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#### TODAY

Few showers  
High: 63  
Low: 46

#### SATURDAY

Partly cloudy  
High: 60  
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Partly cloudy  
High: 65  
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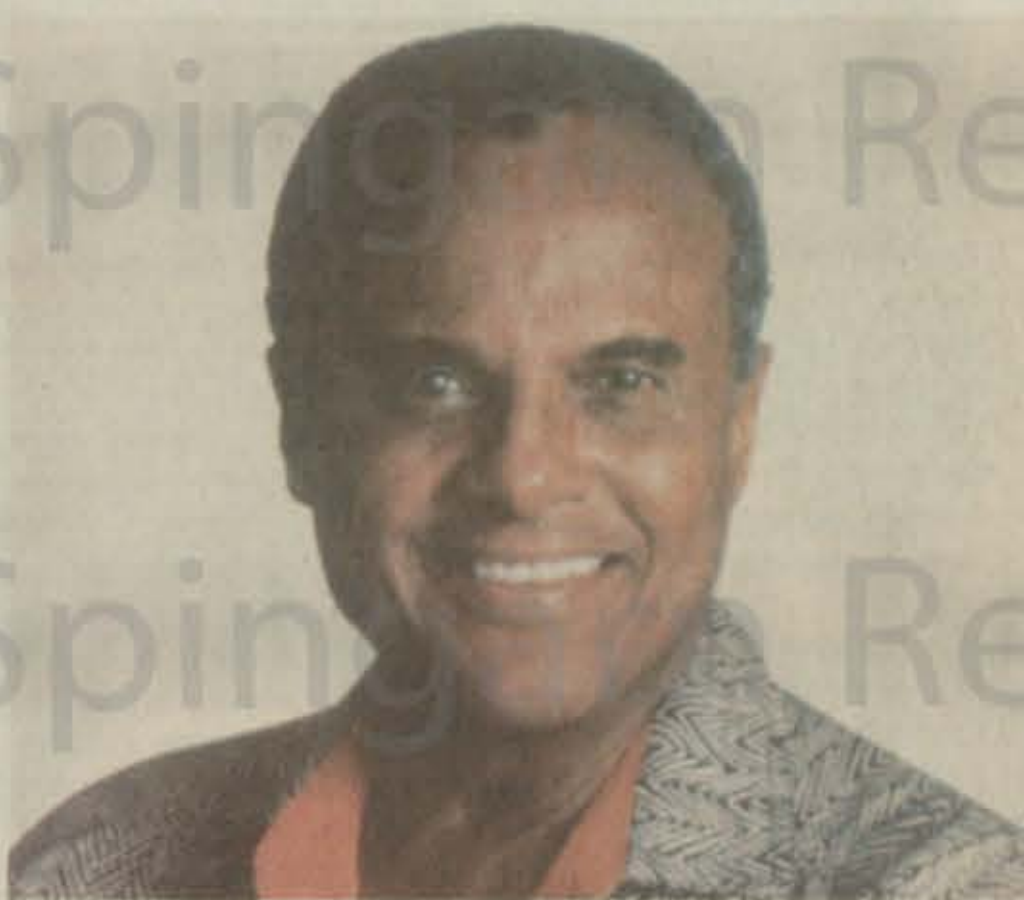


## Students to Spend Evening With Harry Belafonte

BY TOYNETT N. HALL  
Contributing Writer

"Day- O, Day- ay O, Day light come and mi wan 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 off screen.

Belafonte has marched beside Dr. Martin Luther King, fought for freedom in the Second World War, and continues to fight against injustices committed in the US and around the world. For these reasons and many more



Harry Belafonte, world-renowned entertainer and political activist, will be speaking to students in Cramton Auditorium at 7 p.m. tonight.

See **BELAFONTE**, News A5



Maya Gilliam, Senior Photo Editor

The Georgia Club, which presented this forum earlier this year, is hosting a group of high school students over the weekend. The students will attend classes and participate in recreational activities.

## High School Students Journey to the Mecca

BY KAREN BRUNDIDGE  
Contributing Writer

Many high school students have the desire, but do not have the opportunity to experience some aspects of college life before they actually arrive.

This week the Georgia Club is offering that experience to high school students from Georgia.

This year marks their 14th annual "Welcome to the Mecca" week. They bring high school students from Atlanta public schools to Howard University for three days.

The purpose of this week is to expose Atlanta youth to college life, specifically Howard.

There are mentors that

make connections with the mentees visiting the campus.

Various tours take place around Howard, and the Georgia Club hosts a bowling night, a night at the movies, and an outing at a place such as an arcade.

"The kids seemed very excited about the week

See **GEORGIA**, News A5



Photo courtesy of Gospel Choir

The Howard University Gospel Choir took second place overall last weekend in the Black Music Educators National Gospel Choir competition in New York City.

## Howard Gospel Choir Wins National Competition

BY AMBER ENGLISH  
Contributing Writer

After a 10-year absence, the Howard Gospel Choir took home five trophies in the Black Music 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-rank in various categories.

The choir took home second place overall in the competition. They also won Best

Gospel Selection for "There is No Way"; Best Student Director, Clifton Ross III; Best Original Composition for their rearrangement of "Give Me Jesus"; and Best Male Soloist.

However, Ross emphasized that the Howard Gospel Choir is interested in more than just winning.

"Our focus was to minister in hopes that someone would be touched or inspired, regardless of win or lose," said Ross, sophomore.

See **CHOIR**, News A5

## Workers Criticize Lack of Staffing

BY CANEISHA MILLS  
Contributing Writer

When Howard university maintenance workers chanted "two percent is not enough" on the Yard on March 24, they were referring to their dissatisfaction with administration's proposed pay increase over the next two years.

However, many members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 82 say they believe another issue should be addressed in their collective bargaining agreement negotiations, understaffing.

Some workers on Howard's

campus say they are responsible for maintaining two to three buildings. Women like Marcia Leonard, a custodian for the C.B. Powell Building, claim they do the job of three people.

"There used to be 12 people helping in this building, now there are only four," she said. Then there are people like Russell Maloney, the only licensed plumber for the entire university.

Understaffing is one of the main issues being raised by the workers in SEIU Local 82 while negotiating for a new contract, which expired last November.

See **STAFFING**, News A5

## Jalal Talabani, New Iraqi President Is Sworn In



BY KEVIN HARRIS  
Nation & World Editor

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 Shiite leader Ibrahim Jafari would be the new prime minister. Jafari will replace Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who resigned earlier Thursday. Allawi's resignation will not be official until the new government is functioning.

Two vice presidents, Adel Abdul-Mahdi and Ghazi al-Yawer, were also sworn in. Collectively, the president and two vice presidents will be known as the presidency council. Iraq's national assembly, which consists of 275 members, will have to vote to have all of the cabinet 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, equal citizenship, respect for human rights, independence, sovereignty and the Islamic identity of the Iraqi government," Talabani said. "This will happen with national reconciliation and in a democratic way...far from the racism 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 peaceful solution with Iraqis who have been led astray by terrorism and grant them an amnesty," Talabani said. "They should be invited to participate in the democratic process."

See **IRAQ**, News A5

Jalal Talabani (left) was sworn in Thursday as the new president of Iraq. He quickly appointed a new interim prime minister, Ibrahim Jafari (right), and two vice presidents. The new government must now begin to draft a permanent constitution.





## A Moment in Howard's History: Spring Fever at The Mecca

BY JABARI SMITH  
Contributing Writer

Visions of spring on the Yard: couples lying on blankets basking in the sun's rays, guys energetically engaging in a game of football and girls prancing around in skimpy, yet stylish gear. These images and more are common during what Howard students consider the most highly anticipated season of the year □ spring.

According to an April 1998 Hilltop article titled "Howard Comes Down with Spring Fever," springtime antics are no different 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 for their excessive parlaying on the Yard and many of them chalked it up to it being a 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," Wylona Todd, a junior business major, said in the April 1998 article. "It's what we look forward to."

Students were eager to release some of their bottled up angst after the long winter, but that release also signaled a drop in class attendance. "With the coming of good weather, students are often tempted to enjoy it and neglect class, often thinking that what goes on in class is insignificant, but it really is sig-

nificant," J. Carleton Hayden, a history professor, said. Hayden was one professor who said his students succumbed to the infamous 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, like the fraternity and sorority probates and the Spring Black Arts Festival.

Jasmine McClendon, a sophomore advertising major, 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 on the Yard and nothing special is going on in class I'll definitely skip the class," she said.

Though he disagreed with the lack of class attendance due to spring, the former HUSA President Jonathan Hutto said that the congregation of students on the Yard creates a sense of family among the student body.

Joi Gladman, a sophomore international business major, agreed. "I think it's great that everyone is so eager to hang out on campus among their friends and fellow classmates," she said. "It truly shows the community driven aspect of Howard and I love that; if I were a visiting prospective student in the spring there would no doubt in my mind that Howard was the school for me."

## CAMPUS BRIEFS



### University of Miami Renames Institute

The Institute for Retired Professionals (IRP) recently received a grant of \$100,000 from the Bernard Osner Foundation. In honor of the Osner Foundation's grant, the institute at the University of Miami will be renamed the Osner Lifelong Learning Institute. The grant will go toward expanding institutional learning projects and activities.

The institute grant comes at a convenient time because the university plans on renovation its Founder's Hall. The institute was established in 1984 and enables adults 50 years and older to be involved in social and community programs associated with the university.

Depending on the institute's success over the past two years, the University of Miami could be eligible for more grants.



### Clark Atlanta Sponsors Choir Concert

On April 15, Clark Atlanta University will sponsor the sixth year annual choir concert entitled, "Call of the Trombones." The combined choirs of the Atlanta University Center (AUC) schools will celebrate James Weldon Johnson's legacy and will raise money to provide scholarships for students.

This will be the first time all the schools of the AUC participate in a combined choir since President Jimmy Carter's inauguration. Proceeds from the concert will be split into five scholarships of \$1,000 and given to students at the participating schools.



### Grambling Receives Items for Juneteenth Exhibit

Organizers at Grambling University want to use items from the Eddie Robinson Museum in time for the opening of the university's small exhibit during the annual Juneteenth celebration.

Grambling University recently received the needed votes from the Eddie Robinson Project to open the exhibit in June. The Louisiana Legislature initially approved the project in 1999, but budget cuts and disputes over locations delayed the project.

Sources: [www.miami.edu](http://www.miami.edu), [www.cau.edu](http://www.cau.edu), [www.thenewsstar.com](http://www.thenewsstar.com)

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## EMPLOYEE of the WEEK

Dr. LaValla Wilson



Nicole Reed-Staff Photographer

BY DANIELLE BOVELAND  
Contributing Writer

Dr. LaValla Wilson is celebrating her seventh year as the community director at Bethune Annex Hall, where she is in charge of over 500 residents. Wilson got her Ph.D. in Counseling Education, and became the community director in 1998 after graduating from Howard's School of Divinity.

"I enjoy being a part of the development of tomorrow's leaders," she said. "Being community director challenges me. I love working with such a talented group of women."

The Annex staff acknowledges and appreciates the hard work that Wilson puts forth.

"She's diligent, thorough and puts in a lot of hours for her job," Lauren Crisler, a senior history major and a resident assistant in the Annex for the past three years, said. "I can tell that she really cares about the well being of the staff and residents."

Since becoming the community director of the Annex, Wilson has implemented a variety of progressive programs. One of these programs is the highly successful High Tea Society, a Saturday tutor and mentor initiative for local elementary and high school girls. The program is in its second year.

Wilson has refined the administrative tasks set for her. She updated the Annex hall manuals and enhanced operational programs. She and the Annex staff also host different events each month, such as April's "Finance and Finesse," an informational series composed of separate lectures on economic empowerment and maintaining outer beauty.

"I really enjoy the programs put on each month," Crystal Santana, a sophomore international business major and Annex resident, said. "They are usually very informative and a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to the finance speakers that Dr. Wilson invited to April's program."

Other April events that Dr. Wilson will be coordinating include an honors program for Annex residents with high GPAs and an appreciation program for the Annex staff, especially graduating seniors.

Wilson, like all of the residence hall community directors, is enjoying the hype and camaraderie of the ResFest activities.

"ResFest is great because residents get to come together in teams to represent the hall," Wilson said. "It is beneficial to the department and to the students. You can live all year in a dorm but not know anyone who is on your team. ResFest allows you to have fun while meeting other residents from your dorm, and from other dorms."

Students say Wilson has been helpful with their ResFest activities.

"Dr. Wilson has been very supportive of me and

See WILSON, News A5

## FACULTY SPEAK:

### What is your impression of Howard students?

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

Dr. Arvilla Payne-Jackson,  
anthropology, linguistics

"Howard students are more likely to succeed than on any other campus, it's just a matter of students realizing their potential and taking advantage of what they have. Most of them do."

Niece Gallert, history department

"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."

Dr. E. Taylor, English department

"The students that I have encountered at Howard seem to have a premature sense of who they are. Many of these students have goals larger than I could have had for myself."

Robert Teale, education

"Students in the music department are very hardworking. We have a group of very talented, very focused future musicians."

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 diligent and not so diligent students."

Padma Venkatachalam,  
business statistics

"Howard has the best there is. I have never encountered better students in the 30 years that I have taught."

Emory Tolbert, history department

"The students I teach have unrealized potential."

Dr. Panda Kamara, basic math II

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# Fight Continues Against Environmental Racism

BY SHARI LOGAN  
Contributing Writer

Christian Irish, a freshman marketing major, has asthma due to the poor quality of air he had to breathe in while growing up. He is from Croton-on-Hudson, a community that is minutes away from the Indian Point power plant in Westchester, N.Y.

"During the summer my asthma gets really bad," Irish said. "The warm, thick air along with all the exhaust from the trucks and cars just makes my situation worse."

Although Irish is from a middle class neighborhood, he and many other African-Americans suffer from asthma and other health related problems that may be due to the excessive amount of pollution in their communities.

The problem is even more prevalent in poor black communities, where specialists have claimed for years that neighborhoods are unfairly targeted for the building of plants that produce unhealthy toxins.

The practice of placing a disproportionate amount of nuclear plants, toxic waste plants, or dumpsites in minority neighborhoods is known as environmental racism. Robert D. Bullard, a pioneer in this arena since the 1970s and author of the book, "Dumping in Dixie," links environmental racism with the fight for social equality.

In a 1999 interview with a student at Clark-Atlanta University, Bullard said that environmental racism is alive



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

and well. Vernice Miller-Travis, co-founder and board member of West Harlem Environmental Action, a grassroots environmental justice organization has her own views on the situation. In a 2004 interview with Tavis Smiley, Miller-Travis said that Harlem, N.Y., a place not too far from where Irish grew up, has the highest premature death rates from asthma in the Western Hemisphere.

Poor blacks are not safe from the effects of environmental racism in their own homes, some say.

"Environmental racism is disturbing, as far as lower income housing is concerned, because lead is often found in the paint of these houses," Tomas Henderson, a senior majoring in psychology and administration of justice, said.

Bullard reported that Black children are two times more likely than White children to be lead poisoned even though it is a preventable disease.

In an effort to stop this disease and the other ill effects of environmental racism, Bullard founded the

Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark-Atlanta University. Their goal is to assist, support, train and educate people of color about the ill affects of growing up in area's where pollution is high.

A major hurdle for Bullard and other organizations is that the primary victims of environmental racism are poor minorities who don't have the time or ability to effectively organize.

"The disenfranchised are more concerned with their present condition like making sure there is food on their table than fighting against an injustice that has long term effects," Nikki Lagos, an environmental activist, who once worked for the Sierra Club, an environmental watchdog group, said.

Some Howard University students say the poor health conditions in the African-American community are blatant racism.

"The reason construction like this is allowed in the Black community is due to their inferior perception of our lives and capabilities," Omare Kinsey, a sophomore majoring in African American Studies, said.

"They have yet to realize that we are humans just as they are and in many cases better. They have no regard for human life unless it is their own," he added.

Daryl Harris, an associate professor of political science at Howard, pointed out that, unfortunately, more urgency is placed on effectively treating Whites

who have developed cancer, as result of exposure to chemical agents. He felt that finding ways of preventing asthma for Black is ignored, even though both conditions affect individuals at equal rates.

"This disparity will continue as long as Blacks are not members of the committees that make these crucial decisions that affect our health," Harris said.

## The Fight Continues

One of the most recent incidents in environmental racism is unfolding in Claiborne County, Miss. where one in three residents live below the poverty line and 84 percent are black. This county is also home of Entergy Corporation's Grand Gulf power station, which stores approximately 1.2 million pounds of high-level radioactive waste.

Entergy along with Exelon, that is part of the conglomerate NuStart Energy, is trying to secure a license to build a second plant. However, Diane Curran, of the NAACP of Claiborne County, went before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to prove it was a classic case of environmental racism.

However, her argument was rebuffed by the mayor of Claiborne County, the county supervisor and the Entergy vice president at Grand Gulf, all of which are African-Americans who welcome the building of a second plant on the grounds that it will boost the city's economy.

## Pope's Will and Testament Reveals Past Desire to Retire

BY KEVIN HARRIS  
Nation & World Editor

Pope John Paul II, who will be laid to rest today beneath St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, considered resigning as the head of the Catholic Church in 2000, his 15-page testament revealed Thursday.

The testament, which was written in Polish, is considered to be the pope's last words to the world. Entries date back to 1979; one year after the pope was selected to lead the Catholic Church. The pope revealed thoughts of retiring in a 2000 entry, when he was 80 years old and suffering from Parkinson's disease. "Day by day the 20th century closes behind us and he 21st century opens," the pope wrote.

Entries also show that the pope had no fear of death. "Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming—these words remind me of he last call which will happen at the moment the Lord wishes," he wrote.

"I desire to follow Him, and I desire that everything making up part of my earthly life should prepare me for his moment. I do not know when the moment will come, but like everything else, I place it to the hands...of my master."



The Pope considered resigning in 2000, when he was suffering from Parkinson's disease and other ailments.

The pope also said in the testament that he had no specific plans for his burial or for where his possessions should go after he died. "I leave no property behind me of which it is necessary to dispose. As for everyday objects that were of use to me, I ask they be distributed as seems appropriate," the pope wrote. "...As for the funeral, I repeat the same dispositions as were given by the Holy Father Paul VI...after my death I ask for Masses and prayers."

Estimates released yesterday show that more than 2 million mourners have filed into the basilica to pay their last respects to the Pope, whose body has lain

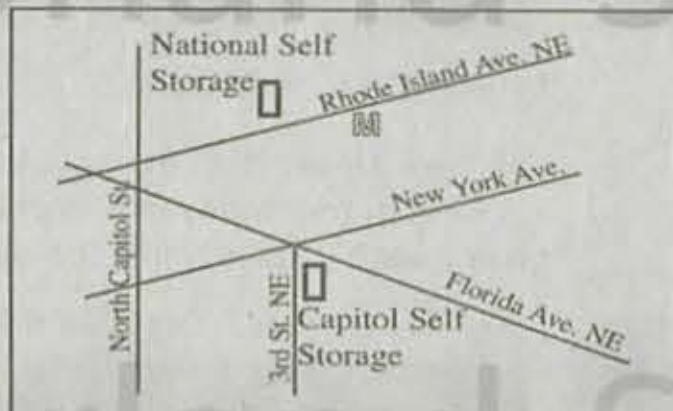
in state since Monday.

Some mourners reported waiting in line for as many as 12 hours to catch a 15-second glimpse of the pope. Security officials said between 100,000 to 115,000 are expected to attend today's funeral.

In order to deal with the large crowds, authorities are taking extreme security measures. Metal detectors have been installed in St. Peter's Square and security forces are expected to rise to 15,000. The 15,000 will consist of 1,500 military personnel. Airspace within 40 miles of the funeral for private planes is also restricted.

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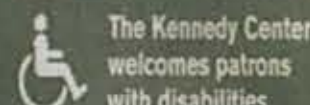


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# Entertainer, Political Activist To Visit Howard Campus

**BELAFONTE**, from Campus A1

Belafonte, has been invited to address the student body of Howard University on Friday, April 8 at 7pm in Cramton Auditorium.

"The Long Walk of Courage: An Evening with Mr. Harry Belafonte," inaugurates the College's distinguished lecture series. Belafonte will speak about his life experience as a social and political activist.

According to James Donaldson, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the lecture series was designed to complement the regular course offerings by presenting some type of extracurricular activity.

"The idea was to bring in people from time to time who have excelled in their own profession but also through their own personal commitment have exhibited strong love for freedom and social justice," Donaldson said.

Donaldson, indicated that administrators at the college of arts and sciences are looking to bring in people from divisions such as humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and fine arts to speak for the lecture series.

"Mr. Belafonte represents, as Mr. Ossie Davis did, an individual who never forgot his obligation to improve human condition despite all of his own personal professional achievements," Donaldson said.

Faith Walls, the president of the College of Arts and Sciences will be presenting Belafonte with a gift, on behalf of the College of Arts and Sciences. She said that he is "inspiring to the students in our college."

"[Belafonte] will help charge the students to dedicate their lives to the social change and the betterment of society," Walls said.

In addition to Belafonte's lecture, students will get a chance to interact with Belafonte through a question and answer session. The Howard University choir, which will be conducted by Dr. J. Weldon Norris, will also perform.

Students of all the schools and colleges are encouraged to come out to this event. Admission is free and it is open to the public.

# Choir Wins Five Awards

**CHOIR**, from Campus A1

omore music business major.

The focus on ministry through song helped the choir prevail. Ross said that after the competition's judges commented, the choir's ability to touch their spirit was just one of the things that set the Howard Gospel Choir apart from the rest.

"The ministry is the most important aspect of the choir," Jeffrey Carter, a sophomore legal communications major, said. "We want to make sure we're giving all praise and glory to God before we do anything else."

In addition to participating in the competition while in New York, the choir was featured at Greater Allen Cathedral's morning services. The church invites different colleges to come and encourages youth to attend college. Members of the Howard Gospel Choir encouraged students to attend Howard and Ross has already sent applications for admission to youth in attendance.

"It was wonderful to offer my talent and make someone feel welcomed enough to come to my school," Ross said.

The choir last competed in the competition in 1989. That year, the choir took first place in the competition. The choir also took first place titles in 1981, 1982, 1984 and 1989.

The current Howard Gospel Choir was recently featured as the backup choir on Daniel Austin's upcoming CD. Austin is a Howard Gospel Choir alum and last year's choir director.

Fatima Caldwell, a sophomore biology major and secretary for the choir, enjoyed the experience of working on the CD.

"Recording on the CD was a new experience," Caldwell said. "It was a lot of fun."

The next major concert for the Howard Gospel Choir is their 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary alumni reunion concert on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> in Cramton Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and are available in the Cramton box office. The Howard Gospel Choir will also perform at the first home game of the area's new baseball team, the Washington Nationals, on Saturday, April 16, at RFK Stadium.



When maintenance workers protested on the Yard in March, they called for higher pay raises but some say the university needs more staffing, also.

# Maintenance Workers Say They Are Overworked

**STAFFING**, from Campus A1

According to the union, there has been a 'hiring freeze' for the past two years.

Some workers like shop steward James Brown say they sleep on campus because of the intense workload due to a lack of staff.

"At times I work 90 hours of overtime in one pay period. That is 90 hours of overtime in two weeks, just to get the job done," Brown said.

Some workers claim they cannot complete tasks because of a lack of parts or supplies. Many have bought supplies such as soap, paper towels, light bulbs and even plumbing parts that the University has not provided.

While the workers believe they are overworked, many said they remain loyal to the university.

"I love Howard, my daughter goes to school here," Keith Gilbert, an engineer, said. "I have a great health plan and I love the idea of us developing Leadership for America and the Global Community, but we, the workers, are being left out. We are not being given what we need."

In a statement to The Hilltop in March, JJ Pryor, spokesperson for the University, spoke about the benefits workers receive.

"...All employees of Howard University enjoy one of the best benefits package among universities in the region, including excellent health benefits and remission of tuition," Pryor said.

However, people like shop steward James Brown said this is not enough.

"How can I send my child to school for free without shoes," Brown asked. Because of the lack of a living wage increase, many workers said they are forced to obtain a second job to make ends meet.

While workers have raised concerns about staffing, according to Pryor the university hires an adequate amount of workers.

"The University has been and will continue to hire staff as necessary to maintain the University," Pryor said.

Union representative Sheri Davis encourages students to write letters to President Swygert if they support the plight of the workers. Today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the Yard, the union will be preparing materials for upcoming rallies to end the hiring freeze and increase living wages. She also encourages people to contact the union at 202-789-8282 on other ways to help.

# Weekend Shows College Life

**GEORGIA**, from Campus A1

and Howard students are also excited about hosting and showing them around," said Natalya Bodrick, sophomore administration of justice major and vice president of the club. "Many of them have switched from being the mentee themselves, so it's really a great experience."

Some students have already made up their minds and are sure that they want to attend Howard; some are not sure and need to be persuaded, and many of the people involved with the program feel that the experience at Howard could make the difference of whether or not the students decide to attend another college.

"I had a very positive experience when I came on the trip; it made me want to come to Howard. I think it helps make the decision for a lot of people who are in-between," said Brittany Riddle, a freshman radio production major and club historian.

When the students come to visit Howard, they stay with someone from the same major, and are sometimes able to attend classes with that person. Students who have come on the trip before believe that that is an important part of it, and feel that they really got a feel for what the atmosphere of Howard is really all about, and what it would be like to actually become a Bison.

"The school of business seems like they are really serious and both the school of business and the school of communications seems like they want to help you out and help you get internships," said Brittney Autry, a senior at Campbell high school in Georgia. "That's good, because that's what I'm interested in."

Kimberly Parks is a sophomore business management major at Howard, that came to visit Howard her senior year of high school.

"It was a great experience to be able to stay in the dorms," Parks said. "Going to classes enabled me to see how some of the professors were, how it was different from high school, and what I had to do to adapt."

Sometimes students have the opportunity to go beyond the Howard life.

"I also got to see the Washington area. The people I got to stay with became my mentors, and helped me adjust when I got here. We're still friends to this day," added Kimberly.

Some students recognize the importance of participating in this activity, and want to share what they know for a greater purpose.

"Hosting the kids is like giving something back, someone hosted me once," said Community Service Committee Chairman for Georgia club, Eric Hall, a senior physical therapy major. "I'm putting new blood into Howard before I leave."

When he came on the trip, he had already been accepted to Howard but it solidified his expectations and gave him of preview of the college life.

"Howard's always been my first choice," Markashia Jeter, a junior at creekside high school said, "You see brochures, talk to people on the phone, but to actually be here is something else. I loved it just being here 24 hours; in four years I'd probably fall in love with it."

# Dorm Director Connects With Residents and Community

**WILSON**, from Campus A2

the ResFest pageant," Danielle Cooper-Williams, a freshman human development major who will be representing the Annex in this year's pageant, said. "She seemed very proud of me and she showed confidence in my abilities. I really appreciated that."

Beyond ResFest, some Annex residents are very happy to have Wilson as community director.

"I felt very welcomed by her when I came to the Annex, especially since this is my first year at Howard," Sharell Ferguson, a junior public relations major, said. "She is very firm, but caring and dedicated to her job. She also goes beyond the call of duty; you can feel her presence at the Annex."

For Wilson, her work at the Annex is a learning experience.

"Working in the Annex



Bethune Annex Community Director, LaValla Wilson, says that working in the Annex is a learning experience, and that she grows each year just like the students she helps.

keeps me growing," Dr. Wilson said. "Every year I find I can adjust, I can do things a bit better. I grow along with the young people who live here."

# President of Iraq Sworn In

**IRAQ**, from Campus A1

At a press conference after the ceremony, Talabani told reporters that insurgents who have targeted innocent civilians and churches will not receive amnesty.

Talabani also vowed to work at including Sunni Muslims, many of which are afraid they will be underrepresented in the new government. "We greatly hope that the Arab Sunnis will participate with us," he said.

President Bush, who is currently in Rome leading a U.S. delegation at the funeral of Pope John Paul II, called Talabani's election "a momentous step forward in Iraq's transition to democracy." The president added in a written statement, "We look forward to working with this new government, and we congratulate all Iraqis on this historic day."

President Bush was not the only leader paying close attention to Talabani's election. Hussein also watched from an Iraqi prison. Reportedly, Hussein made no comments while watching, but Bakhtiar Amin, Iraq's interim prime minister for Human Rights, told CNN "I imagine that he was very upset, and he realized his era of ruling Iraq has come to an end and there is no possible return to power for him or his thugs."

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## Play Time on The Yard

By now all Howard students young and old know that Howard not just "the Mecca" but also the fashion Mecca.

Furthermore, we all know that the yard is the place to go to find the latest fashions and show off. Of course since these past few days have been nice ones, the yard has been busy with people showing off or catching up with friends before class, but this year is different than past years; students are staying youthful and the yard is slowly turning into a playground rather than a runway.

In the past, you could find students on the yard soaking up the sun and enjoying a nice day, however, students were clearly segregated and there were definite groups who did not acknowledge their fellow Bison. Admittedly, we some-

times looked like uptight, self-absorbed college students who were more concerned with looking good than having a good time.

Recently, some students have reported seeing games of double dutch, tag and even twister on the yard and although

sifications making new friends through friendly childhood games that some of us gave up a long time ago because we felt we had gotten too old to enjoy them anymore.

Our only concern is that it may now be easier to get caught up on the yard, especially since a number of us spend so much time doing nothing on the yard.

We imagine now that if there is a good game of tag in progress along with our friends to chalk it up with, class will probably be even less appealing. However, now is the time to hold on to our youth as long as we can. If that means playing a game of double dutch and enjoying the company of hundreds of talented Howard students on the yard when we are supposed to be in class, it just might have to be that way, as long as we are having fun.

### Our View:

*We are glad that students who are considered adults can still hold on to their youth.*

we did see these before, they weren't as frequent. We are excited to find that some students are finally giving up on acting grown and sexy and are just keeping it simple on the yard by having fun instead of just trying to look good. Since the games are for everyone, we are seeing students of all clas-

## President-Elect Condi Rice?

CRYSTAL DUEKER

Regarding the recent article concerning Madam Secretary Rice as a candidate for the White House in 2008, (Shannon Russel 4/4/05) she is promoting President Bush's foreign policy for the next three years. It is our belief that she is the only person directly connected to the Bush Administration who will be able to carry on his plans for our nation on the world stage in 2008.

Foreign policy is the legacy of the Jefferson, Madison, and even John Quincy Adams who built their aura while serving as Secretary of State.

(There have been a total of 6 Secretaries of State who served the White House before they each were elected as president.)

We at Americans for Dr. Rice (a 527 group authorized by the Federal Elections Commission to speak of our support for Madam Secretary Rice for 2008) agree with Russel's statement, "many Republicans think Rice has a decent shot at the presidency if she decides to run in 2008."

We have a two-year plan to build Team Condi clubs across the USA. By the end of the year, Team Condi will be represented in North

Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, North Dakota, Iowa, Nevada, Texas, and Arizona.

By the end of 2006, our nation will have stabilized the Middle East and set up representative government for the people who lived under repression and brutal leaders for decades.

That is the vision we see for Madam Secretary Rice as she carries the message of women's rights on the world stage. She will become the United States version of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the term "Warrior Princess" comes to my mind.

## The Death of an American Legend

TIMA EXLEY BOMA

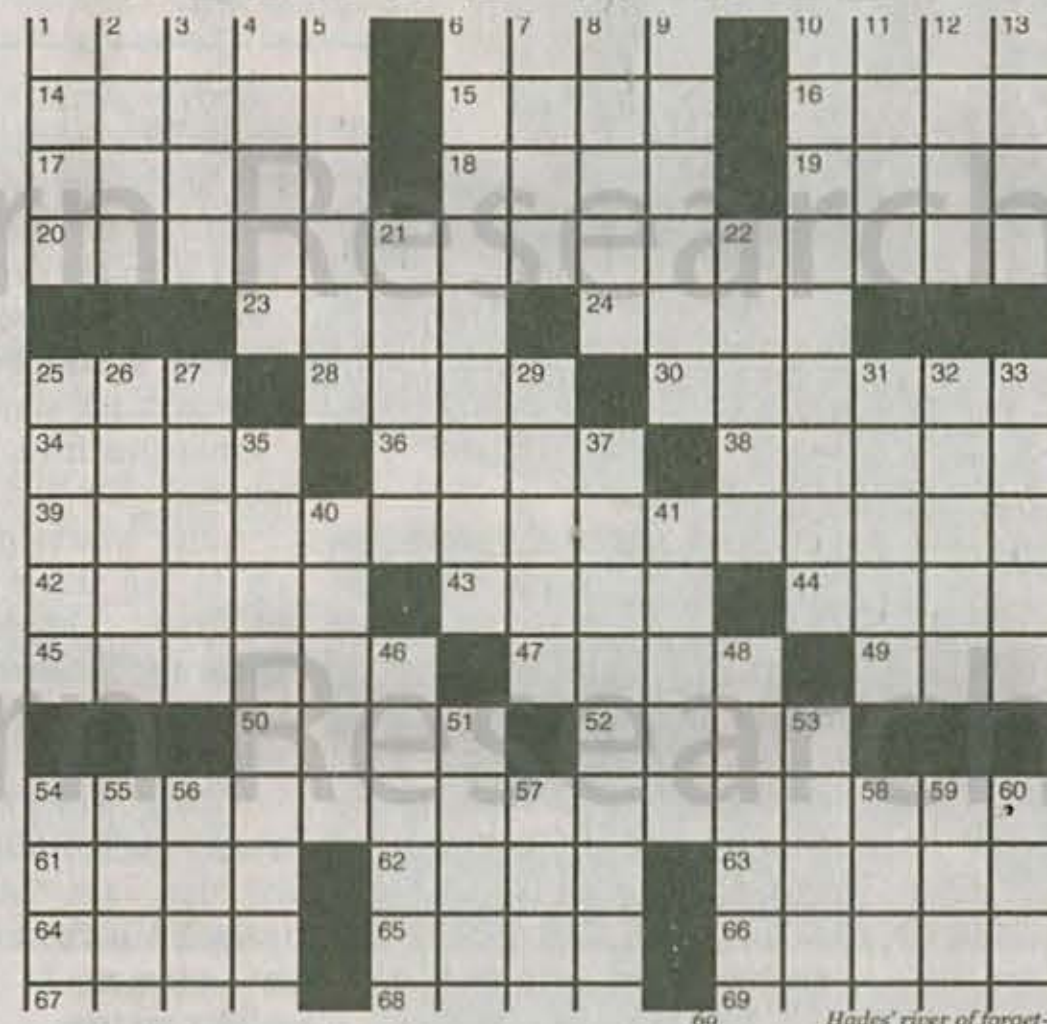
I think it was all a surprise when I heard about the death of Johnnie Cochran it was just like a big blow to me just as if I lost the most important thing in

my life.

I am one of his greatest fans I admired him listened to his words and admired his ways like a son he was a great man and did a great job for the American society.

I think he is one of the greatest men we have lost in the black American society but it is always true that good things men do not last for long.

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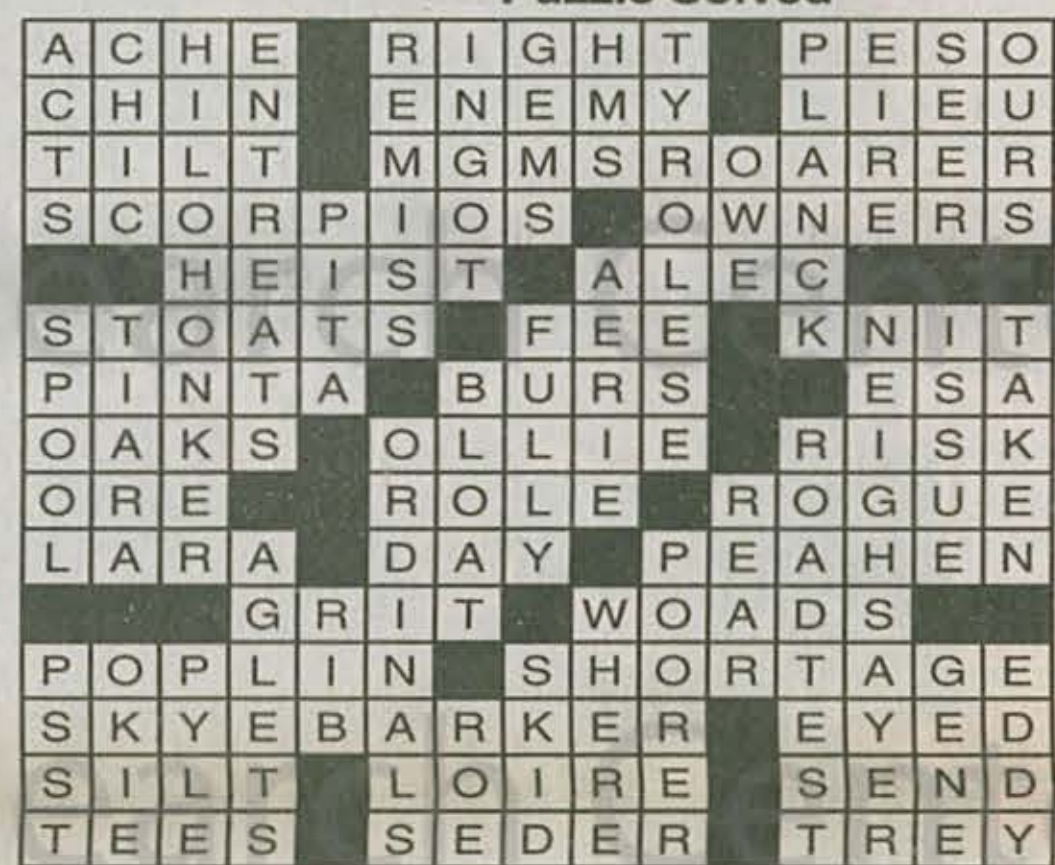
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# Get Your Hand Out Of My Pocket: The Identity Theft Dilemma

BY JOSHUA THOMAS  
Contributing Writer

Many students have all seen the commercials with the overweight guy sitting on his couch drinking his beer, when all of a sudden a teenage girl's voice emanates from his mouth.

The voice goes on to tell the story of her shopping spree and finishes by saying, "It's not my money anyway."

This advertisement, and others like this, are funny to watch but the topic they address is no laughing matter. Identity theft has become a significant problem and what is even worse is the alarming statistics surrounding the subject.

According to Javelin Research in coordination with others, in about half of the cases the culprit is someone that the victim knows on a personal level.

Freshman radio-TV major, Krystle Champagne, was thoroughly upset by these statistics.

"I would be pissed off if someone I knew stole my identity. You are forced to suffer consequences of actions you didn't commit," Champagne said. "It's sad and unfortunate."

Identity theft can happen to anyone, but there are some precautions

one can take to keep from being a statistic.

One of the best pieces of advice is to never give out a PIN (personal identification number), or social security number online, in writing, or in person to anyone.

Another way to preserve one's identity is to always make sure that whenever a credit card or debit card is used, it is in fact the same card that is returned.

Also helpful is keeping track of transactions in order to recognize any fraudulent charges.

Even if you do not accept a card offered, it may still pose a

Most of all you should just be cautious. If a waiter takes a little too long bringing back a credit card, if someone is a little too close when a check is being written, or if anything just seems out of the ordinary it's a good idea to take precautionary action.

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

Freshman civic engineering major, Ehrin Sleet, like many students was in the dark about what to do if made a victim of identity theft.

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

Next, account holders should get a fraud alert placed on their account by one of the three major credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian, or Transunion.

Then there should be a police report filled out about the incident. Finally, it is important to file the ID Theft Affidavit, provided by the Federal Trade Commission.

Many students seem to be more disturbed by the disloyalty more than the act of identity theft itself.

"I think this represents a sad state in the current morality of a lot of people," commented freshman speech communication major Victoria Freeman.

"The ones that you think you can trust are the ones that betray you," Freeman said. "But I suppose that's just one more reason to be careful about who you trust and what you trust them with."

Champagne shared the sentiment.

"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 victimized should contact their local police department, their bank, credit card companies, and one of the following or any other credit bureaus:

Equifax 1-800-685-1111  
Experian 1-888-397-3742  
Transunion 1-800-888-4213

*"I think that [identity theft] is  
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who steal identities should be  
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-Krystle Champagne, freshman

threat. One should also be sure to tear up any pre-approved credit cards.

Also make sure that credit card bills are being received on time. If not, this may indicate that someone else is having access to the information before it reaches the mailbox.

And plastic money is not the only opportunity for disaster. When dealing with paper money, it is vital to make certain to maintain possession of all paper records of cash transactions into or out of one's account.

Deposit slips are another way for someone to get a hold of your personal information. This can be used as a key to access your checking account and even order more checks.

"other than call my bank."

Unfortunately, there is not a whole lot one can do after already having been victimized.

The best way to effectively fight identity theft is to have a good offense, but there are a few steps that can be taken, if precautionary measures have proven unsuccessful.

The first thing that should be done is to cancel credit cards. Victims should also freeze all accounts, so that the thief cannot do any more harm.



## Sharing Is Caring: Trends in Downloading

BY CHARLAE WASHINGTON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Students are notorious for their tight budgets. And those with tight budgets are notorious for their sharing habits. Friends seem to share just about everything, from meals to cleaning supplies, and now computer files.

But file sharing is nothing new.

Peer-to-peer networking, also called P2P, is a technology that was developed in 1999 by famed college student Shawn Fanning who also developed Napster, a legalized computer program allowing

users to purchase files.

Yet, several other P2P programs still offer broad access to music, movies, software, and more for free, and students are taking advantage of it.

Since P2P networks allow users to trade and download music, movies, and various files at no cost, their development and proliferation has outraged the music industry, and more recently, the film industry.

"I feel like the companies are screwing artists more so than me, the file sharer," said Jordan Smith, a freshman finance major.

"I also feel it's wrong in our society that some one-hit wonder will make more in a few months from a whack song degrading women, or promoting drugs, or the problems in the black community than a teacher will for a decade of service to students in many of our public school systems," said Smith, highlighting another controversial issue — an artists' pay.

The morality and legality of file sharing has been continuously debated. P2P networks allow users to search other users' hard drives for files based on each user's sharing preferences.

While most media moguls consider file sharing a new form of thievery, users feel that it simply evens the scales a bit.

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

"As far as movies, we pay \$7.50 to \$10 a ticket," Smith said. "I think people have their priorities mixed up if they think that they deserve millions of dollars per film."

For Brandon Thrasher, a freshman marketing major, purchasing downloads is his way to save cash. "I'm too poor to purchase downloads," he said. "I do buy CDs still, but record companies be rippin' us off with over-pricing their CDs, and sometimes them CDs suck."

Freshman telecommunications major Paris Jackson downloads because she believes CDs are out-dated.

"I have an iPod, so me having CDs is pointless," she said.

"Many artists don't provide CD singles and people may only want one song

rather than a whole CD; Internet piracy is wrong, but if we can get away with it, why stop? If I stop, it doesn't mean everyone else will," she continued.

Students said some of their favorite networks are LimeWire, Warez, and KaZaA, but the most popular choice for Howard students, who have downloaded an average of 400 to 1000 files, is Ares.

"I use Ares for all of most of my downloading," Jackson said. "They have a pretty good selection and depending upon how the network is acting, the download time is really fast."

"Ares provides almost all of the music I ask for and the songs are easy to search for," Smith said.

But the free movies and free music is seemingly too good to be true.

"P2P programs can bring adware or spyware," Thrasher said. "[File sharing] can slow down your computer, and basically stop it from working. Viruses can get on your computer; it could crash and all your files will be lost. Even your internet connection can be brought to a halt."

A Supreme Court decision could change the future of file sharing and determine if file sharing violates copyright laws and whether or not it should be legalized.

Jackson is certain that downloading for free will become legalized. "I think it may become legal," she said.

Smith is hopeful: "I hope they find it constitutional because I don't see the difference between me downloading it or going to a friend's house and burning it to [a] CD on his computer."



Jordan Colbert - Asst. Photo Editor

Although peer-to-peer file sharing is illegal, many students find ways to get around the law.

Illegal



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# Howard's Track Team Looks for The Sunshine After the Rain

BY MIKE HOLMES  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Last weekend's Maryland Invitational was a washout, literally. The torrential rains that nearly flooded the Washington area forced the cancellation of the meet.

It also took away one of the quickly disappearing opportunities for members of the Howard University men and women's track teams to qualify for the MEAC Conference.

"It hurts us," Coach Michael Merritt said. "We planned to have people qualify for the conference at that meet; the weather has been a pain for us most of the year."

Merritt also believes that the Maryland Invitational cancellation may put more pressure on some of the team members to qualify for conference during the next few upcoming meets.

Twenty members of the team have qualified for the conference so far. However, Merritt is hoping for a few more. "I'd like to see at least 10 more go," he said.

The team has three more meets before the MEAC conference approaches, which is at the end of April. One of the three meets will be held this weekend at Clemson University. The next meet will be at the University of Virginia. And their last meet before the MEAC conference will be held at Mount St. Mary's University.

Attending this weekend's meet will be East Tennessee, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech, Western Carolina and Alabama, who is only sending their men's team, and St. John's, who is only sending their women's team.

The Tigers have hosted the Clemson Invitational since 1994. The Clemson men's team has won nine of the 11 meets since the start of the annual invitational. The Clemson women's team has won three of the 11 meets and finished second in seven others.

Bob Pollock has coached the team for the past 17 years and the Tigers have one 21 ACC Championships since 1988. Over the past two weeks, three of their members have qualified

for the NCAA East Region Championships.

Clemson senior Ronald Richards qualified for the 100m dash, as well as junior Derek Gilson for the shot put during the Yellow Jacket Invitational last weekend in Atlanta. Junior, Rashad Gardner and Richards both qualified for the 110m hurdles the weekend before that at Clemson.

Howard teams are in no way swayed by the accolades of their competition. "We don't really worry about Clemson or any other big name team," sophomore English major Ashley West-Nesbitt said. "We never look at that, we just focus on what we need to run."

West-Nesbitt has already qualified for the MEAC conference and has set a personal goal to qualify for the regional this weekend at Clemson.

The weather report here in the nation's capital says there is a slight chance of rain this weekend.

On the other hand, for Coach Merritt and his team, they are expecting only sunshine.

## Bison Shorts



**Women's Lacrosse** – This weekend the Lady Bison lacrosse team will have the day off. The team will resume play on Tuesday versus Longwood College in Farmville, Va. Game time is scheduled for 4 p.m.

**Men and Women's Tennis** – This weekend the men and women's tennis teams will compete in two matches. They will first travel to Dover, Del. to face the Delaware State Hornets on Friday. Next, the

teams will travel to Baltimore Md. to face the Morgan State Bears on Sunday, ending their games against MEAC teams.

**Softball** – On Saturday, the Lady Bison softball team will travel to Baltimore, Md. to face the Morgan State Bears. Game time is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

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# Cecelia Townes Scores on Court and in the Classroom



Photo courtesy of Chanel McCain  
Junior African-American studies major Cecelia Townes averages a 3.8 GPA while successfully performing on the women's tennis team.

BY CHANEL MCCAIN  
Contributing Writer

Cecelia Townes, a true southern belle, came to Howard University during the fall of 2002-2003. Since then, she has been making her mark in several areas on campus.

Hailing from Sumter, S.C., she began her journey for higher learning as a biology major. However, the major did not seem to hold her interest as much as African-American studies.

During her second semester, she took Introduction to African American Studies class under Dr. Carr and was instantly inspired to become an African-American studies major. "Dr. Carr's teaching style made African-American studies very interesting," Townes said.

While changing her major, she then joined the Howard University tennis team where she would become a major Lady Bison tennis player.

It was then that she learned the true meaning of time management. Between daily practices held from 3 to 6 p.m., working out in the weight room, a 17-credit hour class load and competing in tennis matches, Townes rarely goes to bed before 2 a.m.

In addition to her busy schedule, she currently serves as the NAACP Political Action Co-chair and maintains a 3.8 GPA as a Laurette Scholarship recipient.

The Laurette scholarship requires selected students to maintain a 3.5 GPA and carry at

least 12 credit hours.

She credits her ability to maintain good academic standing and extra-curricular activities to her supportive mother, her coach, teammates and especially her dad.

"My dad has been my biggest supporter, but then too my biggest critic because he knows the game," she said.

Her father played collegiate tennis for South Carolina State and attempted a career in tennis, but he decided to become a family man instead. In doing so, he handed down his knowledge and love for the game of tennis to Townes.

Serving as co-captain with her fellow teammate, junior exercise physiology major Kristen Harris, Townes has also

built impeccable leadership skills. The two of them serve as the liaison between the coach and the student-athletes.

Townes stated that this position gives her the opportunity to improve on her leadership because she is able to have one on ones with the coach to discuss not only her improvement, but the teams as well.

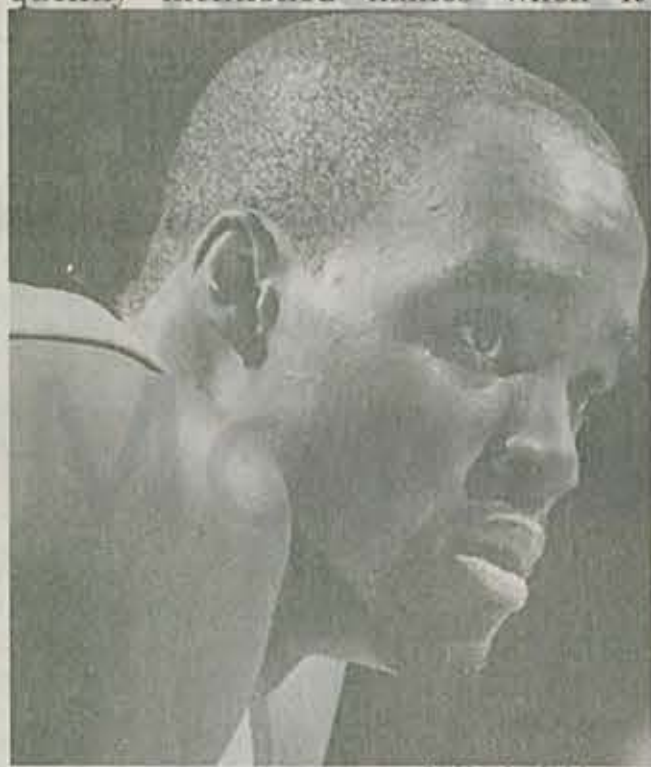
Townes places fifth in the singles games on her team and third in the doubles games with her partner Marion Blancada, a freshman nursing major.

When asked how she stays focused during the game, Townes replied, "You just have to learn to block out the comments made on the side lines and any other things going on and just play the game."

# Former College Teammates Battle for Rookie of the Year

BY COURTNEY EILAND  
Asst. Sports Editor

The battle over this year's Rookie of the Year Award has pinned two good friends and former college teammates against each other. Charlotte Bobcats' Emeka Okafor and the Chicago Bulls' Ben Gordon have been the most frequently mentioned names when it



Center Emeka Okafor of the new-franchise Charlotte Bobcats leads all rookies in scoring with 15.4 points per game.

comes to this heated debate.

Gordon leads the league with 21 double-digit fourth quarters and is second in scoring among rookies, averaging 15.1 points per game.

On the other hand, Okafor is one of nine players averaging double-doubles and leads the rookies in scoring with 15.4 points per game along with 10.8 rebounds per game. Okafor, also leads the rookies in minutes per game.

The two former college roommates have been going back and forth in a friendly battle since the beginning of the season over who would take top honors as Rookie of the Year.

"We used to kid each other early about who was going to win the Rookie of the Year award," Gordon said to the Chicago Sun-Times. "But then it kind of got old, sort of like a long joke because the season is so long. So we've put that off to the side, and now we're just trying to win as many games as possible for our respective teams."

Gordon has played an integral role in leading the young Bulls team to a surprising playoff berth, currently holding the fourth place spot in the Eastern Conference. Bulls' head coach Scott Skiles credits the bulk of the suc-

cess to Gordon.

"Emeka's having a great year," Skiles said to ChicagoSports.com. "But I don't see how you could deny the way that Ben has factored into our winning record."

The Bulls currently have a record of 42-32 and have won nine out of their last 10 games. With only eight games remaining, the Bulls are hoping to maintain the fourth spot, which will guarantee them home-court advantage in the first round of the NBA playoffs.

The Bobcats, on the other hand, will not advance to the post-season, after already being ousted from playoff contention with a 15-59 record.

"Emeka had to be thrown into the fire," Bobcats' head coach Bernie Bickerstaff said to ChicagoSports.com. "The consensus at the beginning of the year was that we probably wouldn't reach nine wins. We've surmounted the Philadelphia syndrome. Emeka has had a lot to do with that."

Coach Bickerstaff was referring to the league-worst 9-73 record that the Philadelphia 76ers encompassed in the 1972-1973 season.

Current and former NBA players have also weighed in on the debate over

who should win the award.

"I think Ben deserves the honor over Emeka Okafor of the Bobcats," cottie Pippen a former Bulls legend, said to NBA.com. "He's been much more productive while playing less minutes. Plus, the Bulls are winning."

Nets guard Jason Kidd responded saying, "Take it from me. I've won the award before and I know that Emeka's all-around contributions – not just scoring – are what it takes to win the top honor."

Derek Jackson, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, agrees with Kidd saying, "I think Emeka Okafor [should win the award] because he's a good all-around player especially down low."

"Rookie of the year is more than just about a winning team. It's about how hard you play and Okafor is a hard player," he added.

Although the focus has mainly been on Okafor and Gordon, other rookies such as Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard, Atlanta Hawks' Josh Childress and Philadelphia 76ers' Andre Iguadola have also been mentioned as possible candidates for the Rookie of the Year award.



Miami Herald  
The Chicago Bulls' Ben Gordon has led his team to the fourth spot in the NBA Eastern Conference. This is the first the Bulls has made a playoff appearance since the Jordan era in the 1997-1998 season.

# Magic's Grant Hill Likely to Miss Remainder of Season

BY COURTNEY EILAND  
Asst. Sports Editor

If the Orlando Magic has any hopes of overtaking the Philadelphia 76ers for the final spot in the playoffs, they will most likely have to get there without star forward Grant Hill.

Hill has been nursing a bruised shin, which has caused him to miss six games. The injury occurred when Hill was accidentally kicked in a Feb. 26th game against the Miami Heat. Hill claimed that the area where was kicked has been bothersome for the past month and that a knot has formed on his shin.

"I wouldn't expect him to play again if he continues to have the same kind of pain that he's had lately," Magic head coach Chris Jent said to FloridaToday.com. "The risk is just too great that this injury could become even worse."

"It doesn't (make sense for him to return) if he's still hurting. The crazy thing

about his shin is that one day he wakes up and it feels fine. But this particular time it just hasn't gone away, even with the rest it hasn't gone away," Jent added.

Hill has long been plagued with injuries, one in particular, an ankle injury that led him to nearly four whole seasons of NBA inactivity. Hill played just 47 games in the previous four seasons along with undergoing five surgical operations to repair his fractured left ankle.

"I'm going to be careful. One thing that I've learned is being careful," Hill said to FloridaToday.com. "I still don't want to rule out the possibility of what can happen over the next two weeks, but there is also a strong possibility that (not playing) could happen."

Hill has made progress this season by only missing eight games the entire season. Hill is currently second on the Magic team in scoring with 19.7 points off of 50.9 percent shooting. He was also named a starter for this year's NBA All-Game in Denver after

a five-year hiatus.

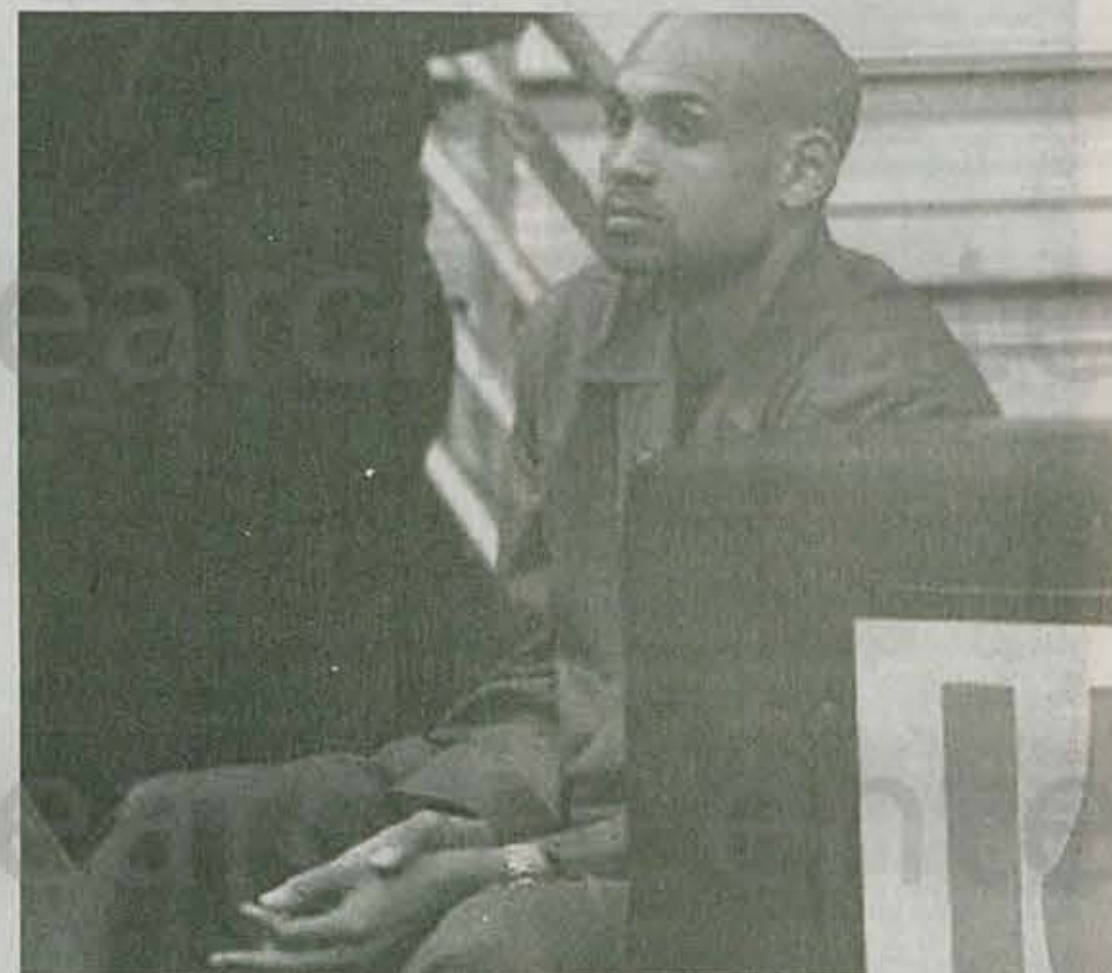
The Magic sent films of Hill's recent CT scan to the hospital at Duke University for Dr. James Nunley, who performed one of Hill's ankle surgeries, for further examination.

"I'll probably know more (today), and I'll probably end up going to Duke," Hill said. "The doctor, I'm sure, will want to see me. It's one thing to see films, but another for a doctor to actually see and touch you. I'm assuming he'll want to do that."

All the while, the Orlando Magic will have to move on without Hill in hopes of keeping their playoff dreams alive.

"It seems like we're out of the playoff race, but you have to be professional," Magic guard DeShawn Stevenson said to the Orlando Sentinel. "You got to go out and give a show every night."

The Magic, who are two-in-a-half games behind the 76ers in the playoff race, will next play the NBA defending champion Detroit Pistons tonight at 7 p.m. on ESPN.



Forward Grant Hill will most likely miss the remainder of the season due to a bruised shin. Hill has only missed a total of eight games this season, six due to his recent injury.



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# You Have Waited... The Train is Coming

You have waited, but wait no longer.  
Many agree for one T.R.U.T.H. Where will you be at 2:00pm?  
Love,  
54 DENVINE

To Spring 2005, my beautiful new sisters,  
Words can't describe how much you mean to me.  
Congratulations, this train of your futures.  
Love,  
29-A-08

Some of you think, but you just don't know, and what you've heard

To our new sisters,  
You have made some great things happen to uphold our legacy.  
Perfection breeds perfection.  
Love,  
54 DENVINE

Dear Spring 2005,  
"Many are called, but few are chosen," embrace the "Light," for it has already embraced you.  
Love Always,  
16-A-01

You are Making her proud  
Here's the torch  
44-A-01

The AKA Train is Coming...

I see you LJ!  
Hold your head high with all assurance  
Love Always,  
16-A-01

Congratulations, DJ!  
From 20-A-01  
I'm proud of you, I know you could do it!

Guess who's Bizack...

MOTIVATION: haters get on your job!!!

To our fellowzops,  
Slap the haters with your fists!  
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Sunday, April 10, 2005 10:45 a.m.

"Tapping Into Your Inner Peace"  
Methods To Relieve Stress  
Blackburn - East Ballroom  
Monday, April 11, 2005 7:08 p.m.

"Refining The Skin You're In"  
How To Perfect Your Outer Beauty  
School of Business - Auditorium  
Tuesday, April 12, 2005 7:08 p.m.

"Uncovering the Risk"  
STD Awareness and Prevention  
Blackburn - Digital Auditorium  
Wednesday, April 13, 2005 7:08 p.m.  
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Tuesday- April 12, 2005  
Uniting the Design Community: An Introduction to the Organization of Black Designers  
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5:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday- April 13, 2005  
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(Large Coed - primarily composed of a combination of 16-18 females and or males)

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### Requirements

- If an incoming freshman or transfer student, must have completed admissions process to try-out.
  - Have an overall GPA of 2.5 or above.
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For questions please call: 202-806-7000 or E-mail Coach Tiffanie Yates at Caryae13@yahoo.com