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Students Prepare for Final Exams

BY SHARI LOGAN
Corresponding writer

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Despite the stress, Morgan said he's confident in his ability to pass his exams.

"I feel confident and prepared," Morgan said. "I've been studying throughout the semester, so I think I'm ready to do my best."
**Students Rate First Fridays as a Success**

**BY JASMINE MCCLENDON**

If you walk into the Punch Out on a day with a DJ playing the latest hits, beats in the middle of the first dancing don’t even people behind the counter buttoning their buttons. It’s a nice sight of First Fridays held up every month by the Howard University Student Association (HUSA).

The main purpose of First Fridays is to inform students about what’s going on with HUSA and encourage school spirit. First Fridays is designed to make HUSA a more visible and trustworthy government. “Students can see the student government and chill with Conrad and find it in informal setting,” said Kenneth White, assistant program director.

The HUSA staff encourage students to wear Howard gear in the Punch Out every First Friday. HUSA gives out a number of prizes to students including t-shirts, Howard CD cases, women’s denim bags, lunchboxes, and basketball team hats.

“We try to get stuff we know students will use. We give away exclusive stuff that only come out from HSA,” said Freshman Henry, HUSA’s vice-president.

Students said it’s great by answering questions about HUSA’s platform or Howard. Last month, they had a fashion contest and also raffle off prizes. Even if you don’t win prizes, they can still receive prizes just for wearing Howard paraphernalia.

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**BY ASPEY STER**

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FRESHMEN SPEAK:

After going home for the holiday, do you feel you have a better appreciation for your family since you have been away from them for a few months?

"Yes, I have a better appreciation for my family, because the time I spend apart from my family I realize how much I miss them. I miss being cooked for, having my clothes washed for me, driving and hanging out with my friends and having air conditioning."

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Michael Fertson, music education

"Yes, I have a better appreciation for my family because family is a support system. My mom is always there in the house when I need advice. She's always accessible. My family is very close. We have a small family, we have get-togethers for birthdays, etc. So I miss those gatherings and also seeing my two nieces."

Lauren Pass, biology

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Gilmore Described as Gifted Multi-Tasker

BY KEIRSTEN ALSTON-MURRAIN

Yale-graduated chemical engineering major Alisa Gilmore has even more responsibilities. Gilmore, a science major Alisa Gilmore has some major priorities that she has to manage.

"I think Gilmore is a very organized, very committed to campus organizations. However, junior political science major Danielle K. Perry is one of the defining experiences she has had so far at Howard. Perry said she has made many new friends and has been able to interact with people from different backgrounds.

"I believe Danielle is doing a great job as the Arts and Sciences Honors Program's Associate Director for Research and Development. Perry has also been responsible for developing new courses and expanding existing programs in the arts and sciences. Perry's work has been recognized by the Howard University Faculty Senate, which awarded her the 2004 Howard University Faculty Senate Award for Excellence in Teaching.

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Students Disappointed with Exam Costs for GRE

GRE, from Campus A1

"I paid $600 for my prep classes," said Ebony Wright, a biology graduate student. "And while my results were better than my friends', I wasn't sure if I knew (if the higher score) was because of the prep class or simply because I had taken the exams before.

Some students think that the classes are worth every penny paid for them. "My group showed me a schedule for me, and helped me to study through the process of studying effectively," said Brian Jenson, a senior in political science major, who is currently taking exams at Kaplan. "Basically, that is the essence of what they teach you, not how to take the exam, but how to learn for the exams effectively."

"There are a lot of these courses, some students still think that it is in their best interest to have the prep, students who are trying to receive fellowships, scholarships, assistantships, and other types of financial aid are especially concerned with maximizing their scores."

"I would definitely take a prep class," said Leslie Curtis, a junior economics major, "anything that makes me better prepared to take the exams and score higher is worth my money.

AIDS Seminar Poorly Attended

AIDS, from Campus A1

"Mr. John Foster, president of the African-American Association expressed his disappointment in student attendance at the event. He felt as though the event was very relevant to Howard students. "Howard University, the premier Black institution, as well as America, should have been there," Foster added. "ASA planned this program since May. We felt it was imperative to increase awareness not only about AIDS in Africa but also in Washington, D.C. We felt that more organizations would have come to events to commemorate World AIDS Day."

Some Students Stress Over Finals

FINALS, from Campus A1

"I have a lot of stress over finals. Unfortunately, some students are completely worried about exams. "There is a lot of anxiety around certain exams. There is a lot of anxiety on test day. I will be saying 'no go' on that day on the other," said Foster. Also, Fletcher reminds students to find out where and when their exams are taking place. "I wish all the students that are taking finals, good luck," Khan said. "Remember not to get nervous. Just relax and do your best.

Security Issues With Smart Rooms

REPAIR, from Campus A2

In addition to upkeep, security has also been an issue with the smart rooms. Smart rooms have been vandalized and robbed of valuable equipment. The chemistry building's smart room, Room 307, is currently out of service because it was vandalized twice in three months. A thief entered the chemistry department, said that two projectors and amonster were stolen in the incident.

"Right now we are trying to address the problem of security before we put in any more equipment," Nicholas said. Security of the smart rooms is the responsibility of Physical Facilities Management, according to Nicholas. "Security problems have yet to be properly addressed through King." Although King acknowledged some of the difficulties of optimizing the smart rooms, he also said that students and faculty also had some accountability for their protection. He said students should not trust the room and facility members should make sure they use the equipment appropriately.

"My desire is that we would do a better job of taking responsibility for the rooms as properly trained and they are close," King said.

The Homecoming Policy Board is pleased to announce the selection for the 2005 of Homecoming Program:

Ms. Felicia Crabtree- Homecoming Steering Committee Chair Mr. Jason Foster-Homecoming Treasurer
Dear Readers,

I'm glad you've selected to read this column. I've always been passionate about the importance of education and the role it plays in shaping our future. In this issue, I want to address some pressing issues facing higher education.

Tuition Increase, Students Pay More for the Same Education

BY KENDRA TURNER

The Howard University College of Arts and Sciences newsletter, Howardian, recently reported on the increase in tuition costs for the upcoming academic year. According to the report, the increase is largely due to the rising cost of living and the need to cover the school's operational expenses. The newsletter also notes that the increase is in line with trends at other institutions.

While the increase may be frustrating for students and their families, it's important to recognize that universities have a responsibility to ensure that their programs remain accessible to all qualified students. This includes providing financial aid and scholarships to those who need it.

I encourage all students to explore their options and seek financial assistance before making a decision about their education. It's also important to hold universities accountable for ensuring that their programs are affordable and accessible to all.

According to the Howardian article, the increase in tuition will affect all levels of study, from undergraduate to graduate programs. The newsletter notes that the increase is part of a broader strategy to improve the quality of education and provide students with the skills they need to succeed in the workforce.

In conclusion, while the increase in tuition may be challenging for some, it's a necessary step for ensuring the quality of education at Howard University and other institutions. Let's continue to support our students and advocate for affordable and accessible education for all.

BY ANNA E. SANDY-HANSON

School of Education

Tuition is a significant expense for students, and it's important to understand how it affects our educational goals. As a graduate student, I've noticed that many schools have increased their tuition rates over the past few years. This is a concern for me and for many other students, as we're already stretched thin with the cost of living.

I recently attended a seminar on the topic of tuition increase, and it was clear that there are many factors contributing to the rise in tuition costs. These include rising costs for faculty salaries, technology, and maintenance. While these costs are necessary for maintaining a high-quality education, they also put a strain on the budgets of many students.

As students, we need to be proactive in advocating for affordable education. This means speaking out against tuition increases, supporting policies that make higher education more accessible, and seeking out scholarships and financial aid opportunities.

In conclusion, the tuition increase is a significant issue that affects us all. Let's continue to work together to ensure that education remains accessible and affordable for everyone.

BY TIFFANY A. BOLDEN

School of Education

Dear Lauryn...

Lauryn, the Howard University School of Education has had an opportunity to shine a light on the importance of education. The school has been ranked among the top in the nation for many years, and it's proud to offer a range of programs that focus on issues of diversification, preparation for teaching in urban and diverse settings related to the top urban and diverse settings.

The school has a strong commitment to providing quality education, and it's proud to be the premier institution for addressing these issues. This is a commitment that we take seriously, and we're proud to be part of the Howard community.

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"don't do the homework," she said. "Students have to do their part too."

Floyd Malvex, dean of the College of Medicine, states that the College of Medicine is available to advise students on the classes to take that will prove to be most helpful for existing as a medical student and on the MCAT exam. However, Malveaux stressed that "the Center for Pre-Professional Education assumes responsibility for preparing students for the MCAT."

Urban Education Among the Top

James Brown, director of the Department of Education, said that the Department of Education's sole purpose is to adequately equip students with the knowledge needed to pursue a career in any of the science fields. Like Malveaux, he agrees that the bulk of the responsibility for test preparation lies with the center. Eckberg went on to say that students have said programs at the center have been very helpful.

To the Graduate Section Editor, Tori Scarbrough:

No words can express how much we have appreciated you this semester. You have been a voice of reason and laughter to all of us. Thank you so much for always working hard and bringing the Graduate perspective to the paper. Even though you are leaving for bigger and better things, you will always be a part of The Hilltop family.

We love you, Tori!

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Mfume Steps Down From NAACP

By KEVIN HARRIS
National & World Editor

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Bush and Rove Seek to Build a Stronger Economic Team

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President Bush sought to ease his executive transition Tuesday when he nominated that Charles M. Gutterú, the chief executive of the Kellogg cereal company, will be nominated to replace Donald L. Evans as secretary of commerce.

Gutierrez’s nomination was a surprise to many inside the White House. Political analysts believe going outside the White House for this nomination was deliberate because the president’s top adviser Karl Rove is said to be unhappy with the performance of Bush’s economic team during the first term.

Administration officials told The Washington Post that Bush and Rove are looking to build a stronger economic team that will successfully sell the president’s campaign promises to reform social security and simplify the tax code.

Bush is confident that Gutierrez is the right man to help his administration accomplish its lofty goals during a second term. “With Charley’s leadership, we’ll help more Americans, especially minorities, get ahead,” Bush said in a White House press conference announcing the nomination.

Bush went on to say that Gutierrez’s appointment “is a great announcement story” and that he “will take charge of a time of historic opportunity for our changing economy.”

Gutierrez’s appointment also signaled an aggressive move by the White House to promote minorities. Bush nominated Gutierrez to replaceh former Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich, who resigned to become assistant secretary of education.

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Bush made the decision to nominate Gutierrez last week, while vacationing at his Texas Ranch. In the coming weeks, more rabid shake-ups are expected to pour out of the White House.

White House Treasury Secretary John W. Snow is expected to announce his resignation soon. There is already speculation that New York Governor George E. Pataki may receive consideration as a replacement for Snow.

Rove is said to be pushing for a stronger economic team in Bush’s second term. President Bush intends to turn over nearly half of his cabinet during his second term.

Several vacancies in Congress, including the seat of Maryland’s 4th District, could be filled by a minority candidate. The 14th District seat, held by James E. Sensenbrenner, has been targeted by both parties.

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World Briefs

Alabama Laws Still Hold Onto Jim Crow Laws

With only a difference of less than 2,000 votes in the recent low election, Alabama will hold on to the laws that remain in state constitutional. The state constitution has been criticized by some critics of Alabama’s traditional social Conservative ways.

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President George W. Bush has frozen their uranium-enrichment program. The program has been frozen since this week. There have been discussions that there are concerns that there are concerns that the ban current problem in trade disputes. Martin said he was able to move forward with the program that triggered the terrorist attack.

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Ridge Resigns as Chief of Homeland Security

BY KEVIN HARRIS

In a closed-door shake-up of President Bush's Homeland Security Council, Ridge resigned on Monday, finding no successor for his position with President Bush. Ridge is the first person to serve as the Secretary for Homeland Security. Ridge is grateful for the opportunity to serve our country with the President as its leader," said Ridge at a press conference on Monday.

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**Text Messaging: Can You Read Me Now... Good!**

*BY LAUREN JOHNSON*

Imagine that you are in class and suddenly you receive something important that you must tell your friend immediately, but you do not want to disrupt the class by calling them. What do you do? Send a text message.

Text messaging is one of the latest technological forms of communication, very popular among college students. It is a perfect way of staying in touch and keeping up with your friends. According to Baylor University's official newsletter, Dr. Cory Cubbon, the director of the Digital Communications and Technology Project at the university said, "Students are using cell phones in and out of class. They have their cell phones with them all the time. They are even using them in the classroom, either to rest their head on or to communicate."

Students at Howard University agree. Shanae Harris, a senior psychology major said, "Texting is the best form of communication," and33-year-old student, Shari Harris is definately. Shari has definitely an alternative for phone communication, "especially for students that are on a tight budget or have limited space."

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Although Harris believes that messaging replaces a phone conversation, senior psychology major Philip Duffy feels differently. "Text messaging is a viable form of communication," Duff said. "But I don't think it's an alternative for phone conversations. Most people use texting during class."

In order to send a text message, students must have a cell phone, text messages are usually short and sweet. For more information, visit illpoets.com.

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**Consumers Look to eBay For Shopping Needs**

*BY MALERIE MATLOCK*

The relentless crowds and full shelves stocked to the brim are no longer in season. Before holiday shopping begins, popular goods can often become limited and many may have to wait months for their money to be returned. For those who live to shop online, eBay is the go-to destination to get the job done.

**LGI Group: The New Face in Entertainment**

*BY NICOLE REEL*

Now releasing a CD on which three of the four executive producers are graduates of Howard University, illpoets.com also contains the voices of several others. It can be purchased, among other things.

Illpoets.com will be celebrating the release of All Seasons, and the website love the spo­

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or partner may lack. Author of "Out of the Shadows," Patrick J. Carnes explains that casual sex advocates sexual promiscuity because it allows people to choose their partners' complexion. He even states "sex as an end in itself" because "if having sex is a freedom of choice, how is it that people have to make sure it is "safe?"

The National Eating Disorders Association believes that one way for teenagers and young adults to be healthy is to avoid "corners" and start exploring new avenues. Jenni Grimes, a clinical psychologist with P鬆e Counseling, says that "healthy eating" involves eating a balanced diet andLimiting sugar and fat intake.

According to research, sex can become an addiction and those who engage in casual sex are looking to fulfill a void in their mental health and cooperate. They often seek casual relationships for a relationship they may not be able to have. Other studies show that people are not satisfied with casual sex alone and if they are to keep their partners present at all levels, sexual intimacy may be familiar with the phrase, "I've been with for a while, it is time to make up our minds and women are finding that their partners are not only interested in becoming a promoter or a fan of the casual sex lifestyle, but they are also gaining credibility and are now considered an asset to the field of human sexuality.

Society has changed a lot in the past 50 years. The first female to graduate from law school was in 1886, and although the number of women graduates has increased significantly, there are still many challenges for women in the legal profession. In 1991, however, the first woman in a major firm made partner, and in 2000, the number of female partners in the top 100 firms increased to 11 percent. This is a significant increase, but there is still a long way to go.

In this context, the Center for Science in Public Policy (CSPP) has conducted research on the link between diet and health. The Center's director, Dr. Roxanne Prather, has found that eating a balanced diet is essential for a healthy lifestyle. He has also found that people who eat a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains are less likely to develop chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. Similarly, the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP) has found that children who eat a healthy diet are more likely to do well in school and have a lower risk of developing obesity. The CNPP has also found that adults who eat a healthy diet are more likely to have a lower risk of developing chronic diseases.

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With the many changes taking place from the weather, to the newer semester, there is also the
turning in the seasonal sports.
The new sports are basketball, soccer, and volleyball. Head Coach Frank Allen has a team ready for MAC competition.
Allen, who is in his fifth year coaching at Howard, knows his players very well, and while he believes in their athletic ability, he also believes that they can benefit from
better players. The team is working very hard, we need to improve in rebounding but our players also
have a good effort. If we just continue to stay hard and really make better decisions on the floor, we will fix our defense," he remarked this past week.
The team has already begun the season of non-conference, but the first MAC game will take place on Monday, Dec. 4 against
University of Maryland Eastern Shores (UMES).
According to Allen, this is a very important game for them and for the University. Additionally, Compliance has the opportunity of conveying all information to the NCAA, in order to make sure that they have their own drug affairs, Howard is not obliged to give any information about their
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BY ESTHER HOWARD
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MEAC Rebels Abound

BY KONANE JERENGIA

The Hillsboro

Only a few games into the conference season and teams across the region are catching up to conference play. For Howard, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) is an interesting task, as Coach Freeman Smith and the Lady Wildcats are getting their season off on a high note. The Lady Wildcats are determined to win the championship this season. Their depth at every position will be the key to their success. The Lady Wildcats are one of the top contenders in 2003. The Wildcats have been playing well and are expected to make a run at the championship. Mike Gillespie and the Lady Wildcats are determined to win the conference. Head Coach Mike Gillespie is expecting a good season from his team and is looking to the Lady Wildcats to make a run at the championship.

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Text Messaging the New Way of Communicating

TEXT, from L&S B1

to Jennifer Bryant, a sophomore majoring in print journalism.

Students at Howard have many reasons why they pay the extra monthly fee for the text messaging service. Javier Vergara, a junior legal communications major, said, “I use text to communicate with people because it saves a lot of unnecessary communication, especially when I’m not in business,” while Duff Yedid said he used it “to talk to people for when my calls are free.” All students can definitely agree that text messaging is a priority when it comes to saving daytime minutes.

Text messaging has been compared to instant messaging as a way of communication because students can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. Vergara can communicate to a group of people all at once. 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Encore for Kweisi Mfume

When Kweisi Mfume lays his head on the pillow at the end of the day, he feels contented and complete. When he answers his phone, he is President and CEO of the NAACP, and he doesn’t need a path ahead of him.

The organization was on the verge of bankruptcy and its reputation was fading. He has rescued the NAACP through turbulent times into a place of stability.

Our View: The NAACP benefited from his leadership and it’s sad to see him go.

Racism Rears Its Ugly Head

When we think about “colored” water fountains, “separate but equal” and the struggle for integration, the NAACP is really what stands out. It was a time when segregation was all around us.

Our View: We’re disappointed that Alabama’s constitution will continue to mention segregation.

Blue States + Red States ≠ Mandate

The map of the United States resembles a puzzle in which no single state overwhelmingly dominates the map, whereas in Alabama, the black community is in small areas. Without any further thought, one would assume most of the country wanted George W. Bush to be its choice. All of the states in the middle and most of the South had W/Cheney written all over them.

Our View: The race wasn’t a landslide, Bush must encompass all views in his agenda.
Ron Artest: Funniest Man Alive

STEPHEN REDHED

Saturday afternoon, I was walking through my neighborhood talking to my “associate” about some important business tasks and got caught in a flash flood. The water was so high I had to walk to his house and buy him a new car. It was a very trying experience, and I ended up getting a cold. I am still not sure what happened, but I am sure I will never forget it. It was a very trying experience and I am sure I will never forget it. It was a very trying experience and I am sure I will never forget it. It was a very trying experience and I am sure I will never forget it. It was a very trying experience and I am sure I will never forget it. It was a very trying experience and I am sure I will never forget it. It was a very trying experience and I am sure I will never forget it. It was a very trying experience and I am sure I will never forget it. It was a very trying experience and I am sure I will never forget it. It was a very trying experience and I am sure I will never forget it. 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**HILLTOPICS**

**Are due, paid in full, the Tuesday and Friday before publication date.**

Individuals advertising for the purpose of announcing a service, buying or selling are charged as local companies with a rate of $10 for first 20 words and $2 for every 5 words thereafter.

**Announcements**

Howard Players
Present No Exit
December 3rd and 4th @ 7:30pm December 4th @ 2:30pm ETS (In fine arts building) Tickets $5

"Guess Who's Back" 8:30pm Main Yard 12-304 Pizza for a canned good donation

Poetry Night "Spare Fire" Pouchout Friday Dec. 3rd 8pm-10pm

We're Back 4th Annual Student Film/Animation Screening Silver Sky Entertainment, LLC Presents: Silver Sky Films A Night of the Best Short Student Films! FREE Last Day of Classes, Friday, December 3rd, 7:15 p.m. in Blackburn Auditorium

New Community Services Local organization, M.O.W. M.E.'s TLC, located at Colonial Heights, seek volunteers to come into children in various subject Programs are designed to acquire the academic and social skills of underserved children. Opportunities are always available!!! For more information please e-mail: m.s.love@howard.edu or mms@howard.edu

**Opportunities**

Shout outs to my roommates JoVon and Lindsey pronounced (Lind-say)

Lauren Pass-

Congratulations on completing your first year of college.

We can't wait to see what you accomplish in the next four years.

Darryl Lockett

**Congress.**

Applause for your participation.

Also DC USA parents! You exemplified beauty and class and even got a video shot out. Well done!

Roommate wanted to share a dusty 2 bdrm apt 15 min from campus. Cable, washer/dryer, internet, and wall-to-wall carpeting. $45/month plus electric. Contact Chris: 601-550-0725

PURCHASE COMMUNITY SERVICE SHIRTS!!!

A New Hope for a new Howard is currently selling their annual money to feed homeless proceeds from the shirts will go directly to: Flores Lighthouse during the month of January and purchasing First Food baskets for needy families in FC. Buy your shirt in the HUSA office Blackburn suite 102 Today

**Cover to Cover**

The HU Magazine Group will have Holiday Mix and Mingle on Monday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m. in the Covered Media Lab

I love you Jeremy!!!

The Light House at Cafe Mawonaj 624 TT Street Between Howard/Daw Metro and Florida AVE. Come out and share your talents. (Poetry, Singing, Dancing, Spoken Word, Whatever) Saturday, December 4th from 8-10pm Free For more information contact wardyoungadult@yahoo.com The Light House Lounge at Cafe Mawonaj 624 TT Street Between Howard's Metro and Florida Ave. Come out and share your talents.

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I hung my enemies and overtook them; I did not turn back until they were destroyed. I crushed them so that they could not rise; they fell beneath my feet. You armed me with strength for battle, you made my adversaries bow at my feet.

Psalm 18:37-39

**HUNGRY?**

Been studying all day? Craving something sweet?

Take a trip to your dorm lobby, and the Sponsorship Committee for the 13th Annual Woman to Woman Conference will solve your problem.

What: Bake Sale When: Monday, December 6 - Friday, December 10 8 pm - 12 am Where: Various dorms across campus

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Member Appreciation Bowling Party Tonight 6:30-8:30 In Blackburn There will be food and drinks.

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