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# The Hilltop



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## Ambassador Discusses African Politics

BY NICOLE REED  
 Hilltop Staff Writer

Ambassador Gertrude Ibengwe Mongella, elected president of the Pan African Parliament of the African Union (AU), visited Howard Hall on Friday afternoon to participate in a discussion entitled "Contemporary Africa: Understanding the Politics of a Continent."

The luncheon was filled with students, deans, faculty members and other ambassadors, all eager to be in the presence of Mongella.

The ambassador, who is also a mother, feminist and teacher, is considered by some to be the most powerful woman in Africa and has held a number of different offices including Minister of

State for Women's Affairs, Minister of Lands, Natural Resources and Tourism, and Minister Without Portfolio at the Tanzanian President's Office.

"I was glad to hear a person of her stature [speak]," said D. Kamili Anderson, director of the Howard University Press. "She raised a range of issues that confront continental unity."

The African Union, founded in July of 2002, was preceded by the Organization of African Union (OAU) and is modeled after the European Union (EU). However, Mongella notes that it is not a copy of the EU. While the historical goal of the OAU was to dismantle apartheid, it currently aims to promote

democracy, human rights and development across the continent. It also intends to create a greater unity among the African countries and people.

Mongella began the discussion explaining the meaning of "kasumba," a word in Swahili that has a meaning similar to the English word "stigma." This was the continuous thread throughout her speech as she spoke of many different kasumbas in the world such as the United States covering only negative images of Africa and Africans.

According to Mongella, when Americans constantly see images of crying, sick, poor and starving Africans, they assume all Africans suffer the same fate. However,

she said, this is only the case in certain areas.

"We can't live in a globalized world with kasumba still present," Mongella said.

She also stressed the importance of unifying the people of Africa through the African Union. Until recently, she noted, the parliament wasted too much time with the linguistic divide, deciding the language in which business should be conducted. Now, swahili is the first universal language to be used by the OAU.

"I must create a parliament that is strong, democratic and representative of the voices of the African people," said Mongella, who realizes that African foreign

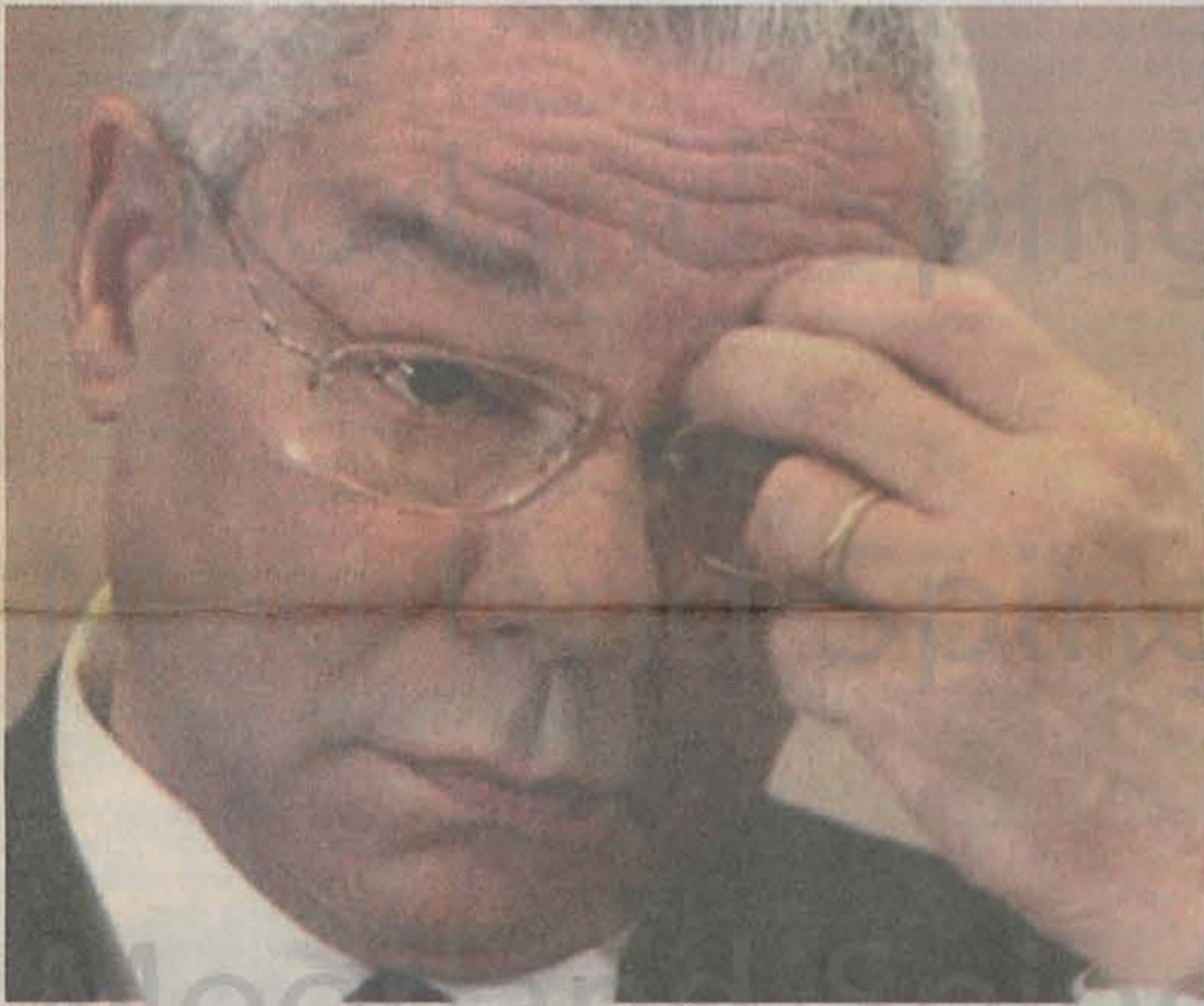


Mark King-Staff Photographer

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On Friday, African Ambassador Gertrude Ibengwe Mongella (left) discussed the need for U.S. foreign policy reform.

## Colin Powell Resigns



www.msnbc.com

After many weeks of speculation Colin Powell, the first African-American Secretary of State, resigned. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice is the leading candidate for the position. This marks the fifth resignation in the Bush cabinet since his re-election.

## Rising Area Crime Rate Puts Students on Edge

BY KAMILLE D. WHITTAKER  
 Contributing Writer

When Arieyl Nalls and her friend were robbed at gunpoint in front of Howard University's Blackburn Center, the possibility of death brought the steadily rising death toll in Washington D.C. crashing home.

With the late October shooting death of Jerome T. Marshall, 17, who was pronounced dead at Howard University Hospital after being shot in the chest, the youth death toll in the District is 23 and counting—nearly doubling the amount of youth killings last year, according to police.

The junior computer engineering major attributes the rise in shooting deaths and crime in general among youth, to what she perceives as a rise in poverty in the Black community. "If the parents aren't able to support the family then it makes it more likely that the kids will resort to petty theft and crime in order to obtain those things that they are otherwise unable to get legally," Nalls said.

Chandra Smith blames bad

parenting and lack of parental control. Another culprit, according to the sophomore fashion merchandising major, is "lazy police." Hailing from a small town in New Jersey where youth crime was not a pressing issue, Smith picks up where the police leave off. "I don't feel 100 percent safe, but just knowing what to do, what not to do and always being cautious helps," Smith said.

"They're just not there when they're supposed to be there," Nalls said. Nalls recalls another incident involving a friend, where a campus policeman, who was on an "unofficial" break at McDonalds, missed another robbery by gunpoint in front of Slowe Hall.

"Where were the police when I got robbed?" said Kenny Townsend, a student at Banneker High School. The robber used a knife to get Townsend to turn over his ID, watch and eight dollars. "He was young, like my age, and I just knew he was going to rob me as I walked past, I didn't know what to do." Townsend remembers the rob-

ber telling him that he would use the knife if he did not give up all he had.

Brittney Bennett, a freshman English major, is a native of East St. Louis. The same rules apply to dealing with both the streets of home and D.C., so Bennett depends less on police and more on street smarts.

"If you're walking around looking scared, you will be a target — people can sense that," Bennett said.

Bennett feels that students play a major part in becoming targets for violent crime.

"Sometimes I see girls doing stupid stuff like walking by themselves, talking on the cell phone and not being aware of their surroundings," said Bennett, who stays safe by knowing who's around her at all times.

Bennett said, "You should never let anyone that means harm be that close to you."

Nkuyu Nsamsanfo agrees. "I don't fear the streets," he said. "We're Black just like

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## Journalists Tell a Story in Many Ways

BY AYESHA RASCOE  
 Hilltop Staff Writer

Students in the John H. Johnson School of Communications have been able to gain experience in various media platforms in the school's Converged Media Lab since the fall of 2002.

"My idea of [media] convergence is the collaboration of experts who want to tell the story in the best way," said Department of Journalism Chairman Phillip Dixon.

Dixon gave the example of a news article about a controversial Eminem music video that is printed online.

Along with the article, the online reader would also be provided with audio from the song and snippets of the music video that is the topic of the article. According to Dixon, this is media convergence because it combines the talents of different people involved in print, broad-

cast and online journalism.

Dixon explained how the media lab came into existence due to professionals in the journalism world who discussed the idea of convergence, and faculty members felt that students needed to be prepared to handle this concept.

"Times are changing," Dixon said. "We need to change too."

More than two years after its inception, the uses of the lab continue to expand and are now fulfilling the idea of media convergence.

"We're doing audio and video streaming on blackcollegeview.com," said Robin Thornhill, director of the converged media lab. Thornhill also explained that the public relations and advertising components of the lab are working on projects for The Washington Post, Blackcollegewire.org and Jumpstart among others.

In addition, Newsvision has been airing broadcasts in the



Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

Students in the School of Communications are learning how to tell stories across multimedia platforms through the Converged Media Lab that opened in the fall of 2002.

School of Communications and working on a partnership with Resnet, while Advertising Sales students have been selling local ads. Thornhill feels that all of

these accomplishments are evidence that "we are growing."

Blackcollegeview.com is the online news website pro-

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## Students Lend Hand To Less Fortunate During the Holidays

BY JOY E. MORELAND  
 Contributing Writer

Many organizations on Howard University's campus are planning clothing and food drives or going out into the surrounding community to help serve the less fortunate for the fast approaching holiday season.

Tynisha Brooks who serves as the vice-president for American Society of Interior Designers of Howard University Student Chapter (ASID-HU), said that her organization has been gathering clothes for the Children Loss Center that helps provide clothes, food and toys for children who do not have families.

"The food we collect will also be provided to Harvest for

Thanksgiving, where they will distribute the food to the most needed," said Brooks, a senior interior design major.

With numerous organizations on campus, students are able to donate by giving to their dormitories, schools, or in the Blackburn Center.

"I had a lot of summer clothes and sweaters that I never used and gave them away in my dorm to help someone who is in need," said junior nursing major Tranetta King.

While various organizations have boxes placed in front of buildings or placed in a dormitory, the Howard University Gospel Choir asked the community to bring non-

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Why The Hilltop gave the HUSA President and VP an A+...

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# Students Seek Ways to Travel Cheap During Holidays



Tia Goodson-Staff Photographer

Howard students find many cost efficient ways to travel including car, bus, plane and train.

**BY LATRISHA GOMER**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Now that homecoming and midterms are over, and the once comfortable temperatures outside are now frigid, many students are making plans to go home for the holidays.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner, some students are contemplating which mode of transportation will be the most comfortable and cost-efficient.

Car, bus, plane and train are all modes of transportation that students frequently use to get home. If students do not have a car to get home for the holidays, finding deals that will not go over budget can be challenging. There are some things that students can do to ensure that their next trip home will not break the bank.

Freshman broadcast journalism major Natalie Wilson will drive home for the holidays. Although her trip to her home state of Georgia takes

nine hours, she said that it is worth it.

"It's a lot cheaper to go by car for Thanksgiving because a plane ticket would be \$400 if I [were] to buy it now," she said.

Even when using sites such as priceline.com and cheaptickets.com students should be cognizant of the fact that traveling during blackout dates, which are days where travel is heaviest, holidays and weekends, may prevent them from getting the best deals.

Kathie Gonzales, spokesperson for cheaptickets.com, said there has been a 60 percent increase in people buying tickets during the holiday season this year from last year. She suggests that students buy their tickets as early as possible to avoid steep holiday prices.

"If you're flexible and nimble then you can usually find good deals. If you are traveling home for Thanksgiving after Nov. 30 or before Dec. 2,

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# Study Links Education, Income

**BY BRADLEY WETE**  
Contributing Writer

Recent reports from Education Pays, the College Board's publication, show that those who invest in higher learning not only better themselves, but society as well.

"Most of us know that there are significant benefits that come with a college degree. That is why so many Americans work so hard to make the dream of college a reality for their children," said College Board President Gaston Caperton. "But it is very powerful to see such strong and varied statistical evidence of the individual and societal benefits presented together in this way."

The College Board found that higher education assists in lowering the unemployment rate. With a lower unemployment rate, taxpayers do not have to support Americans on welfare. For all Americans, the employment rate increases as the educational attainment increases.

Poverty is also lowered with an increase in education. Seven percent of married families that only have a high school education with children younger than 18 are living in poverty, while just two percent of married families that have at least a bachelor's degree do.

Full-time male workers between the ages of 25 and 34 with four years of college or more earned 22 percent more than men with only high school diplomas in 1972.

The earnings differential between high school diplomas and college graduates increased to 25 percent in 1982, 57 percent in 1992 and 65 percent in 2002.

Full-time female workers between the ages of 25 and 34 with four years of college or more earned 42 percent more than those with only high school diplomas in 1972.

The earnings differential between high school diplomas and college graduates moved to 41 percent in 1982, 59 percent in 1992, and 71 percent in 2002.

Incarceration rates are another area where those with less education are more likely to end up in either jail or prison. Almost two percent of adults who have not graduated from high school are incarcerated. Less than one percent of college graduates are incarcerated.

It costs about \$25,000 a year to keep a prisoner in jail. Education Pays also showed facts and statistics that validate increases in health, volunteerism and a decrease in smoking rates.

# Students, Residents Assistants Discuss State of the Towers

**BY SUEANN TANNIS**  
Contributing Writer

After voicing concerns about maintenance problems and the need for repairs earlier this semester, residents in the Howard Plaza Towers had their chance to propose new policies for the building.

But on Wednesday, when the first Building Improvement Program meeting began at 8:30 p.m. no one seemed interested in lending his or her voice, with one East Towers resident being the only person in attendance.

Ten minutes later when one of the organizers, Lauchland Richards, II officially started the meeting, two more students arrived.

However, co-planner of the event, Juliana Maria da Silva, resident assistant on the ninth floor in the West Towers, said she was not fazed by the low turnout.

"We're not concerned about the percentage of students here," she said. "I believe that it's [about] how coherent

we will be in making suggestions."

As the hour-long meeting got underway, it became evident that the turnout would not affect the number of suggestions—or complaints—that would come out of the meeting.

The residents, separated into two groups, West Towers and East Towers, and openly voiced their concerns about three main issues: visitation policies and ID checkpoints, pest control and maintenance requests.

Senior business management major Jeneise Campbell said her main concern was the West Towers' visitation.

Campbell thinks that policies should be made more flexible "so the residents feel this is a home and not a prison with visitation."

Junior architecture major Jaimien Joiner shared a similar view.

"I'm just too old to be treated like a kid," he said. "I left home for that. I'm a grown man."

While visitation policies were a main part of the discussion, pest control also emerged as an important issue. Residents complained about having bees, roaches and rats in their rooms.

Sasha Wilson, a senior nursing major, said rats were a problem in her suite.

"I found a dead rat in the middle of my floor. I couldn't even pick it up," she said.

Joiner, who stays in a shared efficiency suite in the West Towers, also voiced his concerns about roaches.

"Why do I wake up every morning to a roach like he's bringing me a cup of coffee?" he asked amid laughter from the group.

With the view that pest control is a major problem in the twin complex, the students said they thought maintenance staff should respond to requests more efficiently.

The students told their accounts of delayed, unattended, and ineffective maintenance responses. Ambiguous notes left by maintenance

personnel and late warnings of water outages emerged as main concerns.

However, Richards, who is student assistant on the tenth floor in the West Towers, added that maintenance requests are attended to according to importance.

"The most severe and profound problems, they try to rectify those first," he said.

However, the group had some suggestions. They think

management in the Towers should allow them to evaluate responses to those requests and check the status on them to decrease uncertainty.

"Once we take it to the management team, they'll make the decisions and decide what they are going to do with it," Richards said.

Another Building Improvement Program meeting is scheduled for the spring semester.



Mark King-Staff Photographer

Towers residents were given the opportunity to voice their concerns and suggestions about the dormitory.

# Women's Team Introduced to Intramural Soccer League

**BY KERRI COX & GERIK WHITTINGTON**  
Contributing Writers

Intramural soccer, one of the marquee sporting events for many of Howard University's soccer enthusiasts, continues to grow each year and this year promises to be one of the best. The competition consists of 12 teams and follows a league format in which every team competes against each other.

There are several changes that lead to the elevated status of this year's tournament. First is the extension of the competi-

tion to both the fall and spring semesters, providing twice the entertainment for sports fanatics.

Second is the change in the duration of game times. In previous years each game lasted a total of 20 minutes. However, this year's competition will be intensified with individual games running for 40 minutes. There will also be the inclusion of the first ever women's team in the tournament.

The Lady's First team raised eyebrows and provoked laughter from their ever-confident male counterparts.

Sophomore Kevin Johnson-Azuara and player for Super Eagles team thinks they should not be taken lightly.

"With women you never know. You may be made a fool of and yet, if you don't go in to tackle them, you may be called soft."

Heading the list of returning favorites is the Alumni team. Dominating the tournament as champions for the past four years, the Alumni team has never lost a game during a four-year span. They remain one of the most feared teams of the tournament.

In last year's tournament, the Super Eagles lost one out of their six games but hope to improve this year.

Junior civil engineering major Derek Dickinson, asserts that they mean business this year. "We practice about two days a week for about an hour to an hour and a half. Of course, we are interested in having fun...but still we definitely want to win."

Thus, the teams joining the tournament this year, Ladies First, Under Dawgz, Menace 2 Society and Restoration FC will have to prove their worth

against the established teams. However, Bernard Mereigh, sophomore business major and captain of Restoration FC, is ready for the challenge.

"I work the guys pretty hard, we train and we're serious about what we do. We have lots of talent and some of the players... their skill level is excellent. We can definitely be successful."

The tournament continues this Friday from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. with the first match, Ladies First vs. ASA Breakers, being the most anticipated game of the night.

## VOICES & VIEWS

### What are some of your ideas to minimize your expenses for holiday travel?



**Latief Johnson**  
TV Production  
Senior

"To minimize travel expenses ladies, find a guy that really wants to be down and get him to buy you a ticket, fellas do the same. It works everytime!"



**Michael Davis II**  
International Business  
Senior

"Do not travel on Fridays and Saturdays and plan your trip 14 days ahead of time."



**Parish Bradley**  
Business  
Freshman

"Book flights or bus tickets in advance or make friends with someone from the same area with a car and drive."



**Tamra Byrd**  
Public Relations  
Senior

"Try to get your plane tickets as early as possible to avoid expensive tickets."

## Ambassador Calls for Global Policy Reform

AFRICA, from Campus A1

policy is in need of adjustment as well.

In terms of the United States, Mongella noted that the U.S. is seen as an intimidating force.

"We don't know when they will march into a country and take the seats from our leaders," she said.

Among the luncheon attendees were Simba Mhung, a sophomore finance major, who agreed that it is important to create an Africa that can solve its own problems.

"I like how she focused on getting rid of the stigmas of Africans to African-Americans," Mhung said.

"I found the program

to be very inspiring and educational," said James Donaldson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "[The program] indicated great hope of progress in the African world."

LaNisa Kitchiner, associate director for programs at the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Centers was very pleased with the results of program.

"Students of the United States need to look at the U.S. policy toward Africa and African policy toward the U.S.," said Kitchiner, who noted that the large following for Africa and African issues on campus was one of the reasons for holding the program.



Ambassador Mongella is considered one of the most powerful women on the continent of Africa.

## Student Group Holiday Initiatives

CHARITY, from Campus A1

the community to bring non-perishable canned food items to a free concert.

"We are not looking for any donations or recognition from the community, but only see that we have tried to help someone who is in need," Brooks said.

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) president Karla Hawkins said NSBE will serve dinner to the homeless with So Others Might Eat (SOME), an organization that helps feed the homeless two meals a day within the metropolitan area.

"We are walking in the Homeless Walk and collecting canned food for [the] holiday season," said Amber Elliott, who is the secretary of the College Democrats of America, Howard Chapter. "It is not only during the holiday season, but all year-round we will be providing assistance to the community."

Resident assistants (RAs) in

different dorms have taken the initiative to ask their residents to give new and old clothes.

Slowe Hall resident assistant Kia Davis has been collecting clothes, shoes and canned food with plans to give the items to a local church to distribute.

"Many people are without the daily necessities and as an RA, I have encouraged my residents to give away things instead of just throwing them away," Davis said.

Michelle Jacobs who lives in the Towers said that she gives because "you never know who really needs it and it is better to give than to receive."

Some organizations began planning these events in early October to make sure they are a success for the holiday season.

"We have implemented this plan for over two months for our drive to run for three to four weeks," said junior chemical engineering major Karla Hawkins.

## Converged Media Lab Offers Students Opportunities in School of Communications

LAB, from Campus A1

the online news website produced in the converged media lab by students in the School of Communications.

According to Thornhill, the lab was actually launched with the website and is updated daily under the leadership of Blackcollegeview.com Editor in Chief Janelle Williams.

Williams, a senior print journalism major, has experienced both positives and negatives working as editor in chief of the website. She said she has gained management skills, but also has dealt with a lack of resources.

"We need a larger staff," Williams said. She also said that technology has been a challenge within the lab. "I think

the lab could do a better job in terms of its purpose if we had more equipment."

Though Williams noted some of the difficulties she faced, she said she hopes that in the future blackcollegeview.com will continue to grow.

"I'm only the second editor in chief," Williams said. "I hope one day college students around the country will know about blackcollegeview.com the way they know about The Hilltop."

The converged media lab was founded as a partnership between Howard University Department of Journalism, National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and Microsoft. While Microsoft donated \$72,000 for equipment, the Publishers Association has allowed its members to mentor

Howard students and provided them with an avenue to publish their work.

"NNPA currently mentors six students who are in the News Laboratory Class of Dr. Clint Wilson on Tuesdays and Thursdays," said Hazel Edney, Washington correspondent for the association. "The goal is for senior Howard students to publish professional news articles for National Newspaper Publishers Association Wire Service, which has a membership of 200 Black-owned newspapers."

While she acknowledged that the primary mentor is the association's Editor in Chief George E. Curry, Edney said she has also helped guide Howard students professionally.

"As my reporter's desk

was in the lab for two years, I have always been overzealous about helping students," Edney said. "I speak to classes and have put students on interviews with people like former Presidential Candidate Al Sharpton and National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial."

Through partnerships such as these and continual growth, those associated with the lab forecast a bright future for it.

"[We envision] a learning environment where our student news reporting will be a leading source of information for and about people of color that rivals professional and commercial coverage," said Clint Wilson, journalism professor and advisor for blackcollegeview.com.

## Students Seek Security In Face of Rising Youth Death Tolls

CRIME, from Campus A1

them and although we are educated, we cannot separate ourselves from the masses especially if we are a product of the masses."

While he blames the rise in crime and deaths to "lack of self-esteem and the violent images society uses to define Black males," the Kingston, Jamaica native and Howard

graduate student believes if you exude confidence and a positive mood while you are walking, in addition to knowing your surroundings and always changing paths, "no one will trouble you."

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# Campus Calendar

**Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004**

Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. PolitiCall: How do role expectations impact Black male/female relationships 7 p.m. Blackburn Forum

Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. AKA Week 2004 "A Woman's Worth: A Motivational Experience" 7:08 p.m. Blackburn Auditorium

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter Sigma Week Black Entrepreneurship 7:30 p.m. Blackburn room 148

A New Hope for a New Howard Homeless Walk Mandatory Interest Meeting 7:30 p.m. Engineering Building 1002 Contact Lynda at hucom

munityoutreach@yahoo.com

**Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004**

Circle K General body meeting 7 p.m. Douglass Hall 116 Last chance to pay dues

Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. AKA Week 2004 "Fear No Man: A Lesson in Self-Defense" 7:08 p.m. Blackburn East Ballroom

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter Muslim Student Association Blacks in Religion 7:30 p.m. Blackburn rooms 148-150

Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority Alpha Eta Reactivating Chapter Candy Color Causes Day All day

Wear orange or brown and get free candy and information on world hunger

**Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004**

NSBE, COBIS Society, and Goldman Sachs Technical information session 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Engineering Library

Talented Tenth Bowling for Blankets 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Blackburn Recreational Center Admission: \$5 or a blanket Blankets will be donated to charity

Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. AKA Week 2004

"Dollars and Sense: A Focus On Financial Management, Credit & Debt" 7:08 p.m. Douglass Hall 133

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter Sigma Week Meet the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma 7:14 p.m. Blackburn Gallery Lounge

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Chapter "Excellence is the Standard: An Informational" 7:20 p.m. Founder's Library Browsing Room

Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority Alpha Eta Reactivating Chapter Informational 7:52 p.m. Locke Hall room 208

**Friday, Nov. 19, 2004**

Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. AKA Week 2004 "Black on Black Rhyme: A Poetry Cipher & Open Mic Night" 7:08 p.m. Blackburn West Ballroom

Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Jabberwock 2004 Migrations of the S.O.U.L.: Sharing Our Unique Legacy 7 p.m. Medical School Auditorium Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door Attire: Dress to Impress

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter Sigma Week Chill with the brothers TBA

**Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004**

17th Annual Homeless Walkathon On-site registration begins at 7 a.m. Walk begins 9 a.m. The National Mall

Books for Africa Volunteers Sponsored by BEYOND Events

Slam4Africa Charity Poetry Slam 7 p.m. Blackburn Auditorium Contact Adeline at 202-352-1689 Tickets: \$10

**Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004**

National Council of Negro Women Annual Bethune Recognition Ceremony 3 p.m. Blackburn Gallery Lounge Nomination applications available in Student Activities Deadline: November 18, 2004

Howard University Community Choir Holiday Concert 6 p.m. Rankin Chapel

## Know Your University: Freedman's Column

BY SONIA SUMMERS  
Contributing Writer

Students and visitors cannot help but notice the pillar-like sculpture that rests in front of Cramton Auditorium entitled "Freedman's Column." Created by Richard Hunt, a commissioned artist, who is also responsible for other sculptures on Howard University's campus including "Symbiosis" and "A Bridge Across and Beyond."

Like "A Bridge Across and Beyond," "Freedman's Column" was donated to Howard by John S. Debrew Jr., CEO of the Mildred Andrew's Fund, a private Cleveland-based foundation that supports public art. The artwork was unveiled on September 22, 1989 after the Opening Convocation ceremonies.

"Freedman's Column" is dedicated to James E. Cheek and Calistine W. Cheek, president and first lady of Howard University from July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1989, after Cheek's retirement as president. Students can be seen sitting on the base of the sculpture, which is its intended use. Its concrete base is 11 feet in diameter and 18 inches tall, designed for seating people. The eight-foot diameter sculpture that stands on the base functions as a backrest and transition pedestal to the column.

"Freedman's Column" symbolizes the freedmen's experience and is divided into three elements. The bronze represents a difficult vertical journey and a series of figures move

along a diagonally ascending path. A winged zoomorphic superstructure that represents the African past and the possibility of a soaring ascent into the future completes the work. It is a memorial to the history and mission of Howard University.

"Now knowing the name of the sculpture, I see how it represents the freedmen's experiences," said sophomore radio production major Cicely Beckam. "The way the sculpture appears to be going up represents us because we are still striving to move forward."

"Freedman's Column" not only adds to the scenery of Howard's campus, but it also represents the time period in which the University was founded.



Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

Unveiled on Sept. 22, 1989, "Freedmen's Column" represents the struggles faced by freedmen after the end of slavery.

## School of Business Gears Up For Annual Biz Conference

BY CANDICE BURKE  
Contributing Writer

The Howard University School of Business Student Council will host its 28th annual Business Conference this week.

The conference began yesterday and will end on Friday with a black tie dinner at Zanzibar on the Waterfront located in Southwest D.C. This year's conference will include evening forums on topics such as "Marketing for Success" and "The Key Tools for Management." All events are open to all Howard students.

Some of the corporate sponsors who will be hosting the evening forums throughout the week include PricewaterhouseCoopers, JP Morgan Chase and DeLoitte & Touche.

Ezinne Kwubiri, co-coordinator of the conference, encourages all students, no matter their major, to come out to the events.

"With our past conferences, a lot of students only came to the dinner. That's why we really wanted to get the word out that this is not just a dinner,

but a whole week of activities," Kwubiri said.

Students can expect to hear lectures from prominent businesspeople, including Kwame Jackson from the hit NBC show "The Apprentice," B. Doyle Mitchell, Jr., CEO of the Industrial Bank in Washington, D.C. and Johnathan Rodgers, CEO of TV-One. Other speakers include Michael Smith, a professor in the management department at Howard.

Howard students expressed mixed feelings about whether or not they would actually attend all of the events.

Senior public relations major Keishan Edwards said that even though she is not in the School of Business she would attend.

"As a graduating senior, I can never receive too much information. Also it is a great opportunity to network," Edwards said.

Many students just plan on attending one or two of the week's events.

"I already have a job, so I probably won't go to the evening forums, but I will probably go to the event at Zanzibar," said senior accounting major Damon Cooper.

Other students were very excited about attending the whole business conference.

Junior Jamila Blake said, "I will definitely attend the upcoming conference. As a marketing major I don't get many opportunities to network so this will be a wonderful opportunity to meet more people in my field."

The conference will provide all students with the opportunity to not only network with major corporations, but also to receive vital information about business and tools for success.

"I will make a sincere effort to attend all of the week's events because I know how hard the student council has worked, plus this will be a great opportunity to meet key individuals in the industry," said junior management major Trenile Tillman.

Students who wish to attend the black tie affair at Zanzibar will need to buy tickets for the event. The tickets are \$10 and are on sale now. Anyone who is interested should go to the Student Council office located in the student lounge on the fifth floor of the School of Business.

## HBCU BRIEFS



**Tom Joyner Donates to Rust College**

Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss. received more than \$300,000 as a result of the efforts of radio talk show host Tom Joyner and his Tom Joyner Foundation. According to Rust Vice President Ishmell Edwards, 50 needy students were granted scholarships ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000, and two students were given laptop computers.

Joyner's fundraising campaign brought in \$208,000 while the remaining \$100,000 was donated by faculty, staff, students and alumni.

"The Tom Joyner Morning Show" is syndicated nationally and has close to five million listeners.



**FAMU Sets Strategic Plan**

In the wake of the Florida A&M University board of trustees' decision to remove President Fred Gainous, the school has mapped out a list of goals it plans to accomplish over the next decade. The list includes more undergraduate and graduate degree options, improving on-campus living facilities, and increasing private giving. The board of trustees has created a new strategic plan on how to reach their goals and measure their success.

In related news, Gainous plans to remain at FAMU as a faculty member in the College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture after his presidency ends Dec. 31.



**NC Central Saves Magazine**

North Carolina Central University Chancellor James H. Ammons has decided to increase the annual budget of the school's 39-year-old literary magazine, Ex Umbra. Ammons said that he wanted to ensure that the students have the proper resources to produce an "excellent literary journal." The move comes after local and national outlets reported that publication of the magazine would be discontinued.

Over the summer, Roland Gaines, who is the vice chancellor for student affairs, made the decision to divide the magazine's \$7,000 annual appropriation among other programs saying he was "trying to get more bang for the buck."

-Compiled by Shara D. Taylor

# Some Cheap Travel Options Still Available

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you can usually get a bargain price. For students looking for Thanksgiving deals now, it may be too late," she said.

Junior political science major and North Carolina native Caneisha Mills agrees timing is important when looking for good prices during holiday travel.

"Sometimes it's better to take the train. Sometimes it's better to take the bus, but whatever you decide to take to get you home, don't wait until the last minute to buy the ticket," she said.

According to Gonzales there are some tips to remember when traveling during the Christmas holiday.

"Traveling in the first half of December is good. You can book flights with one or two stops to get cheaper prices, as well as using discount carriers or checking alternative airports," she said.

International students looking for a deal home can look to websites such as cheaptickets.com, priceline.com and studentuniverse.com to help find the best deals.

Junior film major Richard Violet is from the Virgin Islands. He usually finds deals on flights going home from websites such as expedia.com.

"If you use Internet sites you have to go on them early in the day to find the

best deals. One time I looked online and the ticket was at a good price but when I went back to buy it later in the day the price had [gone] up to \$500," he said.

For students traveling to places like New York, Philadelphia, Boston and New Jersey, the Amtrak train as well as the Greyhound bus may be good options. Both offer a 15 percent student discount for students who buy a \$20 student advantage card.

The card has to be renewed a year from the date that it was purchased. It could be a good investment for the student who frequently travels by train or bus.

Amtrak also offers an American Automobile Association (AAA) deal, which means that AAA members can get 10 percent off the price of their train tickets.

Greyhound currently has an Internet only deal of \$35 for passengers traveling from Washington, D.C. to New York. Travel must be completed before the holiday.

Students from the west coast can look to airlines such as JetBlue Airways. The airline offers tickets for as low as \$89 dollars going to Sacramento, Calif. if the ticket is purchased before Nov. 17 and used before Dec. 15. Ticket prices are also low for destinations such as Oakland, Calif., Long Beach, Calif. and Las Vegas.



According to Kathie Gonzales of cheaptickets.com, there has been a 60 percent increase from last year in people purchasing tickets this holiday season.

### Website Poll

Last week's question:

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- Yes, they foster a strong sense of brotherhood/sisterhood. 37%
- Yes, they provide great service to the community. 20%
- No, they are elitist and create a rift among the Black community. 11%
- No, there are other ways to participate in community service. 12%
- I'm sorry, I didn't realize there were Black people in Greece. 10%
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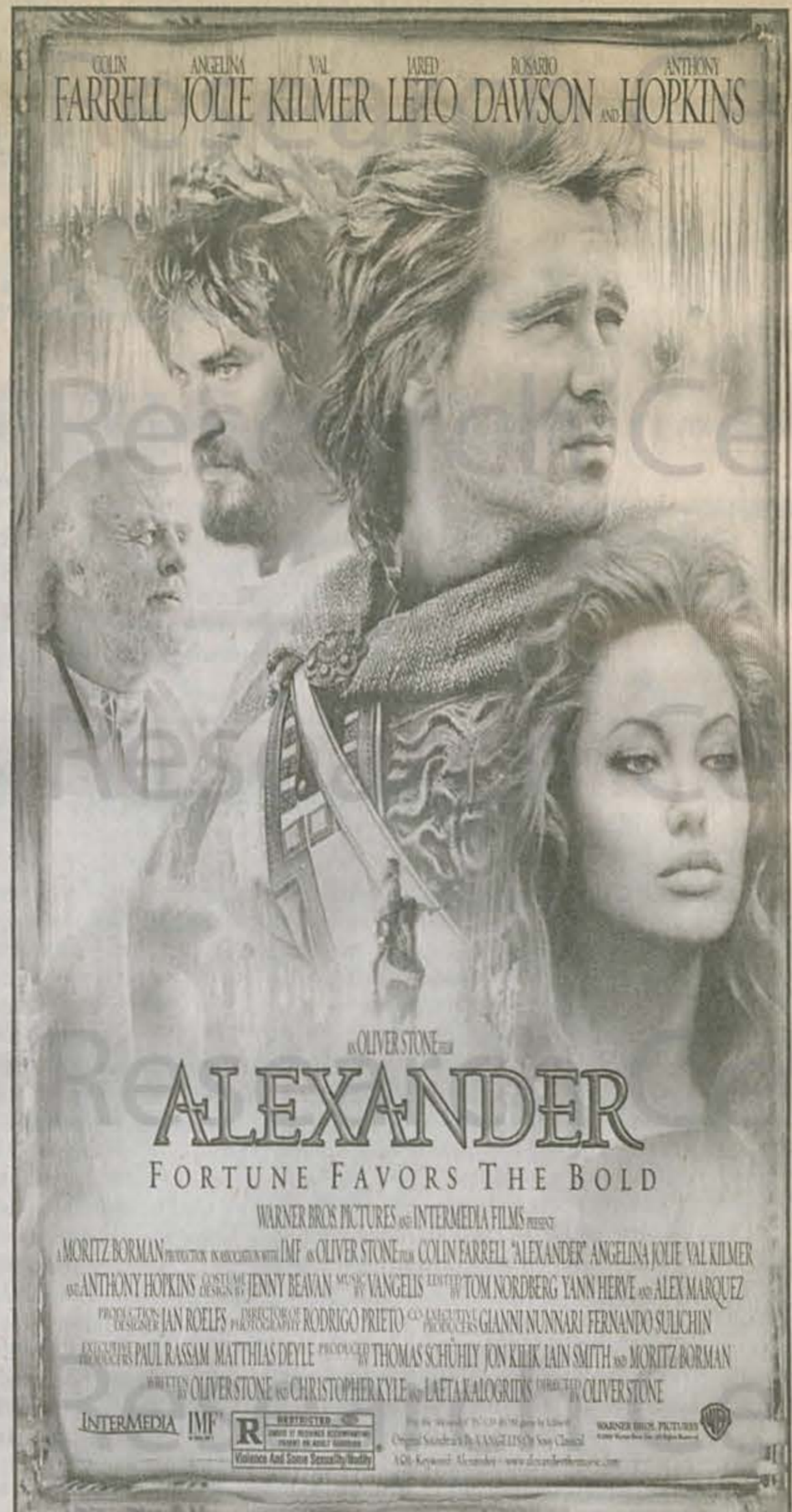
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# New Chinatown Movie Theater Offers Alternative

BY REVAE THARPS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14 Movie Theater is conveniently located next to the MCI Center on the corner of 7th and H Streets N.W., providing Howard University students a closer alternative to the popular Union Station.

Sophomore broadcast journalism major Courtney Maye went to the theater on its opening day of Oct. 22. "My friends and I went to see 'The Grudge,'" she said. "The theater is really nice," Maye said. "The location is really convenient. You just walk right off the Metro and there it is. You can also eat or go shopping. It's perfect."

In the Washington, D.C. area alone, Regal Entertainment Group, which serves as the largest motion picture exhibitor worldwide, currently operates 13 movie theaters. The company's theater circuit, consisting of Regal Cinemas, United Artist Theaters and Edwards Theaters, operates 6,242 screens in 560 locations in

40 states.

From opening day to Sunday, Oct. 31, moviegoers could enjoy a free small popcorn and soft drink with a ticket purchase to any film. Sophomore legal communications major Alicia Williams, went on Oct. 31, the last day of the free popcorn and soda promotion, "The free popcorn



and soda was nice because movie theater food can be expensive," she said.

"Conveniently located next to the MCI Center with easy access to the Metro, Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14 will offer Washington, D.C. residents the latest in theater amenities. As the leader in movie exhibition, we welcome this opportunity to impress moviegoers with what we have to offer," said Dick Westerling, Regal Entertainment Group's

senior vice president of marketing and advertising, according to a press release prior to the opening of the theater.

Impress moviegoers is exactly what they did with this theater. Regal Gallery Place 14 has made mainstream moviegoers more than happy. "It's pretty," were the words of Erlynn Holmes, a freshman accounting major, when asked what she thought of the theater. "I like the architecture, bright lights and spaciousness," she said.

Others such as Betty Thomkins, a native Washingtonian, were not as moved by the theater's physical appearance. "A movie theater is a movie theater," Thomkins said. "It was nice, it was different, but I wasn't overwhelmed by it," she said.

The state-of-the-art theater has 14 screens and approximately 2,800 seats that allow moviegoers to enjoy stadium seating,

with each row elevated for an unobstructed view. The seats rock back and forth, feature flip up armrests and in some cases have leather accents.

Ticket prices vary. Matinee/Senior/Child tickets \$6.75; Student/Military tickets \$7.50 and Adult Evening tickets \$9.50. Internet ticketing is provided through www.REGmovies.com and tickets are available by phone through 1-800-FANDANGO. Inside the theater there are Regal Express ticket kiosks for self-serve convenience, in addition to traditional walk-up service at the box office.

"That will probably be the theater that I go to from now on," Williams said.

With the commitment to convenience, not to mention the Metro's presence a few steps away, Regal could become the favored theater among District residents and Howard University students.



Jordan Colbert-Asst. Photo Editor

Now Howard students are only two Metro stops away from a brand new movie theater in the District.

# New Developments Arrive on Georgia Avenue Strip

BY REVAE THARPS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

If you ever need anything you do not have to venture far, Georgia Avenue is the one stop place to go. Georgia Avenue is home to everything from the latest beauty products to the twenty-four hour McDonald's for a quick bite to eat after a long night of studying. If you need a shirt to put together that last minute outfit or shoes to match that new hat, Georgia Avenue is your spot.

Lately, there have been a few changes to the Georgia Avenue line-up. Amongst Negril, Susan's Fashions, and other shops, are Last Stop which was once Willie's, and Jasmine's/ Loco Moe's which was once just Jasmine's.

"I think the stores on Georgia Avenue are convenient. If you don't feel like going to the mall and you need something quick, you can go to Up Against the Wall and now we have Last Stop. There are sneakers, food, and everything else, and with



Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

The new spots on Georgia Avenue are hoping to give students alternatives to McDonalds and Up Against the Wall.

the new developments, it's making our choices even better," said sophomore marketing major James Hogue.

Last Stop had its grand opening on Wednesday, Nov. 10. "Business has been fine," said Assistant Manager Jamal Robinson. "With it being a new store, everyone from Howard

or other people in the area do not know that we are here, but once everyone realizes that we are here business will pick up," he said.

Last Stop has the latest in men's and women's apparel, from popular brands like Roca Wear and Apple Bottom, to not so known, inexpensive brands.

"The new store is nice, and they are definitely going to give Up Against the Wall some competition," said Kendra Graham, junior nursing major. "They have a large variety and they are not too pricey. They didn't really have a large selection for girls though," she said.

Robinson said, "What you see in the store now are a variety of pieces from different Last Stop's. As business picks up, we will start carrying a larger selection of brands as well as larger selection for females. We are here for the Howard University community. We want you to feel us like we feel you. We're here so you don't have to pay those Up Against the Wall prices."

Just a couple of doors down, what used to be Jasmine's, is filled with construction workers hastily working to be ready for the restaurants re-opening. Jasmine's is now Jasmine's/ Loco Moe's, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Some of their specialties include barbeque chicken, pork, and turkey. They also plan to offer a variety of

soups, vegetables, pizza, desserts, and even non-food items such as calling cards.

"We are trying to give a large variety and keep prices low," said Thomas Lumpkins, manager. "Low price and high volume. That's our motto," he said. "I would go to Jasmine's/ Loco Moe's," said Jarahn Williams, sophomore criminal justice major. "They offer a good variety. You get tired of going to China Wonder and McDonald's all of the time," he said.

Jasmine's/ Loco Moe's is expected to be opening on Nov. 18. Many Howard University students frequent Georgia Avenue because of convenience and variety, but even with those qualities some choose not to patronize Georgia Avenue shops. Senior television production major, Aura Harewood, is one of those people. "I don't



Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

Jasmine's/ Loco Moe's

think that it's the best place to go shopping," she said. "Unless I was in a rush, I would rather go to a mall where I would have a bigger selection and would not be limiting myself," said Harewood. "Georgia Avenue is good for what it is. With each addition and renovation it is becoming more appealing," Graham said.

# Cultural History Profile: Georgetown

BY AEJA O. WASHINGTON  
Contributing Writer

Georgetown is one of the District's most famous neighborhoods known mostly for its shopping, dining and active night scene. However, Georgetown is a place loaded with historical and culturally significant items including houses, museums, gardens and a rich variety of residential, commercial and industrial buildings, each one fascinating and worthwhile.

Georgetown was officially established in 1751 when the Maryland Assembly authorized a town on the Potomac River on 60 acres of land belonging to George Beall and George Gordon. Georgetown was named in honor of the British monarch, King George II, and soon flourished as a shipping center.

In later years, George Washington hailed the town in 1790 as the leading tobacco exporter in Maryland. Tobacco was the income of the community and Georgetown soon prospered as a shipping center with a profitable European and West Indian trade.

When Congress created the District of Columbia for

the nation's capital in 1791, its 10-mile square boundaries were drawn to include Georgetown. Congress incorporated Georgetown as part of Washington City in 1871.

In the 1880s the waterfront prospered, but in the 1890s the C&O Canal was severely damaged by a Potomac River Flood, and the Canal Company was bankrupted. The area went into an economic decline and in the period after World War I, Georgetown gained a reputation as one of Washington's worst slums; its homes were neglected and the area deteriorated badly.

This trend began to reverse itself in the 1930s when New Deal politicians and government officials rediscovered its charm and convenience. Georgetown became once again the chic enclave for the affluent and the political.

After the Civil War, the brick rowhouse made its appearance in Georgetown. The brick rowhouses of the 1870s and 1880s exhibited elaborate bracketed cornices and then corbelled cornices in the 1880s and 1890s. It is the Queen Anne rowhouse that found the greatest favor with Washington builders and was also used frequently in com-

mercial architecture. "I like the historic look of the neighborhood," said Joanne Toussaint, a senior political science major when asked what she most like about Georgetown. "It reminds me of Newbury Street in Boston with all of the boutiques and the brick sidewalks."

For more than 150 years, from 1776 to the 1930s, Georgetown was about one-third African American. As early as 1800, about one-third of Georgetown's African American population was free. After the Civil War, large numbers of freed slaves migrated to Georgetown. The African American community flourished, becoming increasingly self-sufficient.

Despite segregation, Georgetown was a relatively open environment for its African American residents, many of whom were skilled workers. Others owned successful businesses and invested in real estate and after emancipation, earned professional degrees. "There was always a sizable free black population in the District of Columbia," said James Horton, the Benjamin Banneker professor of American Studies and History at George Washington University.

The oldest African American congregation in the District of Columbia originally founded in 1816 Mt Zion United Methodist Church, was a stop on the Underground Railroad. In 1873, Patrick Healy, a Jesuit priest, became president of Georgetown University, the first African American to head a white university. "I am aware of what Georgetown was to Black folks back in the day," said Terry Coleman, resident of Georgetown. "My family has lived in this area since the late 1800's and I can say that my family has benefited from this town."

Georgetown offers many attractions that can involve you in its rich history, from canal boat rides or mule drawn barges to a world-class garden and three incomparable historic house museums. Georgetown makes the nation's capital rich in Black heritage, from the Colonial era to the antebellum and Civil War eras, to contemporary urban life. On the way, you can savor the exquisite variety of architectural styles that distinguish Georgetown's charming homes, including Georgian mansions.



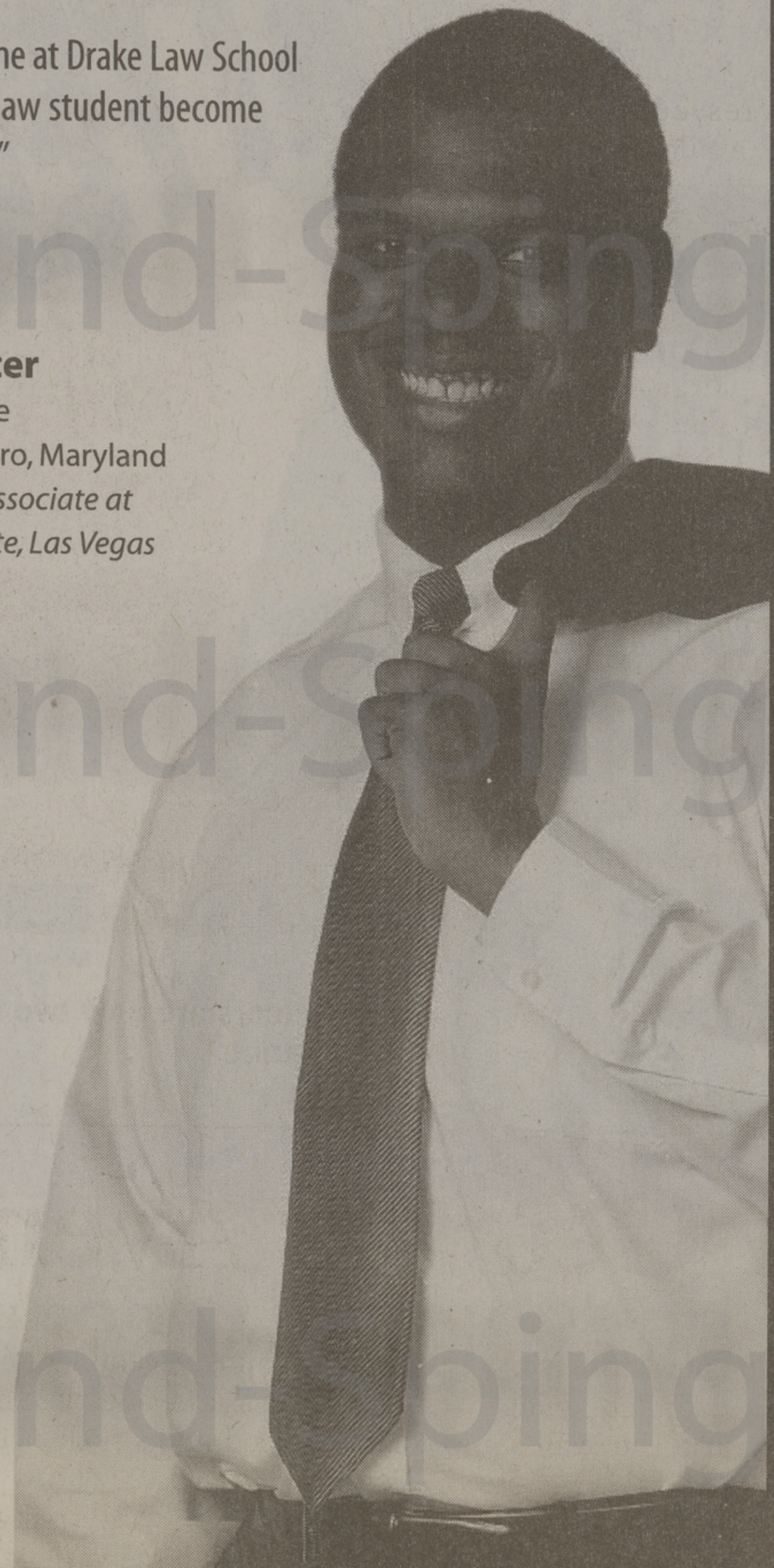
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Students may just know of Georgetown for the shops, but Georgetown has much more than meets the eye.

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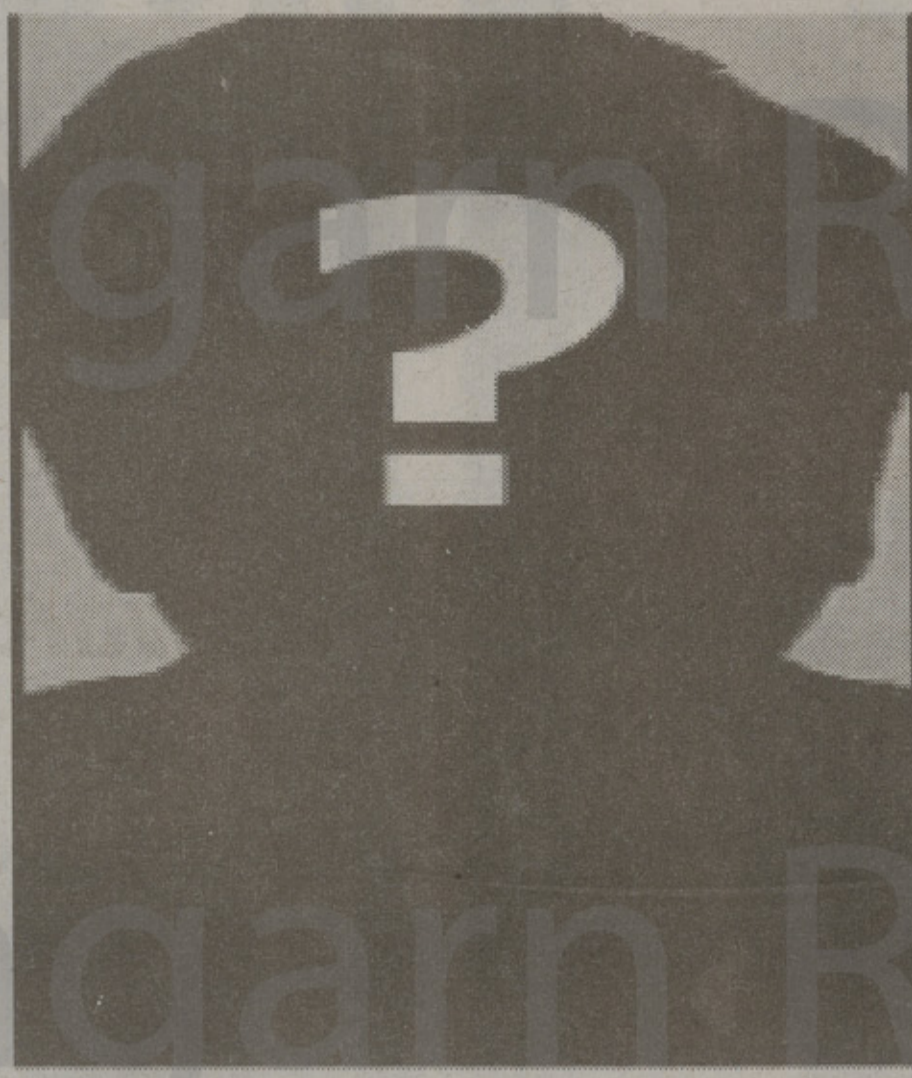
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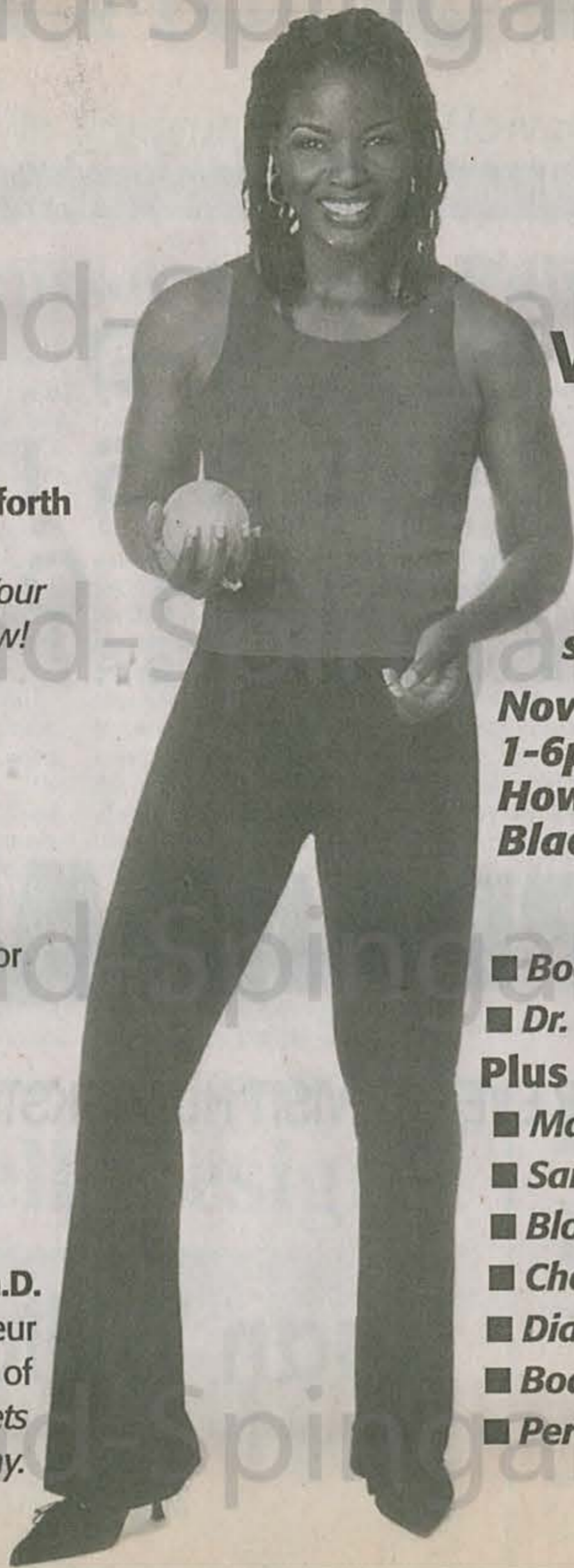
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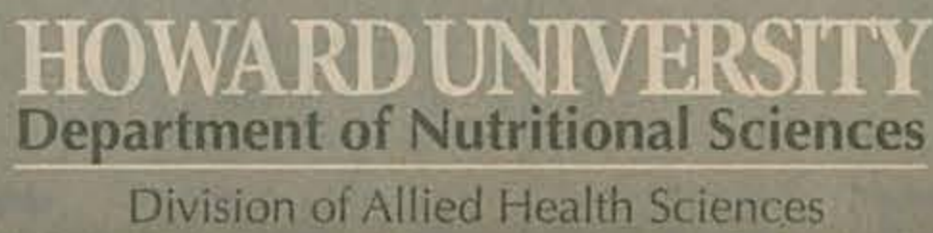
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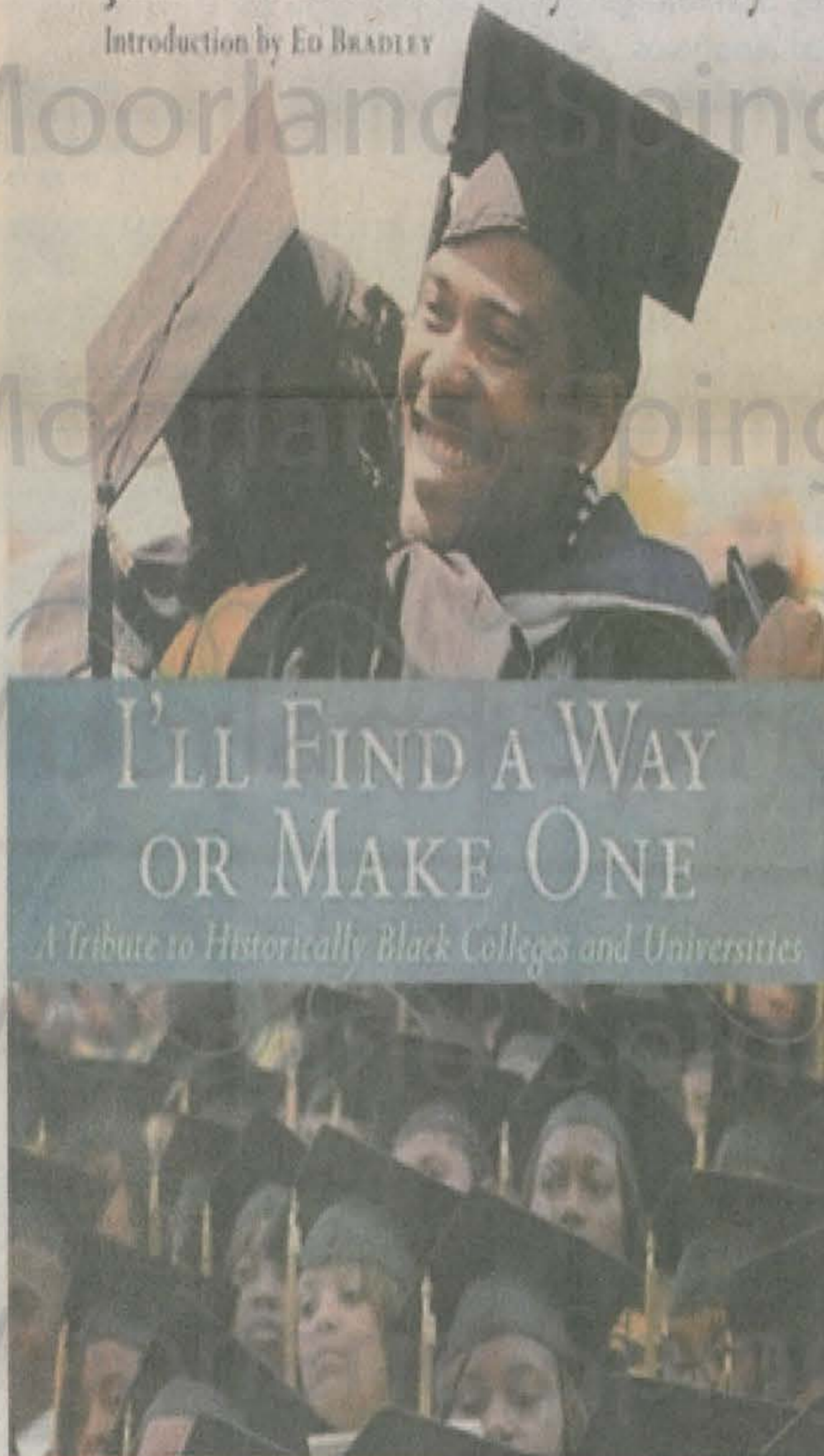
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## Lifelines:



### Cell Dependent

BY KEITH LAING  
Life & Style Editor

A wise man once told me that the first step to recovery is admitting you have a problem, and loyal *Lifelines* readers, I have a problem.

I am totally dependent on my cell phone. Not just in an "OMG, how am I going to call so and so" kind of way, but in a "my entire life is stored on a little chip" kind of way. I have been saving phone numbers in my phone for a while, so it didn't really hit me until I got three reminders the other day: one about a paper I needed to have already started working on (once again, the life of a GRADUATING senior), one about my Grandmother's birthday and one about setting aside money for breakfast at Wilson's with my boys.

In short, my life would be a hot mess without it. I haven't owned a phone book since middle school and my traditional calendar is so blank that one look at it might convince you that I've been lying about my Rubberband Man-ness.

It's a miracle that I haven't lost my phone yet, because my life would be paused until I found it. I wouldn't know how to reach anyone, I wouldn't know of any outstanding commitments and all my friends would be convinced I didn't love them because no one's birthday would be remembered. I'm sure you all can relate, because this is a common phenomenon.

What would we all do if one day, our cell phones were snatched from us? After a national period of mourning, would we be able to proceed with daily living?

It's not impossible, because these fancy phones are relatively new. Imagine trying to store something in your beeper and please, try not to shudder at the thought.

This concerns me because living without the luxury of my cell phone is a very real thing for me, considering my tenuous relationship with my provider. I hate them with every fiber of my being and I'm sure they're not very fond of me either.

I have absolutely no faith in their ability to recover my pertinent information in the case of emergency. Even if they had a way to do it, by the time I actually got past their press one for this, press two for that, I'd have missed everything on the calendar for the month.

So I'm going to take a throw-back approach and use my calendar. I'm going old school and I'm going to keep a phone book. Call me old-fashioned, but we'll see who's laughing when you lose your phone.

*Keith Laing would love to respond to your inquiries, but he's busy copying all the phone numbers in his cell phone into his new phone book. After that, he's going to take a nap, because finding a traditional phone book was way more challenging than he ever imagined. Send your thoughts to life\_n\_style0405@yahoo.com and we'll send him a text message to tell him to reply.*

## TECH! WATCH

BY CHARLENE V. DRAYTON  
Contributing Writer

Society has developed a dependency on cell phones so much so that people can't imagine life without them.

In fact, many students use cell phones not only for safety and convenience, but also for a phone book. It seems that traditional phone books may have gone out with 8-tracks and cassette tapes. Instead of a student writing down the number on a piece of paper, the number is simply stored in the cell phone and is just an alphabet letter away.

"Paper phonebooks?" asked sophomore television production major Janelle Dunbar. "Who uses those anymore? Please, I use my cell phone as a phonebook."

With that in mind, problems may arise when someone loses or breaks the phone because that person has now lost contact with hundreds of people.

This can be avoided with the use of a SIM card, which is a removable card in the phone that stores numbers and messages and can be transferred to any phone that is carried by the cell phone company. However, all cell phone companies do not offer this technology. The only companies that offer SIM cards are T-Mobile and Cingular.

"I recently broke my phone in half," said sophomore print journalism major John Kennedy, a Cingular customer.

## Phone Books Reach the Brink of Extinction as Cell Phone Use Rises

"The only thing that saved my life was my SIM card. I can change phones and still keep all of my numbers."

Although Kennedy was fortunate to keep his numbers because of his SIM card, he may not have been so lucky had he lost his cell phone altogether.

"I had a SIM card, but my phone was stolen so it didn't do me any good," said sophomore broadcast journalism major Amanda Nembhard. "I was pissed because I had lost all of my numbers. I had to start collecting numbers all over again."

Then there are those who are not fortunate enough to have a cell phone company that carries phones with SIM cards. These are the people who are at constant risk of losing all their numbers if their phone was to ever break.

"I recently broke my cell phone," said Rahson Taylor, a sophomore computer information systems major. "And with the phone went all of the numbers in it. I couldn't call anyone and I missed a study group because I couldn't contact any of the group members. I just sat in my room and cried!"

Several students said that they also feel that society as a whole has developed an addiction to cell phones.

"Our society has become too cell phone dependent," said sophomore legal communications major Donta Johnson. "For example, my phone broke so I couldn't call anybody because my cell phone

was my only phonebook and if someone called me I'd have no way of knowing who it was. It was detrimental to my life."

Perhaps this problem could be solved if people took the time to back up their numbers with a traditional phonebook. However, students find jotting down phone numbers on paper to be annoying and an inconvenience.

"Who has the time to write down every number in a real phonebook?" asked Aja Robinson, a sophomore clinical laboratory science major. "And who wants to lug it around everywhere? I use my cell phone as a phonebook because I have my cell phone with me at all times. I do try to memorize some numbers, but I don't write them down or anything. If I lost my cell phone, I'd be out of touch with a lot of people and a lot of things."



Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

As cell phones saturate the market, customers are beginning to rely on them more for things such as storing numbers and reminders about important events, reducing the use of traditional phone books and date books.



Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

## Blogging Blitz Brings Students Thoughts Online

BY JANA HOMES  
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Dear Diary, Today, I got up, got dressed and posted my inner-most thoughts for the entire world to read on the web," is what some may be thinking when they hear talk of blogging. But the blog community is a lot more than a place where people get to tell all their deep, dark secrets.

The blog, which is a term short for weblog, is not a new phenomenon, but has gained popularity due to its usage as a political sound off in the recent presidential election. Many, however, are starting to see benefits in more personal realms.

"When it comes to venting I don't have to go to anyone and pour out my soul to them, but rather write about it where my friends can choose whether or not they want to read it. I can just do it while I'm checking e-mail," said sophomore art major Marisha Melson.

The use of the site can range from the sporadic publication of sections of longer works in progress to the constant posting of mental ramblings.

"A lot of times, my posts end up coming out like a sort of prayer. It's like the plea that I have at that particular moment. Outside of that and just writing what I'm thinking, I like to publish some of my poetry so people can comment and help me improve," said sophomore television production major Kenya Morris, who utilizes the commenting technology found with many services.

Some agree that it is easier to have a multi-purpose page, but others think the best meth-



Jordan Colbert-Asst. Photo Editor

As students explore the internet, blogging, a weblog that functions as an online diary, has become a very popular way of communicating online, similar to the rise of instant messengers before.

od of accomplishing multiple goals, is to have multiple sites.

"Depending on what kind of professional image you want to portray, it's sometimes better to have a site designed for your business matters (i.e., design portfolios, or writing samples) and another one for personal expression," said senior political science major Chris Lewis, who has a professional site, as well as one for personal matters and one for "being nosey" with old and new friends.

One factor that allows people to create many pages and seems to be drawing more and more bloggers is the number of sites that offer free accounts. In much the same way that many e-mail services work, one can get a no frills account free of charge, but there is also the option of paying as little as \$4 a month to get the better account settings and capabilities.

Another factor is the number of sites available. With

more sites starting up, though Blogger, Xanga, My Space and Live Journal are among the most popular, there are many choices boasting different features.

"I really enjoy the options Xanga gives me, from post to bloggings, and the posting of pictures," said Melson, who is a member of the blogging, or group of sites, created specifically for Howard University, which boasts 38 members. Other sites have similarly themed groups, including the "Bison!" group at My Space.

One element that users seem to enjoy is the creative freedom the pages allow. Some sites give bloggers the privilege of choosing their own names, which allows them to exhibit their personalities. For those more technologically advanced, the websites offer the option of formatting one's own page,

## Jazz Concert Coming to the Capstone

BY SHARELLE FERGUSON  
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The Howard University Jazz Ensemble, in conjunction with Afro Blue, will host their bi-annual concert free of charge in the Andrew Rankin Chapel on Nov. 18 at 12:40 p.m.

Under the direction of Fred Irby, a professor of music at Howard University, the HU Jazz Ensemble has been performing for 30 years and is renowned for a high standard of music and performance here at Howard and abroad.

According to Irby, the students have been preparing the entire semester for this concert and they stand in great anticipation of seeing the "fruits of their labor."

"Jazz is one major contribution of African-Americans to the music world because we started it," Irby said.

He further expressed that

jazz in itself is a very unique form and Howard students are extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to experience such quality music on campus.

"I love jazz music so I'm excited," said sophomore broadcast journalism major Brittany Leaphart, who has heard that the jazz ensemble at Howard was "awesome" and looks forward to attending the concert to see for herself.

The HU Jazz Ensemble consists of 20 members, who comprise the brass and rhythm sections. According to Irby, ensemble members must be music majors in order to produce a group with high levels of talent and the ability to cope with the demand for dedication and tireless effort.

Afro Blue, directed by Conaitre Miller, a professor of jazz voice, is Howard University's premier vocal jazz

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On Thursday, Nov. 18, at 12:40 p.m., the HU Jazz Ensemble will team up with jazz choir Afro Blue to present a free concert in Rankin Chapel.

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# Don't Call it a Comeback: Curls on the Come Up

BY VERONICA JORDAN  
Contributing Writer

Still wearing your hair back in a bun or straight ponytail and do not know what to do? Looking for a style that makes you feel free? Well, try curls! Throw those damaging flat irons, straightening combs, and bone straight perms away. Fashion trends progress each year, and this fall, the softer, more natural look has made a comeback. Forget about those spiked, gelled styles and try going for the classical look that will make them run their fingers through your hair.

More curled styles are continuing to show up in music videos and on the movie screen. Popular celebrities like Halle Berry, Lisa Raye, Nia Long, Jada Pinkett Smith and Beyonce have already begun to wear the bouncy curls that are dazzling to the natural eye.

Bouncy curls look healthy and give a feminine appearance to any person who wears it. Even though straightened hair has been popular for a while, some feel that curly hair that gives people versatility and style. Because too much heat applied to the hair can be extremely harmful when straightening, curls can be all yours by just sitting under a bonnet hair dryer.

In addition, curls last for a few weeks to a month. Even when rain or humidity may come your way, curls are



Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

The big curly hairdo is the last beneficiary of the retro trend in fashion and style.

easy to maintain. They can be swept up into a curly or wavy ponytail, or pulled back and wrapped around with a dainty scarf.

The most popular curled styles seen are straw or rod sets, which are most prominently worn by those who have perms or naturally curly hair. Straw sets are sculpted by using drinking straws to curl the hair in small sections, and rod sets are used with large rollers that give the hair's curl a tighter

hold and usually last for about three weeks.

Some people look to curls as being a low-maintenance style that they can keep up everyday without hassle.

Erica Hall, a junior education major, chuckled as she explained which style best appropriates her.

"I usually wear a ponytail in my hair, but when I go get my hair done at the salon, I always get the large Shirley Temple

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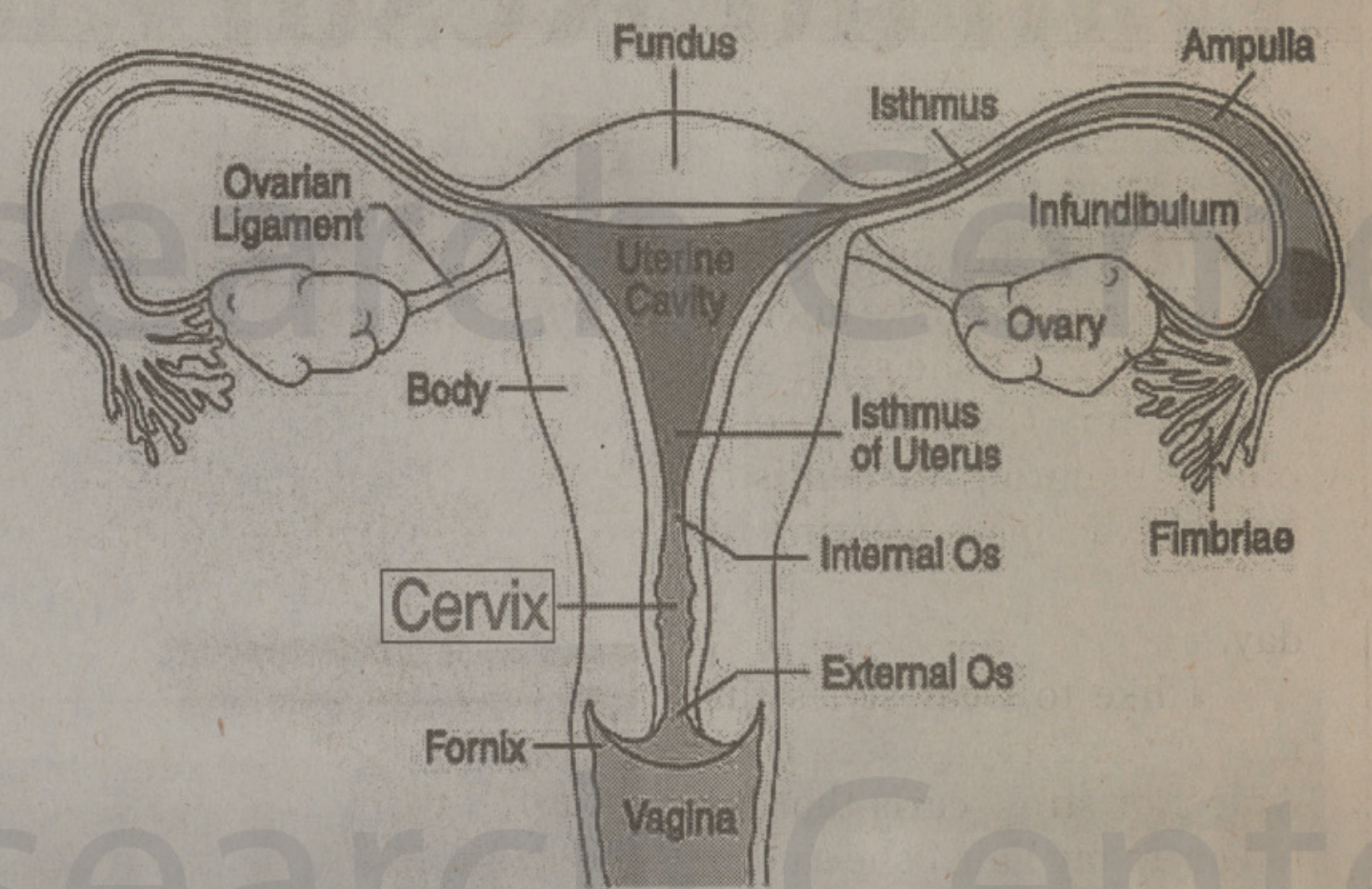
# New Cervical Cancer Vaccine Proven Effective

BY BREEA CHARLES  
Contributing Writer

Cervical cancer claims the lives of thousands of women around the world annually. For numerous years, the World Health Organization has researched cancer in an effort to find a cure. Doctors and scientists at Merck and GlaxoSmithKline pharmaceutical companies have worked endlessly to find a cure for cervical cancer. Finally, thanks to the intelligence and medical leadership of Dr. Douglas Lowy of the National Cancer Institute, Cervarix, a cure for cervical cancer has been created.

The cause for most cases of cervical cancer has been linked to Human Papillomavirus, a sexually transmitted infection commonly referred to as HPV. Most women who have this virus are unaware of its existence in their bodies because some many not experience its symptoms. However long term exposure to this virus can lead to genital warts and cervical dysplasia (abnormal Pap smear).

Many types of HPV exist however the most harmful to the body of a woman is HPV-16. This strain of HPV alters the cells in the cervix, which causes cancer. The objective of the cervical cancer vaccine is to kill the harmful cancer causing HPV strains found in a woman's body, as a result of the HPV virus.



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After four years of testing, researchers from the National Cancer Institute are awaiting FDA approval for a vaccine they believe is 100 percent effective in preventing cervical cancer.

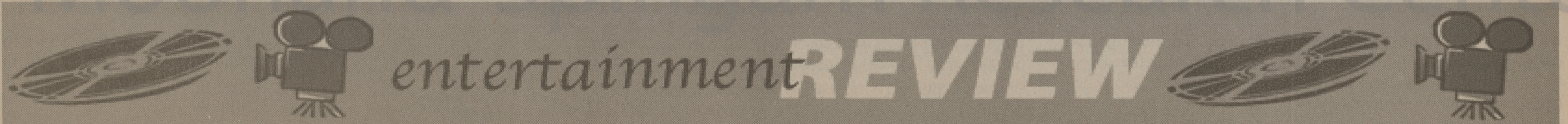
This cervical cancer vaccine has been proven 100 percent effective in a study conducted on women in the United States. According to [www.newsscience.com](http://www.newsscience.com), this vaccine is 100 percent effective based upon research led by Laura Koutsky done on women from ages 16 to 23 at the University of Washington in Seattle. A team vaccinated 2,392 women. Half of those women who were vaccinated after 17 months did not contact HPV.

However six women who were unvaccinated did contact the virus. Unfortunately, this vaccine will not cure women who already have cervical cancer. Women who do have

HPV are highly recommended for this vaccine in an effort to eliminate the potential growth of cervical cancer. Women who are not sexually active are the best candidates for this vaccine. Those who are sexually active and have not been exposed to HPV can still benefit from this vaccine as well. This vaccine will prevent exposure to this cancer-causing virus.

Cervarix will be available in the United States within the next three years. Medical professionals are considering giving this vaccine to young girls before they become sexually active. The age medical officials are considering is 12 years old.

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## 'The Grudge' Will Scare Viewers Away

BY CANDACE G. LEE  
Contributing Writer

The previews for this movie were great. The comparisons to "The Ring" made it appear as though it would be truly scary. "The Grudge," however, doesn't live up to even one-tenth of its hype. To say this movie is bad is an understatement. The first 20 minutes may be intriguing and slightly startling but this is mostly due to anticipating something ultra scary to happen—which never does.

The movie takes place in what is supposed to be a haunted house in Japan. However, there seems to be no reason for this expensive setup. There is nothing scary about the house itself and there were no scary moments relating to anything

Japanese—or foreign for that matter. The movie could have been shot anywhere else for a lot cheaper.

The premise of this movie is cliché to say the least. It is completely focused on the same scenario of characters going into places with strange sounds with little to no lighting and dying as a result of their stupidity and inability to run. Although the cinematography wasn't completely terrible, the movie relies too heavily on trying to scare the audience with cheap sudden movements and loud sounds that ultimately caused the theatre to erupt with laughter because the attempts were so weak.

The plot is underdeveloped and the non-linear storytelling is not as artistic as the direc-

tor probably intended for it to be. The style is simply annoying. Most things are unclear or dumb. The nudity of the little boy is a mystery, as is the sudden appearance of large masses of hair. Absolutely nothing about this movie makes any sense or fits together cohesively. The absolute worst part of the movie is the end, which is another failed attempt to shock the audience. It is so unoriginal and so boring that it is frustrating.

There is one unique thing about this movie; it is probably the single worst horror movie that you'll ever see in your life. It's laughable. There are probably scarier Disney movies. Do yourself a favor and keep your \$9.00. **Grade: C-**



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Scary movie fans will be disappointed to know that despite the hype, "The Grudge" isn't really that scary.

## Handsome Boy Modeling School Not So Pretty

BY MORGAN NELVILLE-MOORE  
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Nineteen ninety-nine was a big year for people all over, so big in fact that we completely missed the debut album of an up and coming hip-hop group "White People." Comprised of Chest Rockwell and Nathaniel Merriweather, the group was put together by super producer Prince Paul. Paul has worked with several hip-hop greats, including Big Daddy Kane and MC Lyte.

Their sophomore work and latest collaboration, Handsome Boy Modeling School, isn't exactly what most would assume based upon the title. The group really takes the old adage, about not judging a book by its cover, to the furthest extent.

The album has quite a few notable names infused onto the tracks, including RZA, Barrington Levy, De La Soul and Mike Shinoda of Linkin Park.

This album has a track geared toward music lovers of all backgrounds. Whether you enjoy hip-hop, jazz, rock, country, alternative or anything in between, Handsome Boy Modeling School has a song for you.

Their debut album is reported to have sold over 150,000 copies without the benefit of very much airplay. Sadly, this album most likely will not be doing quite the same. Though there are songs to accommodate the preferences of all music lovers, these songs are hardly up to

par. The imaginatively titled "Intro," may be exciting and convince you that you may be in store for something special but after listening to a few of the tracks, you will quickly learn differently.

The album itself is not entirely bad; there are a few songs that could turn into a "head nodder" if the lyrics were tighter. You can sense a Common-like influence on these tracks minus the insightful and true-to-life rhymes.

As for the other tracks, there isn't really anything too good to say about them, especially "The Hours," which is reminiscent of the sound of a telephone held off the hook. The album, Handsome Boy Modeling School, is about two notches below lukewarm. "White People" probably won't be seen on BET anytime soon.

**Grade: D+**



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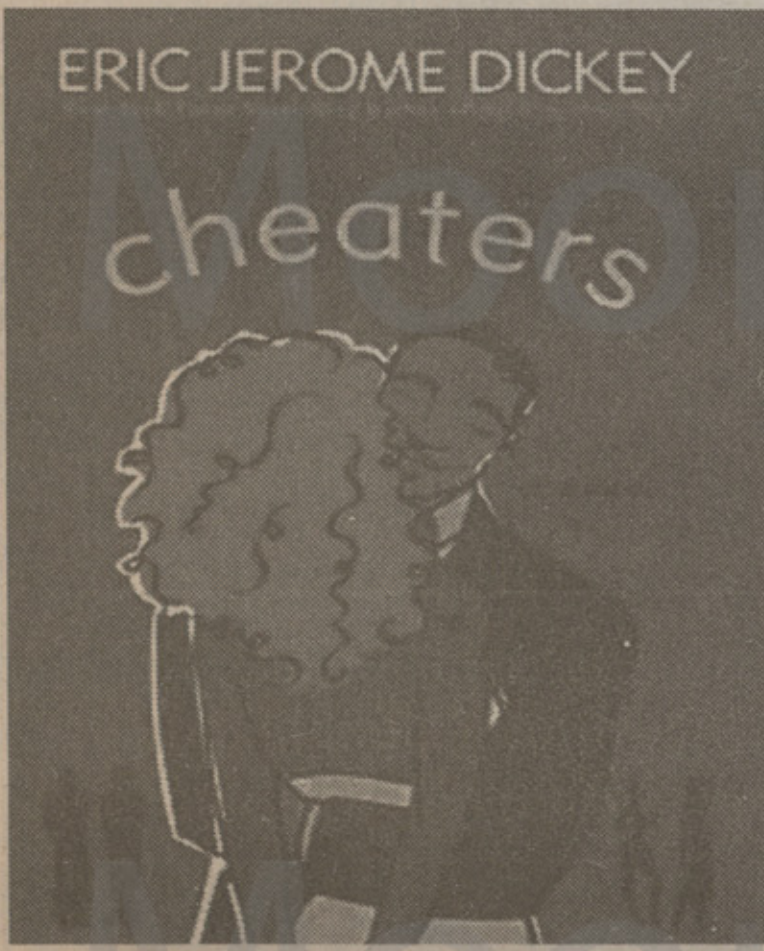
Elektra Recording artists White People bring back their alternative brand of hip-hop with their sophomore album "Handsome Boy Modeling School."

## Readers Won't Feel 'Cheated' by Dickey Novel

BY MALERIE MATLOCK  
Contributing Writer

Author Eric Jerome Dickey takes you to California and into the lives of three men and three women in the New York Times bestseller, "Cheaters," a novel for mature audiences with appeal to both men and women.

Page by page, Dickey pulls the reader into two separate



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Eric Jerome Dickey's novel "Cheaters," ranked on the New York Times Bestsellers list.

worlds of Californians and unites all six characters after a kismet meeting at a spicy Los Angeles nightclub.

At this nightclub, Stephan and two best friends Darnell and Jake meet Chante and two best friends, Karen and Tammy. After this chance meeting, their worlds will never be the same.

Readers can identify themselves, or someone they know, with at least one of these character's personality traits. The main male character Stephan has to come to terms with the idea that his deceased father's advice about women — "Find 'em. Fool 'em. [Freak] 'em. Forget 'em." — may not be the most rational way of thinking. Stephen has to get over being a "playa" and commit to one woman, however, easier said than done. After numerous occurrences with devastating outcomes, by the end of the novel you'll find out if an old dog can learn new tricks or if that dog will choke on his bone.

Darnell is the "nice guy" who has been married for six years and never cheated. He

never condones his friends' behaviors, but admits to enjoying the wild stories of countless women they tell him about.

This is the time he can live vicariously through the actions of his best friends. However, his wife's unsupportive attitude leads him to a woman he feels "knows and understand him." Although their relationship is strictly business, Darnell falls in love with her and must decide if shattering his marriage is worth a night of pleasure with his new found soul mate.

Jake is the dog of dogs. He has a fiancé, but that doesn't keep him from playing the field with a plethora of women. Jake thinks his fiancé is oblivious to his behavior, but what goes around eventually comes around and he must determine if being a playa is worth all the hassle, while coping with haunting dreams that greet him whenever he closes his eyes.

Chante is the main female character, and has looked for love in all the wrong places. She is as intelligent as she is romantic, but keeps getting burned by cheaters. After analyzing why

her past relationships leave her heart broken, Chante puts on a new attitude, in hopes of finding her own Mr. Right.

Karen is her no-nonsense sister. She knows what she wants, but talks down to anyone that doesn't agree with her. Karen's dating standards are high, maybe too high for her own good. In her journey to find companionship, she might destroy the only family she has.

Tammy is the artist, talented in music and theater. She is the peacemaker and uses the flawed parts of her life as inspiration while performing. She does find Mr. Right, but he is married.

Dickey addresses how men and women handle the touchy subject of "cheating" and how hard being in the dating circuit is. This is a great novel to read with friends and discuss on a rainy day or a Friday night. To find out how each scenario plays out and if the characters will follow their hearts or loins, be sure to pick up Eric Jerome Dickey's "Cheaters."

**Grade: A**

# Curls Come Full Circle as Hot Hairdo Resurfaces in Style

CURL, from L&S B2

curls because not only do they last long, they make me feel and look cute," she said.

Brianna Childers, a sophomore majoring in dentistry, said she despises wearing the same style in her hair every-day.

"I like to wear styles that have versatility like sets, roller wraps, or straw curls that last longer in my hair," she said.

Women as well as men are beginning to appreciate the texture of their hair. It was not long ago that straight hair and soft big curls were popular. Now, the style has been reversed. More people are beginning to wear their curls in two-strand twists, braid-outs and twist-outs for a more natural look.

Byrd Williams, a hair stylist in Washington, D.C., operates her beauty salon from her home. She shared how she feels about the beauty of curls for natural hair.

"Curls for natural hair are



Maya Gilliam - Senior Photo Editor

Curls are back in a major way as several students have been stopped in the yard sporting this increasingly popular look.

endless," Williams said. "With so many varying textures, curls can be worn in all shapes and sizes by the wearer." Hair care and style expert from New York Anthony

Dickey has written the book "Hair Rules". He recommends that everyone, no matter their texture of hair, treat their scalp with essential oils such as comfrey or tea tree oil healing and replenishing the scalp after every chemical service.

"My mission is simple: to advise and encourage all women with non-straight hair to strive to attain their beauty, whatever their ethnicity and whatever their tastes," Dickey wrote.

Dickey also advises anyone who wishes to wear curls, to use products that add moisture to their hair without adding stiffness.

A good idea to keep hair moist is to wear a satin bonnet at night when sleeping to keep the hair from splitting easily, especially in winter months, be sure to use earmuffs to keep curls bouncy. Some popular products are available at [www.curv-salon.com](http://www.curv-salon.com) or [www.aveda.com](http://www.aveda.com) to maintain set curl looks.

# HU Jazz Ensemble Preparing for Bi-Annual Concert

JAZZ, from L&S B1

ensemble. Formed in the spring of 2002, this dynamic jazz choir has quickly gained national attention, according to Miller.

"Afro Blue is a versatile ensemble performing songs in the styles of vocal groups such as The Manhattan Transfer, Take 6 and Lambert Hendricks and Ross," Miller said.

Both ensembles scheduled to perform have achieved awards from Downbeat Magazine. In June 2003, Afro Blue was named "Best College Jazz Group" by the publication, as part of their Annual Student Music Awards.

According to Miller, following that honor, the group was selected to perform at the International Association for Jazz Education's Annual Conference in January 2004 and at the Smithsonian during its Jazz Appreciation Month celebration in April.

"This year, Afro Blue was awarded yet another DownBeat Student Music Award. This time in the category of 'Vocal Jazz Choir Outstanding Performance'," Miller said.

The concert will not only highlight the talent of the Howard jazz ensembles, but students will also be entertained by the performance of guest artist Billy Harper. Harper, a New York based tenor saxophonist, hails from Houston and attended The University of Texas. He is considered a great innovator of Jazz according to Professor Irby.

"Harper is incredible, inventive, an improviser, an original and produces full, beautiful music," Miller said.

According to Irby, he will also appeal to Howard students because of his groundbreaking style of jazz music.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for students to hear great jazz music free," said Miller. She further expressed that even though The Howard University Jazz Ensemble and Afro Blue are award-winning groups many students are not aware that this level of proficiency in music exists on campus.

She encouraged all students to "spread the word" and inform others about the concert. "Students will be pleased with the quality of music and the performance," she said.

"I feel that the concert needs to be publicized more because we do have a lot of talent here on campus and we should appreciate that," said sophomore marketing major Cara Douglas, who feels that students would be more interested in going if the event was advertised more.

Freshman musical theater arts major Amber Moorer said that she was highly impressed when she heard them play in March of 2004.

"They had a very neat sound and they just looked like they were so dedicated and united as one...they were tearing it up," she said.

With enthusiasm, she also said that she looks forward to seeing their performance this month.

# Pending FDA Approval, Cervical Cancer Vaccine on the Way

CANCER, from L&S B2

Health is extremely important to women on Howard's campus. Several women said that they considered the cervical cancer vaccine a tremendous medical advancement and would definitely consider getting the vaccination.

"If the vaccine would prolong my life and prevent me from getting cancer I would definitely consider getting [it]," sophomore English major Shari Holmes commented.

Still, some students, like sophomore broadcast journalism major Courtney Maye, said that they have mixed views about the future of this medicine. "My only fear is that irresponsible sexually active people will take advantage of this vaccine and use this vaccine as an easy excuse to continue having unprotected sex," Maye said.

After four years of testing, women reported having no side effects, but some remain unconvinced. For instance, junior nursing major Claudia Benjamin said she has an opposing view because no side effects to the cervical cancer vaccine have been disclosed.

"I would not consider getting the vaccine because the side

effects are unknown," she said. "I'd rather protect myself and eat healthy."

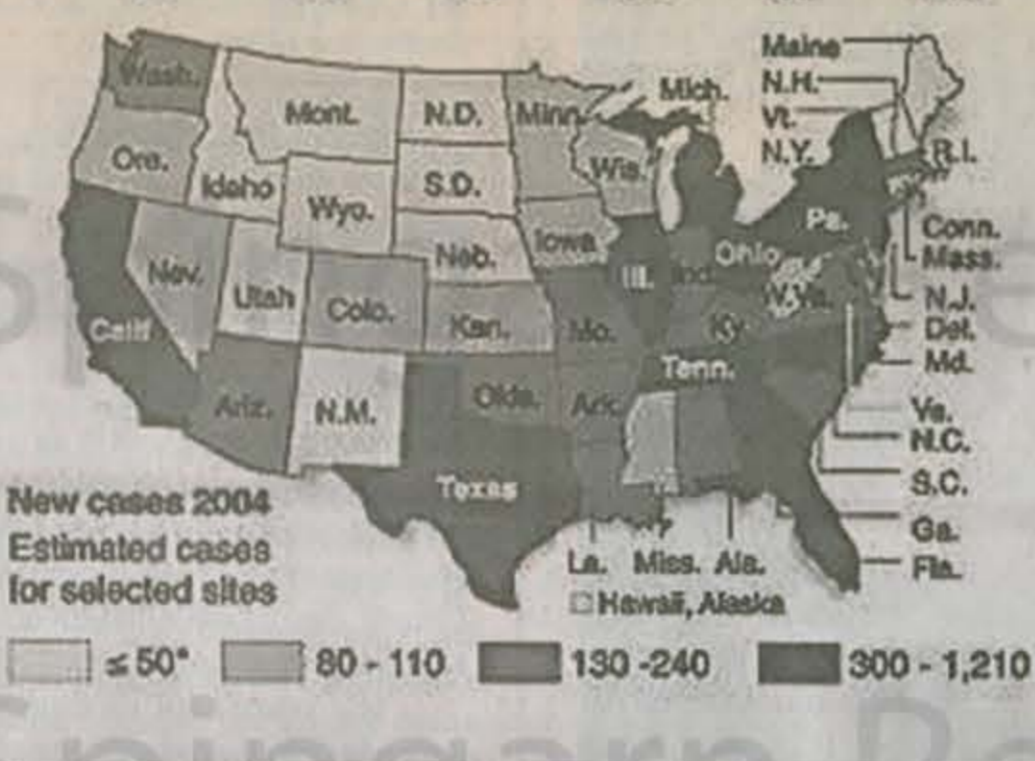
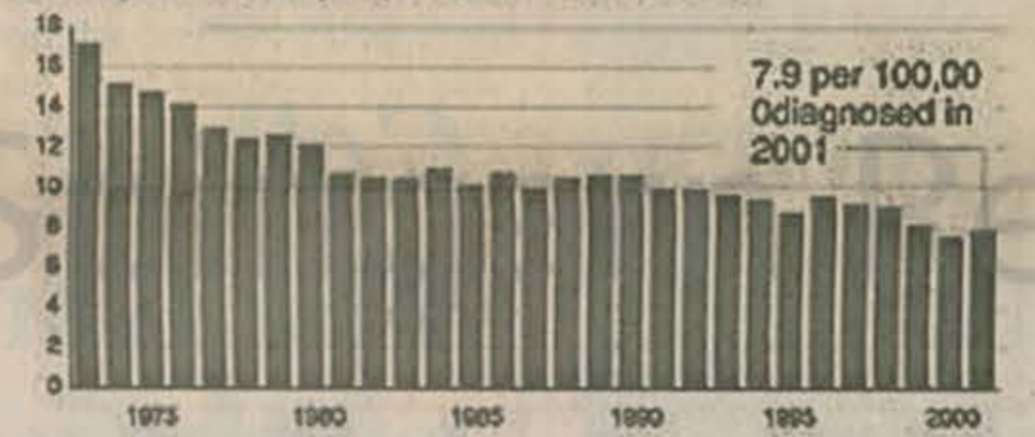
Doctors and scientists are considering offering this vaccine to men because they can also be carriers of HPV. If proven effective, the spread of this virus by people infected can almost be completely eliminated. Junior classical civilization major Brent Robinson commented said that he would like to know more about the treatment, but would consider getting it.

The Food and Drug Administration is still in the process of approving Cervarix. Pending its approval, the drug will be available in three years. To prevent cervical cancer, getting annual pap smears is highly recommended. Women should avoid smoking, get plenty of exercise and eat plenty of vegetables with folic acid. They should know about the medical history of their sexual partner. The HPV disease can only be contacted if one of the sexual partners has the virus. Condoms do not prevent the spread of HPV, so choose sexual partners wisely, because not doing so may be detrimental to leading a healthy life.

## Cervical cancer continues to kill

Test results of a vaccine to prevent cervical cancer are showing promise. While the disease continues to decline, it kills an estimated 5,000 women annually in the United States.

Cases per 100,000 people in the United States



According to [www.newsscintist.com](http://www.newsscintist.com), a vaccine for cervical cancer will be available within three years, pending FDA approval.

# Blogging Becoming Popular With Bison

BLOG, from L&S B1

which some students take full advantage of.

"When I did layouts on a regular basis, I would come up with a theme for each one like, a certain lyric, or word, or concept and just work in Photoshop until I came up with something that fit the vibe I got. I'd upload the images on my site and do the HTML for it, which isn't hard at all, once you get the basics down," Lewis said.

Though it is not the most popular practice among Howard students, many students have already discovered and taken advantage of the benefits of blogging.

# Second Annual Film Showcase



Marlene Hawthorne - Staff Photographer

A student answers questions from the audience at the 2nd annual American Film Institute Theater in Silver Spring, Md. on Saturday where many student films were showcased throughout the day.

Want to write for The Hilltop? Come grab a story at the budget meeting tonight in the West Towers at 7 p.m.

# Bison Defeat Wildcats For First Road Win Of Season

BY JOHN SCHRIFEN  
Contributing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.- Despite the rain and mud caused by a second half near monsoon, Howard's defense managed to shut down the explosive Bethune-Cookman College offense to escape Florida with a 10-7 victory Saturday at Municipal Stadium.

Wildcats fans were left shocked after senior quarterback Marcos Moreno threw the go-ahead touchdown pass, then after a turnover took a final knee to seal the upset. Bison players then stormed the field and celebrated all the way to the airport after ending a four game losing streak to the Wildcats.

"It just feels great because we haven't beaten Bethune-Cookman in a while," said Moreno. "All the years I've been here we never beat them. It's just a great feeling right now."



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Antoine Bethea (2) racked up 12 tackles in the Bison's win over BBC Saturday.

The first half of play was completely dominated on both sides of the ball by Howard. On offense, the Bison amassed over 100 rushing yards by the half, yet they only had three points to show for it. The Bison put their first solid drive together by going 59-yards, and using up over seven minutes on the clock. But after being stopped on a third and goal the Bison were faced with a fourth and one from the 1-yard line. Because head coach Ray Petty saw that the Bison had moved the ball with relative ease, he decided to go for it. Unfortunately senior running back Jay Colbert (78 yards on 24 carries) was stopped for no gain and a turnover on downs.

"We wanted a touchdown," said coach Petty. "We could have gone for a field goal, but at that stage we just felt that we were moving the ball on them and we decided to go for it."

The next time the offense got stopped within field goal range coach Petty realized that his team needed points on the board. He called upon freshman place kicker Justin Brantley who nailed a 39-yarder to make the score 3-0 at the half.

On the defensive side of the ball, Howard faced off against an offense that came into the game averaging 33 points per contest. So when the Bison defense held them to zero points and only 62-yards of offense in the first half it was a big deal.

Bethune-Cookman runs an option offense, and because they have speed at every position one missed tackle could mean six points. Therefore, devising a solid defensive scheme was more important this week than any other game the entire season.

"All week we preached playing discipline football," explained senior defensive back Ronald Bartell, Jr. "Option is assignment football. We just said if everybody

does their job then we will come out alright, and I think we played a dominant first half."

The opening of the second half was greeted with dark skies and thick clouds hovering above the stadium. At the 13:47 mark of the third quarter those clouds opened up, and after the Bison cheerleaders ran for cover, the crowd of 4,165 was soon to follow. Within a span of 30 seconds the crowd was reduced to about 20 brave wildcats supporters who had looked at the weather forecast and came prepared.

Nevertheless the game went on but it was drastically different from the first half. It seemed as if Mother Nature was on the side of the Wildcats giving them a distinct home field advantage. Bison defenders were slipping and sliding everywhere; unable to make the same open field tackles they made in the first half.

Because of that the Wildcats put a drive together using runs of 15,19,10, and 34-yards leaving Bison defenders in their dust, or at that point mud. The Wildcats capped off the drive with a one-yard touchdown run to go up by a score of 10-7.

However, the Wildcats fun in the rain did not last for long. On their first possession of the fourth quarter, junior defensive back Antoine Bethea (12 tackles) forced his second fumble of the game that was recovered by junior Jamar Butler.

"[The rain] played a big role in the second half, but I was actually hoping for it," said Bartell. "It's hard to run the option when the ball is real wet and it got kinda sloppy and they gave us a couple of turnovers."

Howard used that swing in momentum and put together an 11-play drive spanning 71 yards completed by a 14-yard td pass from Moreno to a wide-open Jarahn Williams in the back of the end zone. The Bison went up 10-7 and never looked back. They later sealed the game when the Wildcats fumbled the punt return that was recovered by



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Bison tailback Roland "Jay" Colbert (21) gained 78 yards on the ground in the Bison's close road victory over the Wildcats.

senior David Oliver.

"It just feel great coming in and making a big play for my team and sealing the victory," said Oliver. "It's about time. I waited all season for a big play to happen for myself."

The Bison will be back in action

next week for their final game of the season next Saturday at 1 p.m. against Delaware State in Greene Stadium.

## The Beginning of the End For the Miami Dolphins

BY ASHLEY SMITH  
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The downward spiral of events seems never ending for what used to be a NFL powerhouse, the Miami Dolphins. The season began with the retirement of running back Ricky Williams and the resignation of legendary Dolphin quarterback Dan Marino as the team executive only 22 days after beginning the job.

Since then, the Dolphins have managed to earn the worst start in franchise history with their current 1-8 record, ranking last in league standings. Although several factors contributed to each loss, much has been said about the fact that this Dolphin team has only scored a total of three points throughout every third quarter of this season, while their opponents have accumulated a total of 68 points. Last Monday, the Dolphins fell victim to their archrival the New York Jets by the season's most lopsided loss 41-14.

These stats make even the most uninformed spectator say hmm. So, what do you do when your fading powerhouse has the worst record in the league, has missed the playoffs for two consecutive seasons, and your fans are becoming both irate and uninterested?

Well, in the high-pressure world of professional sports, you resign. Or at least that is what head coach Dave Wannstedt did on November 9th. Some say this was a cowardly move, but it's clear Wannstedt took one for the team in a matter of speaking.

Upon his resignation Wannstedt stated, "As you might imagine, this was not a very easy decision from a personal standpoint, but I believe it is a proper decision at this time for being a professional...Somebody has to accept the responsibility. I am the head coach and that falls on me."

With the future of the Dolphins blowing in the wind, former defensive coordinator James Bates has stepped up to lead the team as interim head coach. Bates' last head coach position was nearly twenty years ago with the San Antonio Gunslingers of the USFL, but he welcomes the challenge. He has served as defensive coordinator for the Dolphins since 2000 and says, "It's exciting for me to be able to move around and motivate all the players."



Marc Serota - Reuters  
Last Tuesday Dolphins Head Coach Dave Wannstedt resigned after the team acquired the worst record in NFL history (1-8).

Since taking over the defense in 2000 the Dolphins have ranked sixth, fifth, third and 10<sup>th</sup> in league defense. Wannstedt's resignation came right before a bye week, which gave Bates' the opportunity to work with the entire team during practice. After Wednesday's practice players praised Bates' for the quicker tempo of practice and his demeanor.

However, some players are still dealing with the absence of Wannstedt. Cornerback Patrick Surtain said he was happy to see Bates running the show, but felt something was missing. "You're kind of used to hearing Dave's voice out there, and for him not to be out there, it's going to take a while to get used to."

Bates' admits there is not much that can be done to salvage the current season, but some lineup and position changes should be expected. A few names are being thrown around in regard to who will be chosen as the sixth Miami Dolphins head coach in franchise history, but the reality is that current President Eddie Jones is expected to retire at the end of this season and that will greatly impact the choice of the next Dolphins head coach.

## College Athletics: Love for The Game or the Gifts?

BY LEANNE ATTELONEY  
Contributing Writer

Sports has always been one of Americans' favorite pastimes and college athletics are seen as one of the best forms of such competition. Yet recently, many college athletic program have become polluted with controversy over NCAA violations.

Ohio State is in such a controversy now with Maurice Clarett as well as many others alleging they received cars, money and other special treatment in addition to other gifts from the university. In an article that appeared in ESPN magazine, Clarett described all the ways the school catered to his needs.

"If it wasn't tutors doing 'research' for me, it was academic advisers registering me in courses friendly to the football program," Clarett said.

Clarett also stated that the staff at Ohio State began finding him phantom jobs to put money in his pocket and that by the fall, the staff was "aligning" him with boosters who would give him money for whatever he wanted. The amount, which sometimes reached into the thousands, depended on how he played that week.

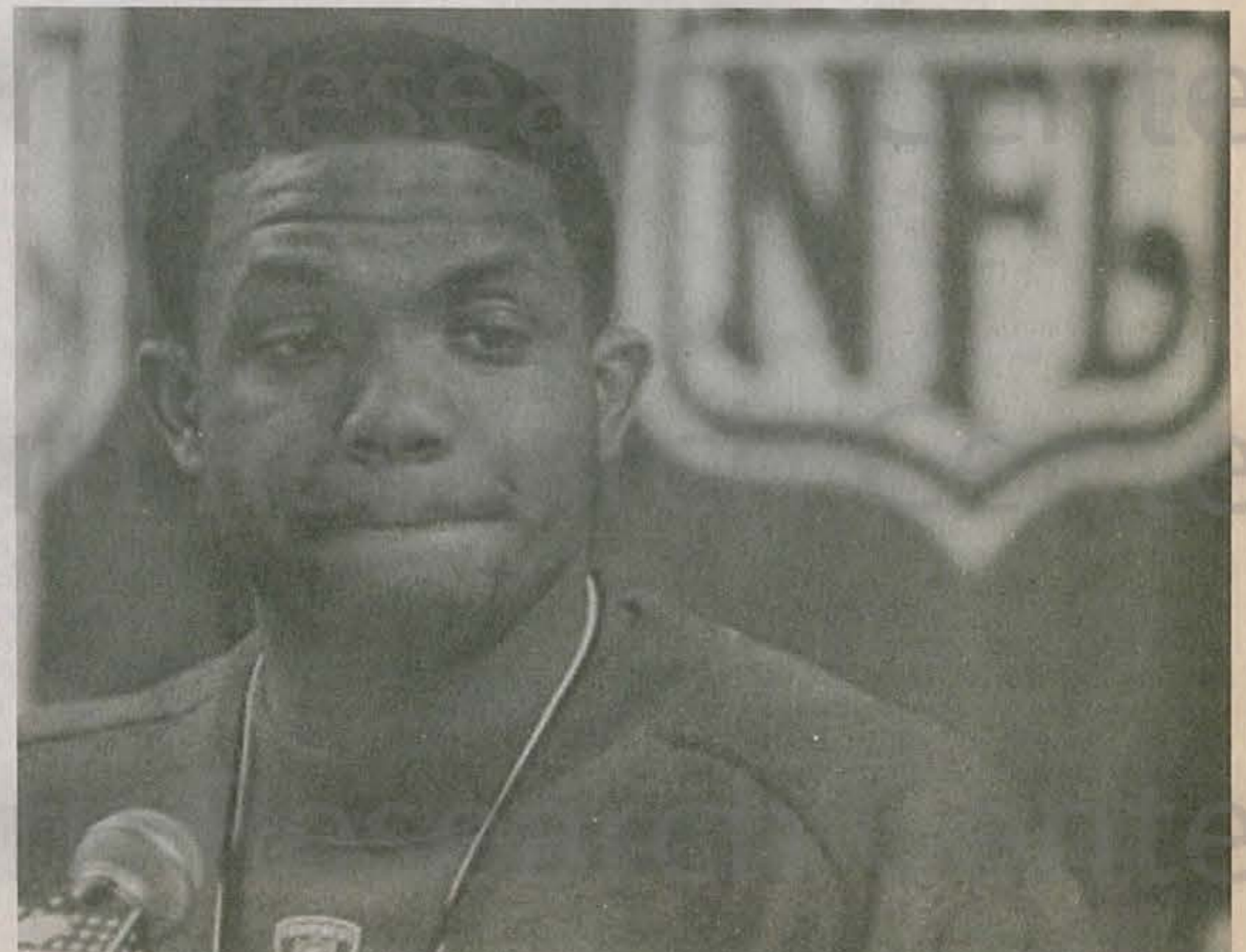
Additionally, Clarett explained how his former coach, Jim Tressel, arranged for him to get a car. According to Clarett, Tressel called the dealership and within two days, he had a Tahoe, which he switched for an Expedition 11 days later. As the season wore on, he said the car swapping escalated, and the dealerships had no qualms about accommodating him.

Other players from OSU such as Marco Cooper and LeAndre Boone, told of similar experiences, however the Ohio State athletic department maintained that these allegations are false.

"If you want to give him credibility when he's been unable to tell the truth under any circumstances since I've been around him, I'm not going to respond," countered Andy Geiger, athletic director at OSU. "Clarett vowed that he'd do something to try to get us, and this may be what it is."

However, Ohio State is not the only college to be accused of such practices. In November 2004, the University of Missouri was placed on probation for three years due to numerous recruiting violations, impermissible extra benefits and

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Michael Conroy - AP Photo  
Maurice Clarett alleges that he received cars, money and other special treatment during his time playing for the Ohio State Buckeyes.

# NBA Spotlight: Cavs Hand Suns First Loss of the Season

BY COURTNEY EILAND  
Hilltop Staff Writer

With the Phoenix Suns off to a surprising 4-0 start, the young Cleveland Cavaliers squad dealt the Suns their first loss in a thrilling 114-109 overtime comeback win led by LeBron James last Wednesday night.

Scoring 17 of his 38 points in the fourth quarter, James never showed signs of giving up on his team. "A lot of people gave up on us tonight, including our crowd. But we didn't give up on ourselves. The people who left, I know they either came back or they listened to it in their cars," said James according to NBA.com.

Entering the fourth quarter the Cavaliers were down 85-66. Led by James, the Cavaliers outscored the Suns 33-14 in the fourth erasing a 19-point deficit. James scored seven consecutive points in the fourth quarter that brought the Cavaliers within one point with 57 seconds remaining in the fourth.

"We were down big and LeBron said, 'Hey, I'm going to get it done for you in the fourth quarter,'" Cavaliers coach Paul Silas said to NBA.com. "That was all we needed, and the guys came with it. It was such a great comeback. To win that kind of game is just unbelievable."

Perhaps the most significant play of the game came when Cleveland's 7-foot-3-inch Zydrunas Ilgauskas shot a game-tying three pointer with three seconds remaining in regulation.

"The play was designed for LeBron and we didn't have a lot of time. LeBron got the ball and my man went to him and left me wide open. LeBron passed it to me and I didn't hesitate because I didn't have time to think about it and I just let it



LeBron James scored a team-high 38 points in the Cavs 114-109 overtime win against the Phoenix Suns.

fly," Ilgauskas said.

In overtime, the Cavaliers showed no signs of slowing down, thanks in part to Ilgauskas again. Ilgauskas, who had 24 points overall, helped the Cavaliers maintain the lead by contributing with two key jumpers bringing the score to 105-99. The Suns remained scoreless in overtime until Shawn Marion made a lay-up with 57 seconds remaining in overtime.

"We let it slip away. That's definitely a game we should have won," said Suns Quentin Richardson to NBA.com

Marion led the Suns with 22 points and 12 rebounds, while Richardson contributed with 21 points. Amare Stoudemire also added 20 points before being benched after committing six fouls with 3:20 left in the fourth quarter.

The surging Cavaliers are looking to add more to their win column after opening the season with three consecutive losses. The Cavaliers will next visit the new expansion Charlotte Bobcats, where James will face his possible Rookie of the Year successor, Emeka Okafor.

# Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade Having a Sensational Season

BY COURTNEY EILAND  
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After playing in the shadow of 2003-04 rookie class prodigies, LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony, this season Miami Heat sensation Dwyane Wade has shown no signs of slipping into the sophomore slump.

In the first four games of the season, Wade has averaged over 27 points (third in the league) and eight assists per game, helping his team off to its best start in franchise history.

In the Heat's season opener against the New Jersey Nets, Wade scored a game-high 21 points, along with six assists and five rebounds in a thwarting 100-77 win over the Nets. In the first quarter alone, the Heat shot 69 percent from the field connecting with 11 out of their 16 shots.

Next, the Heat had their home opener where they defeated 2003-04 Rookie of the Year led, Cleveland Cavaliers. Wade had a game-high 28 points off of 10-of-20 shooting, along with five assists, six rebounds, and three steals. He also put up a career-high three blocks in a close 92-86 win over the Cavs.

O'Neal said, according to NBA.com. "I told him that was one of the best performances from a second-year player that I've ever seen. ... I think you're going to see a lot from that kid."

Perhaps, Wade's best game of the season came in a 118-106 win over the Washington Wizards. Wade had career-highs in two categories. He led all scorers with 37 points, dished out 12 assists, and collected eight rebounds.

With yet another astonishing performance by Wade, O'Neal again commented on the budding star. "Flash (Wade) - a helluva player. Nice kid, humble kid. He deserves everything he's getting. I'm just glad to be on his team. This guy did it the right way. (He) went to college for a couple of years, a small college where nobody really knows about him. ... I'm going to make sure he plays like that every night," said O'Neal.

Heat coach Stan Van Gundy also offered his own praise of Wade's performance. "I'd like to think of myself as a genius, but players win games. Dwyane's coming off and making plays for Eddie (Jones) and Eddie's knocking down shots and I look smart, you know. I like that," said Van Gundy, according to NBA.com.

With the Heat now hosting their Southeast Division opponents, they looked to make a two game sweep over the Washington Wizards. Leading by as much as 28 points, the Heat defeated the Wizards, 103-93, while shooting 51.9 percent from the field. Wade had another outstanding game collecting 22 points off of just 11 shots, and adding 9 assists. After Wade's 37 point performance against the Wizards just two nights before, Wizards coach Eddie Jordan expressed that they tried to limit the shots Wade took.

"We focused on him. We double-teamed him and tried to contain him. We made it a point not to let him get drives right down the paint. We did a good job for 20 minutes in the first half. They got it going. They have a little draw and kick team. They got guys who can make shots. When you have four or five guys who can make shots that makes it very difficult on us", said Jordan to the Miami Herald.

After facing their first loss (113-93) of the season against the Dallas Mavericks last Thursday, the Heat now know that it is time to step up their game. "Those are the kind of teams we've got to get better against," Van Gundy said according to NBA.com. "I was not happy with how we handled our first adversity of the season."

The Heat will next face Kevin Garnett and the Minnesota Timberwolves tonight looking to gain a win against one of the powerhouse teams in the Western Conference.



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Wade's performance was also praiseworthy of teammate Shaquille O'Neal who nicknamed the young star "Flash" because of his quickness. "Tonight, Flash (Wade) was the show ticket,"

# Holyfield Loses Battle to Age

BY MARCUS WALKER  
Contributing Writer

This past Saturday, heavyweight Evander Holyfield will fight for his 48th time at Madison Square Garden causing many Howard students to wonder if the 42-year-old still has what it takes to win.

Holyfield's career began when he developed an interest in boxing at the Warren Memorial Boy's Club in Atlanta. While there, he never lost a match between the ages of eight and 11 and held an impressive 169-11 record during his amateur career.

Holyfield made his professional debut in 1985 in the Junior Heavyweight Division and moved up to the Cruiserweight Division later that year. He won his first world title in 1986 when he defeated Cruiserweight Champion Dwight Qwai.

To this day, Holyfield is the world's only undefeated, undisputed Cruiserweight Champion. On Oct. 25, 1990 he won his first heavyweight title when he knocked out James "Buster" Douglas in the third round, making him the first cruiserweight champion to win the heavyweight title.

He first defended his title against George Foreman who then had 65 knockouts in his 69 victories. The bout lasted 12 rounds and ended with Holyfield retaining his title.

In 1994, Holyfield after losing his title in a fight against Michael Moorer, was rushed to the hospital where he was determined to be going into heart failure and was instruct-

ed by doctors to retire from boxing.

However, after visiting numerous physicians his heart was determined to have healed and his license to fight was restored - a miracle Holyfield attributes to prayer and his strong belief in God.

Perhaps his most memorable bout occurred in 1997 when he faced Mike Tyson in a rematch from their previous fight in which Holyfield knocked out Tyson in the 11th round. In the rematch, Tyson bit off a portion of Holyfield's ear and was disqualified from the fight.

Since then Holyfield has managed to reclaim his title for the fourth time, a feat achieved by no other boxer.

Yet in recent matches

still capable of competing successfully in professional boxing.

Sophomore Brandon Wallace feels differently, "I think age isn't really a factor in this situation. If he is in shape and has been training he should be able to win."

Others, however, are not as optimistic. "I don't really have a problem with him fighting, but I think he should just be content with his many millions because the injury could sustain in the ring would not be worth it," sophomore pre-pharmacy major Everette Callaway said.

Most students did not watch the fight against the relatively unknown Larry Donald, a 1992 Olympian, this past Saturday because it aired



This past Saturday, boxing legend Evander Holyfield, at age 42, fought his 48th time at Madison Square Garden.

Holyfield has been noticeably weaker and by his own admission was at risk for serious injury in a match where his manager threw in the towel. Many wonder whether he is

on Pay-Per-View. However these students did not miss much with Holyfield losing by unanimous decision after 12 long rounds.

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# XXXChurch.com Website Battles Porn Addictions

BY CIARA FAMBLE  
Contributing Writer

Feeling that the Christian church has to keep up with the times instead of 'turning the other cheek,' California pastors Craig Gross and Mike Foster have created www.xxxchurch.com, an online ministry to combat addiction to what they feel is one of the largest problems in society today: internet porn.

With a tagline featuring the phrase, "Internet's #1 Christian Porn Site" the creators of xxxchurch.com hope to arouse the curiosity of those looking for pornography. Once would-be porn viewers enter the site, they become privy to the smart marketing, wit, inspirational software and online support that has been used to create what is fast becoming a very effective, if controversial, ministry.

On the site, a visitor can download X3watch software, which forces its users to be responsible for what they view

on the Internet by sending an alert to a noted accountability partner whenever he or she views a porn site. Ideally, the software discourages the user from visiting pornographic websites or fosters discussion and support from the aforementioned partners if a site is visited. Both creators have the software on their computers. They are not alone in their views on pornography.

Senior mathematics major Ashley Webb believes that pornography "alters people's perceptions of reality. They become more focused on the sexual aspect of everything instead of the reality of it all and it becomes the focus of their mindset."

Although the two men are Christian pastors and hope to convert the unconverted, they also want to help Christians who struggle with a porn addiction and feel unable to cope with it on their own.

In addition to the site, the two have been spotted in and around southern California in their "porn mobile", a black



Advertised as "The #1 Christian Porn Site" XXXChurch.com preaches the message that pornography is wrong.

Scion xB bedecked with ads for the site as well and an air freshener in the image of Jesus. They also visit actual porn conventions, preferring to protest the industry by communicating in person instead of condemning from the pulpit, where those

whom they are trying to reach may never hear it.

They feel their unorthodox style is in great company. They believe that Jesus would be doing the same thing.

Sophomore Shamirrah Hardin (major?) believes that

pornography "makes it easier for the spirit of lust to gain influence in [a person's] life. It contaminates your mind and spirit, and just makes it easier for you to fall."

As for the ministry and what it might do to its proponents, she said, "If they feel like it's God's will and they can handle it, I can't knock it."

The indication is that the need for this kind of ministry is great, as children as young as nine years old are being exposed to pornography. Howard students seem to feel that this ministry is a step in the right direction, although some are conflicted about the message the ministry sends with its methods.

Some students, like sophomore legal communications major Brandon Wallace, are enthusiastically for the new ministry.

"It's a great idea; [it's] long overdue," Wallace said. "Some topics the church just won't deal with because they're too taboo, but people still struggle. They

want to get free from their addiction, but they don't know how. Sometimes you have to leave the four walls of the church and bring it to them, because they won't necessarily come to the church."

Others are excited about the ministry the two pastors are providing, but they aren't so sure about the methods. Telisha Reeves (year and major?) is of this number.

"Pornography really corrupts people mentally and spiritually, so the message is good," Reeves said. "But going to porn conventions? I don't know about that. It does matter how you go about things and this might not be the way."

Whatever the debates might be about what is the right way to minister to porn addicts, one thing is sure; over 100,000 people have signed up for X3Watch so far and more are downloading it every day. Porn addiction may not become extinct, but people may have a lot more on their conscience in the future.

## The Business of Mentoring Students

BY MARQUASE LOVINGS  
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Mentoring is a form of community service that someone performs in order to lend a hand in the surrounding community. For some, this service is a hassle but Mentors Inc. hopes to change this view.

Mentors, Inc. was founded in 1987 as a non-for-profit organization. Mona Sanders, Executive Director of Mentors, Inc. said, "In our 17-year existence we have mentored about 3,500 students and given away \$450,000 in scholarship money."

The mission of the organization is to promote the academic, career and personal development of District of Columbia public high school students through one-on-one mentoring and enrichment activities.

"The Mentors program came out to my school, and sold me on the idea of going to college and helping me to get their with financial aid. The idea sounded pretty cool, so I went to an interest meeting," said Shenell Moorer, a senior in high school

who attends The New School for Enterprise Development in Northeast D.C.

Donna Huff, a volunteer mentor, has been with the organization for 10 years. Huff's latest protégé, Moorer has formed a close friendship. That tight bond started a long time ago in the process of matching protégés and mentors. Huff, said Moorer, has grown a lot.

"She used to be an introvert and just kept to herself, but now she is blossoming and has a strong desire to attend college," Huff said. Moorer hopes to attend The University of Maryland Eastern Shore, North Carolina A&T or the University of Baltimore.

Huff and Moorer met at a Christmas party last December. The season of perpetual giving has given them both something they thought they could never accomplish. Huff has given Moorer the art of being steady and consistent.

"She makes me understand that I have to be consistent in

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## Students Split Over Brain Prosthesis

BY T. TAMARA DURANT  
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From cloning to stem cell, scientists continue to conduct research that many consider unethical. The latest research has involved experiments with brain prosthesis.

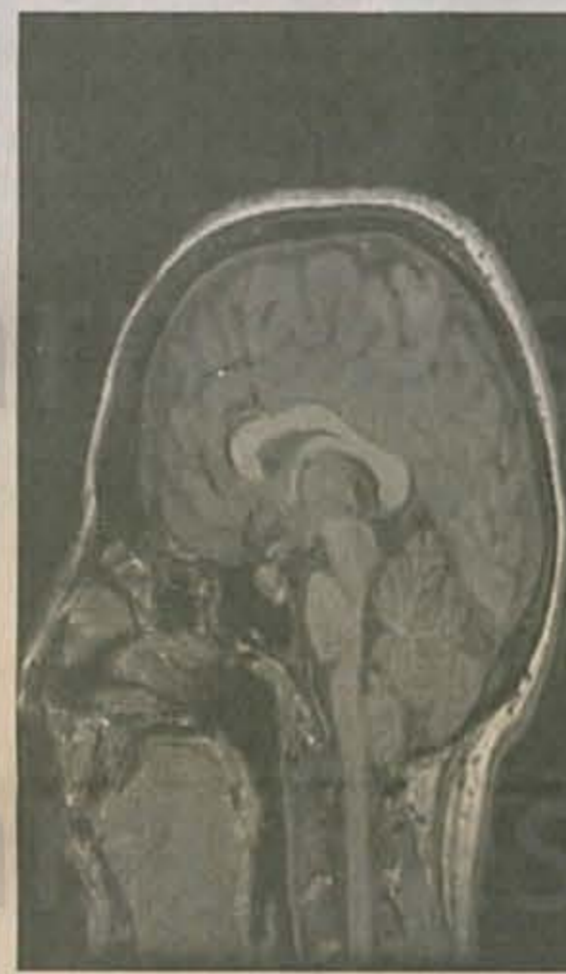
With this new development, scientists will be able to mimic a part of the human brain that is responsible for consciousness, moods and memories. This new chip will be designed to help those who have suffered from a stroke or any other brain trauma.

Some students recognize both the pros and the cons of this research, such as senior television production major Elliot Robinson.

"It's a scientific advancement, but it raises a lot of ethical questions," Robinson said. "It's like a Pandora's box. It might be able to help some people who've been through traumatic incidents, but in the wrong hands, it could be used to do unethical things."

Junior biology major Kristen Ashley agrees.

"One who would undergo such a procedure would not be the same person afterwards. The possible outcomes of brain prosthesis, such as not being able to control what one remembers, which could result in someone being forced to remember things they'd rather forget or not being able to form new memories, is something I consider unethical," said Ashley. "However, I'm not



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Researchers have been working with rat brains to come up with a microchip that will mimic the part of the human brain.

so sure what I'd do if I had a stroke and was told the only way for me to regain my speech and control over my body would be to have a brain prosthesis."

Although some realize that this research may have its benefits, many students argue against it. Sophomore English major Melanie Page disagrees with this technology, arguing that it goes against nature.

"That's not natural," she said. "That's not the way it was meant to be. It can get out of hand."

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## Crystal City Improvements Stir Mixed Feelings

BY AMBER ENGLISH  
Contributing Writer

Well-pruned trees and park benches line the newest addition to the Crystal City shopping district. Known as an underground labyrinth of shops and eateries, developments above ground aim to turn Crystal City into the next hotspot.

The new developments are a project of Charles E. Smith Commercial Realty, L.P., the company that owns most of the Crystal City commercial property. The \$40 million, 60,000 square-foot addition will feature restaurants, a shoe shop and a fine wine store, just to name a few. Many of the restaurants have been open since September, specifically, McCormick & Schmick's, Bailey's Pub and Grille, Caribou Coffee and Cold Stone Creamery.

Mike Movahedi, owner of Signature Leather and Travelware, one of the long-standing shops in underground Crystal City, is excited about the expansion. Movahedi isn't worried about competition, and welcomes the new customers that will be attracted by the new developments.

"There are two types of competition," said Movahedi. "[The developments] are good competition, these improvements will bring in business, and we want more people to come shop."

Movahedi's store has been a tenant in Crystal City since 1978, and experienced a similar expansion when Pentagon City Mall first opened.

"Shop owners were worried that they would go out of business then, but business actually increased," said Movahedi. "I think this will benefit my business in a similar way."

Frequent patrons of the underground haven are equally excited about the new facility.

Lennox Brown, who often grabs lunch in Crystal City is pleased with the options that the new restaurants bring.

"It's nice to have an alternative. I can go to a restaurant after work and get a nice meal instead of fast food."

Crystal City resident Micheal Keith sees the new developments as an added convenience.

"As a resident it provides convenience," said Keith. "If I want to go to a high-end restaurant, I no longer have to deal with the traffic and parking in the District; the new restaurants provide an upscale, cosmopolitan atmosphere to Crystal City."

The biggest challenge for the development is making Crystal City into a hotspot for people who do not live or work there.

Not everyone is thrilled with the above ground excitement. Some of the underground shop employees are worried about what lies ahead.

"We feel forgotten," said one such employee. "We have been here longer than anybody else, and suddenly it's like we don't exist. It's a sad situation because the shops [underground] are unique, but with the new developments we may fall into the background."

In spite of these frustrations, employees are hopeful that the developments will eventually spread to them.

"We understand that they are trying to improve the nightlife of the area, but we hope that they don't forget about the stores that came first."



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A new developer is tackling Crystal City's reputation as an underground maze and turning it into a trendy hotspot.

## Investment of the Week: Insurance Stocks

BY JORDAN SMITH  
Contributing Writer

Recently the insurance industry has been dented with the launch of the Oct. 14 investigation by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

Spitzer accused a Marsh & McLennan Insurance unit of bid rigging, when two or more bidders agree to submit bids that have been prearranged, and objected to Marsh and four other casualty companies taking fees for steering corporate business to underwriters.

As a result of the investigation the entire insurance industry was devastated by the news. The magnitude of this news created such a wallop that even companies that solely sold life insurance policies felt the adverse effects. But, fortunately, this investigation creates an opportunity for investors, in

terms of finding potential companies within the insurance industry that may materialize as value stocks.

Value stocks, if chosen correctly, will yield attractive returns with a less severe investment risk. These funds are often seen to be undervalued by the market or at least having unrecognized potential. Or in this case of the insurance industry, the activities of a few individual companies within the industry have the ability to alter investors' perceptions of the industry thus affecting the collective conglomerate of companies within the industry instead of the individual companies.

Many companies within the industry will see temporary losses in stock prices, but will eventually rally when the smoke has cleared. So the question now that many investors and analysts pose to the insur-

ance industry's current predicament: Are there bargains to be found and if so, which stocks have become the most undervalued?

Before disclosing some of the experts' opinions on the matter, understanding some characteristics of value funds will assist in making your own picks. When searching for a value fund the experts look for companies with low P/E ratios, high dividend yields and moderate amounts of financial leverage. Typically, undiscovered companies that have growth potential are prime candidates.

As for the insurance industry, the opportunity exists for the conscientious investor to acquire ownership in value stocks. Many Wall Street experts are hesitating to draw too many conclusions about their stand on the viability of the potential value securities that may emerge in the insurance indus-

try. For this scenario the only indicator will be the markets outcome in a few months, but one aspect of the situation has left many optimistic about the insurance industry because it looks as if Mr. Spitzer will not be pressing criminal charges against any companies which mean the industry will not be jeopardized for much longer.

For more information about the insurance industry, visit insurancestock.com, newyorktimes.com or washingtonpost.com.



# Controversial Research May Save Lives

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Other students fear the idea of what could go wrong when something as important as parts of a person's memory are placed into the hands of scientists.

Students like senior broadcast journalism major Amie McLain worry that this research will alter an individual's personality.

"Past experiences shape us into the people that we are today. Therefore, if scientists have the ability to change or

erase these memories, they can change who we are," McLain said. "We are ultimately products of our past experiences."

Junior legal communications major Daniel Frankson imagined conspiracy theories because of the possibilities of glitches in the technology.

"I think in the long run, the government is just going to use it to have even more control over society than they do now."

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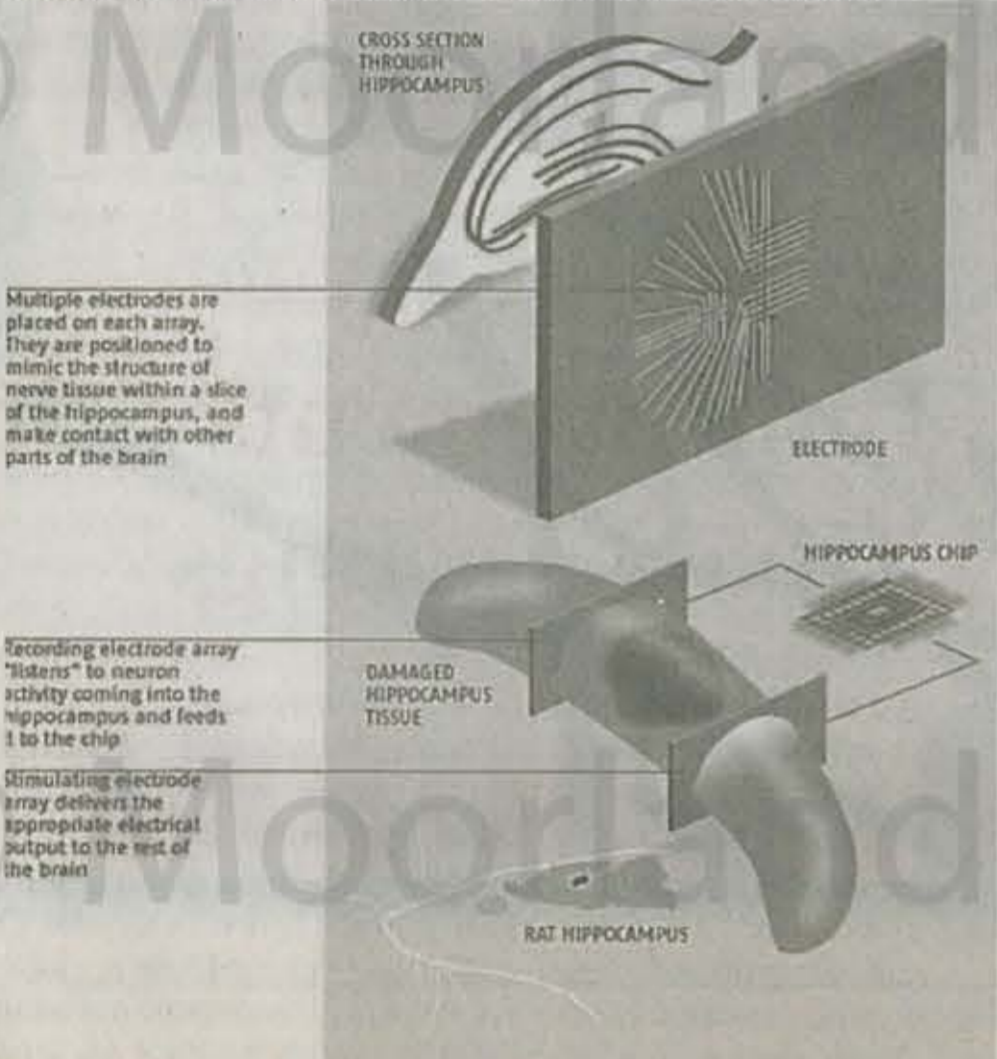


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New prosthetic computer chip can restore brain function for stroke victims.

# Mentors Inc. Impacts D.C. Youth

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what I do so I can succeed in life," Moorer said.

Moorer's school requires 30 hours of community service hours to graduate. Moorer commented that because Mrs. Huff stayed on top of her, she has exceeded the number of community service by 15 hours.

On the other hand, Moorer has made an impact on Huff.

"Shenell has made me rethink some of my values of persistence and focus," Huff said. "She has taught me that you need to pursue and press on to get what you want. When I was in school, I had unofficial mentors that would take care of me. They made sure I was in

the right place and made sure I was always pointed in the right direction. This is why I joined the Mentors, Inc. program to give back what was given to me when I was young."

Huff commented on some of the different activities in which she and Moorer have participated together.

"We have done it all: lunch, going to the movies, holding a pool party, traveling to Kings Dominion and attending basketball games," Moorer said. "When I say we have done it all, I mean we have done it all."

Cindy Sturtevant, director of programs, feels that the District needs programs like Mentors, Inc. to help ailing students. "There needs to be improvement

in all schools in D.C. currently all schools except for magnet schools are below nationwide levels," she said. "In the District of Columbia, a third of all students entering ninth grade drop out."

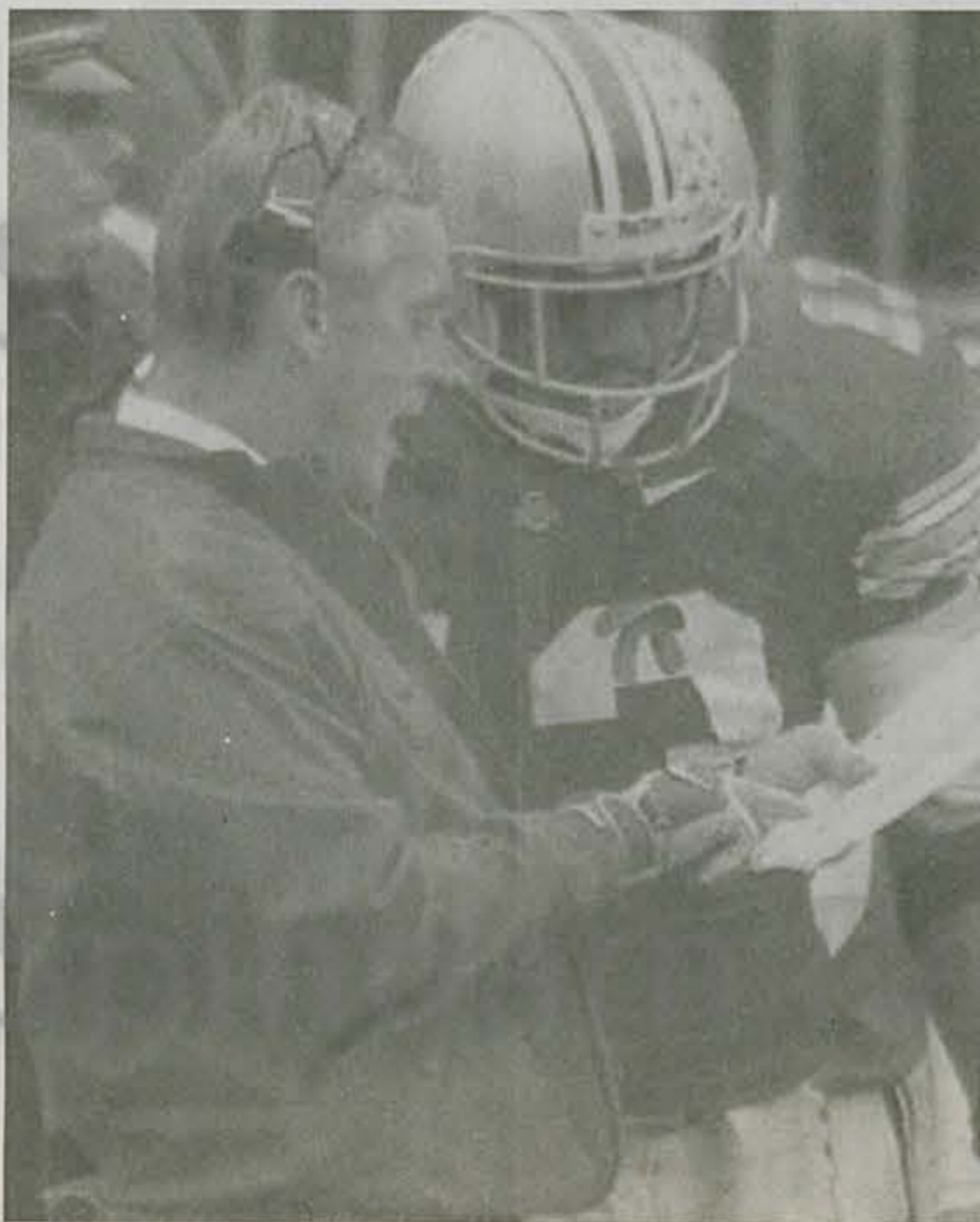
However, the mentoring program has shown great success. Approximately 95 percent of all student protégés involved with Mentors, Inc. graduate from high school. A testament to their success, Sturtevant commented, "After high school, about 80 percent of our students attend a four-year college."

Sanders would take pleasure in more college students, over the age of 21, to get involved in the program. "We always have more students than mentors,"

Sanders commented. She noted that the relationship works out great with college students.

Mentors, Inc. wants more involvement from volunteers around the area. Mentors have to be at least 21 years old and have earned a high school diploma. They must also spend five hours a month with their protégé and to be able to contact that student each week by phone or email.

More information about Mentors, Inc. is available on their website at [www.mentors-inc.org](http://www.mentors-inc.org). They are located at 1012 14th Street, N.W., Suite 304 and can be reached by phone at (202) 783-2310 or e-mail at [mentors@mentorsinc.org](mailto:mentors@mentorsinc.org).



Amy Sancetta- AP Photo  
Depending upon how he played during a particular week, Clarett would receive thousands of dollars from Boosters.

# Clarett Sparks OSU Controversy

ATHLETES, from Sports B4

failure to adequately monitor the men's basketball program for rules on compliance. In Apr. 2004, Auburn University was put on probation for similar violations in men's basketball. Also, in 2003, an athletics representative put The University of Michigan's men's basketball team on a four-year probation for violations governing amateurism regulations, impermissible recruiting inducements and extra benefits.

While the NCAA has banned such activities, some students disagree with them. "It's against the rules, but personally I don't see anything wrong with it," said junior Antoine Bethea, who plays for Howard's football team. Howard soccer player, Shakir Davy, shared in Bethea's sentiments. He feels

that although the rules forbid it, athletes need financial help too.

Ashley Smith, a sophomore psychology major believes athletes should enjoy the perks. "I see how much time they practice, and how much work they put into the sport, so I think they deserve everything they get," Smith said. "I don't think they should play for free. That is their way of surviving while at school. They have to go through a lot of stress and they should get something for it."

However, not everyone thinks this is acceptable. Junior legal communications major Jason Johnson shared this sentiment, "It's not right that just because they are athletes, they receive gifts and special treatment. What about the everyday student that takes 20 hours and works 35-40 hours a week?"

## 2005 Homecoming Steering Committee

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and  
Treasurer

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The Homecoming Policy Board is seeking candidates for the 2005 Homecoming Steering Committee Chair and Homecoming Treasurer, to begin work immediately after selection. The Chair is responsible for developing the Homecoming program, in conjunction with the Treasurer. In addition, the chair will select various event coordinators. Previous Howard homecoming experience preferred, but not required.

Minimum qualifications: must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average, with full time student enrollment at Howard University for at least one academic year, at the time of application. For more detailed information, please pick up the application in the Student Activities Office, Suite 117, Blackburn University Center, during regular business hours or check the Student Activities website, or call 806-7000. **Deadline** for applications for both positions: November 24<sup>th</sup> by not later than 5:00 pm.

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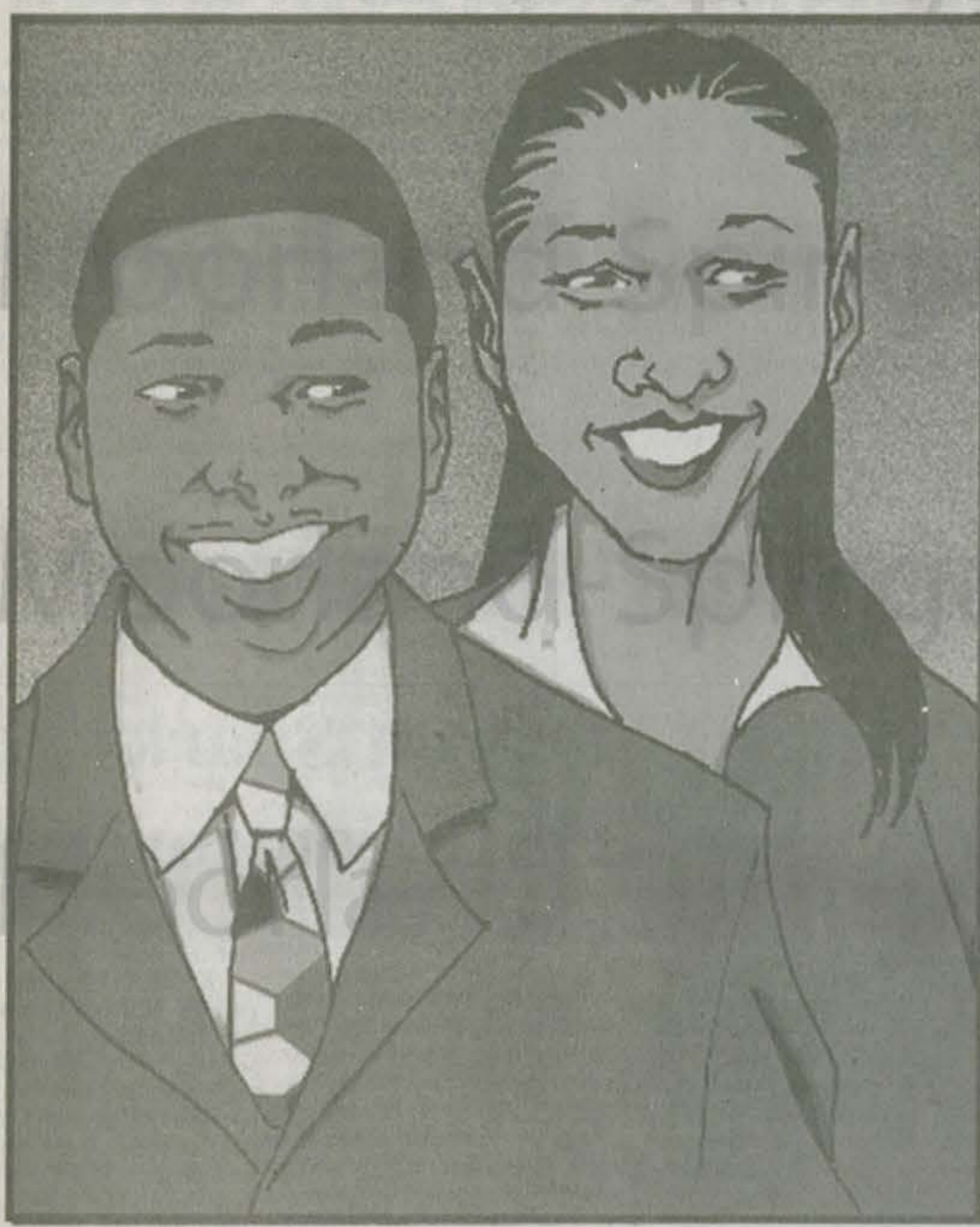
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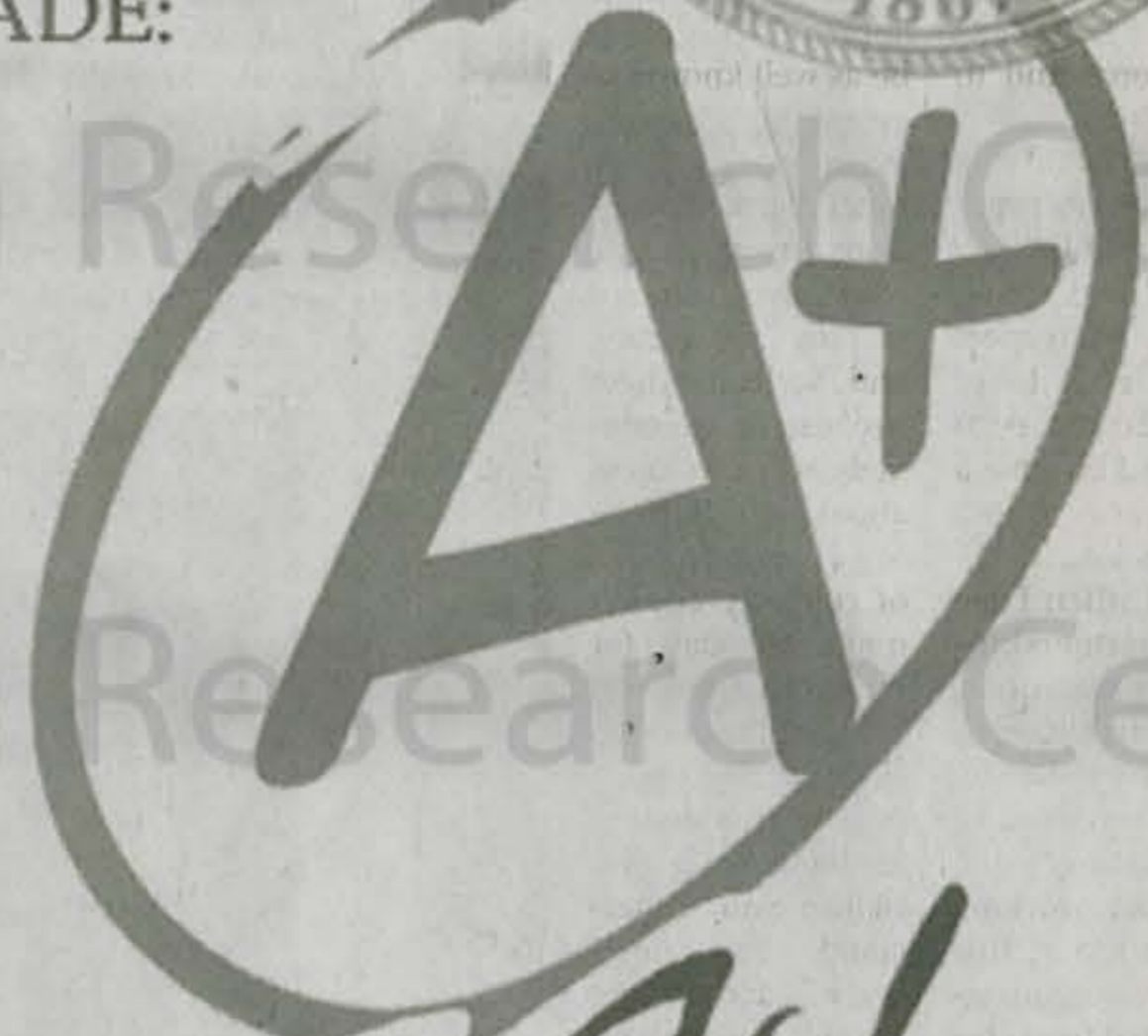
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# HUSA PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT MID-TERM REPORT

NAME: **Conrad C. Woody Jr.**  
**Freda M. Henry**

GRADE:



## Conrad Woody and Freda Henry Redefining HUSA

At The Hilltop, we pride ourselves on being very analytical to ensure that our school gets the most objective news. This is especially important when we examine our student leaders. We show no mercy when we criticize, all in the name of presenting unbiased news, but sometimes there is nothing to criticize. Every once in awhile we review a performance that has gone above and beyond the call of duty. This is the case with our current HUSA President and Vice President.

It is with great enthusiasm that we give Conrad Woody and Freda Henry an "A+" for their efforts thus far. Woody and Henry have done an amazing job in implementing their platform "ReDefinition: Redefining the Howard Experience through ProActive Leadership." The platform has three main goals: 1) Redefining Quality Student Services, 2) Redefining Student Leadership, 3) Redefining the Vision and Legacy of Howard University.

Anyone who's made a trip to the "A building" knows that good customer service isn't always easy to come by. In order to "improve the overall quality of customer service in all areas of the University" Woody and Henry created the "Customer Service Awareness Campaign" which aims, through a system of grievances, to garner better customer service. At the recent Town hall meeting, they also addressed pertinent issues using pictures and power points of the problems to ensure accountability. These topics include employment opportunities for students, the Residence Life RSVP housing system and extended hours of the libraries and the I-Lab.

First, in order to redefine student leadership, this HUSA administration held a student leadership retreat, attended by

140 student leaders, before the school year. They also provided free web space on Howard's web site so that all organizations and clubs could be represented. In addition, Woody and Henry initiated the "HUSA in YOUR House" tours and town hall meeting so that HUSA could be more visible to the student body. HUSA has done a really good job this year of building a trustworthy administration who is visible and who



cares about student concerns.

Woody and Henry have made great strides to "redefine the vision and legacy of Howard University." Perhaps one of their most admirable goals under this category of their platform was to raise a minimum of \$5,000 on behalf of the student body for the "Campaign for Howard." Woody stated that "if we as students are going to complain, let's do something about it." In order to raise money for this cause, Woody and Henry started "Change for Change" a program that encourages students to donate so that we can give back to the school. In addition, Woody and Henry have sought more representation for underrepresented students. They created the position "Director of Transfer Student Affairs" to assist in transfer student needs, they go to different sports games to support all athletes, they plan to hold the first ever "International Town Hall Meeting" to address inter-

national student needs and are looking out for handicapped students by making issues such as restricted handicapped entry in Carver Hall a priority.

We were already thoroughly impressed that Woody and Henry have completed such a large portion of their platform before the end of first semester, but we were even more impressed that they have initiated so many programs that weren't even in their platform!

In order to increase communication with the student body, Woody and Henry made sure that the web site, husaonline.com, has some of the most up-to-date info on HUSA happenings.

Additionally the two brought the HUSA newsletter to new heights. The new HUSA "newsletter" is actually a

27-page magazine full of informative articles that range from Homecoming to Politics and of course, HUSA news. Woody and Henry have also started a host of new programs on campus designed to garner school spirit. Among other things HUSA hosted a trip to the Howard vs. Hampton game, "First Fridays" which are a regular celebration in the Punch-Out, and "Bison Battle to the Bone" a hot-wing eating contest, and "The Tower of Terror" haunted house. On a more serious note, HUSA has helped to host a number of political events such as "Roll out to the Polls," a Hip-Hop Summit, and a visit by Maxine Waters.

We are very pleased with the job that Conrad Woody and Freda Henry have done thus far. This dynamic duo has so exceeded our expectations that we cannot wait to see what they have in store for the Howard community next semester!

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# A Little Respect, Just a Little Bit

VERONICA-MARCHÉ MILLER

I knew nothing about Greek organizations until I stepped foot on Howard's campus in 2001. It was in my freshman year that I learned about fraternities and sororities and realized their place on a college campus and in -- quoting the famous slogan -- "the global community." I learned that these organizations were more than just colors and a call; their purpose, though stated and pursued in many different ways, is to serve and to foster kinship in their ranks.

But as I learned about the positive things that every organization had to offer, I also saw discord, disapproval and sometimes, downright disrespect between different Greek letter organizations. It became even more apparent when I became a member of one. It was alarming at first, and now, it's just disappointing. I'm elated when I see friendships and partnerships between different organizations, but that is often overshadowed by the negative energy thrown back and forth between groups. Instead of appreciating each other's strengths and working together to enhance life at this university, the very organizations that are supposed to exemplify the college experience (in scholarship, leadership, service, friendship and other aspects) are trivializing and tearing down each other. Friends, we have got to do better.

It's fine to have pride in your letters and actually, I'd be highly concerned if someone didn't. But it's never okay to question why someone else chose other letters. It's never okay to dismiss another organization because they are "unknown," because they are small in numbers, or because they use canes when they step or because of any other inconsequential reason. People join their organization

because they felt it was right for them, and they should be able to display their love for their letters without question. One should give the same respect that they would like to be given when it comes to their organization.

It's true that some fraternities or sororities may not be as well known as others at Howard. When I wear my letters I'm asked questions from people who haven't heard of my fraternity, and I welcome them because some genuinely want to know about it. But an organization's lack of celebrity doesn't make it okay for others to disrespect it. To those who criticize and question the existence of "unknown" Greeks, realize and understand that somebody somewhere doesn't know about your organization.

Realize also, that non Pan-Hellenic organizations are not "fronting like [they] are Pan-Hell." It's clear that they're not. Rather, they are defining their own images, setting their own traditions and building their own legacies. The benefits of being in a non-NPHC organization do extend beyond Howard, just as much as they do if one is a member of the NPHC. Every Greek organization on this cam-

pus is a part of a national (or even international) body with tens or hundreds of thousands of members that impact the world outside of Howard.

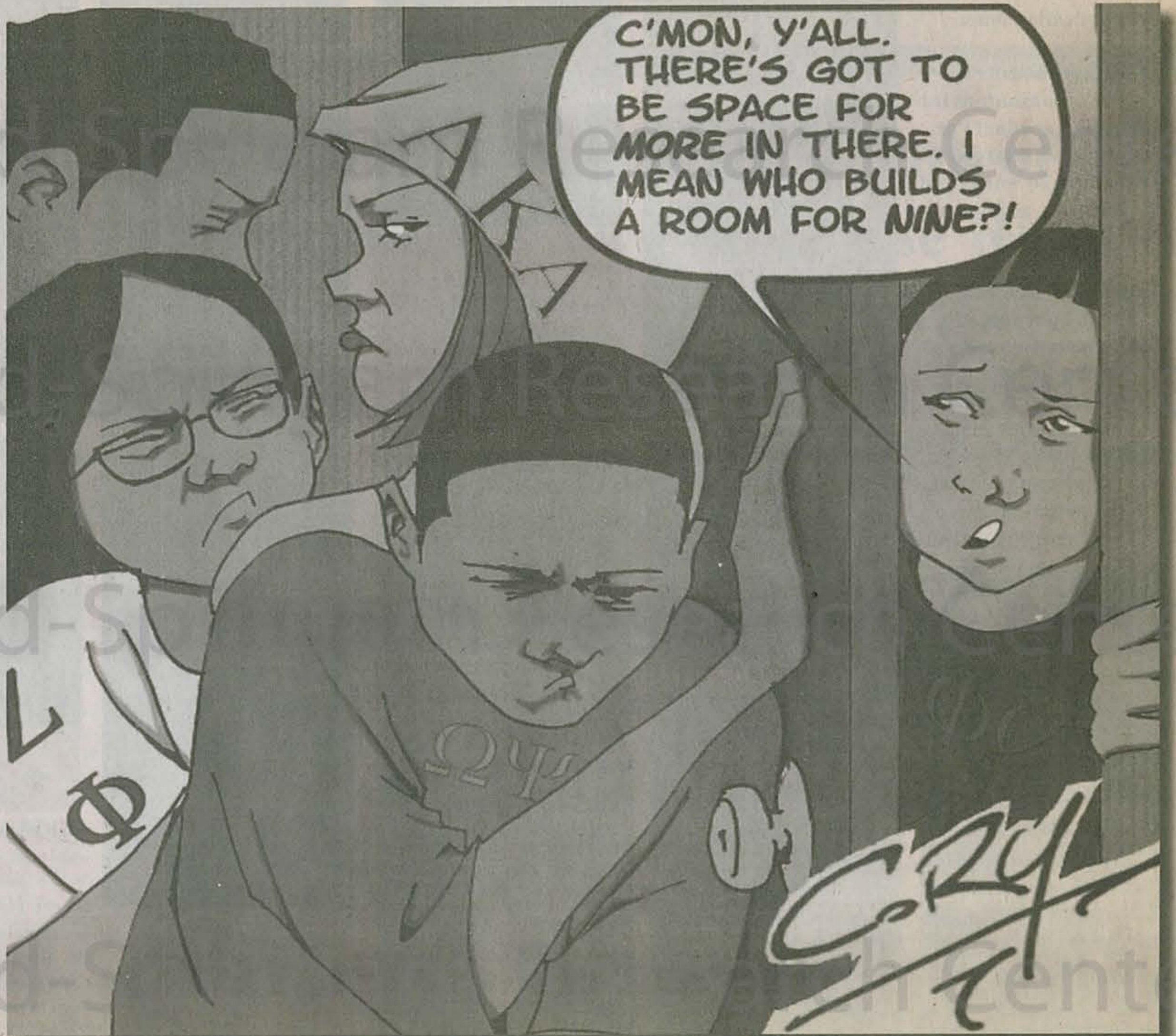
Every organization fills a need. They are all unique, with

different goals and ideals, and yet have the common purpose of fostering brotherhood or sisterhood on a college campus. They should only have to be concerned with fulfilling their purpose, serving their communities, and

not with defending their colors or calls. Divine Nine or not, they each have a place on this campus, and they all deserve respect for what they do.

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## Caught on Tape: From Rodney King to Darfur, Sudan

ADRIAN TAYLOR

Years ago many of us sat back and saw the infamous Rodney King beating, the police acquittals and many of our cities catch fire. There was little to no justice. King's abusers were caught on tape and they still were acquitted.

People of conscience were outraged all around the globe. Many now knew that police brutality, inflicted on Black bodies, was more than urban legend.

The other day, HUTV aired a BBC World news-report where Sudan-Khartoum police agents were caught on tape, in front of African Union and United Nations (UN) officials, beating, tear-gassing, shooting "rubber" bullets and terrorizing women and children refugees in Darfur, Sudan, the region in Africa where genocide has been declared by the international community.

In defense of this abuse, the Sudan Ambassador to London, Hassan Abedin, said that the police force was trying to move refugees from one camp to another and that any conflict that was witnessed was due to refugee resistance. Abedin tacitly admitted to some police "mishandlings" but suggested that the overall policy is being executed in the best interest of the refugees.

Accordingly, he took the position that ideas of genocide are nothing but a politically motivated ploy against the Sudanese government, for reasons that appear clandestine.

Yet the question of why there were refugees there was not addressed, an account was not given as to why so many women of Darfur speak of their husbands and sons being killed and an account was not given to substantiate the "relocation plan" which according to the UN, is a breach of humanitarian law.

We have a problem on our hands that is deeper than just a relocation policy.

According to BBC news, U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell said that the assaults were unacceptable and will be pursued by the UN Security Council. United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan condemned the police actions at the camp.

Two things are particularly peculiar as it relates to this specific problem: there were no apparent Janjaweed, men on horseback, in this aforementioned instance and if there were, they were in jeeps, government jeeps; the police terrorists who were caught on tape were "Black Africans" who looked just like the women and children who were being terrorized. These variables must be equally explored given how many in the media are portraying this reality as an Arab vs. African problem.

Now, we in the Black community know about Black on Black violence and how oftentimes it is nothing but the incarnation of a history of white hate against Black bodies meted out on one another. And just because what we saw was "Black" on "Black" does not necessarily mean that abuse is not being carried out by Arabs against Black Africans. We just have a little more homework to do before we outright pit Arab against African. There appears to be a little self-hate and some identifying with the aggressor going on here.

Whatever the case, suffering is suffering and injustice is injustice--no matter the color, ethnicity or nationality.

Now that an inkling of the purported abuses are finally caught on tape, it's time to see if justice will be served or if the system will fail once again, while many of us wonder "can't we all just get along?"

## Don't Miss the Forest For the Greens!

PASTOR MICHAEL L. HUNTER

I respect the fact that the Hilltop printed a perspective that challenged the position of a white student at Howard. I too am a staunch supporter of Howard University and I hope you will entertain my perspective as well. I am writing this letter in response to a perspective that The Hilltop printed in response to the "At Black Colleges, New Terrain" article by Avis Thomas-Lester. Are we (Black people) so dumb that we have missed the forest of information in Thomas-Lester's article to focus on a small tree named Chad Bishop?

I think that that majority of us (Black people) are smarter than that. The article by Avis Thomas-Lester was stirring our awareness that non-black enrollment at HBCUs is on the rise. This rise is driven by desegregation laws, court rulings and economics. If we (Black people) are not aware of this

rise in enrollment, sooner or later the HBCUs will not be filled with Black people.

The question is, as our HBCUs become more diverse, are we going to be able to preserve the afro-centric nurturing that we currently glean from our HBCUs? However, when we are so easily distracted by taking a comment out of context, we will lose everything that we hold dear at HBCUs. Let's examine the food quote that Ms. Elskoe's editorial referenced: "His southern roots have made him comfortable with some aspects of Black culture, such as the food and the music".

Chad Bishop's roots are Louisiana. In the South, he ate greens with his fingers, mixed with cornbread and he put pork chops and hot sauce on bread. If that is his experience, then that is his experience! And his experience does relate to the Black culture. Who are we fronting for? I'm not ashamed of our

culture! My grandparents and my aunts and uncles all ate cornbread with their fingers. Hot sauce is a signature condiment at every Black gathering (that includes food) I've been to. Food and eating habits are a part of our culture.

Chad Bishop, nor Avis Thomas-Lester's article claimed to define Black culture. Greens were given one line out of three pages of information. Claiming that a white guy is offending us because he can relate to some of our experiences is simply missing the forest for the greens! That kind of attitude will keep our attention off of the real issue; preserving the essence of HBCUs as we develop and embrace diversity more and more as a nation. The article wasn't about Chad Bishop, it was about HBCUs. Let's keep it that way!

Send comments to: [pastormike@thebiblewaychurch.com](mailto:pastormike@thebiblewaychurch.com)

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The School of Business Student Council presents...  
Business Conference Week 2004  
Creating our Legacy: Redefining the Face of Success (Nov. 15-Nov. 19)

Monday: Student Networking Mix & Mingle  
7pm School of Business Lobby

Tuesday: The Successful Tools of Management  
Mr. Michael Smith  
7pm School of Business Rm 317

Wednesday: Tapping into New Markets  
Jonathan Rogers CEO/ President of TVOne  
7pm School of Business Auditorium

Thursday: The Path to Success  
Mr. B. Doyle Mitchell CEO/ President of Industrial Bank  
7pm School of Business Auditorium

Friday: Black Tie Dinner  
Kwame Jackson of "The Apprentice"  
7pm Zanzibar on the Waterfront  
\*Shuttle service available & tickets can be purchased from the student council

The Third Annual Consortium Breakfast is being held on Friday, November 19, 2004 from 9am to 2pm in the Blackburn Center. The theme is "finding the cycle of violence by breaking the silence: One voice, One people, One Goal." For more info contact Dr. Jackson at 202-806-6853. We hope to see you there!

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Tuesday - 16  
Thanksgiving Food Drive  
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Wednesday-17  
Allied Health Information Session  
Blackburn Center Reading Lounge  
11am-4pm

Thursday-18  
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THE WAKE by Asha French, Directed by: Jamilah-Asali Lemieux &  
THE OWL KILLER by Phillip Hayes Dean, Directed by: Kimberly Durham Bate

THE SECOND NIGHT:  
Friday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m., in the Experimental Theatre Space (ETS) Fine Arts Building

Stop Kiss by Diana Son, Directed by: Kara Walker

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**The American Marketing Association, HU Chapter**

General Body Meeting & Membership Drive

Wednesday, November 17th @ 5:00pm

School of Business Room TBA

**The Ladies of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. present**

Jabberwock 2004 "Migrations of the S.O.U.L.:

Sharing Our Unique Legacy"

Friday, November 19th 7:00 p.m.

Medical School Auditorium

Tickets: \$8 See Chapter members for tickets

Health Professions Society General Body Meeting 11-17-04 5:30 pm-7 pm Blackburn Reading Lounge

Calling all Artists!!!!

The Woman 2 Woman Conference Steering Committee is calling all talented visual artists to participate in the Program Booklet Cover Competition.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004 Douglass Hall Rm. 116 7 p.m.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Chapter Presents "Excellence is the Standard":  
An Informational  
Thurs., Nov. 18, 2004 7:20 p.m.  
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**Kirstin, Chris, Shanelle and Joy**

I can't tell ya'll how much I appreciate ya'll for holding down the paper while I was gone. It is a blessing to know that ya'll have my back. I owe ya'll dinner and so I'll make that happen before the semester is out (HOPEFULLY- TIME PERMITTING). I won't need reminding but just in case, here it is in writing. Rhasheema told me this weekend, no one will really understand until they switch roles and see how their slip-up affects the whole process. I'm sure ya'll understand!

**THANKS, STACEY G.**

Call all aspiring journalists!!!!

The Howard University Association of Black Journalists invites you to our next General Body Meeting.

When: Thurs, Nov. 18  
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**Wednesday**  
Blacks in Religion Blackburn Center Rm. 148 7:30 PM

**Thursday**  
Meet the Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Blackburn Gallery Lounge 7:14 PM

**Friday**  
Chill With The Brothers TBA

**Saturday**  
Homeless Walk TBA

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