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By Christina M. Wright
Asst. Campus Editor

One day remains in the campaign period for student government elections and most see a Jeffly and Hyde comparison between this year's and last year's. This is due to the determination of the Elections Commission to run a smooth election.

"This year's commission has done our best to make sure the campaign process is fair and allows the candidates to deliver their platforms to the students," said Jamal Anderson, the elections commission president. "I think we accomplished what we were asking for." Anderson said that no grievances have been filed on behalf of elections, a fact he said that he attributes.

"This is the first election, I believe, in a long time, in order to deal with not your guess," Anderson said as he praised the quality of the commission and the candidates who are running this year.

Students said candidates verbally attacked one another last year in their campaigning.

"Last year, you would have thought they wanted each other's heads on a stick," said Ashley Wilson, a sophomore computer science major. "This year, they especially (HWS presidential and vice presidential candidates) Brent (Howard) and April (Hardy) tried to make it all about their goals rather than their opponents."

Joseph Gates, a sophomore political science major, said, "Last year was a lot of fun. There were many times when the candidates were very friendly in their campaigning."

In an effort to run clean elections, the Elections Commission set strict guidelines for the campaigning period. The guidelines stressed ethos and pushed for candidates to market their platforms instead of using questionable tactics that could be seen as bribes.

Candidates recognized that the commission made a big difference in the group.

"The campaign process went very well this year," Stewart said. "This year, the commission has done a great job with ethos and guidelines, and the candidates have kept it pretty clean, unlike candidates in the past."

There was one change this year that the candidates saw as a setback: lack of doors-to-doors. According to Anderson, the candidates were prevented from going door-to-door campaigning in the dormitories, a decision made by Residence Life.

"It just made the campaigning harder," Anderson said.

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Commission Keeps Student Elections Friendly

By Zachary Bartell

Ronald Bartell Jr., Howard University defensive back, said he is preparing himself for Howard University's 2005 Pro Day, being held Wednesday at Greene Stadium. Pro Day will allow Bartell to further improve his stock entering this year's NFL draft. Bartell is considered to be the highest drafted player in the history of Howard University.

Bartell took part in the 2005 NFL combine last month and impressed scouts with his tremendous speed and prominent physical presence. In the 40-yard dash his official back in the entire class at the combine, the former Kansas w 4.43 and a 4.37 in his two attempts and has since garnered much more attention. He set a very high standard for the rest of the class and established himself as one of the bigget surprises thus far.

Bartell was told by NFL scouts that a good combine could improve his stock tremendously and he may be selected as high as the second round or late first. Bartell is an impressive figure with good potential, but he also understands that long jump from 2003's Pro Day will serve as a reminder of how hard he must work in order to be drafted.

Thirty-one NFL teams will be represented at tomorrow's Pro Day and Bartell will get a chance to prove that his times and physical showing at the Combine were no fluke. Ironically, Bartell, who is a native of Michigan, recently admitted to an article by The Washington Post that he had never been running an on-going series on Bartell, is also expected to improve his stock entering this year's NFL draft.

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College Newspaper

By Alan King

Dominique Hurd, a junior radio, TV major, said she was surprised when Terrance Terry, her film professor, entered her film into the FESPACO Pan African Film and Television Festival.

"I was really excited when she was given the opportunity to visit West Africa when "Long Gone" received the Paul Robeson Youth Action Watch Award. Actor Danny Glover presented the award during the festival in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso between Feb. 26 and March 8.

The Paul Robeson Award is awarded to the best films from the Caribbean and the United States for their remarkable technical and artistic qualities. "I was kind of surprised when they called me up and Danny Glover presented the award to me," Hurd said. "That really surprised me to fulfill my dreams and try to be everywhere." Hurd's film was based on a young woman suffering from anorexia and alcohol abuse and was seen on ABC.

See AWARD, Campus A2

Glover Presents Award to Hurd

Ronald Bartell Jr., Howard University defensive back, anticipates making a good impression at Pro Day, Wednesday, to follow his defensive back.

Bartell has taken a hiatus from his studies in Criminal Justice and has lost less than a semester's worth of credits to take before he graduates. But, with less than a month before draft day, all energies have been directed toward the playing professionally for the NFL. To ensure that he pushes his draft stock to the highest possible peak, the off-season program has been working on Atletism Performance in Tempe, Ariz., to improve his speed, weightlifting capabilities, strength and conditioning.

The program allowed in the Combine where his stock may have improved more than any other athlete. The focus will be back on him at Wednesday's workout.
**JUNIOR SPEAK:** What has been your worst Spring Break experience?

"Freshman year, I had a lot of plays—I was going to take a mini trip down south, to Virginia, and visit two friends in Atlanta. But we ran out of gas, and when we tried to fix it, we couldn't. I had no money, nobody wanted to go; so I was stuck."

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"Three buddies, Cancun, pittying, but understand that the laws in Mexico are completely different from the U.S.; cops are for—basically do what they ask. On the way out to our hotel we were stopped by the police. My friend said we'd posted our pockets, unlocked, and spent three days in jail. No bathroom. Close to 30 drinkable birds; I had to feed you green stuff; so he said. Naturally, this is my worst spring break experience."

**Reggie Thies, administration of justice**

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**Students Agree Election Process is Running Smoothly**

**Graduate School Events**

**Friday, March 25** 10 a.m.  Graduate School, Room 205  406 College Streets, N.W.  **Washington, DC 20059**  Candidate: Ms. Michelle Owen Dixon  **Department of Nutritional Sciences**  **College of Pharmacy**  **Department of Allied Health Sciences**  **Dissertation Title:** The Effects of Dietary and Fecal Phytate on the Absorption of Calcium, Copper, Iron, and Zinc Relative to Colonic Polyp Recurrence  **Committee Chair:** Dr. Allan Johnson  **Dissertation Advisor:** Dr. Barbies F. Harland

**Friday, April 8**

"Students need help understanding their local Spring Break. But at the same time, do they need it?"  "I haven't really had one, well, last spring Break went well I suppose."  "I went to Miami this Tampa freshman year. Feelings that were suppressed during spring break culminated in this girls, you can get the picture, and everything was happening one other, it was just one of those things."  "I went to Miami this freshman year. Feelings that were suppressed during spring break culminated in this girls, you can get the picture, and everything was happening one other, it was just one of those things."

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**Robin Gonzalez, psychology**

"Freshman year, I took my four closest friends to Nashville. My car got a flat tire. I took my car to a rinky-dink shop, walked away from my car for two seconds, and I got robbed. There were only two of us at the shop, no cops around. They stole my car. Any type of identification, my check cards, $137 dollars my grandmother gave me to get my tire fixed was stolen. I had no access to money, so I just had to do for the break. And on the way back to D.C., my friend got pulled over by the state troopers. The trip went from bad to bad and from bad to worse."

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**Leslie Thomas, sociology**

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Army Increases Enlistment Age For Reserves to 39

BY KEVIN HARRIS

The Army announced this week that it will increase the enlistment age for Army Reserve and National Guard units from 36 to 39, a five-year increase meant to add 21 million additional reservists over three years.

A statement from the Army said the age increase would expand the recruiting pool and give designated Americans the opportunity to defend their nation.

"Raising the maximum age for non-prior-service enlistment expands the recruiting pool, provides motivated individuals an opportunity to serve, and strengthens the readiness of reserve units," an Army statement said. "Superior has shown that older recruits who can meet the physical demands of military service generally make excellent soldiers based on their maturity, motivation, loyalty and patriotism."

Officials said the new initiative would apply only to new recruits enlisting between now and 2008. Army spokesmen told reporters that it is possible the age limit for Reserve and National Guard units will be raised again after the current three-year test ends. However, the age limit for the regular Army will remain at 34.

News of the age increase comes weeks after the Army acknowledged that it was having trouble reaching recruiting goals as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan slowed progress in Iraq, but also edged that the insurgency was being made partly in response to the age limit for the regular Army will remain at 34.

"The thought of their pre­eing in this conflict is a terrible thing," Bamfield told reporters Sunday. "They haven't stopped the war, and they're not going to do it."

We have 25 million Iraqis that will not see the war. The reason is coming back. The dirt is strong. The schools are open. The hospitals are open."

"The most graphic stage plot in America"

"The most graphic stage plot in America" is the name of the new sexploitation film "Sexpose." The film, about a group of college students who are forced to compete in a sex game in order to win a scholarship, has been met with mixed reviews.

Many critics say the film's explicit and gratuitous sex scenes are more graphic than the movie itself. Others believe it's a poor excuse for an actual plot.

The film's producer, Donald R. Berman, acknowledged that the movie was a "ripoff" of the movie "Fast and the Furious," but said he never intended it to be taken seriously.

"When you look at the movie, it's not a movie that's meant to be taken seriously," Berman said. "It's a film that's meant to be a commentary on society."

Berman said the film's producers were aware of the controversy and had planned to release it in a limited market to avoid any negative publicity.

"When you release a film in a limited market, you're taking a chance," Berman said. "You're hoping that people will see it and enjoy it, and that they'll talk about it."
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Innovation Is What HUSA Needs

The Hilltop sponsored a debate on the three major candidates for HUSA President Tuesday to help students strengthen Howard University's relationship with the undergraduate student body. The candidates were Tahman Bradley, Precious Aduoo, and April Henry. The Innovation platform seeks to chop the tree down and plant a new tree with new ideas and foundations.

The Innovation platform is broken down into three categories. The first innovation is to student leadership, which includes the creation of a unified student body that meets the timeliness of organization fund-raising and continuing "HUSA in Your House." The second category, Innovation in Student Leadership, has the responsibility of commenting on yardfests and traditions. The third innovation, Innovation in Student Leadership, has the responsibility of commenting on yardfests and traditions.

The Innovation platform seems very important and necessary. This helps keep things moving forward. We feel we had a good year, and we are prepared for whatever might come our way. We are confident that we will be ready.

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**Former XXL and VIBE Editor Promotes New Book**

**BY AYESHA RASCOE**

Miles Marshall Lewis, former music editor for Vibe magazine, deputy managing editor for XXL, and now editor, has a lot to say about the origin of hip-hop and the responsibility that latterly should take for the form. Now, he is working to bring his vision to life.

Lewis made a stop at a Howard University bookstore last month to promote his book, "Scars of the Soul Are Why Kids Pray and Jails Overflow." The book is part of a larger project Lewis refers to as "Scars of the Soul," which is a series of print and video eye candy projects that differ from the hip-hop mainstream. Lewis sees the project as a way to pro-package pop groups and video stars.

That led to one hit wonders and one-hit-wonders. Lewis saw that different kind of soul music has been conceived. It's edgy, hokey, inflated with hip-hop beats and social undertones, this soul music is wholeheartedly original. And social undertones, this soul music is wholeheartedly original.

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The more generous we are, the more joyously we become.

The more cooperative we are, the more voluntarily we become.

The more enthusiastically we are, the more productive we become.

The more serenely we are, the more peacefully we become.

The more courageously we are, the more helpfully we become.

The more patiently we are, the more understanding we become.

The more persistently we are, the more successfully we become.

**BY WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD**
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Duncan Done for Regular Season?  

BY JONATHAN DAVIS  
Contributing Writer

The Spurs (50-17) have the advantage throughout the NBA postseason. If the Spurs win four of the next five games, the series will be over. Duncan is the key to that happening. The Spurs have missed Duncan in the first two games of the series, and they have been outscored in both. Duncan has missed the past three games and the Spurs have lost three games. Duncan has been a key player in the Spurs' success this season. He is the team's leading scorer and rebounder.

Laurin - The Howard University Lady Bison are set to take on Virginia Tech tomorrow in Blacksburg, Va. The Lady Bison are coming off a dominant performance against Howard's in-state rival, the Howard Lady Bison. The Lady Bison are on a three-game winning streak and have outscored their opponents by a combined 57-29 margin. The Lady Bison are looking to improve against Virginia Tech.

Duncan was flown back to San Antonio to begin treatment, while Van Wormer went to New York and lost 88-75 to the Knicks. The Spurs, according to an NBA.com recap of the game, ended a series of 11 games without a win in the second half without making a field goal. In that period of time, they missed 14 straight shots and turned the ball over 11 times.

The first two for four shots, the Spurs will be looking for their offensive and defensive success. Gist was on the injured list last Monday and the Spurs are without their leading scorer and rebounder.

The Spurs lost the league's most complete player when Tim Duncan went down with an apparent right ankle sprain. The injury was so bad that Duncan limped on the court for the remainder of the game. The injury was so severe that Duncan limped on the court for the remainder of the game. Duncan will be out for the rest of the season.