one of the season almost equaled his total of three catches a year ago.

According to the sophomore administrative of justice major, he was pleased with the honor, but was unhappy that the Bison lost to Alabama State 27-12.

"I was very excited due to the fact we had a great game, but at the same time, I wasn't too excited because we didn't win," said the Miami native. "The honor really did not mean too much."

His teammates were also proud of the sophomore receiver for his great honor as well. "It's always good when you can get one of your teammates recognized as far as conference wise and things like that," said senior wide receiver David Oliver, a marketing major from Denver. "Being in the same receiving core with him, it's a great accomplishment for the receivers as well."

"A lot of people on the team looked up to him as a role model and as a captain," said sophomore wide receiver Larry Duncan. Like Williams, his receiving core teammates feel the same way about the fact that they would rather have the win in place of his MEAC honor.

"You can take away all the stats, all the accomplishments and everything. What you want bottom line is that win," Oliver said. "Everybody remembers the wins and losses."

"If you don't get that win, none of that matters because we did not produce on offense all around to get that win," Duncan said.

Williams feels that his attention to detail has made him a better player. In practice, Williams has particularly worked on drills geared toward being able to catch the ball with defensive backs flying. Williams has also been concentrating on his ability to focus on



File Photo

Despite Howard's opening game loss to Alabama State, sophomore Jarahn Williams was named MEAC Player of the Week.

the quarterback's eyes and where he is throwing the ball.

Williams also gives credit to wide receiver coach Alvin Harper for his drastic improvement. According to Williams, Coach Harper has really worked with him on running crisp routes, while at the same time being able to get in and out of cuts against the defender that is playing him, whether it is the cornerback or the safety.

Along with being able to run better routes, Williams believes also that he has learned from Coach Harper the importance of playing every play in the

game with great effort, never taking a play off, even if the play is for the running back.

Like all great receivers and players in general, Williams wants the ball in his hands every time, but like all players that strive for greatness, Williams understands the value of the other members of the Bison wide receiver core around him.

"Me personally, I want the ball just like every other receiver does, but even if it doesn't get to me I have four or five other receivers capable of doing the same thing," Williams said.

Along with understanding how the other members of the receiving core can contribute, Jarahn Williams understands the importance of doing the other things, like being able to block in the running game as well as block for the wide receivers when they catch the ball. "If I don't block my man, we won't have a successful play," Williams said.

With all the things that Jarahn Williams has improved on, he feels that he has to get better in other ways. One of the main things that Williams says that he has to work on is performing in practice as he would come game time.

"I tend not to practice the way that I play," Williams said. "Not on purpose, but I guess I don't concentrate as in a game."

Duncan believes that is the main issue with the wide receiving core, being able to bring solid concentration to practice and not just in the game.

"Sometimes in practice, we don't have the focus going on," Duncan said. "You're supposed to be focused everyday in practice, that way when the game comes, it just makes your job much more easier."

According to Oliver, when he first saw Williams in the early practices, he thought, in order for him to emerge as a great receiver, he had to learn how to get off the press of the cornerback that is playing him, along with selling the route that he will attempt to run.

"He has definitely improved his game as far as that."

According to Duncan, Williams has also improved his ability to recognize the look the opponent's defense is showing and being able to recognize the "audible" change of the offense play at the line of scrimmage.

As grateful as Williams was for being named MEAC Player of the Week, his sights are on the task at hand, making the Bison football team into a winning team this season.

"The honor lets me know what I am capable of doing, which is playing at a higher level and raising the team bar."

Lady Bison Ready to Triumph After Eventful Week

BY COURTNEY EILAND
Contributing Writer

Seeking to avenge a disappointing 8-17 record from last season, the Howard University women's volleyball team was lights out in their conference home opener against Coppin State University this past Tuesday.

Despite a persistent problem with the lighting system in the Burr Gymnasium, the Lady Bison went on to defeat the Eagles in three straight sets (30-25, 30-18, 30-19), bringing their MEAC record to 1-0 and their overall record to 1-3.

"There was no continuity within the match because they had to keep on stopping to adjust the lights. It was a very strange match because of that," said Coach Linda Spencer.

The Lady Bison put the lighting mishap aside, and sophomore outside hitter, Yanné Givens led the Lady Bison offensively with a game high 13 kills.

A day after winning their conference home opener, the Lady Bison prepared to take on the Georgetown Hoyas. Hoping to execute the defense mechanism that Coach Spencer desired, the Lady Bison fell to the Hoyas 3-0 (30-13,

30-12, 30-13). The Hoyas were led by senior middle blocker, Sara Albert who had a match high of 15 kills. Crystal Amedee led the Lady Bison with 4 kills.

After going 1-1 for the week, the Lady Bison took their game on the road where they competed in the Lafayette Tournament in Easton, Penn. Upon departure to the tournament, Coach Spencer said that even though they won their home opener, there is still a lot more work to be done.

"To be successful in this weekend's tournament, we are still going to have to play better than we did on Tuesday. Even though we came away with the win against Coppin, we still need to concentrate more on better defense."

At this past weekend's tournament, the Lady Bison faced Farleigh Dickinson University on Friday evening, where they fell 3-2 to the Lady Knights. The Lady Bison came out strong winning the first game 30-25, then the Knights came back to win the second game 30-19. Things were beginning to look good for the Lady Bison as they won game three 30-25, putting them up 2-1. The Knights won game four 30-25 which forced a tiebreaker. Led by freshman

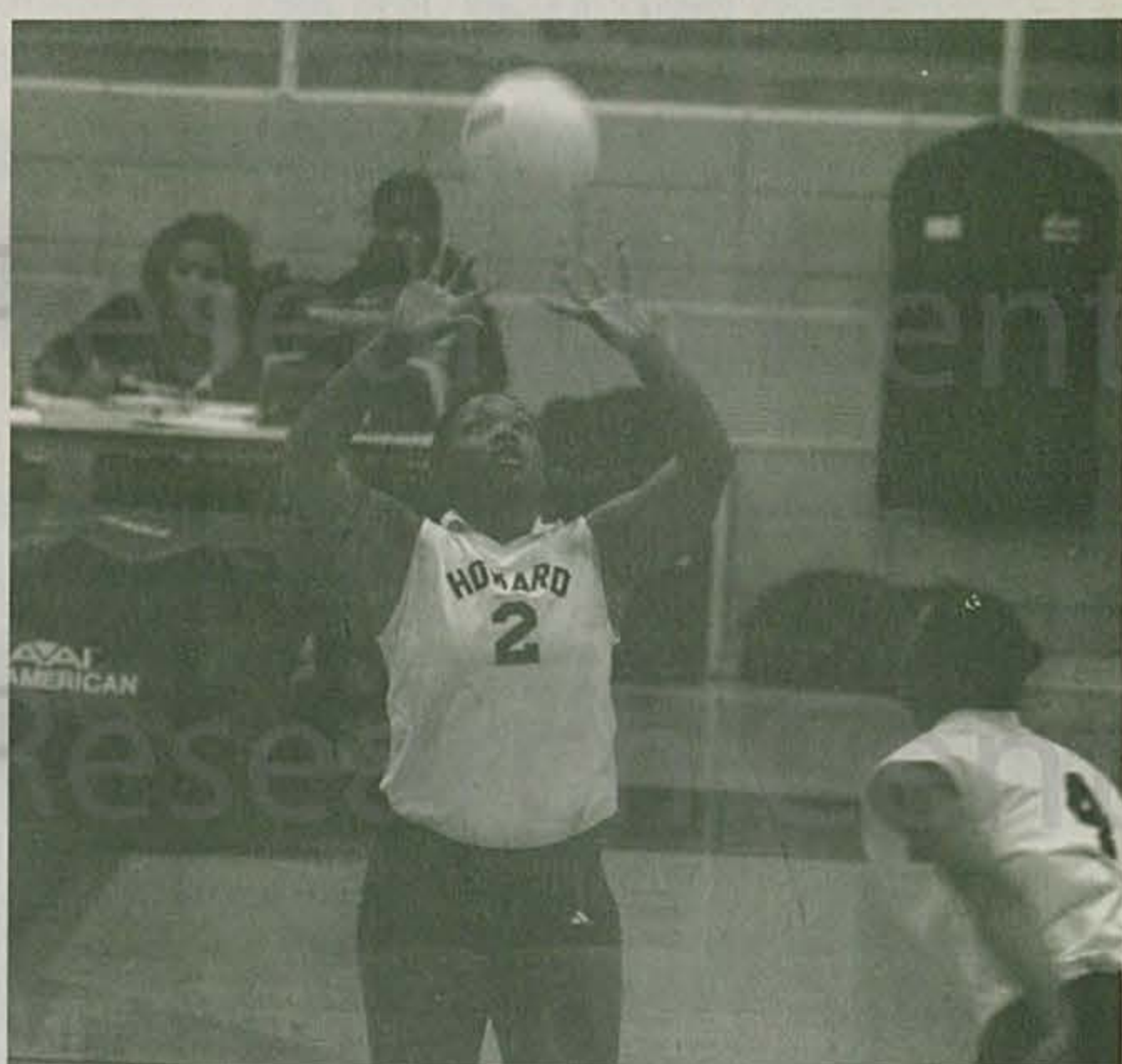
Elena Schmidt who put up 17 kills and 22 digs overall, the Lady Knights went on to win the tie-breaker, 15-10. Crystal Amedee led the Lady Bison with 4 kills. Kollin Hoskins led the Lady Bison offensively with a match high of 21 kills on 31 attacks.

On Saturday morning, the Lady Bison prepared themselves for a doubleheader in which they first faced the host of the tournament, the Lafayette Leopards. The Lady Bison fell 3-0 (30-21, 30-24, 30-23) to the Leopards.

Not too long after their loss to the Leopards, the Lady Bison faced their last opponent, the Sacred Heart Pioneers. The Lady Bison won the first game 30-21 and went on to win a close second game 30-27. The Pioneers came back however to steal the third game 30-26. Led by junior Kimberly Dexter who put up 15 kills overall, the Lady Bison won game four, 30-19.

In order to have a successful season and to improve their record which now stands at 2-6 overall, Coach Spencer reiterates that the Lady Bison must execute, "Defense, defense, and more defense."

The Lady Bison next take on Loyola College tonight at 7 p.m. in the Burr Gymnasium.



Brittany Williams, setter, senior Sugarland, TX helps the Bison to their first conference win during a game in Burr gymnasium last week.



Buccaneers running back Mike Alstott cannot gain another yard with Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington holding the line.

Gibbs and Redskins Successful

BY MARQUASE LOVINGS
Contributing Writer

The Joe Gibbs regime got underway successfully Sunday. The hometown Redskins fans filled into FedEx Field for the season opener against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Fans like Tyler Chadwick anticipated were happy to be in attendance. "I am excited to be here for the Redskins opener, I hope we win."

Chadwick, from Charles Co., Md. also predicted the score; "I think the score will be 16-10, with my Redskins winning."

Before Sunday's game could even be thought of, both owners tried to help their teams out with off-season acquisitions. The most notable is

Daniel Snyder, the owner of the Redskins, acquisition of running back Clinton Portis. In acquiring Portis they shipped of their number one cornerback Champ Bailey. Joseph Bernard, an avid Trade supporter said, "I think the trade was fair; Clinton Portis is an amazing back [and] he will elevate the Redskins to the next level."

Buccaneer fans are trying to understand what general manager John Mackay is doing. Losing household names like Warren Sapp, John Lynch, and Keyshawn Johnson, the Bucs are going into a new direction. Jason Hightower, a Bucs supporter believes, "[The Bucs] are mixing a little of the old with the new; Derrick Brooks is still there and better than ever." With the Bucs' first round pick, they

chose receiver Michael Clayton who caught seven catches for 55 yards. Mackay also addressed a team weakness by adding veteran tackle Derrick Deese to the offensive line.

It took 4:40 for the hometown Redskins to have something to cheer about. FedEx Field erupted when Portis took a handoff and zipped 64 yards up the middle to pay dirt. Chadwick replied about the run, "Wow number 26 is fast." After the Portis touchdown several signs were raised proclaiming "Portis for President." Late in the first quarter, kicker John Hall added on three to make it 10-0 heading into the second quarter.

The Bucs had a hard time
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St. Louis Rams Keep Orlando Pace for New Season

BY WARDELL PINKNEY
Contributing Writer

St. Louis Rams offensive tackle, Orlando Pace ended his holdout late Sunday night and inked a one-year tender offer worth \$7.02 million to remain in the Show Me State.

"We're all excited to have Orlando back and I know he feels good about being back, too," said Coach Mike Martz to ESPN.com.

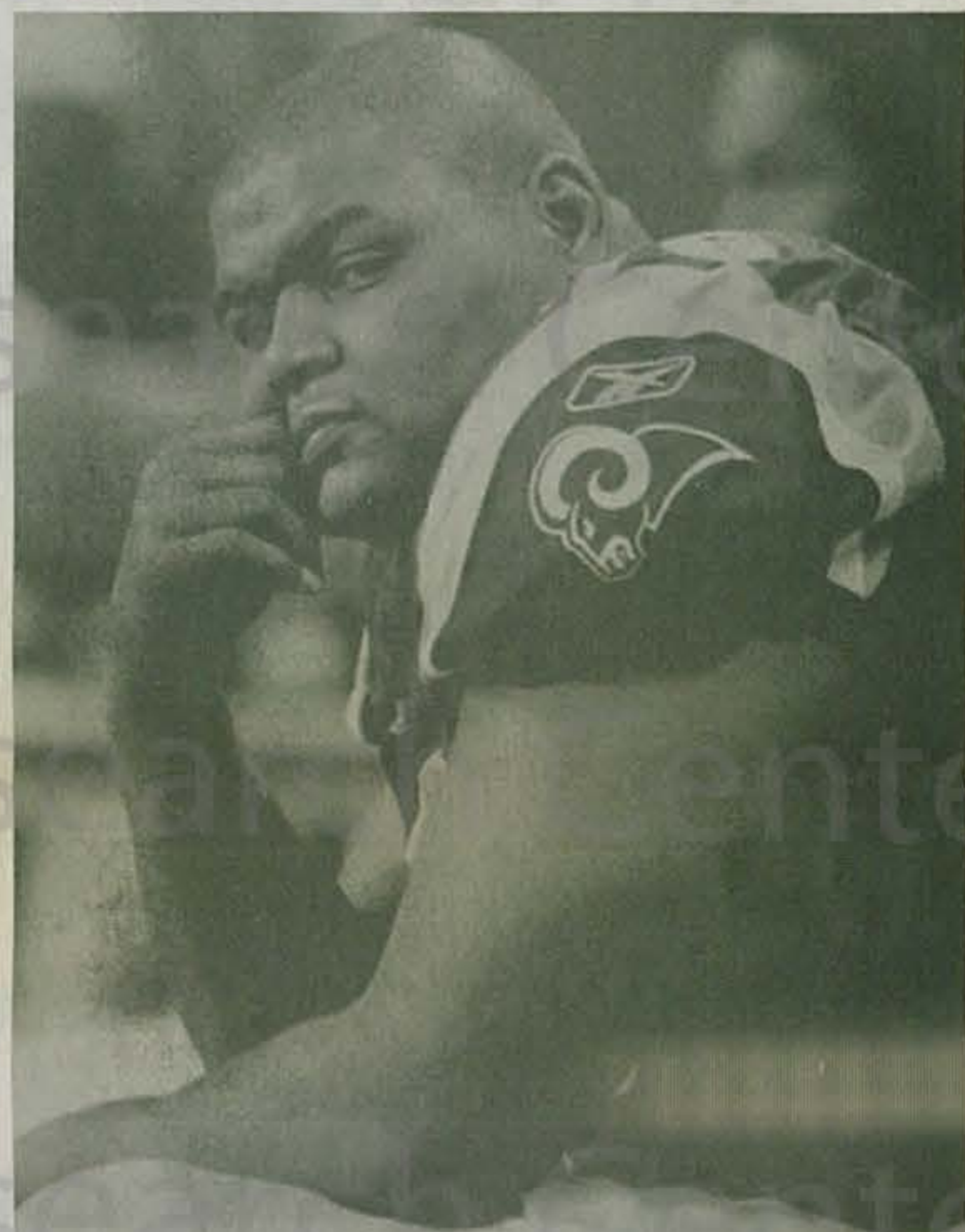
The eight-year veteran, who played in all 16 games for the Rams in 2003, showed up to practice weighing in at an astounding 309 pounds, 16 pounds below his playing weight from last season.

Pace's St. Louis Rams teammates were thrilled to see the former Ohio State standout in uniform.

In February, Pace and his agent Carl Poston rejected the St. Louis Rams offer of a 7-year \$42 million contract which included a \$13 million signing bonus, the largest in Rams history, breaking Torry Holt's record of \$12.5 million signing bonus.

"They didn't expect me to accept that. That's an offer made just to say, 'We made an offer,'" Poston said, calling the terms well "below Pace's market value."

This isn't the first time that Pace held out before the start of a season; in 1997, his rookie season with the Rams, Poston orchestrated a 33-day holdout of his client, now seven years and five Pro Bowls later, both sides were at odds again to the very end. In 2003, Pace missed all of training camp before signing the one-year franchise offer, but played in the fourth pre-



Offensive Tackle Orlando Pace renewed his contract with the St. Louis Rams for \$7.02 million. The five-time Pro Bowler is expected to contribute immensely to the team this year.

season game.

"I've encouraged him to come in," Poston said. "I've instructed him to sign the one-year tender. But I can't make the big fellow come in. He's frustrated with the team."

"It's never remembered," Martz said. "That's his deal and I don't have anything to do with that. That's another world that I don't participate in."

Pace, who was seeking some sort of long-term financial secu-

rety from the Rams stayed away from all team activities during the off-season, which included the team's mini-camp and training camp located in Illinois.

Vijay Singh Comes Out the Woods and Ranks No. 1 Over Tiger

BY ANYA L. ALEXANDER
Contributing Writer

Vijay Singh is now considered the world's best golfer as he beat Tiger Woods by three strokes in the PGA Deutsche Bank Tournament last Monday.

"It was a golf tournament to me. It wasn't about the ranking," said Singh, who has won the past nine times he has taken a lead into the figure round. "It wasn't about going out there and trying to beat Tiger and beat out the number one player. I was out there trying to win the golf tournament and that was my goal starting out today, said Singh at a press conference last Monday.

Singh and Woods were tied at 13 under after Singh bogeyed the 13th hole, but Woods bogeyed the next hole. Singh grew hotter and made birdie at the 15th hole after a bogey at the 14th that set Woods back by two strokes.

Moments later, Singh finished his round after making another birdie on

the 17th to expand his lead to three strokes ahead of Woods and Australian Adam Scott, the 2003 champion.

Vijay Singh, the 41 year old, from Fiji, whose first name means Victory, has a remarkable list of achievements. He is an international golfer who has won titles all over the globe, including England, France, Germany, Italy, Korea, Sweden, and Taiwan. Before this major victory, Singh won the Masters Tournament at Augusta National in 2000 and his PGA championship at Sahalee in 1998.

"I made the putts that counted," Singh said. The big putt was on 17. When I made that one, I said, "That's it."

This is definitely not the first time Singh has come out on top. This was Singh's sixth victory of the year and he became the 12th No. 1 player since the ranking were established in 1986.

Marshall Banks, a Howard University instructor says, "It is no coincidence that Vijay Singh won the

Championship last Monday." "I think that Tiger Woods is an excellent golfer." When he first came into the pros, he changed the level of play and raised the bar for other professional golfers. "It is just ironic that one of the hardest workers came out on top. When people work hard they play hard and perform at the right times, after all Vijay Singh is also an excellent golfer."

Tiger Woods relinquished his No. 1 ranking to Vijay Singh after a record 264 straight weeks on top. The new numbers had Singh at 12.72 points to Woods 12.27, only .45 of a decimal away from his longstanding title.

"That's not too bad, is it?" I've had a good run," Woods said. "I'm not disappointed about the ranking; I'm disappointed in not winning...Winning takes care of the ranking."



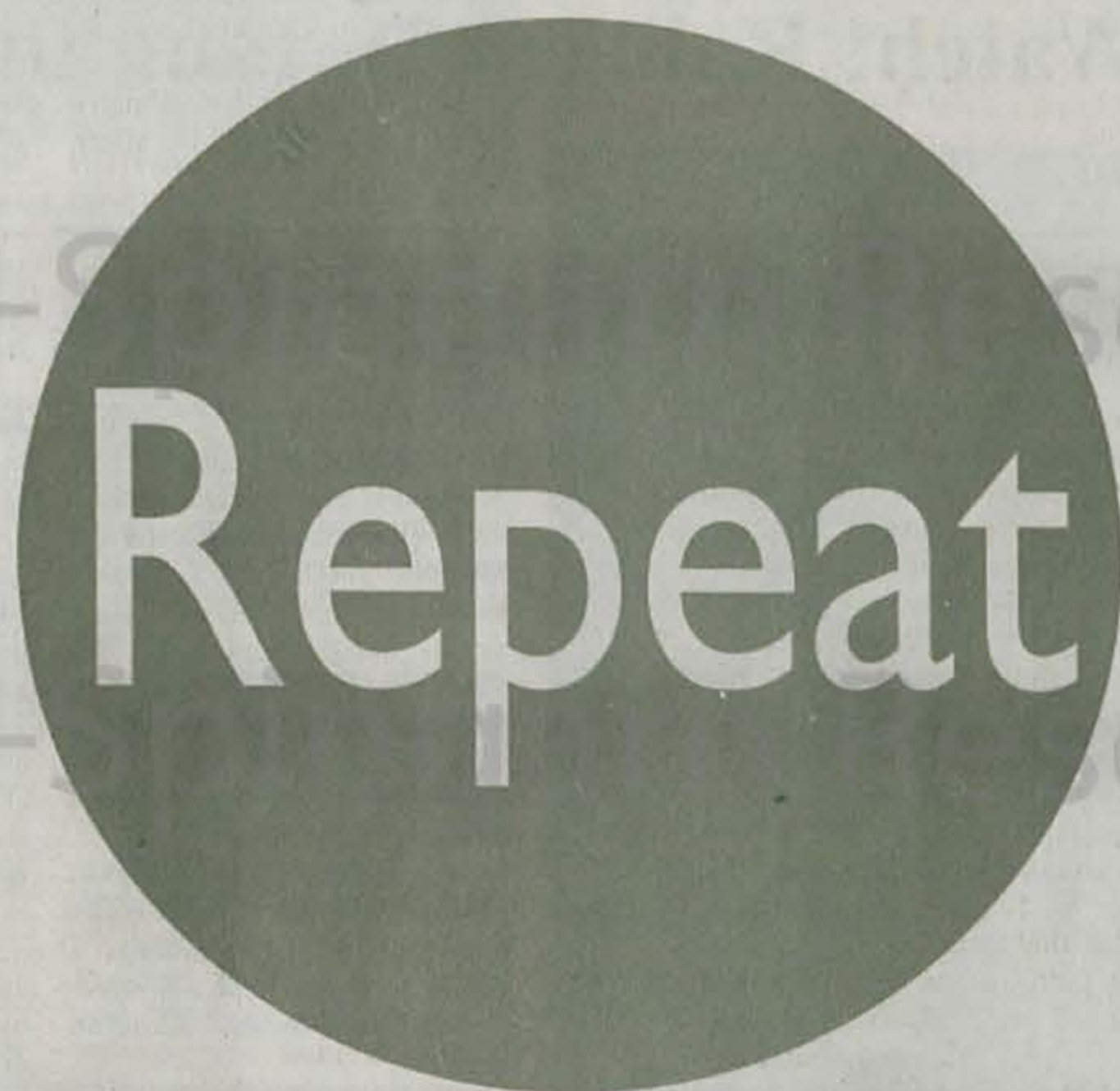
Vijay Singh beat Tiger Woods at the PGA Deutsche Bank Tournament last week to become the No.1 ranked golfer in the world. Singh has won titles all over the world including England, Korea, and Italy.



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Rubberband Man and Women

BY KEITH LAING
Life & Style Editor

Everyone who read the first edition of *Lifelines* and pointed out that I'm nobody's fashionista (or would that be fashionisto, Nakisha?) was absolutely right. I'm clearly not the man to comment on fashion weekly, though no matter what you all say, I stand by my debonair sense of style and boyish good looks. So there!

Anyway, I was all prepared to not have a column this week, but after the litany of meetings I had, it dawned on me. I am part of a growing epidemic. I am one of HU's Rubberband Men and Women.

Boing!
You're probably wondering what in the world a Rubberband Man or Woman is, or how I know who's slingin' what on our campus. But you know who I'm talking about. You've seen them running across the Yard. You've tried talking to them, but all you've gotten was a quick hi.

Rubberband Men and Women are those who stretch themselves thin year after year to be active on campus and I'm not ashamed to admit that I am one of them (hey...the first step is admitting you have a problem!).

I'm currently on three organizations' executive boards and a member of at least three others. They're all conspiring to drive me crazy.

I run from meeting to meeting like a Congressman, barely completing the tasks of one before embarking on the assignments of another. Somewhere along the way, my room became a distant memory.

I know that I am not alone. Half of you are probably in more organizations than I am. If you can balance all that, I say AMEN!

But if you can't, it might be time to re-evaluate things. The only thing worse than the Rubberband Man or Woman are those who stack up official sounding titles, taking on so much that they can barely show up for meetings, let alone fulfill their duties, leaving the organizations to suffer.

I, for one, saw that slippery slope coming and ran like the wind. I have sworn off e-boards for the remainder of my time at HU and if I'm currently on your board, my resignation might be in the mail.

Ok...it's not in the mail...but that doesn't mean I haven't written it already.

If you are like me, struggling to balance all the things you'd like to be involved in, here's my suggestion: Prioritize your priorities and let go of the things that don't make the cut. For all you know, a minor priority to you may be a huge priority to someone else. If you can't give your all to something, don't cheat those who would gladly give 100 percent. Doesn't your organization deserve that?

Senior print journalism major Keith Laing is unavailable for comment right now because he's in a meeting about tomorrow's meetings. If you leave a message, he'll gladly get back to you sometime between now and May 14, 2005. We think. At any rate, send your questions, thoughts, comments and concerns to life_n_style0405@yahoo.com.

HU Organizations' Battle Cry: Dues, Dues, Dues

BY ARICA WADE
Contributing Writer

It is once again time to count your pennies because organizations all across Howard University's campus are on the prowl, sniffing out prospective members for the new semester. The air is ringing with their call and the echoes of their chant pierce through the ears of every student on campus: Dues, Dues, Dues!

With such a large variety of organizations on campus, it may seem difficult to find just one to suit your needs. Each one has its perks and its downfalls. But the question still remains: To pay or not to pay? With so many dues, being involved on campus could become very pricey. So, which ones are worth giving your money to?

Sophomore public relations major Lenzy Betters said he had a pretty good idea of how much he is willing to dish out in order to become a member of an organization.

"The amount would be contingent upon my dedication and the knowledge that my money was going to a worthwhile purpose," Betters said.

As a proud member of the California Club, Betters said he does not mind spending the five to 10 dollars that go toward representing his home state.

"I feel comfortable giving to an organization that I believe in."

Betters said he does draw the line when necessary. Although he has no qualms about paying dues for the



Marlae Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

Walls of buildings across campus have been flooded with flyers promoting organizations' meetings, in which members will be asked to pay dues.

California Club, he did reject membership into another organization that was seeking nearly \$40 for membership fees. Is this an outrageous price to ask?

Senior Darby Baham, president of the Howard chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), remembers what it was like during her first days in the organization. In addition to the \$25 national dues (which are

optional) and the \$10 Howard chapter dues, "[NABJ] was trying to get people to become part of WABJ (Washington Chapter of Black Journalists), which was another \$20," Baham said.

In spite of the many requests for membership dues, Baham feels that the experience is well worth every cent. She said NABJ is one of the few black journalism organizations. For students

interested in journalism, a career that is heavily focused not only on what you know but who you know, Baham feels that NABJ will leave its members well prepared for the workforce.

"It's an organization built on establishing contacts and networking," Baham said.

Sure, \$10 may be enough for many organizations on campus but some organizations demand a lot for membership. Junior mathematics major Derrick Dennis, president of Alpha Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., knows the work that goes behind maintaining a Greek letter organization. He also knows the money that goes behind the work.

"You're expected to pay...You'll want to do it for the betterment of the chapter," Dennis said.

He said that members of the fraternity are expected to pay between \$25 and \$100 in chapter dues. This money is then used toward placing down payments on various locations, aiding in a variety of service projects, providing materials for special events, and much more.

"When people decide to become members, it's because they think that membership can uplift them," Dennis said. "And that they can become an asset towards the organization."

During the school year, many organizations will soon find that although many people may show up to the meetings, a large portion still fail to pay their dues to become official members.

Gallery of Art Among HU's Unsung Treasures

BY JASMIN HICKS
Contributing Writer

Unheard of and virtually unseen, the Howard University Gallery of Art is one of the university's best-kept secrets. Thus, it is often both overlooked and unused by students, faculty, and the surrounding community.

With the original purpose of providing "revolving exhibitions of contemporary arts and crafts" specifically for the use of students, the Gallery formally opened with a traveling exhibition of oil paintings, watercolors and drawings on April 7, 1930.

Throughout the year, the gallery offers rotating exhibitions from different collections and a variety of international and national artists along with selections from the University's permanent collection. The art gallery collection is a combination of gifts from friends and faculty of the University, art foundations, different branches of the federal government, and private collectors.

One of the earliest pieces placed in the gallery was Henry O. Tanner's last completed work entitled "Return from the Crucifixion." Tanner was winner of many awards and has received more widespread recognition than any other black artist.

Despite the rich history and extensive collection, many students admit they have never been to the gallery. When asked did she know about the gallery, junior accounting major Taleah Holloway

said, "I didn't even know we had a gallery on campus. I wish I would've known that my freshman year."

Ria Davis, a senior public relations major, admits that she was initially "surprised to find out that Howard even had an art gallery" and, although it's been almost two years since she last visited the gallery, Davis said, "I was impressed by the quality of the art, especially since you hear little to nothing about it."

Some students do use the facilities to study and do research for class assignments. The gallery is useful for a wide array of courses, from Blacks in the Arts to Art Appreciation and even African-American History.

Currently, the HU Gallery of Art is hosting its 34th Annual Faculty exhibition. This exhibition highlights art created by the faculty of Howard's Art Department. The opening reception, which was held on Sept. 10, gave students a chance to hear the faculty artists talk about their pieces.

One of the featured pieces is by Allen Jackson. It features four 20 by 30 silver gelatin prints backed by a car hood. The prints feature still shots of what appears to be a street festival and it is entitled "I've Got My Sista' with Me."

There is also another piece by Raymond G. Dobard, a professor in the art department, entitled "Iris in Morning Light II." It is a 25 by 37 color photo of a multicolored Iris flower. "Iris in Morning Light II" is just one shot in the series of the flower under different light sources.

Dobard said he loved flowers and viewed them as a gateway to go deeper into himself which inspired this portrait, as he described the mood of the photo as both peaceful and meditative.

Jamila Francis, a senior fashion merchandising major, says that the faculty exhibition offers a great chance for students to see their professors' work.

"In the classroom you hear about what your teacher can do and you learn from what they know, but in the exhibit you really get to see their real talent,"

she said. The annual faculty exhibition will be available for viewing through Oct. 29, 2004.

The gallery of art is located in Lulu Vere Childers Hall within the school of Fine Arts and is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 12:30 pm - 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Information can also be found online at www.howard.edu/library/art@Howard.



Jordan Colbert-Ass. Photo Editor

Many students have yet to notice the Gallery of Art located in the Fine Arts building, now featuring an annual exhibit of the works of the school's faculty.

One to Watch: Raheem Devaughn, A Star on the Rise



Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

Jive Recording Artist Raheem Devaughn performed his single "Guess Who Loves You More."

BY JAMEELAH BROUGHTON
Asst. Life & Style Editor

"I've been doing this for 10 years," Raheem Devaughn said backstage at the Hip Hop Caucus, after singing "Guess Who Loves You More," a single from his CrossRhodes album. Along side him was guitar player K-Alyn who has played for Meshell Ndegeocello for three years and has released music as an independent artist W. Elington, a 10-year friend of Raheem, spiced up the crowd with freestyles, b-boxin and his one-year-old son who is not a stranger to the stage.

"I plan on taking my son to a lot more shows. I don't really like the idea of babysitting. I rather have him with me experiencing this music," Elington said.

For about 10 years, Raheem and his crew have experienced firsthand the joy and frustrations of being gifted artist with a "timeless" feel. While currently signed to Jive Records, Raheem has toured the United Kingdom, Jamaica, Philly and Spain with Jazzy Jeff and Mad

Skills. "One of my goals is to perform in South Africa during the 10th Anniversary of Apartheid," says Raheem, as he think about future tours.

Originally a native of New Jersey, but currently residing in the District, Raheem aspires to be a breath of fresh air and a vessel of God, dispensing quality music and lyrics from life experience. His inspiration derives from musically gifted artist like Prince, Stevie Wonder, and Sting. With albums entitled, "The Healing (Part 1 and 2)," "The Antidote," and "CrossRhodes- Limited Budget/Unlimited Quality," it is evident that Raheem is in a category of his own. When asked what genre would he use to classify his style, Raheem defined himself as an "R&B hippie neo soul rock star." And his style says it all.

Listening to Raheem's music, one will find a skilled individual intertwining life and art into a musical melody. His voice is crisp and his passion is felt and heard when he sings to well-produced tracks on his

albums. Upon visiting his website, www.urbanave31.com, you can hear snippets of various songs before purchasing.

Rocking a one of a kind half self-portrait, half-Marvin Gaye silk-screened shirt made by Demont Peekaso with Caribbean inspired air force ones from Aja Imani, and a fedora straw hat, Raheem truly represents the creativity of his work.

The Demont Peekaso line will drop in about two months on www.urbanave31.com. There, all three of Raheem's albums can be purchased and fans can post and respond to quotes on the community message board and/or find out his next performance date and location.

Raheem's next performance will be at the Price George's Classics at FedEx Field on Sept. 18.

Too Many Chefs in Community Kitchens

BY COURTNEY MAYE
Contributing Writer

A part of being away from home is missing mom's good ole home cooking. Since mom taught you well, there are no worries for residents who have their own cooking skills because there are kitchens in most dorms. They are accessible, clean and stocked with all the equipment you need... or are they?

Despite the amenities of the kitchens in residence halls such as Carver, Meridian and Slowe, cooking has become a hassle for many. The lack of cleanliness and unavailability of useful kitchen appliances discourages many residents who wish to cook.

Carver Hall houses approximately 180 students and has two kitchens in the building. According to Resident Assistant Queshia Bradley of Meridian Hill Hall, which has eight floors and approximately 630 students, there is a kitchen on every odd floor for a total of four kitchens. Slowe Hall has a similar ratio with slightly more than 300 students using three kitchens.

"There are about 105 students on each floor in Slowe," said sophomore resident assistant Lauren Smith, "with one kitchen per floor."

With ratios like these, the problem of kitchen availability arises.

Residents of Carver Hall, such as freshman engineering major Kayson Palmer, admit that not many people cook in Carver so, for them, overcrowding is not an issue. For now, the same applies to Slowe Hall residents. However, students in Meridian say that

sometimes the crowds are excessive. "There are not enough kitchens for the amount of people on the floor," sophomore electrical engineering major and Meridian resident Anwar York said.

Jihan Clay, a sophomore Meridian resident, agrees that the kitchens are often packed.

"Some people have to wait to eat because it's crowded," Clay said that this problem drives students to go eat elsewhere.

Several resident assistants said they are anticipating later conflicts, especially when people start to have guests.

Residents say the main issue with cooking in the kitchen at the beginning of the semester is the lack of cleanliness of the cooking areas. Although not all students who cook in the dorm have experienced the wrath of the nasty chefs, many have.

Clay said he witnessed such occurrences. "People leave crumbs, food... I've seen a whole thing of fries on the floor."

Because residents of Carver, Meridian and Slowe live off campus, many people no longer eat on campus and prefer to cook in the dorm. Residents have suggested that everyone work together to ensure that everyone gets the most out of their community kitchen experience.

For instance, Clay said he hopes everyone remembers the golden rule of cleaning up after themselves when using the kitchen. He jokingly said that students should not invite little creatures to come cook with them.

Kitchen Tips

1. Clean up! No one likes to go into a dirty kitchen. It invites little creatures to come cook with you. You don't want pests to run you out of the kitchen, do you?

2. Make the most out of your space so as to conserve space for others. Choosing a section of the kitchen to work in eliminates scatter and maximizes the amount of people that can use the facility at once.

3. For those who complain about no ovens, the microwave is a conventional cooking oven.

4. Realize and be realistic. Not every meal is a feast.

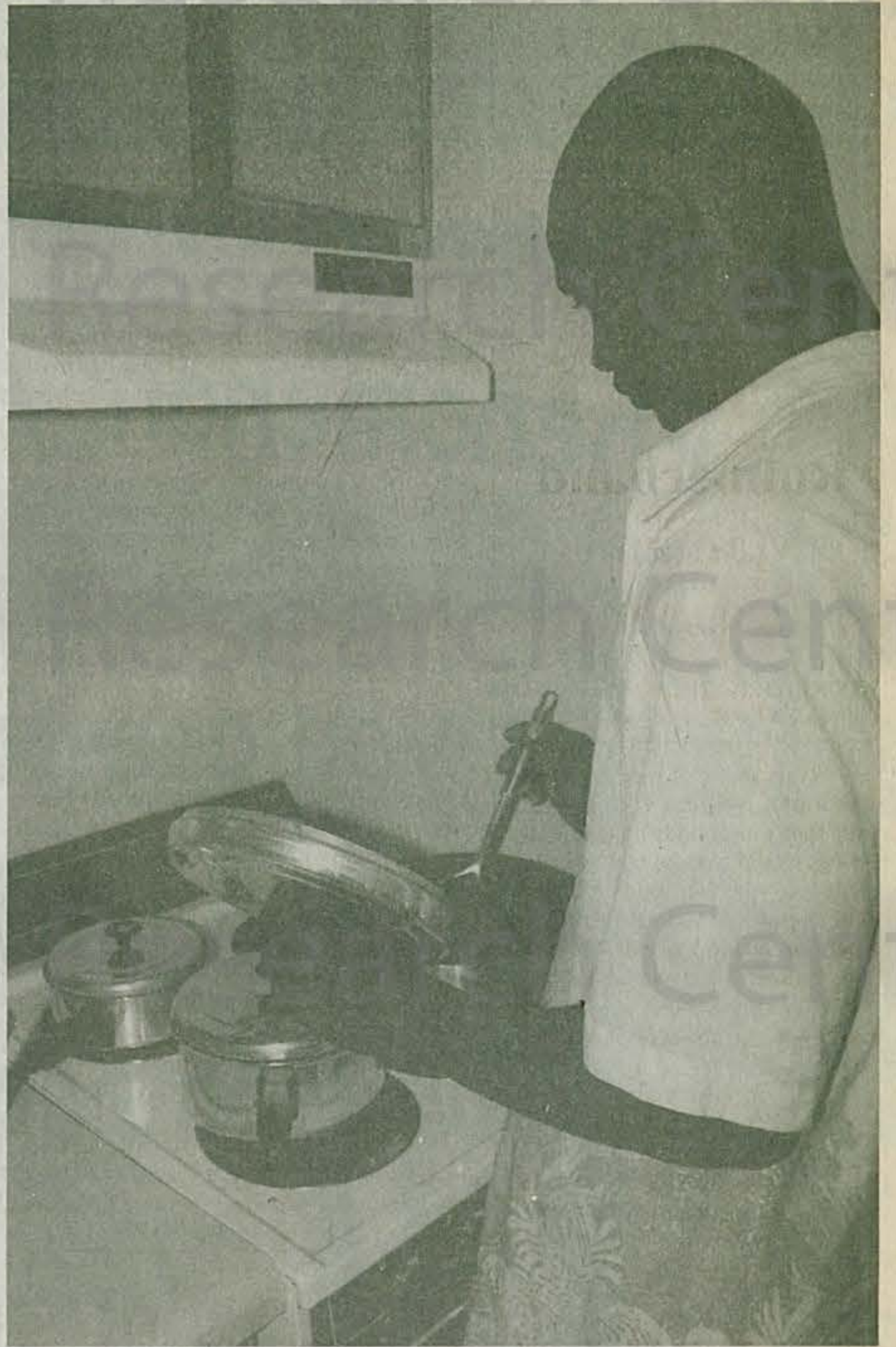
"I don't want rodents," Clay said seriously.

Others warned of trying to do too much in the limited space.

"People don't understand, we're in college. We're not in the Ramada or Hilton or something," stated Slowe Hall resident Kwame Ballantyne. "It's important not to expect so much but rather work with what you have. Most students aren't going to be preparing Thanksgiving meals everyday so the equipment there will have to suffice."

Overall many students, like Meridian Hill Hall resident Brian Vickers, a jazz studies music major, feel that the benefits of the community kitchen outweigh the negatives.

"It ain't mom's kitchen, but you can grill it up in there."



Jordan Colbert, Asst. Photo Editor

Students in dorms with community kitchens struggle with crowds and cramped spaces during their culinary efforts.

Local Soul Food Restaurant Elicits "Oohs and Aahs"

BY JAMEELAH BROUGHTON
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Oohs and Aahs. The name says it all. Oohs and Aahs soul food pleases even the toughest critics. Recognized as restaurant of the month by the Washington City Paper, Oohs and Aahs has been a success since its opening in January 2004. Nestled in between the gamut of beauty salons and shoe shiners on the corner of 10th and U Streets, right across from the U Street/Cardozo metro station, Oohs and Aahs meshes perfectly with the rich flavor of historical U Street.

Like most businesses on U Street, Oohs and Aahs is black-owned. India and Oji, natives of the District, are not only business partners but will soon be partners in marriage.

Their successful juncture was a result of India's soulful background and Oji's love for cooking. Oji received a Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management degree from Stanford University. About a year after graduating the opportunity to open Oohs and Aahs allowed them both to live the dream.

But what makes Oohs and Aahs a success without the help of paid advertising? Most say it's the great food, cooked from scratch.

Janean Robinson, mother of Jennifer Robinson, a sophomore engineer major, said she eats at Oohs and Aahs when she drives from Virginia to visit her daughter.

"I have tried everything. I try to eat healthy so I stick with their baked chicken, baked fish, string beans and cabbage. I remember when I first ate here, I was so surprised at how delicious their healthy choice selections are, but I have to say their lump meat crab cakes are my favorite."

Elana Williams, a senior fashion merchandising major, partook in the delight of Oohs and Aahs for the first time and found herself a loyal customer with the first bite.

"If you like shrimp, then you will love their Cajun grilled shrimp with butter rice. After eating here, I feel obliged to tell



Photo Credit

U Street restaurant "Oohs and Aahs" has become a favorite among Howard students.

everybody I know. And I had to admit, the mac-n-cheese tastes just like my moms but better."

When asked how do they view their success and what is in the future for Oohs and Aahs, India, in a state of tranquility replied, "When we first opened there was a line outside the door because people could smell what we were cooking. We got a great response and have maintained loyal customers ever since. From that day on, word of mouth has kept us going nine months strong. It also helps that Oji and I work great together. He is an excellent cook and I am a real people person," India said. "We love our neighbors and the diversity of our customers that range from councilmen, to students, and local artists of all kinds."

"When it comes to our future with Oohs and Aahs, we are not looking to branch out too soon because it is so much work. We give ourselves about a year and a half before we decide to expand."

On their menu are the traditional soul food choices such as macaroni and cheese, yams, butter cornbread and collard greens. In addition to turkey chops, turkey burgers, chicken wings, buffalo, and BBQ along with healthy veggies, baked fish and chicken, they serve breakfast too.

To experience firsthand some of the culture in D.C., take some time and converse with Oohs and Aahs' loyal customers or with India and Oji. You could get lucky and take home one of their old family secrets.

Currently, Oohs and Aahs is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. and from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. They deliver all over the District and have serviced many in the East and West Towers. They are located at 1001 U Street NW. For faster service call your order in before picking it up at 202-667-7142 and everything is cooked when ordered.

Renovated Punch Out Menus Draw Rave Reviews

BY LAUREN SMITH
Contributing Writer

Since the beginning of the year, campus has been buzzing about the renovations to the Punch Out. Everyone has been talking about the improvements to the look of the venerable campus eatery. Now that the honeymoon is almost over, students are now taking notice of the food.

"Welcome to The Addiction," said senior major Afia Oplantri while sitting tucked away in a side booth eating a pizza. "I come in here all the time, it's like my second home on campus."

This seems to be the sentiment of many students who have had the pleasure of dining and socializing in the newly renovated Punch Out this year. Overall, from the big-screen TV to the stage and comfortable seating arrangements, the Punch-Out can fairly be considered the most popular hang out on campus.

"The ambiance is nice," says Douglass Goatel, a graduate student in the School of Social Work. "The atmosphere is very inviting."

Of course we have all heard about the improvements to the Punch Out before, but so far, we've heard very little about the about the most important part - the food.

"I was pleasantly surprised by the quality of food that they serve," Goatel said, "and the best part is that it works well with my budget."

From burgers and fish sandwiches from the Sky Ranch Grill, chicken sandwiches and nuggets at Chick-Fil-A, to salads and pasta at Pandini's, there is something just about everyone.

"I avoid [experimenting] and just stick with everything at Chick-Fil-A," said junior chemistry major Kia Davis.

According to sophomore legal communications major Pearl Plumford, "the tuna focaccia is the hottest thing at Pandini's."

Pandini's, which offers a variety of Italian entrees, is among one of the favorites at the

Punch Out.

At the Sky Ranch Grill, the burgers and fries seem to be big hits.

"My favorite would have to be the bacon cheese burger because it gets you full off of a couple bites," said Jennifer Owens, sophomore legal communications major.

After mulling over the question of their least favorite selections, some students fell short of an answer.

"That is a good question," said sophomore political science major Angelica Rainy. "I don't have one yet."

Of course, there are always good and bad sides of a story. Students said the negatives include the obvious overcrowding that sometimes occurs during the peak hours of lunch between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

"The lines seem a little disorganized, especially at Pandini's," sophomore Courtney Maye said. "And why don't they have more than one cashier working at a time?"

So how does Howard benefit from this new asset?

"It seems to be doing well. There is good acceptance from everyone - from the president to the staff and, of course, the students," said Mohammed Abdelilah, director of operations in the Department of Campus Services. "There was a lot of strategic planning put forth in this year-long process to incorporate the students requests and the input of our staff."

After taking several surveys from students and holding meetings with officials such as Franklin Chambers, vice provost of Student Affairs, and others, their efforts finally came to fruition. "As far as the food, I think we offer a very satisfying selection for students with a variety of diets," Abdelilah said.

It seems that now some students can walk away from the Punch Out feeling very satisfied and happy with this option of dining on campus.

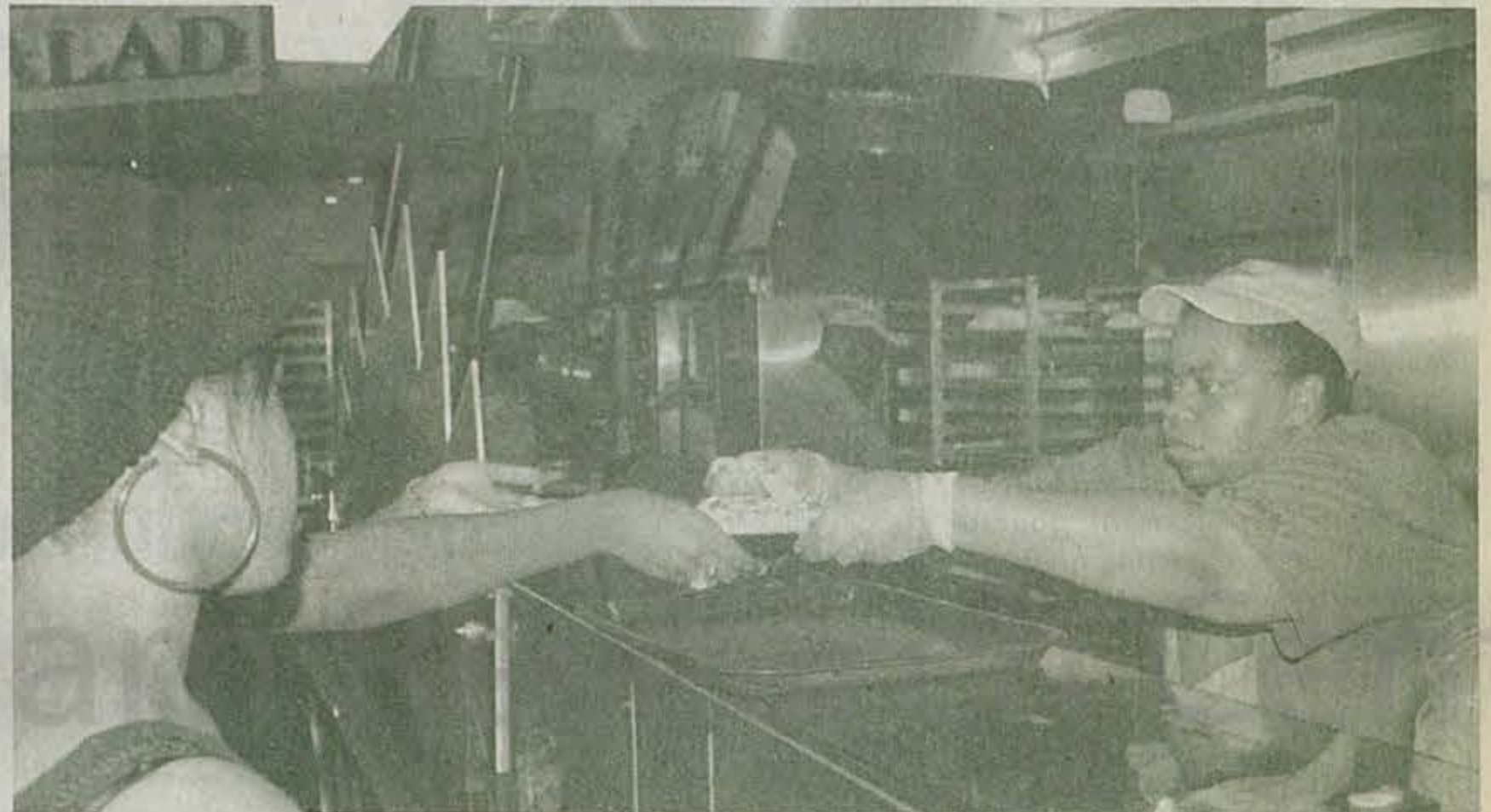


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Bison Race Towards Victory

BY KONAHE JERNIGAN
Hilltop Staff Writer

With the women's cross country team trying to capture another MEAC title and the men attempting to change their close but not close enough second place finish last year, great things can be expected from both teams.

During the off season, the cross country team, led by Coach Michael Merritt has been training hard to succeed at this year's 2004 MEAC Championships. The women's cross country team has won the conference championship two years straight and this year they hope to defend their title. The men are not far behind them, trying to stake their claim on a long sought after title.

The opening meet for the Bison was Saturday in Hunt Valley, Md. at the Towson Invitational. Coach Merritt said that he would not make any changes to his program this year. His goal is maintenance, and he will keep his focus on running. Coach Merritt added, "I have a simple formula: stick to the basics."

Though the cross country teams don't primarily face other MEAC contenders until the championship, they face many national ranked programs. Coach Merritt feels that exposing the teams to stiff competition better prepares them.

Coach Merritt said, "The teams we face are tough, they're willing to take us on, and trying to prevent us from winning. If our team stays [self motivated], works hard and remembers to have fun, then we will succeed."

Both the women and the men have set high goals for this year's season. The teams have returning runners who placed in the top 25 of the 2003 MEAC Championship including Ashley Vann, Indira Garcia, and Juma Osman, and Cordis Stanfield, David Wynn, Khary Kenyatta, Gerald Bright, and two-time MEAC Women's Outstanding Performer Tasha Harris.

The cross country team is confident and enthusiastic about their season.

Senior cross country runner David Wynn said, "I plan to make the top 15 in the MEAC Championship, it will help us win the title, which will be the

first time in a couple of years."

Other members of the cross country team feel that they have worked hard and their efforts will pay off. Junior cross country runner, Khary Kenyatta said, "This year was the first summer that I really was dedicated to training over the summer. I want to be extra strong for the cross country season." Fellow teammate, Senior Gerald Bright added, "We're a tight knit group, we trained hard this summer, and we're focused on winning."

There have been losses for the cross country teams but they have full faith in the team additions. Sophomore Alicia Williams said, "We lost three key players, but we have some good additions, we just have to work on fitting them into the program. We've been training hard and hopefully it will pay off in the end."

The Bison will run Saturday at the James Madison Invitational. Senior Erica Day said, "The James Madison meet is another level of competition, but the cross country team looks good, I'm very impressed."

WNBA, Not NBA, Got Game

SHE, from Sports B1

ing to an interview with Val Ackerman on wnba.com, "On ABC, we're up 14 percent, with good growth in the adult women category, which is meaningful to us, because what we've said all along that the league really resonates with women...and also on ESPN2, we're up about 16 percent, and have seen key growth there among teens, which is another important growth area as we increasingly try to reach

young people, and in particular, teen girls."

This season in particular has been especially interesting with the Olympics interrupting the league's play for several weeks. With "We Got Next," the WNBA's official slogan for its inaugural season, the women demanded all the respect and attention they deserve. Women's professional basketball is here to stay, especially with the women snatching their third consecutive gold, and the men falling

short with a bronze medal.

So if by chance you missed rookie sensation Diana Taurasi's (Phoenix Mercury) scoring her career-high 29 points versus the Charlotte Sting or Swin Cash (Detroit Shock) climbing the ranks this season as the second leading scorer, you don't know what you're missing! The remainder of this season's games will be played this week and the playoffs are soon approaching. You could be a witness to history in the making.

Redskins Win First Game

REDSKINS, from Sports B2

moving the ball in the first half with consistency, but managed a good enough drive to get in their kicker's range. Martin Gramatica made good on a 47-yard field goal to put Tampa back in reach 10-3. On the next drive, a milestone was reached for Clinton Portis. Portis a Gainesville, Fla. native reached the 100-yard plateau with 4:23 left in the second quarter.

Defense is the key to winning in the NFL, as both teams flexed their defensive muscles. The Bucs got their only score of the day on that side of the ball. All pro defensive back Ronde Barber took a fumble return to make the Bucs fans cheer in the upper sections. Barber tied the game for Tampa Bay as they were showing life. The Buccaneers stopped the Redskins and regained control of the ball, looking to steal game one from the Redskins.

Early in the fourth quarter, with momentum hanging in the balance linebacker Antonio



Redskins running back Clinton Portis rushed for 148 yards on 29 carries this past Sunday at their season opener against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Redskins had a convincing 16-0 win and will face...

Pierce leaped and picked-off quarterback Brad Johnson. Hightower added, "It's not over until it's over." Gaining great field position, John Hall kicked a field goal from 30 yards out to put the Redskins up 13-10.

With the Bucs having one more chance to threaten the lead of the Redskins safety, Matt Bowen ensured the win with a sack on third and long. Hall would kick

a field goal with twenty seconds left.

Portis and Gibbs' debut in Washington was to most Redskins fan, worth the wait, especially with the winning season the fans are anticipating.

Newly acquired Buccaneer and proven left tackle Derrick Deese, after the loss, commented, "I hate losing, I want to win now, not later."

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1-A-04

People who pray TOGETHER stay TOGETHER.



3-A-04, 6-A-04 & 2-A-03:
Thanks for the comraderie on Wednesday. We gotta hang out again...SOON!
1-A-04

Jennifer
Happy 21st Birthday
It Has Been A Great Year --you know who--

It was great to see Blue 'n White holdin' it down in the front rows at Hampton. KEEP REPPIN'

JP~
Thanks for the milk and cookies. I owe you!
~VT

4-A-04
If you need anything, just ask. That's what we're here for...
1-A-04

Yup!...In My White Tee
9.17.04

Tunicia,
Thank you for your hard work on our absentee voting drive. The Georgia Club appreciates your efforts.
-Keith

Georgia Avenue Day step show
Sunday September 19th @ 4pm
For more info call 202-232-5326.
Tickets on sale now.

ONLY 15 MORE DAYS.....

THE PENACLE

I, Just when you thought you had me all figured out, I had to let you know that's not goin' down.

I will continue to pray for you and for us. Keep doin' what you do. I'm here for you.

P.S. "If you were a man, I'd punch you in the mouth."

Words from the EIC...

Tuesday, y'all did better than Friday. 7pm? I can't complain.. Friday I know we can be done by 5pm...

Congratulations to last week's.. Employee of the Week
Robin Davis

Section Editor of the Week
Zach Kenworthy

Staff Member of the Week
Joy Peyton

Shout Outs- Robin-Thank you for telling me how to spell "Shout Out" You consistently get the job done, and you never complain.

Maiya-Here is your Shout Out. Don't bug me no more.

Jameelah-I see you down here at 2 a.m.

Venus- You make me laugh

Tori-Keep holding down the Grads. I might have to shave my head too.

11-8-1- What would I do without you? When I want to kill people you always calm me down.

Stacey- Thank you for the wonderful job that you are doing.

Professor Lamb- I am glad you are here. I can't wait to begin working with you.

Weldon-Though you make me mad, I always will love you.