Students to Spend Evening With Harry Belafonte

BY TOYNETT T. HALL
Contribution Editor

Mary O. Boney says "O, night, light, come, it's time to 'vam-go home," are the lyrics to the famous banana boat song that catapulted Harry Belafonte's career as an entertainer into the limelight. This world-renowned singer and actor has been recognized not only for his stellar performances but also for his political activism of all types.

Belafonte has marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, fought for freedom in the Second World War, and continues to fight against injustice committed in the U.S. and around the world. For these reasons and many more, Harry Belafonte, world-renowned entertainer and political activist, will be speaking to students in Cranman Auditorium at 7 p.m. tonight.

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Howard Gospel Choir Wins National Competition

BY AMBER ENGLISH
Contributing Writer

After a year off, the Howard Gospel Choir took third place in the Black Educators National Gospel Choir competition in New York City this past weekend. The annual competition features gospel choirs from colleges on the east coast competing for top spots in various categories.

The choir took home second place overall in the competition. They also won Best Arrangement for "There Is No Keys," Best Student Director, Cliff Ross III, Best Original Song, "It's Gonna Be Alright," and Best Vocal Soloist, Clifton Ross.

However, Ross emphasized that the Howard Gospel Choir is interested in more than winning. "Our focus was to minister in hopes that someone would be touched or inspired, regardless of what house," said Ross, softly.

Workers Criticize Lack of Staffing

BY CANESHA MILLS
Contributing Writer

When Howard university maintenance workers chanted "we want what is fair" on the Yard on March 24, they were referring to the administration's proposed pay increase over the next two years.

However, many maintainers believe the financial international accord (IFEs) they are left holding is going nowhere. The measures should address the need for a collective bargaining agreement negotiation, under-staffed.

Some workers on Howard's campus say they are responsible for maintaining two to three buildings. Women like Marsha Lindsey, a custodian from the D.C. Powell building, claim they do the job of three people. "There used to be people helping in this building, now there are only four," she said. Then there are people like Ronald Maloney, a maintenance, "Some worked as a licensed plumber for the entire university.

Understaffing is one of the most major concerns of workers in SEIU Local 841 while negotiating for a new contract which expired last November.

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Jalal Talabani, New Iraqi President Is Sworn In

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Writing Intern

Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani was sworn in Thursday as the new president of Iraq, two years after the U.S. led an invasion to topple Saddam Hussein's government.

Talabani immediately began appointing cabinet members. He announced that Shite leader Brayan Adad would be the first prime minister. Jafari will replace former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who resigned earlier Thursday. Alliance's resigna- tion was not official until the new government is functioning. Two vice presidents, Adel Abdul-Mahdi and Ghani al-Yawer, were also sworn in. Collectively, the president and vice presidents will become the first cabinet president of Talabani, who will also be considered the prime minister. Iraq's national assembly, which consists of 255 members, will have to vote on all the cabinet members officially recognized.

The primary goal of Talabani's new government will be to draft a constitution that will be put before Iraqi voters for approval. Talabani said at his swearing in ceremony, that he will work to continue Iraq's move toward democracy.

"We will rebuild the Iraqi government on principles of democracy, federation, pluralism, and equality, citizenship, respect for human rights, independence, sovereignty and the Islamic identity of Iraq. The Iraqi government will not negotiate the Iraqi constitution, "Talabani said. "This will happen with national reconciliation and in a democratic way. Far from for the racist and sectarianism."

Talabani also said that as president, he will consider offering amnesty to insurgents currently performing random attacks throughout Iraq. "We must find a political and peace- ful solution with Iraqis who have been led astray by terrorism," Talabani said. "They should be invited to participate in the democratic process."
**A Moment in Howard's History: Spring Fever at The Mecca**

**BY JABARI SMITH**

Visions of spring on the Yard coupled with umbrellas basking in the sun's rays, gives energetically engaging a game of football and girls prancing around in skintight, yet stylish gear. These images and moves are common during what Howard students consider the most highly anticipated reason of the year: "spring fever.

According to Dr. April (April) Johnson, director of the Howard Comes Down with Spring Fever event, "settlements are different than, then, than what they are today. With the approach of final exams and Spring Break behind them, Howard students have incurred a bad case of "spring fever." Students made no excuses as they made up for lost time, pushing on the Yard and between classes of a busy part of the grand Howard tradition.

"Students hanging out on the Yard is something that has been happening and is something that will always happen," Wyland Teas, a junior business major, said in the April yard article, "It's what we look forward to."

Typically, every year a cerebration of the hopped up season begins with an announcement that release also signaled a drop in class. With the coming of good weather, students are often tempted to miss it and neglect class, often thinking that what goes on in class is insignificant, but it really is significant," J. Carline Havely, a history professor, said. Hijinks with some students who asked the staff to continue the traditions popular during spring fever.

A lack of class attendance during the spring semester remains a heated topic, especially since it is this time of year when Howard's most highly anticipated events are underway, including the faculty and student programs and the Spring Back Street Festival.

"I'm not a class attendance person during the spring," demonstates one student who decides whether or not to go to class based on happenings on the Yard. "If it's just a regular hot day and everybody is hanging out I'll go to class because everyone will most likely still be chilling. But if something major is happening I might be missing class to fully skip the T. S. Harris Festival."

Although he disagreed with the lack of attendance due to spring, the former HUSA President Jonathan硕士学位 said that the congregation of students on the Yard was the main reason among family students in the Yard. "As Gladman, a sophomore international business major, agreed. "It think it's great that we can do something to bring in people from different schools."

"They're doing the best they can to make this a better campus," Gladman continued. "I think it's great that we can do something to bring in people from different schools."

"Howard students come to college a lot more prepared than others. Most of them were at the top of their class in high school, so to have them here makes for a good class and university."

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Thomas Korth, chair of the music department

"In any typical class, some students show initiative and some don't want to attend class. There is a mixture of students realizing their potential and taking advantage of what they have. Most of them do."

Niece Gallart, history department

"Howard students tend to be some of the most exciting, stimulating, brightest, creative minds that I have ever worked with. I have been teaching for 28 years. I teach as much as they do from them."

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**Fight Continues Against Environmental Racism**

By SHARI LOGAN (with special report by ALAN MILLER)

Christian Leah, a freshman marketing major, has asthma due to the poor quality of air he had to breathe while growing up. He is from Croton-on-Hudson, a community that sits right in the middle of 3 nuclear plants and 9 toxic waste plants. Leah is not alone; 1 in 5 black children have asthma, a disproportionate amount of nuclear plants, toxic waste plants, or dumpsites in minority neighborhoods is known as environmental racism.

Some experts contend that environmental racism is one of the main reasons that there are health disparities between blacks and whites.

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"The Long Walk to Freedom," an evening with Harry
"Belafonte," inaugurates the College's distinguished lecture
series. Belafonte will speak about his life experiences as a
social and political activist.

"The idea was to bring in people from time to time who
have excelled in their own profession but also through those
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**Sharing Is Caring: Trends in Downloading**

### BY CHARLAES WASHINGTON

students are�inor for their right to hear. Their lines with their cell phones are not needed for their sharing habits. Students seem to want just about everything, from movies to e-mailing--and they occasionally use the files themselves.

Peer-to-peer networking, also known as P2P, is technology that was developed in 1990 by former college student Shawn Fanning. P2P networks allow users to trade and download music, movies, and some software for free, their development and proliferation has shown how the music industry, and more recently, the film industry.

### The moral and legality of file sharing has been continually debated.

P2P networks allow users to much more, but it leaves behind a file sharing a new form of therapy, users feel that it simply evens the scales:

Although some students admit that downloading music and other media for free may be wrong, they provide reasons to justify file sharing.

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For Brandin Thrasher, a freshman marketing major, purchasing downloads is in his way to save cash. "I'm too poor to purchase downloads," he said, "so I buy CDs still, but record companies are the only one to own and even more songs in the future."

**"We're not really talking about sharing file sharing a new form of therapy, users feel that it simply evens the scales: a lot of people," commented fresh -men.**

**"I think this represents a sad state in the current morality of a lot of people," commented fresh -men.**

**"I think that [identity theft] is unfortunate and that family members or close friends who steal identities should be ashamed of themselves."**

**Krystle Champagne, freshman**

**Must of all you should just be cautious. If you factor takes a little too long bringing back a credit card, if someone is a little too close when a check is being written, or of anything just seems odd, it is a little precautionary given.**

**What should be done if one suspects that they have become a victim of identity theft?**

Freshman civic engagement major, Brian Shell, a lot of music students was in the dark about what to do if they have been a victim of identity theft.

"I guess I really don't know what I would do," began Shell,

"I think that it is unfortunate and that family members or close friends who steal identities should be ashamed of themselves." Champagne said.

Those who find themselves were to contact their local police department, their bank, credit card companies, and the Federal Trade Commission.

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Howard’s Track Team Looks for The Sunshine After the Rain

BY CHANIEL MCCAIN
Consulting Writer

Howard’s Track Team will have the opportunity to compete in the NCAA East Region Championship at the University of Virginia this weekend, after their meet was postponed. The Buckets have a strong record of success in the past few years. The team has been mentioned as strong exhibitors with a 3.8 GPA while successfully performing on the women’s basketball team. The women’s volleyball team has also been mentioned as strong exhibitors with a 3.8 GPA while successfully performing on the women’s basketball team.

Men and Women’s Tennis - This weekend the men’s and women’s tennis teams will compete in two matches. They will first travel to Drexel, Del. to face the Blue Hens. Kristin Harris, a former tennis player, has been instrumental in building up the women’s tennis team. Harris has also been mentioned as a star performer with a 3.8 GPA while successfully performing on the women’s basketball team.

Former College Teammates Battle for Rookie of the Week

BY COURTNEY BILAND
Assistant Sports Editor

The battle over this year’s Rookie of the Year Award has pitted three NBA players against each other. Charlie Scott Jr., Kristin Harris, and the Chicago Bulls’ Grant Hill have been the most front-running candidates. Scott Jr. has been mentioned as a strong exhibitor with a 3.8 GPA while successfully performing on the women’s basketball team. Harris has also been mentioned as a star performer with a 3.8 GPA while successfully performing on the women’s basketball team.

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BY COURTNEY BILAND
Assistant Sports Editor

If the Orlando Magic has any hopes of competing in the Eastern Conference Finals, it will have to do so without its star player. Grant Hill has been a key contributor to the team’s success, averaging 15.4 points per game along with 10.8 rebounds and leads the rookies in scoring with 19.7 points off of 50.9 percent shooting. The team has three more meets before the MEAC conference, and has qualified for the 100m dash, as well as junior Derek West-Nesbitt has already qualified for the 100m dash, as well as senior Ronald Richards qualified for the 100m dash. Clemson senior Ronald Richards qualified for the 100m dash. The team has three more meets before the MEAC conference.

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Howard’s Track Team Looks for The Sunshine After the Rain

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You Have
Waited...
The Train is Coming

Dear Spring 2005, "Many are called, few are chosen," embrace the "Light," for it has already embraced you.
Love Always,
16-A-01
You are making the proud
Here’s the torch
44-A-01
The AKSA Train is Coming

In case you forgot...we still got it on LOCK!

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