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## 'Million Youth' Events Stir Debate

Howard General Assembly Backs Two Marches Uniting Black Youth

By STEVEN M. GRAY and  
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A Federal judge ruled Wednesday that the city of New York must issue permits to organizers of the Million Youth March, allowing Khalid Abdul Muhammad, the event's leader and the ousted Nation of Islam spokesman, to hold the event in Harlem Sept. 5. The ruling dealt a blow to hard-fought efforts by the city's mayor, Rudolph W. Giuliani, to block the event or move it to far-flung sections of the city.

Judge Lewis A. Kaplan ruled that the city's decision to deny a permit to the march's organizers was unconstitutional, and rejected the city's contention that Malcolm X Boulevard—where the march will be held—could not handle the throngs of young people expected to attend.

Organizers told the judge this week that they expected fewer than 175,000 people to attend the march. That's far fewer than the million youths they have been expecting.

The two marches aiming to unite scores of black youths—one in New York, the other in Atlanta—have sparked an intense debate at Howard University and around the nation.

The first march has been engulfed in controversy that has prompted members of the nation's black political establishment to condemn it.

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## Campus Plan Set for Action

By APRILL O. TURNER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Two months after the Board of Zoning Adjustment approved the Central Campus Plan, the outline shaping the direction in which the University will go in the next 10 years, the plan is ready to begin implementation.

The 1998 Central Campus Plan proposes eleven projects, only two of which are new building constructions. The remaining projects involve the renovation and reuse of current buildings. The plan also calls for the demolition of the Women's Gymnasium.

Authors of the Campus Plan, Vice President of University Administration Harry Robinson and Special Assistant for Campus Planning and Development Hazel Edwards, spent a year developing the plan, *UniverCity 2020*.

The Campus Plan, which is done every decade, includes all upcoming building projects and facilities that the University will undergo.

In years past, the majority of Campus Plans were done by an outside firm. Robinson and Edwards are especially proud of this plan since it was the first to be done "in-house" since 1934.

It is apparent that a long-standing history and love for the institution were the driving force that enabled Robinson and Edwards to create such a plan.

Robinson, who graduated from Howard in 1966, served as the Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning for 15 years. He holds a great family history at the University. His great-grandfather taught at Howard more than a century ago. He also has 29 family members who stretch as far as five generations and who attended the University. Edwards class of '86, with advanced degrees in urban design and regional planning from other institutions, is a former student of Robinson's. She remembers the University from early days when her mother taught at Howard. Her great-uncle graduated from the

See, PLAN, A2



Throngs of Howard University students choked The Yard last week during fall registration.

Hilltop Staff/ADRIAN JACKSON

## International Students Weigh the Costs of U.S. Education

By JAMYE E. SPILLER  
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For many American students, starting a life at a new college is tough. But for many international students, the challenge of building a career at a school in the United States is intensified.

Take Maleuti Mazonde. Two years ago, before transferring to Howard University, Mazonde, 35, moved from her native Botswana to the United States, where she spent her first year of college studying nursing at the University of South Carolina.

"It was an agreement between the government of Botswana and Howard for me to come here," she said, adding that although she often recalls her days back home, she has adjusted to life here.

The nation's abundance of academic resources attracted Joseph Nketia, a 26-year-old senior accounting major, to the University. "Howard's very popular back home," said the Ghana native.

Vata Ngande, a 19-year-old biology major, moved to the U.S. from her native Kenya two months ago. Armed with offers to attend colleges in the United Kingdom, Kenya and the U.S., Ngande said she looked to her family for help in making the decision.

"My parents told me Howard was a good school," Ngande said. "They wanted me to come but they didn't want to let me go."

"I didn't have problems that were different from anyone else who's adjusting to the school," she said.

As she aims to make the transition from life in Kenya to life in the U.S., Ngande says she has begun to notice

the stark differences between the two societies. "Kenians are more conservative about a lot of things," she said, adding that the separation from her family has been hard to cope with.

"I'm homesick," she says with a slow smile. "I miss my parents, my friends, my brothers and my sister. I miss my country. I miss the familiarity."

For Sunidata Gibbs, an 18-year-old freshman broadcast journalism major, strong prodding from his mother helped shape his decision to leave Barbados to attend the University.

"Howard has one of the better communication schools in America." International students make up roughly 15-percent of the student body, and come from 109 countries, said the International Student Services office.

### Faces Of Howard

## 'Mr. Fix-it' Tells His Story

By JASON T. SMITH  
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Forty-five years young, a salt-and-pepper-haired Melvin Anderson is what he's always wanted to be: A respected 'Mr. Fix-it' who handles the problems that surface in Drew Hall, a dormitory housing more than 250 freshmen.

Anderson, a North Carolina native, is one of seven workers charged with maintaining the physical structure of the University's dormitories.

After 19 years of working at Howard, Anderson has cultivated his personality to deal with a wide range of students, and has developed an inspiring bond with the residents and staff of Drew Hall.

On this day, he bounces from room-to-room, toting a light-blue bucket topped with a can of W.D. 40, hammers and a flashlight. In another hand, he carries little green report sheets written by students who need service done to their room. Today, it's mostly light bulb changes.

And as he replaces a florescent desk bulb, Anderson tells his life story. His work, he says, is time-consuming, and his day starts with a 6 a.m. hike. "I live for fixing things...it's something I've always enjoyed," Anderson said, adding that the job beats working on a farm, which he did for years as a youngster.

*The first in a series of occasional articles about the lives of behind-the-scenes workers at Howard University.*

It's also better, he says, than "slinging grease" on the grills of fast food restaurants. He did that, too, until joining the University in 1979 as a custodian.

"I can still remember my first day of work. It was August 26, 1979," Anderson said, adding, "I loved the job then just like I love it now."

Although he doesn't complain about it, he admits that people often overlook his job and the importance of it.

"[The maintenance workers] almost run the dorms, along with the custodians and dorm staff. Things would be a mess without us," he said. "For starters, we have to fix the plumbing, light fixtures and the door jams," Anderson said, his North Carolinian twang still intact.

But despite the non-existent fanfare and glamour, Anderson says the driving force waking him up each morning are the students—his "children," he calls them.

"I've met a lot of students over the years, and most of them are really friendly. You really get to know them. I was walking down the street once and saw someone who said, 'don't I know you?'" Anderson recalled, adding that the man was a student with whom he had worked in 1979.

A stack of books sits atop his desk in his office in Drew Hall's basement. They are the books that last year's students left behind and discarded for trash. Anderson salvaged them, dusted them off and lends them to students for free.

"I try to do my part to help out and that's what's all about," said Anderson.

## GA Votes to Spike Student Activity Fee by 80 Percent

Students Demand List of Allocations

By APRILL O. TURNER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Less than a month after the General Assembly voted to send the Board of Trustees a recommendation to raise the student activity fee by 80 percent, questions have surfaced about the manner in which the vote was taken, and whether a rise of such large proportion is necessary.

During an "emergency" Aug. 10 meeting, the GA approved a measure to increase the student activity fee from \$75 each year to \$135, a difference of \$60 per student. If the measure survives expected scrutiny from the Board of Trustees, it will mark the most dramatic increase to the student activity fee since 1969, when a student referendum passed a measure to raise the fee from \$55 to \$65.

In 1987, a student referendum overwhelmingly passed a measure adding \$10 more to the activity fee. That measure created the student loan fund.

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## Phone Strike's Effects Plagues Students

By JASON T. SMITH and  
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It's midnight, and junior nursing major Marie Bavwidinski is in dire need of a telephone to call her boyfriend, who's in Philadelphia and patiently awaiting her call. In search of a vacant pay phone, Bavwidinski, 19, runs from floor-to-floor in Howard Plaza Towers West, and finds none.

What she encountered, however, were throngs of frustrated Howard Plaza Towers residents who had filed into long lines with high-hopes of using one of the pay phones that are placed on each floor.

"It is very frustrating," said Bavwidinski. "There are lines to use the phone on every floor, and over half of the phones don't work anyway."

Weeks after a strike sent scores of Bell Atlantic employees onto the picket lines, clogging requests for telephone repairs throughout the region, hundreds of Howard University students continue to experience delays in receiving new service.

While the strike lasted two days, it was long enough to stall telephone repairs in the District, Virginia and Maryland for weeks. Many students, upon returning to campus earlier this month, were horrified after learning they could not receive service until early September.

The strike was sparked, at least in part, by unionist fears that current Bell Atlantic employees would be unable to fairly compete for high-technology jobs within the company, union officials said. In total, more than 73,000 Bell Atlantic employees took to the picket lines in support of the strike.

Many Howard students said the company should have been better-equipped to cope with the strike.

See, PHONE, A2

### CAMPUS

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### WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Periods of showers under mostly cloudy skies.  
85° HIGH, 71° LOW

SATURDAY: Partly cloudy and dry.  
90° HIGH, 73° LOW

SUNDAY: Showers and thunderstorms likely.  
88° HIGH, 69° LOW



# CAMPUS

## New Chief Plans to Make Connection

By **ENJOLI FRANCIS**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Reginald Smith, a gray-haired man sits sternly behind a pair of thick-lense glasses; deep in conversation he retrieves information on a burglary that a student has just reported. Sunlight streams in his office from an open window and plants spot the room with signs of vitality.

He sits as Howard University's new campus police chief.

After years of serving D.C. as an officer and a captain of the fifth District, he retired in February 1998 from the Metropolitan Police.

Now, in his new position, Chief Smith plans to reconnect the dubious and suspicious minds of University students and their leaders with the Campus Police Department.

"I need to change the perception of the police department. . . some of the students' beliefs are well-founded, but many are distorted," Smith said. "The purpose of the police department is to protect the community. . . and serve and I plan to espouse, drive and enforce that every time."

In order to change these perceptions Smith is reorganizing various security functions, particularly the lack of officers in the residence dorms.

"I plan to reassign officers to the dorms. . . some dorms won't have officers around the clock; however, there will be an officer in each dorm at some time," Smith said.

Concerning the blue light system, Smith said that the efficiency of the system will be checked week-

ly if not more.

"During the midnight shift, I want each campus to be surveyed to identify any minor malfunctions of technology. . . meaning the street-lights and porch lights."

Smith's plans consist of four hour training modules for officers every pay period in conflict resolution and handling complaints of sexual assaults among others. He hopes to enlist the help of his former family, the metropolitan police department, to do this.

Additionally, creating a grid of the entire campus will be made so that "officers can see exactly where there services are needed."

Thirty security officers will be assigned to tours and other facilities.

Smith and the Police Department also have goals to create a better degree of access through computer training schedule. This would enable Smith to connect to efficient sources to collect statistics and crime trends. He hopes to get more exact information to the officers, making them more effective with victims.

Smith knows what it is like to be a student and a police officer. He hopes to salvage the communication between them.

A native of the district, Smith graduated from Washington's Eastern High School and later from American University. In the 1960s he became an entrepreneur owning his own electronics repair shop. However, an incident with a rude police officer during a traffic stop prompted Smith to become a police officer.

"We're going to learn to treat each other with dignity and respect," he said. "I won't tolerate



Hilltop Staff/EDOUARD LENEUS  
Howard University Chief of Police Reginald Smith plans to unite students, faculty and police department.

the abuse of students or officers, and I feel very deeply about this."

## HUSA Back to School, Back to Business

By **RAFAIAH DAVIS**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Although most Howard University students are becoming reacquainted with campus after a long summer, or seeing it for the first time, the Howard University Student Association worked the entire summer.

"The Firm" administration used the summer to get a head start on several of the issues they promised to address during their campaign. One important issue that was addressed this summer was improving relations between the student government leaders and student government organizations.

HUSA sponsored a mixer in July to give the organizations a chance to come together and help alleviate the tension that had existed between them in previous years.

Esigie Aguele, HUSA's chief of staff, thought the mixer was a big success.

"There were representatives from organizations such as African Students Association, International Student Association, Undergraduate Student Assembly and the Graduate Student Assembly," Aguele said. "Now, when HUSA has a problem, I know that I can go to the other organizations for help."

During the mixer, the student leaders were able to discuss certain topics that affected the student body. Each group assumed a position on those issues.

"You don't want to go to the administration with a problem and half the student organizations aren't supporting you," explained Aguele. "Now, we are supporting each other and each other's programs."

One thing that Howard students may not be as ready to accept is the increase in the student activity fee. However, HUSA feels the increase is past due.

HUSA president, Neville Welch, said that the activity fee is still low compared to other universities.

"Our clubs need seed money," Welch said. "Last year, they only got \$50. That's nothing. How can you run programs with only \$50 for seed money?"

On the agenda for this semester is the construction of the Freedom Circle. The circle will be a reminder to Howard University students of the struggles that Howard has endured in its history.

The idea for the Freedom Circle came out of a meeting with Vice President of University Administration Harry Robinson. Initially, HUSA representatives wanted to name the walkways on the main yard including naming Sixth Street after Howard alumni Kwame Ture, but Robinson thought a Freedom Circle would be more effective. A circle of marble slabs, each measuring about 4 inches by 4 inches will be placed in the ground with an inscription of the names of Black people who are not generally known, but who had a large impact on African-American history.

Also on HUSA's agenda for the year is a Black History Month award dinner.

Aguale describes it as a dinner that awards "African Americans around the country who have been outstanding in their field and helped the advancement of our people."

Yvette Carnell, financial adviser of The Firm administration, said the word for the year is "streamline." HUSA defines this as trying to get the most out of the money it spends this year.

"This summer, we only used the basic staff needed to get our programs up and running," Carnell said. "We're really trying to streamline to hopefully have a surplus at the end of the year."

## Judge Allows Harlem Million Youth March

MARCHES, from A1

The second march, which is being organized by a group of college-age activists, is scheduled for the same Labor Day weekend in Atlanta, and has captured the support of an odd mix of groups that includes the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Urban League and the Nation of Islam.

While organizers of both marches are demanding that U.S. and European governments pay reparations to its citizens of African descent for atrocities committed during the Atlantic Slave Trade, the first march is urging Blacks to seek dual citizenship with several African nations, such as Gambia, said Malik Zulu Shabazz, the event's national coordinator.

In 1994, as a Howard University law student, Shabazz, now a Washington attorney and city council candidate, led a round of on-campus rallies that were denounced as anti-Semitic.

Muhammad, too, has been accused of anti-Semitism. In recent years, Muhammad has traveled to colleges around the nation, including Howard, where he has delivered fiery speeches in which he has attacked, among

other groups, Jews, Catholics and gays.

But many of Harlem's elected officials, citing fears that Muhammad's verbal clashes with New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani are setting the stage for violent confrontations between potential participants and the city's police force, say an overwhelming majority of the community's residents support the idea of uniting one million youths, but the racially-charged rhetoric that's shrouded the planned event has alienated them.

"It's unfortunate that all of this has diverted us from the legitimate concerns of the young people. That's where the focus should be—on the young people," said Bill Perkins, a Democrat representing Harlem on the City Council. "I can only prepare for what I see to be an inevitable clash. . . it sounds like war," he said.

"The rhetoric that I hear emanating concerns me. It sets the stage for potential confrontation, which isn't part of a march that should be about empowerment," said Dennis M. Walcott, president of the New York Urban League.

Earlier this month, the Howard University General Assembly voted to support both the Million Youth March in New York, and the Million Youth Movement in Atlanta. But HUSA president Neville Welch, citing safety

concerns, last week said that no student organization would be attending the event.

Now that Kaplan has paved the road for organizers to receive city permits to hold the march in Harlem, it remains unclear whether HUSA or any student groups will officially attend either the New York or Atlanta events.

It remains unclear, however, whether representatives from HUSA will attend the Atlanta event.

"At this moment, HUSA is not in the business to negotiate with the Million Youth March," Welch said.

Angelique Scott, an accounting major, said she supports the march "because it has the ability to bring children closer to each other, and to help them understand each other."

But Anika Richards, a sophomore Bronx-native, said "it's dangerous to have the march without permission and endanger the lives of students."

Many observers said the fact that two marches are being held on the same weekend reflects a classic split in the political fabric of black America.

"It represents a historic split in the African-American community," said Ron Walters, professor of African-American studies at the University of Maryland at College Park.

## Questions Raised About Student Activities Fee Vote

FEE, from A1

In both cases, the measures passed by student referendums were approved by the Board of Trustees.

The student activities fee is used to support a wide-range of programs and organizations, funds student government, intramural sports, as well as *The Bison* Yearbook and *The Hilltop* newspaper.

Proponents of the measure estimate that if the University's population remains unchanged over the next school year, more than \$600,000 will be earned from the proposed increase.

Even though the proposed increase, if approved by the Board of Trustees, will not take place until next school year, HUSA president Neville Welch and his current administration support the increase for future administrations.

"HUSA needs more money for programming. There are several speakers we would like to bring, but we can't afford," Welch said, adding that the University's 152 student organizations received

\$25,000 during the 1997-98 academic school year, while organizations at Georgetown University receive \$250,000, he said.

Raymond Archer, the interim vice president of student affairs, said he supports the increase because at current levels, student organizations don't "have the enough [money] to do all the things a student government is supposed to do."

Another key supporter of the measure is Jonathan Hutto, the undergraduate trustee and former HUSA president who, last year, pushed a measure through the General Assembly that would have increased the student activity fee by 100 percent.

"In order for the student government to provide quality representation, programs and activities for our student body, we must have the financial independence to do so," Hutto said.

"I believe that the administration and the student leadership should be interdependently woven in every facet, except finance."

Not all students are in favor of the

measure.

Take Erick Watson, a sophomore engineering major who was one of two General Assembly members to vote against the student activity fee increase.

"Each student organization needs an increase in funding," he said. "But before approving an increase in the student activities fee, there must be a thorough investigation of where our dollars are being spent," Watson said.

"Howard students are often held from being validated for as little as a few hundred dollars. The General Assembly should make every attempt to insure that any additional funds charged to the students are imperative."

Students who do not have organizational affiliations have conflicting opinions on the increase.

"Everybody wants to have fun," said pharmacy major, Christopher Roca. "It's just that nobody wants to pay for it."

Sophomore Kanika Harrold said a steady key should remain on how the additional money is allocated if the Board of Trustees approves the

measure.

"It's ridiculous, we need to make sure the money is going to the right place," Harrold said. "Not everyone can afford extra fees."

The student activity fee was not the only agenda item during the special meeting. The General Assembly voted to support both the Million Youth Movement in Atlanta, and the Million Youth March in New York. The assembly also recommended that a ceremony subtitle be attended to street signs along 6th Street, NW, in honor of Kwame Ture.

The assembly also voted in favor of establishing a committee to revise the new Student Code of Conduct, which is scheduled to go before the Board of Trustees on Sept. 25.

The assembly turned down a measure that would have created an "activity hour"—a suspension of classes for one hour each week to allow student organizations time to hold meetings, HUSA officials said.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Annual U.G.S.A. Cruise Set for Tonight

The Undergraduate Student Assembly will host its annual midnight cruise aboard the Spirit of Washington tonight from 12 a.m. to 3 a.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from Cramton Auditorium.

### Exchange Allows Students to Trade Books

The Howard University Student Association will host a student book exchange in Cook Hall on Monday. The exchange, which will open at 5 p.m., will allow students to trade books with other students. For more information, call HUSA at 806-7007.

### Arts and Sciences Student Council to Meet

The College of Arts and Sciences student council will hold its general body meeting on Tuesday. For more information, contact the College of Arts and Sciences student council at 806-7009.

### HUSA Calls for Town Hall Meeting

Aiming to address efforts to revise the Student Code of Conduct, and the General Assembly's recommendation to raise the student activity fee by 80 percent, HUSA officials this week called for an emergency town hall meeting to be held next Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Blackburn Auditorium. For more information, contact HUSA at 806-7007.

### Rap Session Planned for Meridian Hill Hall

HUSA's annual rap session, "Speak Your Mind," will be held Thursday at Meridian Hill Hall at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the HUSA at 806-7007.

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# CAMPUS

## Long Goodbyes in the 'Off-to-campus Experience'

By JAMYE E. SPILLER and  
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For more first-time college students and their families the hardest thing about college is letting go.

"This is my third time leaving," Dorothy Brown of Chicago said. Mother and daughter sit outside the Tubman Quadrangle on another humid day in D.C. She just can't seem to leave her daughter and this is the final attempt on the last visit. She and Detris Brown, an 18-year-old psychology major, look as if they're waiting for someone, but the intent observer can detect the slight hint of resistance.

Brown, who went to Southern University, is happy that her only daughter has followed in her footsteps and enrolled in a Black college.

Although Detris claims she won't be homesick, her mother will have her own adjustments to make.

"I will think that I'll need to call her and let her

know I'm coming home."

Jean Price, of Atlanta, also expresses her "off-to-college experience." Price and her daughter Faith Robinson, a 19-year-old engineering major, already had their mother-daughter talk about drugs, drinking and boys.

"Don't come with anything you didn't leave with. Don't bring nobody's baby home," Price said. When asked how she will feel once departure time comes, Price said, "I'm going to cry tears of happiness when I leave." Another of Price's concerns is that her daughter will make the right decisions along with being apart from her. Price believes that this was the best decision her daughter ever made.

For the Lockards, the biggest fear is just being separated from each other for the first time. Sitting in a dorm room, parent and child strike you more as sisters. Their similar interests and humor give evidence to their extremely close relationship.

"The only time I've been away from home is [for] family reunions," Karla Lockard, a 17-year-old undecided major, said. Despite their one

week separation, due to camp, the two continue to share a special bond. Karla said as she looked at her mother, "I'll miss the closeness. We have a mental connection."

Serita Lockard, 46, from Detroit plans to visit during homecoming and maybe on long weekends, but not too often because of the distance and expenses of traveling.

"I'm going to be by myself, it's very sad and a little frightening," Lockard said that trying to let her daughter be independent is the reason for not visiting too often.

While her mother battles with allowing her daughter to become more independent, Karla hopes for greater self-discipline.

"The main thing is being able to control myself. I procrastinate."

Serita and Karla are not alone in facing these concerns of independence and growth.

Long good-byes and even longer distances will continue to separate parents from their children as long as school years begin. For these parents, it is a closing, but for students, a new beginning toward an unforgettable experience.

## New ID Cards to Lessen Hassle, Increase Safety

By ERICA MOODY-  
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Students in registration lines this year saw first-hand the new technology that's sweeping the campus. It may not be big brother, but soon campus security will be able to follow your every move on campus—thanks to a new ID card. The new system hopes to improve the safety of students, faculty and staff by eliminating multiple ID cards along with a host of other services.

The new system has been implemented in all dorms except Meridian Hill Hall and The Howard Plaza Towers. The card will allow students 24 hour access to their respectable dormitories and will be able to trace each student's whereabouts by recording what building, time and date a student enters. If a student visits a dormitory after hours, the Access Control System will deny the students entry.

According to Howard University Campus Police Chief Reginald L. Smith, Sr. this is a win-win situation for everyone.

"It's a tremendous tool to provide safety and the tracking is a valuable tool for the law enforcement community," said Smith. "If a student turns up missing we are able to trace the last building in which the student entered."

With the class of 2002 entering the

University, freshmen are impressed by the high-tech card.

"As we approach the new millennium things tend to change, and as a freshmen here at Howard I'm pleased to see the University maintain a competitive outlook on the changing times by creating this new card," said Robert Ford, a broadcast journalism major.

Upperclassmen also give a thumbs up to the ID card. Da Rella Rollins, a junior psychology major said, "The Access Card will be a welcomed change at Howard." She hopes incoming students will take advantage of the benefits.

According to Maria N. Wyatt of the Campus Police Department, these new ID cards will eliminate outside intruders from entering campus housing.

"Homeless people were coming into dorms two weeks ago. For that reason alone, we have to make sure the doors stay locked."

The Howard University Identification Card will be used for many other student services in the future and will be a part of a University One-Card System.

"We are laying the spine for a One-Card System starting with dorm access because it's security related, and then we can add on other features including student government voting, athletic events and use for the library," said William V. Keene, special assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs.

## Campus Plan Approved by Board of Zoning Adjustment

PLAN, from A1

dental school, and Edwards currently has nephews that attend Howard.

"Restoring the heart of Howard University is really what this plan is about," Robinson said. "This is about the pride and love that we have for this University."

The BZA cited Howard as having "a ground-breaking campus plan," and that the plan "set a precedent for other universities," by preserving the history of the institution and its legacy.

"Howard University is built on the lofty ideals of truth and service," Robinson said. "A University's history should be continuance through time and place."

Neighboring residents vested a large interest in the 1998 plan, with so many changes taking place in the Howard community, the community had a large say.

"The community was our sounding board for the plan," said Robinson.

Norman Wood, of the Central Northwest Citizens Association, found the 1998 Campus

Plan flawless.

"This Campus Plan is much better than the one presented in 1988," Wood said. "The plan has been reviewed by the association three times, we do not find any opposition to it."

The plan has now been set in motion with new building constructions set through the year 2001.

## Frustrated Students Await Telephone Service

PHONE, from A1

"I think they know that this is time of year when college students get their phones turned on, so they should have anticipated this and hired more workers," said senior speech pathology major Monique Richardson.

"From what I understand, it doesn't take that much to turn on a phone," Richardson said, adding, "this is ridiculous. People need phones for emergencies. For what

we're paying, we should be getting better service."

Recalling previous unfavorable experiences with Bell Atlantic, other students charged that the company ignores the University's students and takes them for granted.

"I think that Bell Atlantic acts up because they know that they can," said Shannon Baker, a junior Radio-Television-Film major.

"It seems that they basically have a monopoly on the system, and if we had another choice of a local

phone carrier, then Bell Atlantic wouldn't act this bad."

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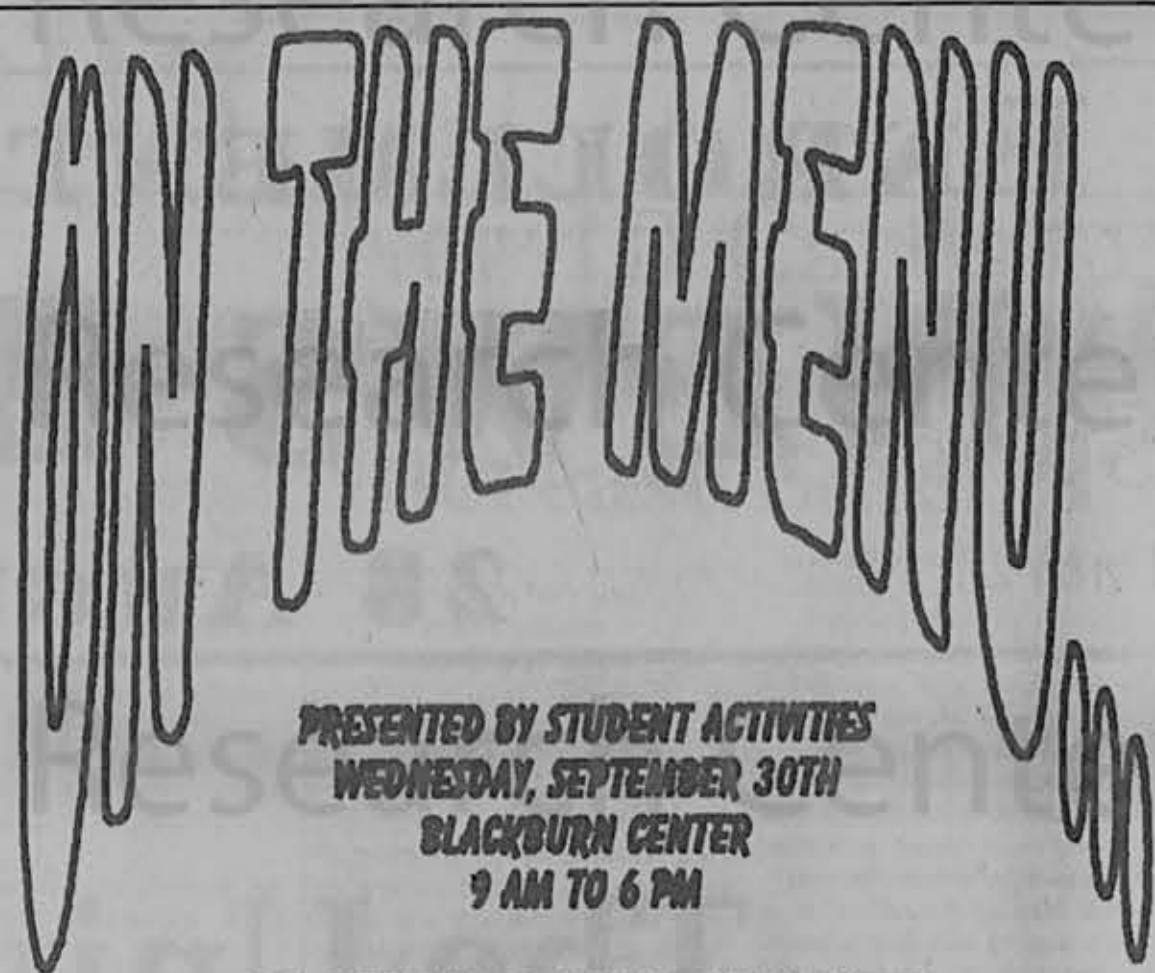
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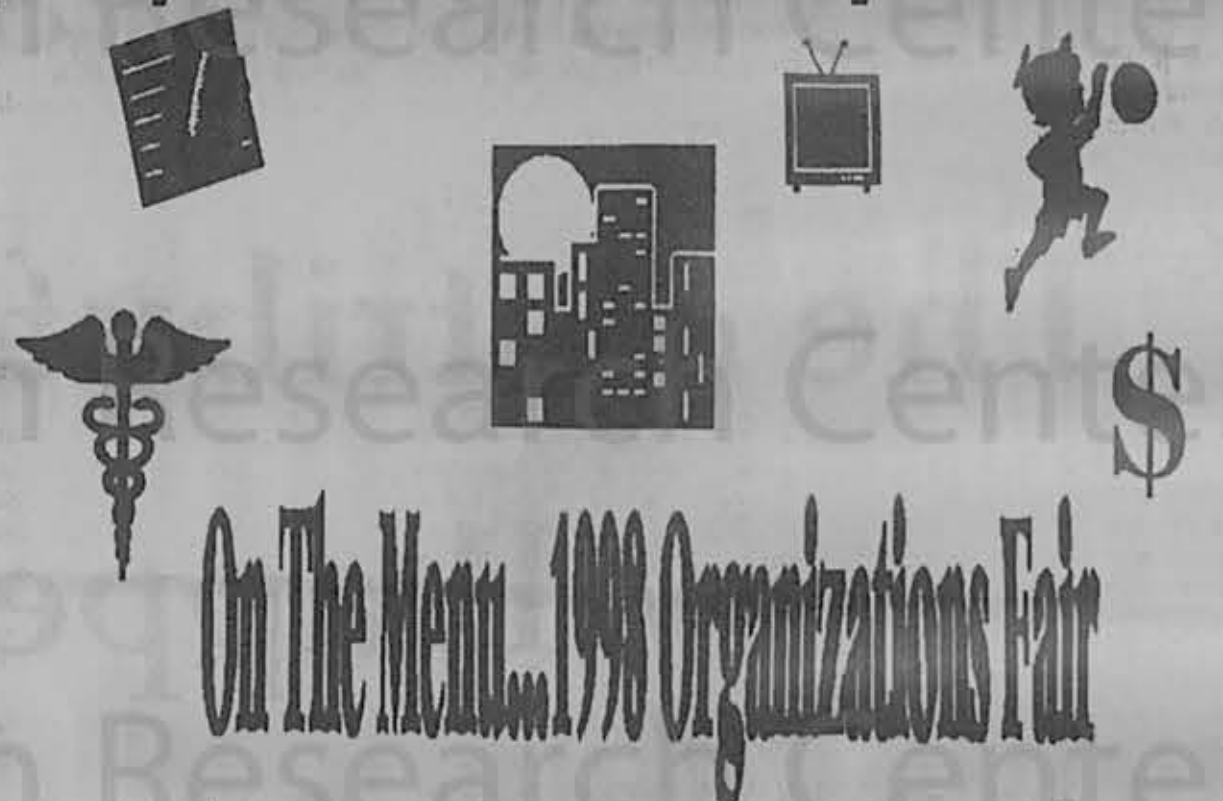
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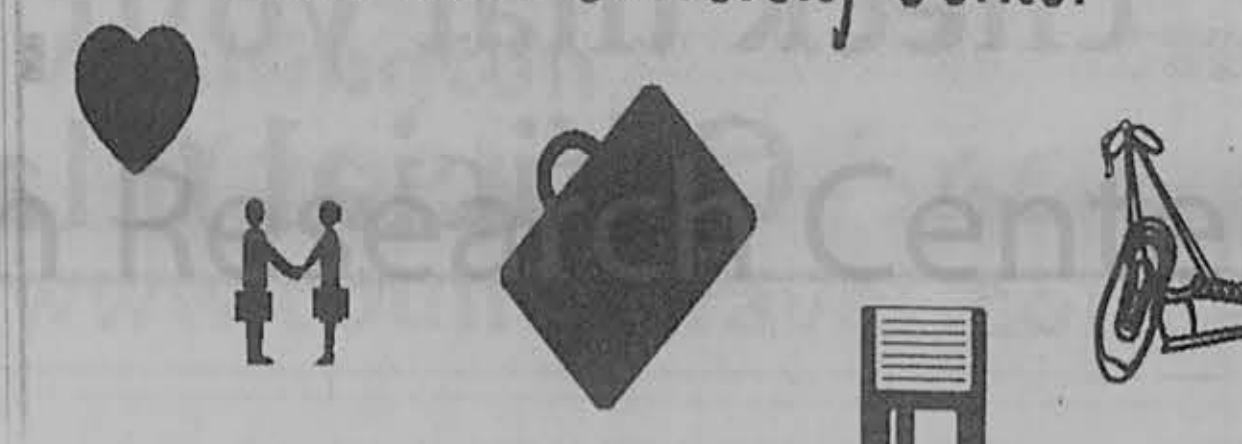
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# THE CITY

## Home Development Spurred in LeDroit Park

University Partnership to Offer Faculty Housing

By ANGELICA MORRISON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Aiming to improve the physical condition of the historic LeDroit Park neighborhood, Howard University, in a partnership with the Fannie Mae Corporation, will replace dozens of vacant homes and lots with 42 single family homes—most of which will be sold to faculty and staff.

The LeDroit Park neighborhood was once home to many black intellectuals, such as University biology professor Ernest E. Just, and the poet, Paul Laurence Dunbar. But as more people fled the neighborhood for the region's suburbs, abandoned homes began to crumble, and the area became an attractive location for open drug sales and violent crime.

Through the "LeDroit Park Initiative," 28 older homes will be renovated, and new ones will be constructed in the neighborhood that includes Slowe and Carver Halls.

"When people invest their income in something, they will take better care of it and the neighborhood," said Maybelle Bennett, the University's community association director and a key leader in the Initiative.

"You can tell that there has been improvement in the area, with all the reconstruction Howard is doing," said JoAnn Jackson, a LeDroit Park resident.

Increased owner-occupancy of the 42 new homes should restore the area to the status it once had, organizers said.

"When people make an investment they tend to keep up that investment," said University graduate student Zachary Robinson, adding that he believes the houses



Hilltop Staff/Angelica Morrison  
Howard University and the Fannie Mae Corporation will replace vacant homes and lots with 42 single family homes in the LeDroit Park neighborhood.

need to be occupied by families—not just Howard faculty and staff.

Construction of the new homes has begun on Oakdale Place, behind Howard University Hospital, where nearly all the homes are vacant.

The move-in date for the owners of the new homes is tentatively set for December. Faculty and staff will purchase the housing from the University by means of an employer-assisted housing.

The LeDroit Park Initiative is

one element of the University's Strategic Framework for Action, a project in which the University makes an effort to improve the community.

"We need prosperity and stability in LeDroit Park, and rebuilding homes and the community is a great move in the right direction," said Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Nik Eames, who is also a Ward 1 City Council candidate.

## Republic Gardens to Open 300-car Parking Lot

By JAMIKA YOUNG  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Management at Republic Gardens, the popular U-Street night club, said they are constructing a parking lot in an effort to reduce the amount of traffic that regularly clogs the historic corridor.

Danny Davis, the night club's general manager, said the parking lot will be completed and ready for use Sept. 1.

"Thirteenth and 14th Streets are usually bumper-to-bumper, but the new parking lot should alleviate all problems," Davis said, adding that the corridor is most congested on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Because of space parking, patrons have been forced to park on nearby streets and in the garage at the Frank W. Reeves Center. But the lack of parking has congested the neighborhood's streets.

"The new parking lot will be cool," said Washington resident and club-goer Sidq God, who agrees that a new parking lot will reduce traffic congestion on U Street.

But while many patrons said they appreciate the club's investment in a parking lot, some said the now vacant lot should be used for

other purposes.

After a night at Republic Gardens, Howard University graduate Wayne Hamilton called the new parking lot "a waste of space," and

needed more space," Davis said. "We just had to wait for Metro to say that it was OK to use it."

The new parking lot will be one level and open to both Repub-



said the space should be used to "give back to the community."

The space for the lot was previously owned by Metro, or the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and was used for storage of construction materials during the construction of the U Street Metro station.

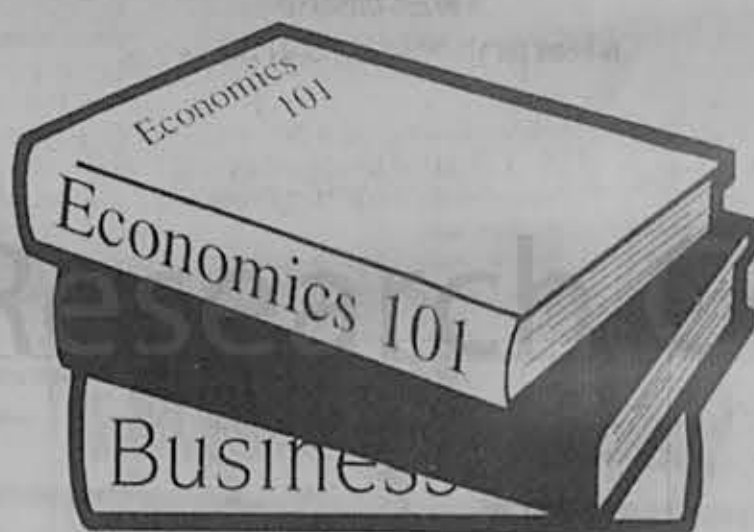
"We always knew that we

lic Gardens' patrons and the public, Davis said. The 300-car lot will offer free parking during the day, and will charge customers at night.

Management said the new lot will spur business in the area.

"The lot will definitely bring in more party goers," said Davis, who anticipates very satisfied patrons.

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## GW Grapples with MVC Merger

By MATT BERGER  
The Hatchet

As George Washington University and Mount Vernon College merge, administrators at both campuses are working to ensure the all-women's college doesn't get left out in the rain.

Students working toward GW degrees are now the majority at the university, formerly Mount Vernon College. With the crossing of this threshold comes the task of integrating the two campuses into one university.

This year's seniors will be the last students to receive a degree from MVC—the historically all-women's college. The three other undergraduate classes earning GW degrees find themselves caught between two vastly different worlds that have been coming closer since GW and MVC entered into a financial agreement in October 1996.

As things rapidly change at the small college in Northwest Washington, GW administrators are working to tie up loose ends and promote community spirit.

"I think it's going to be a bit chaotic, but it's going to be great," said Har Jinder, MVC's senior class president.

GW's division of Student and Academic Support Services has geared part of its Welcome Week programs to incorporate both campuses.

Mike Gargano, executive director of the Student Activities Center, said the addition of the Mount Vernon campus allows GW to hold events previously seen as impossible on an urban campus.

"I would be disappointed if the interaction doesn't occur," Gargano said. I think a lot of students will come to Foggy Bottom and take part in the environment."

Jinder said many students at Mount Vernon welcome GW students who want to stop by, but she is hesitant to believe her Foggy Bottom counterparts will visit the new campus immediately.

"We would love it if all of GW came to participate," she said. "But I don't know if a lot will want to come to our campus."

To help coordinate the interaction, GW has moved Lori Pederson, who formerly directed cam-

pus activities at GW, to Mount Vernon as director of student development.

She and other administrators who have relocated to Mount Vernon are working to provide clear communication between the university's two locations.

In order to make the commute between the locations easier, SASS plans to test its shuttle system between the two campuses next month. Gargano said the bus schedule will be tailored to students' needs.

"The shuttle service needs to be a bit flexible in that it will take a 30-day period to work out the kinks," he said.

Shuttles are now scheduled to pick up students every 20 minutes from both campuses between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., and every 30 minutes between 6 p.m. and midnight. But special arrangements will be made for events scheduled to go past midnight, Gargano said.

"You know there are going to be some issues we will have to work through," he said.

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# NATION/WORLD

## Clinton's Call for Raids in Afghanistan, Sudan Viewed as an Excuse from Problems at Home

By NATALIE REID  
Hilltop Staff Writer

President Clinton's timing for raids in Afghanistan and Sudan has been criticized as an act to deflect attention from his inappropriate relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Afghanistan and Sudan were raided because of the threats they posed to America's national security. The target of the raid was a terrorist group led by known terrorist Osama bin Laden. It is President Clinton's job to protect Americans from radical terrorists. However, Clinton's decision to strike on both countries is viewed as an excuse from problems he is facing at home.

According to Sen. Dan Coats (R-Ind.), "The President has been

consumed with matters regarding his personal life. It raises questions about whether or not he had to devote time to this issue, or give the issue a call for military action." The reason for this type of reaction is President Clinton's address to the nation concerning his relationship with Lewinsky came two days prior to the raids, Aisha Bowden, a freshman said. "Clinton was praying for something to happen that would be larger news than his personal life."

Two weeks ago American Embassies were bombed in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam. In the bombing, 12 Americans and nearly 300 Kenyans and Tanzanians lost their lives and 5,000 were injured. President Clinton was forced to take action in order to prevent future attacks from happening. The decision made by President Clinton

was to protect American as well as to lead the world's fight for peace, freedom and security.

Since the truth about the relationship between the president and Lewinsky was revealed, Americans have started to question Clinton's credibility.

"Some have lost respect for him, others feel he was just being human," said Howard freshman Aisha Bowden.

The views on Clinton's presidency are mixed because some Americans feel that his personal life doesn't have anything to do with how he runs the country.

"I believe overall Americans still view him as one of the more positive American presidents," said senior Saron Cofield.

GOP leader Newt Gingrich shares Cofield's view stating, "I think the president did exactly the

right thing." Clinton's decision to attack is a signal to terrorists that they will be punished for their crimes. Based on the president's stand, Americans are reassured that he will do everything in his power to ensure the safety of all Americans across the globe.

Based on the amount of publicity that the media has given to Clinton's affair, international news has been set aside.

"This administration for the last seven months has neglected compelling national security threats besides this," said Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) I cannot say that they've been neglected because of Monica Lewinsky, but I can say unequivocally that they have been neglected."

## Harvard to Conduct Tenure Study

By AMANDA DEATS and  
CASSANDRA CROWTHER  
The Daily Texan

AUSTIN, Texas--A three-year study examining faculty appointments at colleges nationwide is underway at Harvard University, and the project's directors said the first round of results will be released next month.

The Project on Faculty Appointments at Harvard, will evaluate tenure and promotion guidelines, rules for faculty performance appraisal, pre-tenure evaluation, faculty recruitment and academic freedom at 10 colleges nationwide.

Holly Madsen, the project's coordinator, said she is using electronic databases, working papers, case studies, policy briefings and conferences to study faculty employment at the universities.

"We are exploring a contro-

versial topic that in the past didn't have any data," Madsen said.

They will then share the information with the participating colleges and make recommendations on how the schools can implement new policies, Madsen said.

The project to develop a template that would compare nationwide policies and provide a model for other universities began last January.

Suzi Auten, administration assistant to the provost at Kansas State University—one of the colleges studied in the project—said KSU has a post-tenure review program, which addresses chronic low achievement to determine if faculty are meeting evaluation criteria.

If professors do not perform adequately in the reviews, they can be released from the university, Auten said.

Other colleges participating include the University of Arizona,

the University of Cincinnati and Illinois Wesleyan.

At the University of Texas, which is not involved in the Harvard study, tenured faculty are reviewed every six years. Howard University is not included in the study.

Stephen Reese, chairman of the UT department of journalism, said that after six years, an associate professor has the opportunity to become tenured through the tenure track.

"By and large, tenure is a good thing and it is an encouragement for people to pursue academic careers," Reese said.

There is more academic freedom for tenured faculty, and they are less apt to worry about dismissal from superiors because of their controversial viewpoints, Reese said.

To qualify for tenure, professors must demonstrate good teaching skills, involvement in research, service in committees

and conferences, and have their work published.

"It's always possible not to make tenure," Reese said.

The Harvard project is sponsored by Pew Charitable Trusts, which will provide each of the participating institutions \$5,000 to gather data on promotion, tenure attrition, and related policies and practices of faculty members.

Ellen Wert, program officer for education for the Pew Charitable Trusts, said the study will be an important resource on faculty employment in higher education.

Harvard received \$1.9 million from Pew Charitable Trusts to manage the study, Wert said.

"What is lacking in the current tenure process is the review reflection and feedback that in fact every professor deserves," Wert said.

## Berkeley Law School Minority Enrollment Rises

By SUSAN SURAPRUIK  
The Daily Californian

BERKELEY, Calif.--The University of California at Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law's efforts to bolster minority admissions for the 1998-99 school year has yielded a significant increase in minority enrollment over the last year, university officials announced recently.

Boalt's minority enrollment rose by 12 percent this year, after suffering a 30 percent decrease in minority enrollment because of the University of California Regents' affirmative action ban. Only one black student, who had deferred enrollment from the previous year, entered the 1998 class.

Boalt Hall Dean Herma Hill Kay said she believes the decrease was due to minorities feeling unwelcome in UC schools.

"First the regents banned affirmative action, and then that was followed by Proposition 209," Kay said. "Those happening one after another made many minorities feel as though they are unwanted."

Since then, Boalt officials have taken several measures to undo these effects and persuade minorities to apply and enroll in the school.

The measures include the elimination of a formula used to weigh grade point averages based on the applicant's institution. In addition, applicant files will no longer be grouped according to index scores from Law School Admissions Test scores and undergraduate grade point averages, eliminating stringent cut-off numbers between applicants.

In addition, applicants with lower LSAT scores are allowed the opportunity to demonstrate that their Scholastic Assessment Test scores did not predict their excellent academic performance in college.

"Considering where we [were] last year, this increase is a great significance," Kay said. "Our aim is to make sure that minorities feel welcome."

Lujana Treadwell,

assistant dean of Boalt Hall, said she views any increase as a positive mark against the ban on affirmative action.

"There were no expectations, we just wanted to see some type of increase," said Treadwell. "This is a positive change and hopefully next year we'll improve further on this."

Many Boalt Hall Law students said a change was necessary to combat the absence of affirmative action.

"Last year was a numbers game which was extremely disadvantageous for minorities," said second-year law student Eric Bowen.

Robin Appleberry, a first-year law student, said the decrease in minority enrollment acts as a negative mark on Boalt Hall.

"Before, Berkeley was known and considered for its diversity," said Appleberry. "But when the enrollment decreased, I associated it as a negative factor. If the numbers don't increase more, the school will go down a lot."

But some students were still not satisfied with the number of minorities enrolled in Boalt this fall.

"This year there are nine blacks which is five percent and is ridiculous," said Joshua Stanbro, who is in his second year at Boalt Hall. "One of the reasons I decided to come here was to be in the midst of a diverse frame."

Amanda Touchton, a first-year law student, said she has a positive outlook and supports all attempts to maintain diversity at Boalt Hall.

"One [Black student] is ridiculous, and nine is OK and a good start," she said. "I'm hoping that the students as well as the faculty will continue to counteract the ban on affirmative action."

The admission process for Boalt Hall is still undergoing changes to increase minority enrollment, and plans to include an interview process in the admissions process that is being considered to distance admissions from being based solely on numbers.

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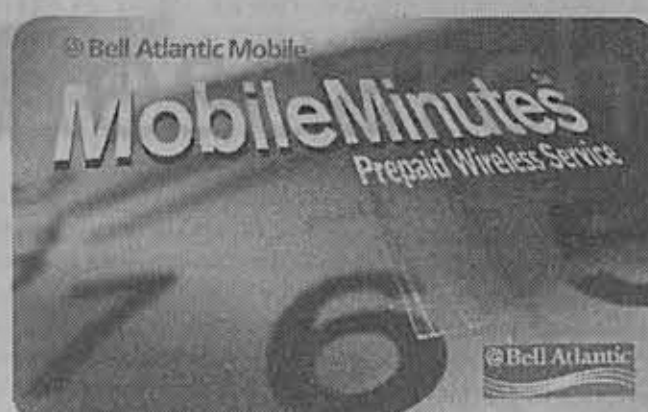


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### In With The New

Summertime, and the living is easy. Then suddenly August takes flight, and its languorous dog days journey on with it.

But before summer 1998 slips away for good, a new school year sweeps in, accompanied by moving trucks and sport-utility vehicles laden down with trunks, books, and that new creature also known as the Howard University freshmen.

Within the first class born largely in the 1980s—when the Cosby show ruled Thursday nights, corporate excess was the norm, and every kid worth their "gumby" haircut wanted to moonwalk—is a group of highly accomplished students, no strangers to struggle or to hard work. As the first week of school draws to a close, the class of 2002 has more than likely found that the rigors of college work are substantially greater than those of high school, but do not lose sight of the big picture and your role in it.

Nineteenth century American author Mark Twain once advised, "Never let school get in the way of your education." As many freshmen acclimate to life at Howard, *The Hilltop* echoes Twain's remark with the understanding that a great deal of what we call "higher education" is not embodied so much by what we learn, but by what we *unlearn*; you come to this campus not to *receive* an education, but in *pursuit* of one. This time, you are playing for keeps, so make your time

here count. More than any other university in the world, Howard University is uniquely prepared to share with its students the contributions of Africans and of people of African descent throughout the diaspora. A visit to the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center is owed not only to ourselves, but also to our ancestors.

In the rapidly closing window of time that we have on this earth, and in the even more fleeting time you have on this campus, you must make your mark not only in the classroom, but in the community and the nation and world in which you live.

Students of your high caliber must be at the vanguard when confronting student apathy. A study by the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information studies found that only 27 percent of college freshmen believe it is essential to keep up with political affairs, a grim reminder that too many of us neglect to take the reins of our own destiny. "Sightseeing" on the yard and having fun is all well and good, if not done at the expense of the reasons why you're *really* here. You are standing on the shoulders of giants, and the twenty-first century Zora Neale Hurstons, Charles Drews, and Toni Morrisons will call this university their alma mater.

Anything your predecessors could do, class of 2002, you must do better. Make it so.

### The Buck Stops Where?

College students are allergic to fee increases. And with good reason: a college education is no minor expense, and for Howard University students, whom *U.S. News and World Report* last year found are saddled with the most debt of any university in the U.S. upon graduation, news of any fee hikes invites the sudden onset of a bad case of hives. At issue on Howard's campus is the recommendation of the Undergraduate Student Assembly to boost the student activity fee from a long-stagnant \$75 to \$135 per semester, an increase of 80 percent. Students may balk at the increase, but should realize that the money directly goes to benefit them, by way of a greater ability on the part of HUSA to produce programs the student body can enjoy. For example, the Homecoming Committee would be able to focus more on hosting an entertaining week of festivities, as opposed to barely breaking even. The fee's receipts also partially fund *The Bison Yearbook* and, in the interest of full disclosure, *The Hilltop* newspaper.

Twenty-eight years ago, when today's Howard undergraduates weren't even conceived yet, the budget of the Howard University Student Association was \$180,000. Today, the budget of HUSA stands at a relatively meager \$78,000, due mostly to the fact that in 1970, both the Undergraduate Student Assembly and the Graduate Student Assembly didn't yet exist. The only central governing body was HUSA. Now HUSA, UGSA, and GSA have to split the same funds three ways that HUSA received 28 years ago. Stretching funds even thinner are the growth of student-led organizations, which currently number more than 150; clubs like the Louisiana

club and the Howard University Sports Marketing club only received a paltry \$75 from HUSA's organizational funding pool during the 1997-1998 school year.

Part of the mission statement HUSA president Neville Welch champions includes a clause to "provide affordable support for student organizations." Let us help them deliver on their pledge by making your voice heard, urging student leaders to put the issue of the student activity fee increase to a referendum. True, students entrust their representatives with the sacred assurance that they will represent their interests. But on an issue of this magnitude, and especially where additional cash outlays are concerned, it is imperative that Howard students let their opinion on paying an additional \$120 a year be determined the way we do things in a democracy: at the voting booth.

Consider for a moment if government allowed taxpayers to determine for themselves their tax bill, then most would be sure to write in a fat "zero". Then, of course, we would witness the destruction of instruments of public good, like schools, hospitals, and freeways. You get what you put in, and certainly no fee increase is small enough in light of the rapidly escalating cost of attending college. But we advocate letting the buck start (or stop) at the polls and not in the relatively insular world of student government assemblies. Whatever the outcome, one point will remain glaringly obvious: students know what course of action is best for themselves, their finances, and the quality of their Howard experience.

### Get Off The Bus!

Aiming to lure one million youths to New York City, Khalid Abdul Muhammad, the ousted Nation of Islam spokesman, has plunged into a fierce battle of words with that city's mayor, setting the stage for violent confrontations which threaten to place thousands of innocent young people in danger.

At first brush, the goal to unite one million young Black people appears noble, even an urgent necessity, given the numbing sense of apathy and despair that has gripped so many in our community. Muhammad—whose virulent anti-semitism, anti-Catholic, and homophobic rhetoric is too coarse for the Nation of Islam—cannot be faulted for aiming to quell the deadly feuds between gangs on both coasts. Yet even more ostentatious than the Rolls Royce he owns, Muhammad's march is demonstrative of the ego-inflating sort of demagoguery typical of false revolutionaries fond of spewing more bluster than Hurricane Bonnie. Some claim that young blacks should throw their support behind the Million Youth March anyway, in a show of "stick-it-to-the-man" defiance.

But their argument is flawed, more indicative of the need to appear united in the face of a hostile larger society when in fact a deep disconnect exists between the ideologies of most blacks, even many of those at the fringe, and what Khalid Muhammad and Washington attorney and Howard University alumnus Malik Shabazz want. The march couldn't have any worse backers in Khalid Muhammad and Malik Shabazz, the

latter of whom once called our school "Coward University". It is ironic, therefore, that both now want to employ young people as their unwitting soldiers in this, the newest children's crusade.

One week before the scheduled Sept. 5 Million Youth March is set to take to the streets of Harlem, Muhammad, in his quest to boost his ego, has engulfed the event into a storm of controversy that has dwarfed the march's goals and killed its potential power. Already, organizations like the National Advancement for Colored People, the National Urban League and New York congressman Charles Rangel have denounced the planned march. Among the march's goals—which include presenting a demand for reparations to U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan—*The Hilltop* would like to inquire, when has the United Nations ever been the friend and savior of black people?

Dr. Muhammad's biography on the Million Youth March's website glowingly calls him "a lexical pyrotech." Well, they're right on at least one count: Khalid Muhammad does more than merely spurt combustible rhetoric, he does so with the full knowledge that his words will be heard and immediately reacted to, further boosting his engorged sense of self-importance.

Rousing young people to action and sharing resources are laudable goals. But following the pied piper who's flying into Harlem for one day isn't the path toward reaching a real Black liberation agenda. It is, instead, a fall off the precipice.



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# PERSPECTIVES

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## Giuliani's Worst Nightmare

Mayor Rudy Giuliani is shaking in his boots. He's on the verge of a nervous breakdown and is ready to put a call into the Terminator.

What's troubling New York City's head man is his worst nightmare--Khalid Abdul Muhammad. Several months ago, Muhammad, the former spokesman for Nation of Islam leader Min. Louis Farrakhan, sponsored a Manhattan Rally in which he announced that a Million Youth March would take place in the city Sept. 5.

As soon as Mayor Giuliani was informed of the march, he unofficially denounced it and later released a statement saying that if organizers wanted to have a march, Harlem was off limits. The alternative sites Giuliani offered were Van Cortlandt Park, in the Bronx, or Randall's Island, which is located in the East River.

Earlier this month, a number of young people representing the New York City Black Power Committee were defiant and said they would hold their march in Harlem no matter what the mayor said. "Harlem belongs to the community, and the future belongs to the youth," said Erica Ford, a member of the youth group.

Muhammad, who was recently in the news for his bold stance in Jasper, Texas, where James Byrd was dragged to his death, pushed the envelope once more. He declared that if he couldn't get Harlem, he would consider holding the march in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

Mayor Giuliani had another round of conniptions.

In 1991, Crown Heights experienced a tragic race confrontation after a young boy was killed by a

member of the Lubavichers, a Jewish religious sect. During the riot, a Rabbinical student was stabbed to death.

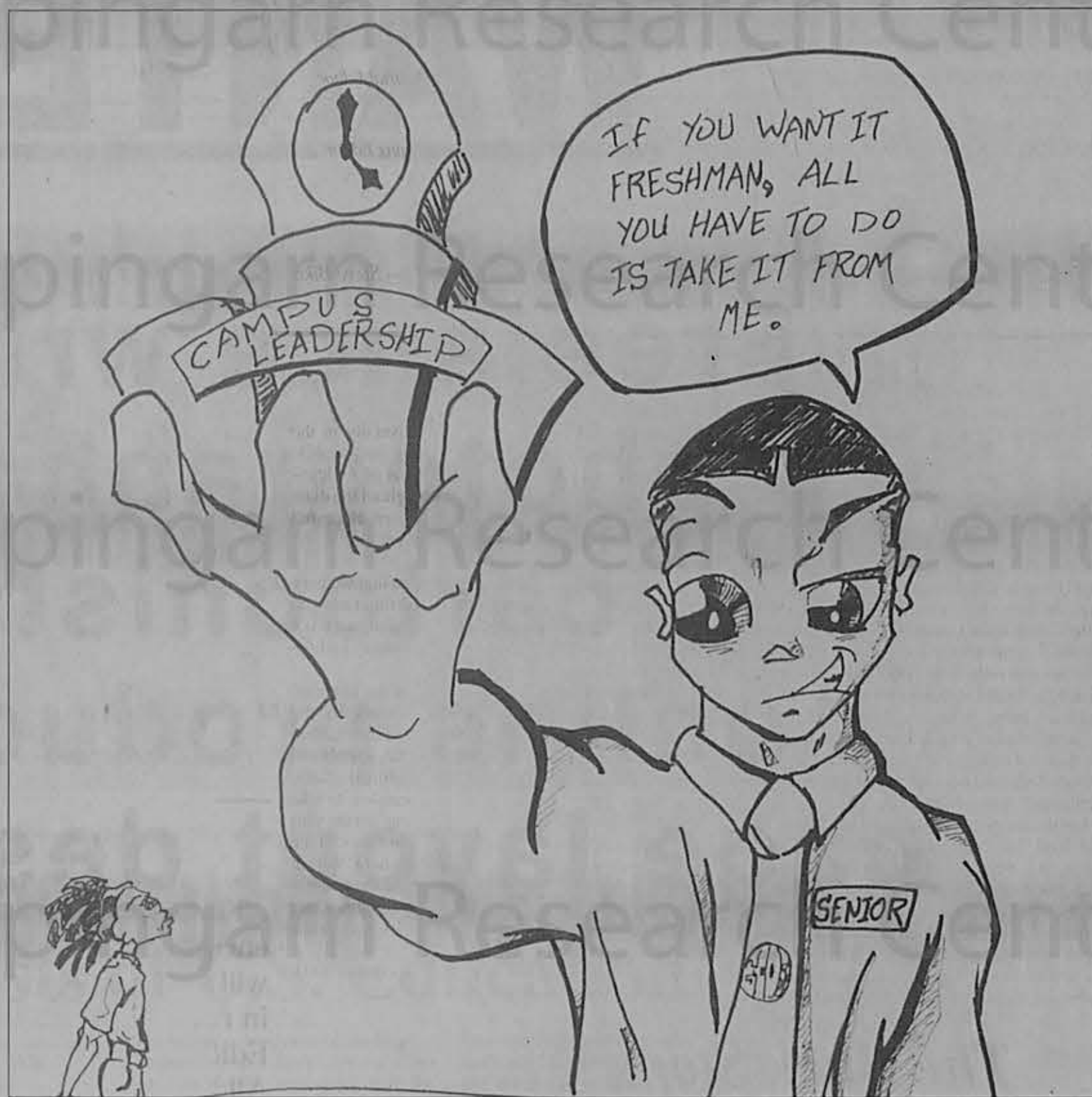
To have a million youth--most of them Black--parading in Crown Heights and led by Muhammad--who has been accused of being anti-Semitic--is a potential bullet and powder keg the mayor is trying to dodge.

In a press release distributed at a recent press conference, organizers of the Million Youth March pledged to "protect and be cordial to all the people of this city." Among the organizers' demands are an end to police brutality and harassment of Black and Latino people, reparations for the descendants of enslaved African people of the middle passage, freedom for all political prisoners and prisoners of war, and the building and nurturing of independent institutions.

The march comes on the heels of the successful Million Man March in October, 1995 and the Million Woman March last year.

"Given the increase in police brutality, particularly against Black and Latino youth, the growing prison industrial complex, the smashing of affirmative action and the other acts of aggression against our people, the Million Youth March is our way of fighting back," said Amadi, a member of the New York City Black Power Committee. "And we welcome the presence of adults in the march."

*The writer is a historian and the national editor of The Black World Today.*



QUARMOTT JACKSON

## Secrets and Lies

Well, President Clinton has finally told the truth about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky. But does anyone really care?

The economy is great and he's doing a good job. I'm too shocked to care. I'm confused between the plot of "Sexgate" and "Dawson's Creek," where a male student and his middle-aged teacher commit adultery. However, on the TV show, the kid lies and the case is closed.

Ahhh... if only the Capitol was located in Hollywood instead of D.C., independent counsel Kenneth Starr and the American people would have accepted Clinton's lie in the Paula Jones case. But this is not Hollywood, it's D.C., where the prosecution teams are tougher.

This case is not about politics, adultery or sexual harassment. It is about perjury. Clinton and Lewinsky lied in courts of law. All laws apply to all people.

That's what this case is really about, isn't it?

Hillary Rodham Clinton called this investigation a "vast right-wing conspiracy." A political attack? Clinton, with his high approval ratings, threatens the Republican agenda. Recently, the Haitian government accused the Republican party of promoting militaristic right-wing parties within Haitian borders. Beyond conspiracies, the on-going investigation has weakened Clinton's influence in Congress.

In the long-term, Starr's investigation has decreased the Presidency's prestige, making future presidents more vulnerable to attacks. One elder statesman once said, "You don't have to like the man, but respect the office." Which Presidents and their mistresses would have been able to survive today's media? Not John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe. If it took place today,

news of the affair between President Warren G. Harding and Nan Britton, a mistress nearly 20 years his junior, would be shelved across every newsstand. Clinton hurts his knee and it makes the front-page. FDR spent his fourth term paralyzed by polio. Few photos or articles of his condition were ever published. People revered and respected the President's office.

When citizens no longer revere their government, some attack it. Look to the recent shootings in the Capitol. A historical analysis bears this out. The Abbasid Empire, the pinnacle of the Muslim empire, collapsed when the reverence of the caliph, the ruling official, was lost. Military advisors publicly killed the caliphs. Then the society fell into disarray. With so many open attacks on the President, will the U.S. suffer a similar fate?

Clinton will be remembered for his ability to overcome disasters due to his intimate relationship with the public. This all started when Clinton talked about his boxers on MTV. But that is his strongest suit. People love this guy and want to ignore the two deaths during his administration, because people over identify with Clinton. When people talk about "Sexgate," they characterize "Bill" as if his name was "Pookie" or "Lamont." He's the guy next door and that's a problem. Where's the reverence?

In the end, "Slick Willie" just slipped up and will deal with his family, his guilt and his God. Besides, the Bible says God didn't want Kings or Presidents to save humankind.

And maybe that's the point.

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ASHA MOSES

## Be Your Natural Self

A conversation I had with a few friends last semester made me realize just how many of us, African Americans, hate our natural selves. To hear one of my dark-skinned brothers tell me he only wanted to date light-skinned Black women or white women because dark-skinned women were ugly made me see his arrogance in full view.

I wasn't mad at him. He was only one of the millions of African Americans who feel the same way.

Since the American standard of beauty is pale white skin and blonde hair, African Americans, as a group, struggle to reach this standard by any means necessary. To attain the all-American look, we use skin bleaches and certain make-ups to give our skin that "beautiful" pale image. And we either spend countless hours in our mama's kitchens getting our hair pressed, or spend millions of dollars each year on perms.

This attitude is evident here at our own beloved school.

"It couldn't be at Howard," you say?

But take a walk across The Yard and talk to a few of your fellow students. While some walk around donning their locks and "Black is beautiful" demeanor, there are others who think that if their visit to the hair salon for that "touch-up" is missed, they would simply die of embarrassment!

Let's not forget the brothers.

Many of them are like my friend--and wouldn't even consider taking out a woman who had "nappy" hair or was "too dark." Now, those people who display these attitudes are probably ready to throw down this newspaper.

"How dare she say that? She don't know me like that!"

But my brothers and sisters, I do.

Nothing's wrong with perming your hair, or believing that the nat-

ural look a Black woman displays is beautiful. However, it must be understood that true beauty is natural beauty, and trying to change your natural look to impress the type of brothers who have a "perm and light skin" as Nos. 1 and 2 down their "woman requirement list" is not the right reason to change your image.

To be a certain shade is almost like a fad: one year it may be in style to be light-skinned and have straight hair, but the next year can be one in which Black people decide to embrace their dark skin and nappy hair.

Earlier in the century, prominent African-American figures such as Dorothy Dandridge, Lena Horne and Harry Belafonte--all light-skinned--symbolized the era's image of Black beauty. It would have been completely taboo to have people like Tyson Beckford and Tyra Banks be standards of beauty.

Even more recently, I'm sure that most of us can remember the 1980s as the decade that light-skin and straight hair was in.

Today, it makes me happy to see little Black kids with braids and locks when just ten years ago, it was virtually unacceptable.

It shows that we are learning to embrace ourselves.

To my brother who told me that dark skin was ugly, stop hating yourself. Get to know your people, history and culture. Remember, we are the portion of the American population that has created the myriad of colors that make up this diverse society. Once we embrace all the attributes that make us so very wonderful and realize our true beauty, this new awareness will enable us to further ourselves to heights never imagined.

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Envision anger, frustration, boredom, waiting. Now think of registration at Howard University. Enrollment, here, is an emotional hazard. Before I go any further, I want to say that I was wrong. I thought that the best method to achieve results for yourself is to approach the various clerks and secretaries with a modicum of arrogance. This method may still work everywhere else, but not at Howard.

Howard University's administration is notorious for its inefficiency and general lack of tact. In time, I came in contact with several Howard alumni, and they told me disturbing stories of people learning it was financially impossible to attend school. Students being turned away. Some made to run around like lab rats. Still more made to wait hours, and sometimes days to be validated.

A few students decided they simply weren't going to take it any more and caught something I like

to term as "Queue Rage;" they would threaten the counselors and then would be taken care of by the school police. I felt worse when these old-head alumni said this was true since the 1960s.

Enter Fall Registration.

The scene was perversely set to induce the foulest mood possible. It was actually a radiant morning, so I didn't feel like waiting in line, much less being at school. The line at the School of Communications was slow enough to consider advancing inside the counselor's office a moral victory. I am also an impatient man given to pacing around in ennui like a caged lion. I despise mornings; prior to college, I have spent large blocks of my life asleep between the hours of 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., high school included.

How could I expect to circumvent decades of ineptitude by myself? Worse still, I pictured myself as being bad enough to cancel all that inertia.

A student helper asked, "Mr.

Shaw, can you wait here? Mr. So-and-so will be with you shortly."

I said, "How long is this going to take? I can't stay here all day because I have to be at work at 2 p.m."

"Well, you have a couple hours right now. Mr. So-and-so is busy inputting schedules and we will get to you as soon as we can."

I sat in a chair and re-wrote my future class schedule twice, each time expecting to avoid mornings forever. On the last attempt, the result was perfect. A student helper called my name with those of two others, and we were led to a side classroom. It was a holding pen. I waited and watched my watch. Now, it was midday. I quietly got angrier.

"You have to understand, Mr. Shaw. You're a freshman. It's not supposed to be easy for you."

The first time is always the hardest. I remember when I first went through this. Yeah, that was hard. But look, after your first time you can phone in your registra-

tion."

I stepped out of the holding pen.

"Excuse me, I..."

"Mr. Shaw! You need to calm down! You stressin'!" The student helper continued, "You alright, huh? What you need to do is chill."

My plan to bluster past the paperwork and lines had failed, my arrogance did not save me this time. Instead, I went home, downed a couple shots of Hennessy just so I could continue with my day, and return only to have to finish my business tomorrow.

I returned the following day with a new strategy. I was going to do something constructive with my time. So I wrote this article, barely beating the editor's deadline. I can't forget the lesson I painfully taught myself, so I can ultimately be a sophomore to tell the next freshman class: "Patience."

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## FIRST PERSON

## A Fresh View of HU

By JAMYE E. SPILLER

## College.

The one word brings excitement and nervousness to my stomach simultaneously. It almost has the same feeling as when you get off "Free Fall," the amusement ride at Six Flags.

I didn't know what to expect when I came to Howard. All I can remember are those old reruns of *A Different World*.

## The Quad.

I had envisioned a six-by-six room that was shared with a roommate who stole my food, wore my clothes and never took messages from my phone calls. Instead, my room is small, but not cramped. And my roommate and I have a lot in common. We both share a love for Jeopardy and singing.

My room has to be the hottest on the hall. The first question everyone asks upon entering is, "Why is your room so hot?" Three fans help, but I've learned the key is not to move around too much.

## The bathrooms.

The idea of sharing a bathroom with approximately forty girls was not very appealing to me. You need an adjusting period. Since there is usually someone in there, it's a place for meeting new people and starting conversations. On my floor, we have a friendly cleaning lady who makes you feel at home. She reminds me of my mother.

## The Wall.

When I first saw the crowd gathering, I thought someone was hurt. After going outside, I realized they were all guys there for no reason other than to pick up what they consider dense, unassuming freshmen. I have even had the pleasure to listen in on a freestyle session.

## Fashion.

Why would anyone want to wear stack heels on move-in day? A pair of nylon pants, a T-shirt, and tennis shoes worked fine for me. I've seen girls with completely decked outfits including the matching heels and purse. I just wonder how they make it up the hills.

## The Administration.

My road to the Mecca was long and at most points confusing. Every week it seems like I received something from Enrollment Management or the Office of Residence Life. For the most part, the deadline date was usually two days after I received the original letter. My everlasting faith had me believing that it would be better once I got here. Wrong. The validation lines were long and the humidity was unbelievable. This was the perfect time to make friends, though.

## The Cafeteria.

I couldn't believe they didn't open on time. Little about Howard is starting to surprise me. A crowd of unusually big guys surrounded the door. I thought they were cafeteria bouncers until I realized who they were: The football team. We were treated to entertainment during our meal: some dancing and an awful rendition of "Always and Forever" sung by a guy on a leash—all courtesy of the football team.

## The Registration Process.

My alarm went off at 5:30 a.m. I wanted to be first in line. I knew luck was on my side because there was a party the night before and everyone went. I ended up third in line. With neatly-arranged schedule in hand, I was filled with positive vibes that this process would go smoothly...until they brought out the list of open and closed classes.

What list of open and closed classes, you ask? I didn't know about it either. It seems that the freshmen get leftovers of the classes. With the help of my sister and some upperclassmen, I worked my situation.

Disorganization aside, I'm happy to be here. From the football team's antics to the community bathrooms, I'm continually surprised. I know the best is yet to come, at least I can say I'm not ready to go home.

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## On Screen, Stella Gets Her Groove

By BRANDI FORTE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In the midst of the Steven Spielberg dramas, Wes Craven horrors and John Woo action flicks, director Kevin Rodney Sullivan creates a film depicting something rarely seen in Hollywood: black romance.

In the movie, "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," Sullivan allows an all-star cast that includes Angela Bassett and Whoopi Goldberg, to make audiences laugh, cry, dream and love.

As Stella Payne, Bassett again demonstrates her ability to bring life to a character Terry McMillan had only on paper.

Stella is a divorced working single parent who is hesitant to love again. But her savvy and loyal "sista-friend," Delilah, played by Goldberg, shows her the joy of taking risks—which happens to come in the form of a handsome 20-year-old Jamaican man.

Taye Diggs, 27, landed the role opposite Bassett, Winston Shakespeare.

"I know that it is difficult to break into the industry," Diggs said. "They give us a chance, and if we succeed, they might give us another chance."

Sullivan said finding an actor to play Winston was not easy. "It was an interesting journey looking for someone who could be sexy, beautiful and could act

See, STELLA, B2

## The Real World



Hilltop Staff/ Jason T. Smith, Edouard Leneus and Melvin Mooring

## ROBERT MCCAULEY

He sits, uncomfortably, wearing a freshly pressed white T-shirt and blue jeans that drape neatly above his new Timberlands. Suddenly, as if by pure habit, he reaches down and brushes the buck skin boots with the edge of his thumb. Leaning back, he crosses his hands as his brown eyes jump across the room looking at both everything and nothing. He's relaxed in the new environment sporting a quizzical smile on his face—not too sure of what to expect but vowing to be prepared for whatever comes.

Freshman Robert McCauley, III is from the small state of Rhode Island, and an even smaller town where Blacks and Latinos fraternize as one race. But Robert's family-filled home made up for his small-town tranquility. His mom, dad and sister live on one floor; his grandmother on another floor and his aunt's kin on the other floor.

"I come from a very close family. On birthdays and holidays, all my aunts, uncles and cousins get together with each other for dinners and barbecues," Robert said.

Robert's down-home upbringing is revealed in five black and white photos that hang on his dorm room wall. "I took those myself," he said. There's a picture of a barn, a flower and an old man on a tractor.

A closet photographer, Robert loves the raw purity of black and white film.

"Black and white makes you focus on what's actually there. With black and white you read into the emotions, the anger, the simplicity," he said. Once the camera is down, Robert's view of life is still in black and white.

"In the real world, if you want to be successful

See MCCAULEY, B2

## COCO MITCHELL

Roaring laughter and the aroma of nail polish spill into the Quad's hallway as four friends hold a girl-talk session in a Baldwin Hall double. Freshman Coco Mitchell is having her fingernails painted glittery gold. Her positive attitude and constant smile makes her the center of attention. Coco projects confidence and everyone wants to talk to her, sometimes all at once. Friends chat in and out of her open room, walking about new nail colors and designs, all seeking her opinion.

"I love this place," said Coco, a vocal jazz performance major. She says she likes the people here at Howard, and once you enter her room, you can tell.

Coco, a native of London, dons red dye in her high ponytail and has several ear piercings. A scaffold runs through the upper portion of her ear; her tragus, conch, and belly button are also pierced. Each finger holds one or two rings of different sizes and styles but all are silver.

"If I had a dollar for every person that called me a Spice Girl, I would be able to pay tuition," Coco said. Her friends chime in with their own playful

See MITCHELL, B2

## BRIAN SHANNON

After meeting 18-year-old freshman Brian Shannon, it becomes evident he means it when he says, "I don't care what people think."

This business management major hailing out of Southfield, Mich., shares his perils of childhood embarrassment with no pretense but a laugh. During the midst of what must have been the most heated second grade basketball game in recent memory, he grew so excited, he dropped the old "number two" in his pants. "We were playing basketball and it just dropped out like it had a mind of its own," he admits, chuckling.

But little social missteps like, say, public defecation, have yet to impede Brian's luck with women. At the still dewy-eyed age of five, Brian proved himself quite the charmer of his kindergarten class. "The first girlfriend I ever had was a girl named Stephanie. We stayed together for all of two weeks." He pauses for a second, then adds, "Between cutting and pasting, we kissed!" Brian is a self-described bachelor now, though.

Asked how he feels about Howard's female-heavy popula-

See SHANNON, B2

## TIANA DODSON

Tiana Dodson is not afraid to be real.

"If I feel a certain way, I'm going to express it," said the 18-year-old freshman. She took a bold move when she left her predominately white hometown of Colorado Springs, Colo., to come to a historically Black college. "I need change."

She quickly adapted to Howard's culture, but says she was surprised and sympathetic when she saw the dyed and shaved heads the incoming male athletes traditionally wear during the first weeks of the school year.

"It was funny, but it was horrible. Those poor boys," she said shaking her head with a little giggle.

"Smiley, happy, bubbly," Dodson described herself all in one breath. Her easygoing personality may lead you to believe otherwise. But Dodson said, "I'm so insane, so bubbly is a nice way to say pleasantly crazy."

Maybe that's why neither Dodson nor her parents found it odd that she chose to play the accordion over the keyboard

See DODSON, B2

## Students Get Experience During Summer Internships

By TASHA STEWART  
Hilltop Staff Writer

While other Howard University students spent their summer relaxing, sophomore chemistry major Chike Ogbunugafor is interning in Colorado. He worked with the Howard-based Center for the Study of Terrestrial and Extraterrestrial Atmospheres, a division of NASA. However, unlike many students who seek help obtaining internships from career development centers in their schools, Ogbunugafor received his internship on his own.

"I got the internship mostly through my department," he said. "I managed to do well my first year and in the chemistry department, you find that you are catered to well when you do well. I was

then approached about the opportunity to go to Colorado."

Director of the Center for Professional Development in the School of Business, Harold Gray said, although they try to teach students the skills needed to get internships on their own, it benefits them to interview through the center.

"In Center for Professional Development, we require students do a few things before they can interview for summer internships and full-time jobs," Gray said. "First, they have to go to a minimum of three of our speakers' bureau sessions, three information sessions, and one interview skills workshop and resume preparation session."

According to Gray, in speakers' bureau sessions, company representatives speak to and answer questions

from the students. In information sessions, students get the chance to network with corporate representatives. More than 155 companies participate in both sessions, which comprises of more than 390 different schedules, he said.

"CPD also offers professional skill modules with various companies teaching different aspects of corporate life," Gray said. "In one module, Dow Jones brings in publications teaching students how to read the Wall Street Journal, and how to use and understand the jargon of the stock market. In the time management module, Franklin Planner comes in. For the table etiquette module, Tiffany brings in silverware and demonstrates how to use it."

"Without these requisite skill sessions, in many cases, it will be difficult for them to get a summer internship," he

said.

Carol Dudley, coordinator for the Career Development Office of the Dean in the School of Communications, prefers students go to a career counseling office, either her own, the School of Business Center for Professional Development or the Career Services Office on the second floor of the School of Communications.

"I think it is important to know the student is focusing in their area of concentration—not just trying to get an internship because it's glamorous and exciting," she said. "I think that if you take this position seriously, in that you are here to guide students to achieve their ultimate professional goals, then you want those students to come see you before they set up internships."

See INTERN, B2



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## The Real World Continued...

### CANDACE BATES

Candace Bates may not know exactly what her major will be or where she's going, but she knows her faith will help her get there. "I know God has a plan for me," Bates said with a far-off look. "So many Blacks don't fear God, so they don't worry about the consequences of their actions or care about their future and what God has planned," she said. Not this 18 year old from Garland, Texas. Bates has goals for her first year at Howard.

"I want to be able to depend on myself more," she said. In the close-knit community of Garland, Bates was not allowed to do anything too out of the ordinary. And she says her mother really didn't need to discipline her in school. She said, "Remember what you've been taught."

One of the first Howard activities Bates attended, the Campus Pals' Ice Cream Social, didn't receive rave reviews from her.

"People go a little wild," she said. Her expectations were a bit different.

"HU created an image of a multitude of strong, black students with focused, goal-oriented minds," Bates said, swearing off the night clubs that many first-year students cling to during weekend nights.

"In Texas, there are a bunch of gold-toothed guys at the clubs," she recalls. "Then you find out they're all freaks or married." Upon arrival at the Quad, she immediately found the atmosphere that the television show, "Different World," created in the minds of many freshmen. The dorm was filled with future friendships and

the unity she wanted out of a Black college.

"It's like a big family, like a family reunion, like 'Soul Food,'" Bates said in her naturally high, sweet voice.

Yet, Bates is afraid that she won't be able to handle all that Howard has to offer.

"My biggest fear is of being lost academically and socially." Still, she said, "I want to leave having accomplished something and going on to accomplish more."

—LYNN SIMMONDS

### CANDICE EDWARDS

Most freshmen begin college at the first age of adulthood—18—and have a hard time adjusting and staying on track.

Not Candice Edwards, who entered Howard at the age of 16, and seems to have everything under control. A Brooklyn resident, she vows to never lose sight of her goals to parties or other distractions. Before Howard, she was told: "It's just a party school," and she sees how that stereotype could be made.

Howard was her mother's dream school, but now Edwards claims it as her own. Edwards' mother, Arlene, persuaded her to call Howard for an application, and in an exasperated tone she said, "Oh, alright, I'll call." Edwards cried when she found out she was accepted. She plans to major in education.

Edwards says her third grade teacher had a great impact on her. "If I got a 99 percent [on a test], she'd say, 'Where's the other point?'"

Edwards said she doesn't have a role model, but that her mother and third grade teacher have been the most influential people in her life.

She wanted to become an elementary school teacher since she was four years old.

"I used to set up my stuffed animals and teach them. I'm so dramatic," she said laughing to herself.

Her friends have nicknamed the helpful, sarcastic, yet focused teenager "Candycane," "Mutt," and "Poo-Bear." She said she plans to get four tattoos, and the first one will be her nickname "Candycane" tattooed around her wrist. But she's worried about her mother's reaction.

She said her mother told her, "Don't come back here with any holes or tattoos."

Her bracelets jingle as she uses her hands to emphasize her enthusiastic speech.

She is the kind friend who always has something funny to tell and keeps you talking longer than you expected. "Did I tell you this story already?" she asks, always ready to share an experience.

Classifying herself as neither a leader or a follower, Edwards views herself as an observer. The words on a little refrigerator magnet guide her. It says, "Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend."

—LYNN SIMMONDS

### McCAULEY, from B1

you have to be able to deal on both a Black and White level," he said. Robert is confident his experience with both cultures will help him with the year ahead.

Despite having an undecided major, he said, "I have to do well or else I'm back home." The teeth-revealing smile that once plastered his face has faded as he sits back. He seems relaxed as his eyes stare into space. "I'm going to do my best."

### —JASON T. SMITH

### DODSON, from B1

after winning free music lessons in the sixth grade.

"I enjoyed it," she said, as if reminiscing about her experience. She pretended to cradle an imaginary accordion while proclaiming that she played more than just polka.

There are no boundaries in Dodson's selection of music. She likes rock, techno, alternative, R&B and rap. She's also looking forward to hitting D.C.'s club scene.

For now, this mechanical engineering major is giving herself time to adjust, since this is the only time she has ever been away from home. "I was homesick the first night," she said.

Memories of her mother, who Dodson says is her role model, inspire her to do well. She said, "I really admire someone who would give so much." Dodson's mother, a Guam native, raised her alone. Her Black American father lives in Philadelphia.

There's little about Dodson that

she would try to hide from others.

"I'm really open. Usually if you talk to me for a while you'll know a lot [about me]," she said, smiling.

### —LYNN SIMMONDS

### SHANNON, from B1

tion, he replies with a smile, "For me, it's lovely, because at my old school the ratio of girls to boys was pretty bad. It was a lot of cats and no mice."

During high school, Brian played the trumpet in marching band, studied Latin, wrote poetry and made the varsity wrestling team. "I get a strong work ethic from my parents," he said. Brian sustained more than his share of injuries from wrestling, including a dislocated shoulder, quaky knees and an arthritic neck. Two steel pins still reside in his right shoulder.

Choosing Howard on the recommendation of friends and the strength of the School of "B," Brian comes to the University brimming with dreams of one day managing his own business. He counts the financial success of Detroit's large Arab population as his inspiration. "Unlike Black people sometimes, they support their own people," he said. "Their kids have nice cars, private education. We should be the ones owning something, too."

### —BRIAN J. COX

### MITCHELL, from B1

versions, "Ghetto Spice" and "Pink-head Spice."

Coco's jazz major doesn't restrict her musical tastes which also include R&B, rap, alternative, gospel and jungle. "Music is in my family. Music is my passion," she

said. Both her parents were full-time DJ's when she was younger. She said music gives her the urge and medium to do her two favorite activities, singing and dancing.

Coming from an American private high school in a suburban area of London, Coco believes her biggest obstacle will be focusing on school. She says, "I was warned about Negroes trying you and trifling females," but she pushed those ideas aside. Coco said, "I chose Howard for its culture and diversity. I wanted to further my understanding of [the] race."

"This is cool," Coco said, explaining her feelings of Howard. "Trifling and ignorant people don't make it this far."

### —LYNN SIMMONDS

## Love Sizzles in Jamaica

### STELLA, from B1

with Angela Bassett and be as incredible as a Jamaican."

Sullivan said. He discovered Diggs performing a leading role in the play "Rent."

"I looked under every rock and it was Taye's chemistry with Angela's that sold and made the deal."

The supporting cast includes Regina King as Vanessa, Stella's vivacious younger sister and Suzanne Douglas as Angela, her pregnant, more concerned sister.

"How Stella Got Her Groove Back," allows audiences to see that Black people can love each other, even on the big screen.

## Career Services Explains the Value of Summer Internships to College Students

### INTERN, From B1

According to Dudley, the Career Development Office accepts internships students bring to them, but also maintains hundreds of internship listings. Students with resumes can browse those listings, to determine their area of interest. Dudley then compiles internship information packets.

"About 70 percent of our students interned this past summer," she said. "It's a high number because our students recognize the importance of getting that hands-on experience."

Internships are also available through the Career Services Office. The office offers on-campus recruitment when approximately 150 employers come to the office to interview students with related majors and degree requirement for full-time jobs and internships. To register with the

office, receive the registration packet, and be eligible to interview with employers, students must submit ten copies of their resume to the office. Official registration starts Sept. 8.

The office also holds a Career Day on Oct. 7 in the Blackburn Center ballroom.

Although Ogbunagor hasn't used the Career Services Office before, he said he appreciates their intentions.

Thomas Butler, a sophomore chemistry major, went to the Career Services Office, but found as a freshman, it didn't help him much. He said many of the employers he talked to weren't looking for chemistry majors, and those that were wanted more experienced people.

"When I would tell them I was a freshman and they would respond they were looking for juniors, it was kind of disappointing. But it was definitely a learning experience, because

it gives them something to remember you by. So next year, they already know your face and when someone comes back and I approach them, they might say, 'I remember you. You're a sophomore now, so let's talk.'"

Butler said getting involved with the Career Services Office could provide students with an edge on the competition.

"When I went out on my own, I had to compete with not only the people in career services, but with people in the world," he said. "You have an advantage with Career Services because employers are on campus looking for you, not just people sending their resumes in. When you apply for an internship through the mail, all they know is what is on paper, but if you go through Career Services and make a good impression, then you have a distinct advantage."

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# TEMPO

## Music Review

### CRUCIAL CONFLICT

Good Side, Bad Side

LABEL: Pallas

FEATURED ARTISTS: none  
PRODUCTION: artist

By JENNIFER ANDERSON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Re-emerging for round two of the rodeo enters Kilo, Cold Hard, Neva and Wild Style of Crucial Conflict.

This Chicago-based foursome, whose gold album, "The Final Tic," and 1996 party anthem, "Hay," brought them instant success, have returned with southern-esque

tongue twisting lyrical flows on their sophomore effort, "Good Side, Bad Side."

While trying to shy away from being compared to the rapidly versed Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, Conflict has lyrically achieved their goal with skillfully appealing tracks: "Da Bidness," "Like This," and their current single, "Scummy."

Conflict's well written and delivered rhymes on "Good Side . . ." saves their album from being buried by their unimaginative approach to production. Though the music composition exhibits equal energy and animation to their debut, "Good

Side . . ." production favored the bad side, displaying a minimum amount of growth. This is a disappointing factor when considering the creative originality of the production on the previous album.

While "Faceless Ones," is lyrically superior, the music leaves much to be desired and could classify the entire track as mediocre. However, this is only a minor set back. "Good Side, Bad Side" proves Crucial Conflict has long escaped the danger of being one-hit wonders.

## Good Feelings from 'Heaven'

By P. CHRISTOPHER  
WINFIELD  
Hilltop Staff Writer

If you're a fan of books with happy endings that leave you feeling good inside, "The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven" may not be your cup of tea.

Based on author Sherman Alexie's life experiences on an "Indian" Reservation, "The Lone Ranger . . ." describes the lives of an afflicted people with blunt honesty, sharp images and true, heart-felt emotion. There's no room for Hollywood ending here.

Set in the present day Coeur d'Alene "Indian" Reservation near Spokane, Wash., the community experiences an overwhelming depression but uses wry humor, grim reality as well as memories and dreams of a better life to get through.

"The Lone Ranger . . ." features

many of the major social issues affecting native tribes all over the country. Alexie puts in a little of everything: alcoholism, Caucasian prejudice against the first Americans, almost universal unemployment, differences between "reservation Indians" and "city Indians," and the contrast between present spiritual and economic poverty and the proud traditions of the past.

One main character, Victor fights with alcoholism and his father's departure early in his life. In the story, "This Is What It Means to Say, Phoenix Arizona," he looks at his existence and asks, "Whatever happened to the tribal ties, the sense of community?" The only real thing he shared with anybody was a bottle and broken dreams.

Alexie manages to bring a wide range of emotions into play. Characters show anger, frustration, love, confusion, some wonder and a little joy. The people in "The Lone Ranger . . ." can laugh at themselves

and the bitterness of daily life. Humor and irony show up, but are always overshadowed by the omnipresent cloud of doubt. Still, hope manages to shine through the cracks.

Some readers will recognize the similarities between Alexie's reservation

and the decayed areas of many American cities. Richard Wright and Ralph Ellison also wrote tales of pain and hopelessness; Alexie just manages to inject humor into his.

"The Lone Ranger . . ." though serious, has tales worth telling, reading and watching. The movie version of this book, entitled "Smoke Signals," recently won the Sundance Film Festival prize for best film, and is presently showing at various independent movie houses nationwide.

## 20 QUESTIONS

1. Is it just us or did Mary J. Blige run out of throat lozenges during the recording of her "Live" album?
2. Why did Vibe magazine spend so much time and money making Blaze when all they needed to do was photocopy The Source?
3. If roaches are supposed to scatter when the lights come on, why are so many of y'all still chilling in front of the towers? Where's the Combat when you need it?
4. For some people living virtually in the projects, you Drew Hallers sure are proud. Dreeeeeww Haaaaaall!
5. Why is the whole country tripping because the President found a way to get his groove back?
6. Can't interns afford dry cleaning?
7. Do fat guys have more fun or what? What traumatic experience did Big Pun endure that led him from 190 pounds, diesel and fine to 400 plus and living up to his name by truly punishing the senorita that has to sleep with him?
8. On the rare occasion that cafeteria goers really want two entrees, why do the lunch ladies refuse to give them up like they were looking forward to left overs?
9. Why is it that when artists careers fail they seem to find God—Rev. Run, Rev. Hammer?
10. Why are so many sistas rocking kinky curls (weaves) walking around saying they've gone "natural?" I'm saying, if it has to be glued or stitched it's far from being au natural.
11. Why does Howard have so much money but the Hilltop is still using computers from 1966?
12. How is it that Lauryn Hill can find the time to build a steady relationship, make babies, establish herself as an activist and put out a bomb album while Pras is just now recording a solo album that only his cousin Clef is gonna buy anyway?
13. And what is that "thing," that Lauryn is talking about?
14. A) Why do the D.C. girls wear those skin-tight truck-fit wannabe Versace jeans—stretch, of course—that hold in the sweat that's built up through the dya?  
B) Why do those D.C. guys wear those torn-up tee-shirts with jackets around their chests?
15. Why does Maxwell's "Embrya" sound like the tracks that didn't make the cut to his first album? And who told him he could have three and four names to every song? And who told him he looked good in a bathtub?
16. How many middle-aged women look good enough to snag a guy who looks like Taye Diggs? Be real.
17. How many 20-year-old guys can get a 20-year-old girl who looks as good in a halter top as Angela Bassett does now?
18. How many of you stood in line all day to get registered only to find out you were in the wrong line and had to do it all again the next day?
19. How can the administration say that only validated students can move into campus housing when students can't get validated until they move in?
20. Speaking of Validated, what's up with these new world order styled HU id cards. Could it be a C-O-N-Spiracy?

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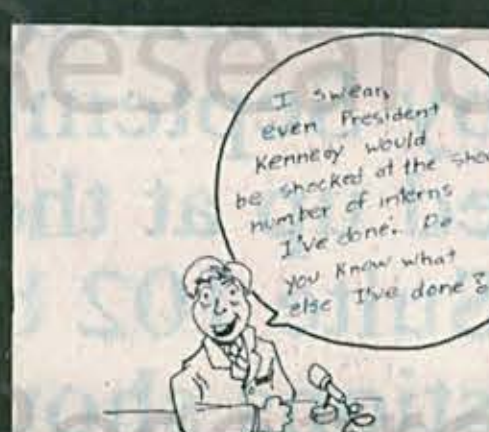
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# SPORTS FRIDAY

## No End to Bison Football

Players still at work during summer session

By ADRIENNE TRICE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

To be a true Howard Bison, one must display discipline and dedication. The men who represent Howard University on the football team are true Howard Bison. They have demonstrated both discipline and dedication by returning early, on Aug. 13 during the summer weeks. While most of Howard's students were finishing internships, working, going to summer school, reclining in the sun or watching "Days of Our Lives," the football team was getting suited up for a rigorous workout.

If you know D.C. then you know how hot it gets during the summer. The coaches of the team had to scale back some of the workouts

because temperatures were climbing to 100 degrees. When it gets that warm and athletes are spending countless hours in the sun, health must be a consideration. During summer practices players removed some of their pads to combat the heat and remain healthy. The team sustained few minor injuries and should be at full strength by their first game next Saturday at Greene Stadium.

Head coach Steve Wilson said he "... hopes the team can return this season with the same energy that they ended last season with." The team ended last season winning six of its last seven games.

With a tough September schedule, the skills of returning seniors such as All-American quarter back Ted White from Baton Rouge, La. and starting center, Fred Ray from

Orlando, Fla. are gravely needed. Senior Ray Sampson from Durham, N. C. returned to field this season, after breaking his arm last season. Recuprated and in good health, he will prove to be a vital asset to the team.

Senior All-American defensive lineman, Marques Douglas from Greensboro, N. C. said he witnessed outstanding teamwork, so far, and would like to see the growth that the team has made from last season to now, in the first game.

The team hopes that discipline and determination will lead them to place higher in the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference and it is hoped that it makes it to a championship.

## NCAA Grants Athletes Opportunity to Work

By EBONY D. WHITE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

This summer the NCAA revised a rule which prevented full scholarship athletes from having jobs during the academic year, granting all athletes the opportunity to work.

"We don't have to be broke anymore!" exclaimed Kim Ford, a player for the women's basketball team.

Denyse Montrose, a swimmer, agrees with Ford that the new rule is a good idea.

Up until this fall, athletes on full scholarships were not allowed to work. Now, full and partial scholarship athletes may earn up to \$2,000 over the cost of living at their learning institution. Controversy arose because different schools, factoring in living expenses along with tuition, may have larger costs, for this reason a cap was set at \$2,000.

The long-standing rule was given the boot Wednesday, Aug. 19 and started to take effect in the beginning of the 1998 fall season. Revision of the rule was introduced and defeated in 1995. It was later passed in 1997, and placed on a one year moratorium to determine if there would be too many major complications.

Restrictions prohibit athletes from working in the department of athletics, but allow them to work in

other departments within their school. It also prohibits freshmen from getting jobs, citing that it will provide them a transitional period.

The issue evokes mixed feelings in coaches and athletes, alike. Some believe it will create chaos, while others believe it necessary. Still others do not think the new rule will make a difference.

Wrestling Coach and Sports Nutritionist, Paul Cotton says he can see the issue from both angles. From the experience of being an athlete himself, he understands that, for some, getting a job is an absolute necessity.

"Full scholarships don't cover everything," said Cotton, "scholarships don't cover deodorant and toothpaste, items all coaches want their athletes to have plenty of!"

If a full scholarship athlete does not have the option of calling home for money, he or she has no other source of finance outside of what the school covers, according to the coach. No money for the basics such as soap, laundry detergent, and lotion, not to mention the movies, a burger or any other social activities.

From a coaching standpoint, Cotton believes coaches want their student-athletes to be students first and athletes second. As a coach, he is concerned that having a job will put a drain on the individual and cause him or her to suffer academically and in their athletic perfor-

mance, as well. However, he believes that student-athletes working may not necessarily be negative depending upon the type of job they get. If they obtain a job which allows them time to study, like sitting at a hotel reception desk with a textbook plastered on the front counter, the student may actually spend more time studying than he or she normally would.

The argument for the rule is that it removes some of the restrictions on athletes and allows them the freedom of regular students. But regular students do not go to practice everyday, and games and meets throughout the week, and weekends. But partial scholarship athletes have to practice and go to games and meets, as well, and they were allowed to have jobs before the new ruling.

"It doesn't really make a difference," said Rhoad Hill, a football player, who along with other athletes, agrees with coach Cotton that the new legislation has the potential to be both helpful and hurtful. Hill, who plans to go out and look for a job says that between classes, practices, games, and study hall, having a job could be a mighty stretch, and it may not change a lot of things because many feel it is too hard to work, participate in athletics and maintain an acceptable GPA.

## New Coach Brings High Hopes for Men's Basketball

By ADRIENNE TRICE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

After having a 1997-1998 losing season, finishing eighth overall in the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference with a record of 6-13, change was a necessity. Howard University warmly welcomes a much-needed new addition to the men's basketball team. This season, the team will be led by new Head Coach Kirk Saulny.

Born in New Orleans in 1957, Saulny was an outstanding football and basketball player at McDonough High School. Upon graduating from McDonough, he went to Southeastern Louisiana to play basketball, where he received a BA in Secondary Education in 1979.

Saulny comes to Howard from the University of North Carolina in Wilmington, where he served as assistant head coach since 1995.

Before being named head coach at Howard on June 10, this year, he served as an assistant coach at four different Division I schools. By coaching at various schools such as Tulane from 1981 to 1985, New Orleans from 1985 to 1987, Columbia from 1988 to 1994, and UNC Wilmington from 1994 to 1998, Saulny brings to Howard an abundance of experience.

He has accomplished a lot during his various coaching jobs. While coaching at Columbia University, he helped to build a solid program and under his leadership during the 1992-1993 basketball season, Columbia University finished second in the Ivy League Conference with 17 wins and nine losses.

Saulny said his goals for the team are "to make some immediate improvements, by conditioning and working on skill levels, then shooting for a championship."

Academics is a major concern for Saulny. Now, he is in negotiations



with Riggs Bank to persuade it to donate money to the men's basketball program for lap top computers to take with them on away games. Since his arrival with his wife Helen and son Kristopher, Saulny said he has been impressed with Howard's faculty, administration, students and athletic department, and is elated to be at the University.

## Men's Soccer, Cross Country Expected to Keep Titles

By EBONY D. WHITE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Following a championship 1997 season, the men's cross country and soccer teams say they're looking forward to keeping their titles.

The cross country team, coached by William Moultrie, finished first in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Fall Championships, while the soccer team, coached by Keith Tucker and assistant coach Curtis Landy, took the lead in the Mid-Continent Conference Championships.

Moultrie said another outstanding performance will not be difficult for this year's cross country team, which has not lost any runners from last season.

"Winning is nothing new!" said Moultrie, explaining he is dedicated to the idea that qualified runners and great work ethics make a winning performance. Now that the team has last year's title under its belt, he said he believes it is aware of their capabilities and hopes that they "know what they need to do."

While observers expected the entire team to do well, some of the team's star performances were expected to come from Isaac Sugut and Richard Baiwo, who finished second and third place, respectively, last year. Mike Zipf, who will return to the team for a second season, is expected to join Kenyon Link and Drew Anderson in keeping last year's momentum alive.

Some of the team's fiercest competitors for the fall will be Coppin State and Hampton University, as well as Florida A&M University and the University of

Maryland-Eastern Shore.

The winning strategy?

"To maximize what we have," said Moultrie.

The same strategy will be utilized for this year's men's soccer team. Although they have lost three key players from last season--goal keeper Andre Virtue, forward Michael Lawrence, and mid fielder Kofi Boxhill, who all managed to rack-up an estimated 15 points per game-- the team is adding eight new players, Landy said.

No changes will be made to the program and coaching efforts this season. Landy believes that in order to carry the winning spirit and attitude of last season over to this season, this year's team must work harder because they are now defendants of a title. He said he feels the main issue is to get the younger players to "develop continuity with the new teams." With the right attitude and new freshman, the team will go further than the previous year, Landy said.

Gregory Simmons, who, according to the coach, is leaning toward becoming an All-American, and Raymond Goodlett are expected to lead the team this season.

American University, ranked within the top 10 in the country, and the University of Maryland represent the team's toughest competition. Another key competitor is Virginia Commonwealth University.

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	Alumni Fashion Show & Brunch	TBA	TBA
	Gospel Concert	5pm	Cramton Auditorium
	Libation Ceremony	8pm	Main Upper Quad
	Fireworks Explosion	9pm	Main Upper Quad
October 26	Artistry in Motion	7pm	TBA
October 27	Comedy Show	8pm	Cramton Auditorium
October 28	Step Show	7pm	Burr Gymnasium
October 29	Fashion Show	7pm	Cramton Auditorium
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	Homecoming Concert	8pm	Cramton Auditorium
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# HEALTH

## First-Year Students Aiming to Fend-off 'Freshman 15'

*Students, Experts Cite Campus Food as a Source of Weight Gain*

By **TEKIAE WARREN**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

New students are flocking to college campuses around the nation, many of whom feel overwhelmed by unfamiliar environments, loads of responsibility, and nothing short of sheer frustration. One side-effect of their new fast-paced lifestyle is the phenomenon known as "Freshman 15": the sudden gain of 15 or more pounds that many first-year students experience.

Experts say the cause of first-year weight gain varies, and the high demands of college life and stress that such a high-impact lifestyle causes leaves little time for students to maintain healthy diets.

The majority of first-year Howard University students live on-campus, dine on the campus meal plans, and do not own vehicles. Some freshmen said the high fat content of the cafeteria's food is the key source of their weight gain.

"I gained twenty pounds when I came to Howard," said junior broadcast journalism major Erica Hankerson. "At home I was smaller, but when I came here I started to gain weight. I think that it is because of the quality of food we receive," said Hankerson, adding that the food she ate at home was of higher quality and had a lower fat content. "More likely they buy their foods in bulk at a discount, which probably means that it isn't necessarily the most nutritious [items of food]."

Sara Blumenthal, a private nutritionist, said the biggest problem on college campuses is the quality of the food. "Lousy, cheap food is at all universities, not just at Howard, but from Harvard down to

Montgomery College.

"The food's quality isn't good," Blumenthal said, adding that cafeterias often use cheaper foods with a large quantities of white flour and sugars—key elements that cause students to gain weight.

Blumenthal estimated that between 50 and 60-percent of her client's weight problems began while they were in college.

Franklin R. Ampy, a biology department professor, said the weight gain may be psychological, due to frustrations sparked by a transition to a new environment.

"Freshmen probably are eating more junk foods and are eating large amounts of cafeteria foods, which have higher contents of sugar," Ampy said.

But Blumenthal, urging students to eat more fruits and salads, said that some responsibility must be placed on the choices made by the students. Cafeterias on Howard's campus are buffet style, therefore the choices that students make are ultimately their own.

"The ingredients that we use are of the highest quality...grade-A quality," said Steven Gibbs, general manager of the Howard University Dining Services. "We are in compliance with all the standards placed on us by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)."

Gibbs insists that students must make better choices about what they consume in the cafeteria. "We usually give students a choice of two main dishes and a vegetarian dish and offer a salad bar."

"It is mainly about choices, whether [students are] at home or on a college campus, it is about the choices we make about the foods we eat," Gibbs said.



## Health Center Prepares for Move

By **TEKIAE WARREN**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Working hard to find more efficient and improved ways to serve the Howard University community, the Howard University Student Health Center offers an array of free educational health tools and services.

For example, the Women's Health Clinic offers many gynecological services, including testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy testing, and breast examinations.

In order to receive contraceptives, which are offered at a reduced cost of \$2 to \$5, students must attend the center's 30-minute contraceptive class, which is offered several times a week.

The center also provides a free condom distribution program, and urges students to take

advantage of the low-cost contraceptives that are available. "STD's are the number one thing here at the Health Center," said Lynette Munday, associate director of medical services.

Once students obtain a referral from the Health Clinic, they are eligible to receive free treatment from the Dental Clinic, in which junior and senior dental students perform all services under the supervision of physicians in the College of Dentistry.

Students seeking advice on losing weight can join "Weight No More," a course led by physician Carolyn Goode, that's designed to teach participants proper diet and exercise techniques. Classes are weekly.

At the Student Health Center Pharmacy, students can get prescribed medication—free of charge. Prescriptions by non-University physicians can be filled by the pharmacy. But if the pharma-

cy does not have the item in stock, an order will be placed and a fee will be added.

McLain G. Garrett, Jr., the director of the Health Center, said he is aiming to improve the Center's image and relationship with students.

"We're trying to change the image here," Garrett said, urging students to tell the Health Center what improvements it should make to bolster the services it provides.

Echoing Garrett's desire to receive greater student feedback to make the Health Center more efficient, Cornelia A. Harris, the center's administrative assistant, who is the person receiving student's complaints and suggestions, said that "it is easier when one is looking from the outside looking in and can see what changes need to take place. But when one is in the inside, it is more difficult to make those

observations."

Some students said that long waiting periods ignites most of their complaints about the center. "I once had to wait three hours before they even called me," said junior international business major Avra Lewis.

The center will soon move from its 8,000-sq. ft. location to a 19,300-sq. ft. space in the current bookstore, in the Tubman Quadrangle, which will move to the building that once housed the Howard University Hotel. The new facility will have a student health advisory council room and computer rooms, officials said.

The Health Center is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and can be reached via the Internet at: <http://138.238.107.150/health>.

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## A Guide to Student Health

For many college students, the adjustment from summer vacation to campus life can take a heavy toll on one's body. But for students interested in maintaining or gaining good health during the academic school year, Dr. Lynette Munday, of the University Health Center, offers the following tips:

### • NUTRITION

Eat three healthy meals a day that are low in fat and salt. Reduce refined sugar intake.

### • EXERCISE

Exercise often, it boosts energy and reduces stress.

### • BIKE and BLADE SAFETY

Use helmet and knee pads when roller blading and bicycling.

### • SKIN PROTECTION

Use sunscreen with SPF-30 on your face, and SPF-15 on your body throughout the year.

### • DRINK WATER

Drink plenty of water. 8 six-ounce glasses of water a day is sufficient.

Stressing the importance of being responsible when engaging in sexual activity, Munday said that "if you chose not to abstain, use condoms and contraceptive foam to prevent pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Diseases."

Munday also urged students to refrain from developing smoking, alcohol or drug habits. "I plead with students not to develop any habits and get rid of those you have," she said.

--ERICKA WORTHAM

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All requests for organizational funding during the 1998-99 school year should be forwarded to HUSA by September 15 ! Budget requests should be picked up at the HUSA office in the Blackburn Center Suite 102 between the hours of 9am - 5pm. All questions should be directed to Yvette Carnell at 6/4134.



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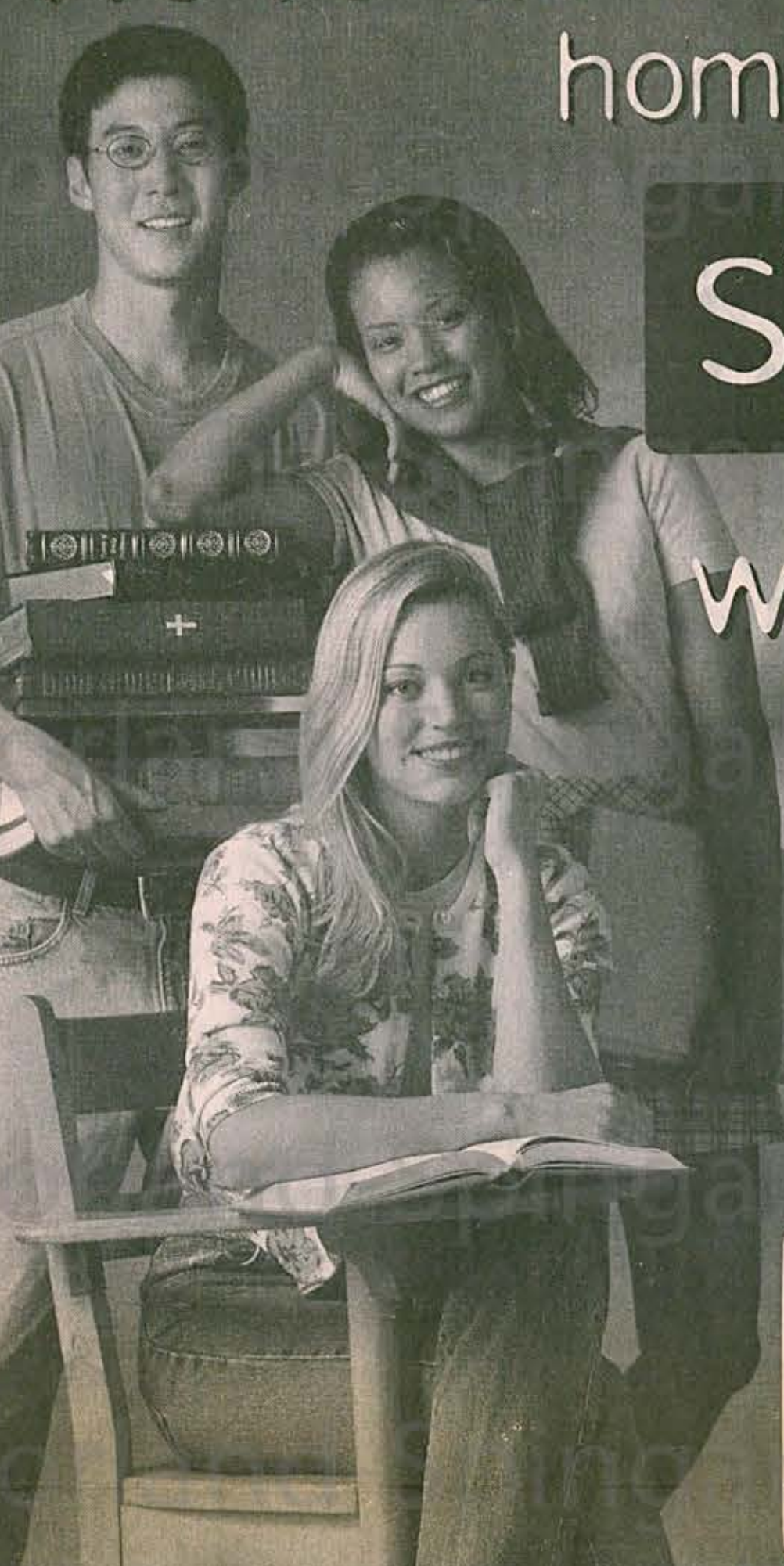
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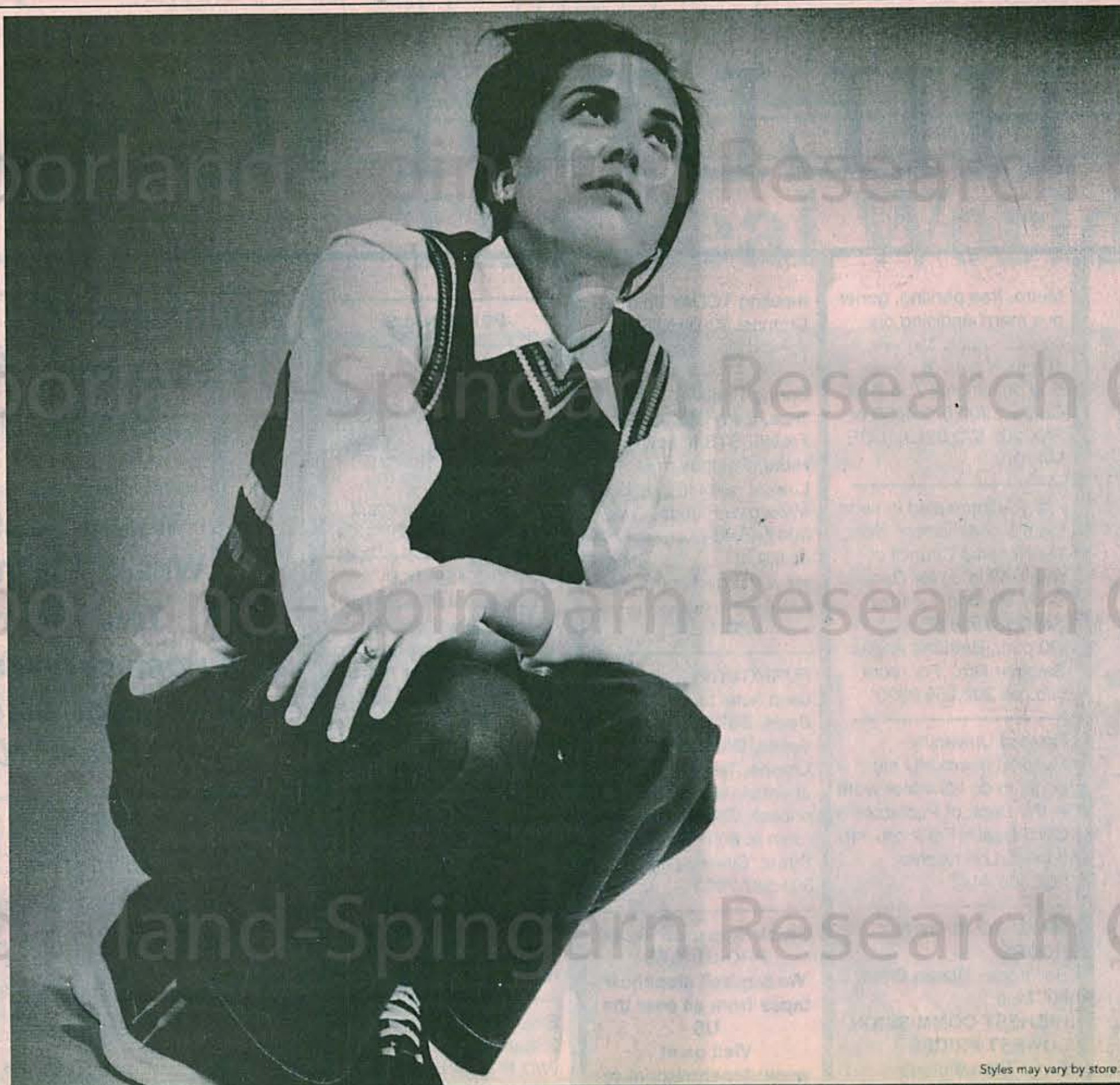
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