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April 28

FORMAL CLASSES END

MAY 14

GRADUATION

WEATHER

TODAY
PARTLY CLOUDY
High: 56
Low: 41

WEDNESDAY
PARTLY CLOUDY
High: 60
Low: 43

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Boston Shows Championship



In front of a crowd of 33,702 fans in Fenway Park, the 2004 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox collected their rings as well as an 8-1 win over their rival New York Yankees yesterday afternoon.

AP Photo/Michael Dwyer

WHBC Wins Big at Conference

BY FAITH OHAI
Contributing Writer

Spring cleaning is in session and WHBC 830AM Channel 51, Howard University's student radio station has done a major clean up at the 27th Annual Black College Radio Conference.

The conference was from April 8 to 9 at the Renaissance Hotel in Atlanta. The awards ceremony took place on Saturday evening and WHBC received four out of the six awards given to individuals.

The ceremony was hosted by Central State University faculty member and legendary radio personality, Turk Johnson. The first award of the evening was given to Justin Thwaites for General Manager of the Year.

When the Programming Director of the Year Award was given to Scott "Knowledge" Barnes, the announcer declared it a conspiracy. The Black College Radio (BCR) committee awarded Niles "Rokko" Goodwin with the Music Director of the year



Courtesy of Faith Ohai

Four students, Niles "Rockko" Goodwin, Niles "Da Kid" Ivey, Scott "Knowledge" Barnes, Jr., and Justin Thwaites won awards at the Black College Radio Conference.

Award and Nile "Da Kid" Ivey with the On-Air Personality of the Year.

Voting for the award was conducted on the BCR website. The top five nominations for each category were on the ballot for voting. The four awards given to WHBC was a first in the history of the station and

according to WHBC advisor, Reginald Miles, this was the first time in the 27 year history of the conference that one station was given four awards.

Howard University has not been in attendance at the conference for three years due to

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International Affairs Major Still Emerging

BY CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT
Asst. Campus Editor

On January 19, 2004, plans for an International Affairs Program were approved by the College of Arts and Sciences faculty and was expected to move onto the Board of Trustees for their approval and subsequent implementation. More than a year later, the initiative has been held up due to a lack of financial resources, leaving the 23 professors who labored to make the program possible extremely frustrated.

Dr. Jeanne Toungara, professor of African history and politics and chair of the committee to introduce the International Affairs Program to Howard University, has expressed her dissatisfaction with its lack of progress since it left her offices and was approved by College of Arts and Sciences over a year ago. Toungara and the other professors who worked many hours drafting course outlines and schemes for the discipline are now growing impatient waiting for the fruits of their labor.

"All of us went into overtime because we believed in it so much," Toungara said. "It's an outrage that it hasn't been approved for our students."

The proposed program, as drafted by Toungara and her team, would require students to take 39 credit hours consisting of introductory, interdisciplinary core courses and multi-disciplinary courses that would strengthen analytical skills and would render students more cognizant of global events and encourage service to an international community.

A program of this nature is coincidentally enough alluded to in President Swygert's Strategic Framework for Action in calling for "highly competitive and flexible" interdisciplinary programs that "focus on state-of-the-art

disciplines and fields of study."

Such programs are seen as staples for other schools in the consortium, like George Washington University, which takes advantage of the District's unique opportunities in international relations.

"A lot of students think about going into government because we [are] in the capitol" said James Fry, director of academic Advising and Student Services at George Washington's Elliot School of International affairs.

He believes his students benefit from the undergraduate students in other fields of studies.

"From an undergraduate aspect there is more of a multidiscipline regional focus," Fry said.

There is also the opportunity for the students to take part in mock UN diplomacy simulations, films, guest lectures by international ambassadors to the United Nations and discussions on the current government policy and its global implications. GW was one of the many schools that Howard's consulted in the development of their International Affairs program.

Students, like Erin Diamond who authored last year's Hilltop editorial entitled "Are we Really Building Leadership for America and the Global Community?" are angry at the lack of opportunities at Howard for students looking to take advantage of D.C.'s emphasis on internationally driven careers, especially when there is a lack of these positions filled by African-Americans.

"It is extremely unfair that developing world leadership in International Affairs is not deemed important by Howard University administrators" Diamond said, a Spanish Major.

Amber Suitt, junior history

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Summer School a Popular Option for Many Students

BY SUDANA IRBY
Contributing Writer

As the spring semester quickly winds down many students are preparing to go to summer school at Howard, but some say they are having difficulties finding information about registration and housing.

Terese Myers, sophomore audio production major, said she is experiencing a lot of confusion with registering for summer school classes.

"There is not a set format. The process is not clear and concise," said Myers. "I asked my advisor how to apply for

summer school and she said you can't apply until May and she didn't provide any insight into the process."

Sandra Gaines, an academic advisor in the School of Communications, said that any student who is looking for information pertaining to summer school can look at the university calendar located on the Howard University website.

Gabrielle Talley, sophomore business management major, said that the registration process is confusing because the

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Photo by Marlene Hawthorne - Staff Photographer

Students often opt to take summer school classes to fulfill a major or minor requirement, improve a grade or graduate early.

Summer School Info

General Registration
April 11- April 24

Summer Sessions
1st Session: May 20-July 2
2nd Session: July 5-August 13

Important Dates
Summer Housing App Due April 15
Interim Summer Housing May 16-17
Summer Housing Check-in May 18

New Jersey Hostage Ordeal Comes to an End

BY CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT
Asst. Campus Editor

A mother's plea brought a several hours-long stand-off between police and a 28-year-old man to an end Monday after he had allegedly abducted his girlfriend and their 4-year-old daughter.

Almutah Saunders allegedly shot Erika Saunders's father in the leg before he kidnaped her and the child, Jada Saunders, in the early Monday morning. According to CNN, Irvington Police Director Michael Damiano said the father had surgery and "seems okay."

"Every time we talked about his children, [Saunders] responded in a positive way."

-Capt. Kenneth McCarthy

An Amber Alert was issued by authorities, who located Saunders's silver Honda Accord. He was stopped shortly after noon at an apartment complex, located in Lopatcong, New Jersey.

According to CNN, negotiations preceded, via cell phone, as Turner and child sat in the car. Saunders released both of them from the car, and they

were put into a police car that immediately departed from the scene. According to the Associated Press, both were checked by medical crews and reported unharmed.

Throughout the three-hour negotiation period that followed, officials said Saunders fluctuated from positive emotions to negative ones. State police Capt. Kenneth McCarthy said

he was able to keep Saunders calm by reminding him of his two daughters.

"We kept talking about his children," said McCarthy, according to the Associated Press. "Every time we talked about his children, he responded in a positive way."

Several hours later, after a conversation with his mother, Saunders surrendered from the car to the approximate 20 officials, according to CNN, including SWAT members, who had been crouching behind open car doors throughout the negotiations.

"We believe this is a case

of domestic violence," said Sgt. Keith Sandberg of the Irvington Police Department, according to CNN. "There was a past incident involving the suspect and the victim."

Sandberg said Saunders had allegedly committed a mirroring kidnaping act last week, except that he had only abducted Turner and had returned her home. There is an arrest warrant out for that incident.

A pending restraining order against Saunders was available at the time of the incident, according to Damiano. He also said that Saunders has a criminal background.

Residence Life Wants You: Search Is on for New R.A.

BY CARLA THOMAS
Contributing Writer

With the commotion that happened earlier in the school year regarding housing, Howard University students are looking for alternative ways to gain housing other than searching for a yellow or blue ticket.

The application process of becoming a resident assistant is going on right now, and it's another option for students who didn't get to participate in the RSVP housing, those who can't afford off campus housing or a way to get free housing.

According to the Howard University website, Residents Assistants (R.A.) are selected on the basis of personal dignity, experience and desire to help residents gain opportunities for self development through group living in the residence halls.

R.A. are also student advisors, and while they associate with fellow residents daily, they are expected to assist the Community Director in advising students, especially freshmen.

They must communicate to the community director problems that affect the well being of all students in his/her residence hall, of problems that relate to Residence Life in general.

Roughly 200 to 300 students apply to be an R.A. each year. Each student's

reason for applying is different. Some thoroughly enjoy the leadership role and really want serve as a peer mediator.

Some students look at the perk of free housing and the stipend that they would receive as motivation. The process is simple: fill out an application and then undergo an interview with current R.A. and different community directors.

LeBrese Black, an audio production major said that he did not know what to expect with the interview. While other prospective R.A. adorned business suits, Black opted for a more causal look by wearing a blazer. Hoping his individuality shines through the rest, Black stated that during his interview he was himself.

"I feel like at the age of 24, I have a lot of experience to give to the younger classman," Black said. He continues to say that even though the free housing is nice, he looks at the position of being a R.A. as a "good opportunity to help out around the dorm and be involved with the university."

Christina Gordon, a current R.A. of Bethune Annex of the 6th floor on the west side and a sophomore psychology major, said that while being a R.A. has good aspects it also has some bad aspects as well.

"It's very time consuming, a lot of responsibility. Different dorms have different rules," Gordon said. She said that R.A.s have desk hours and must stay in the dorm if they are on call. While Gordon admits there are negative aspects to being a R.A., she said she has not had any outrageous experiences.

"No, no crazy experiences, a few spats, roommates not getting along, someone stealing someone's mesh bag from their laundry. But my floor is good," Gordon said.

Those who see being a R.A. as just a way of getting free housing should rethink their reasoning, because Gordon says that you work for the housing, and in a sense it is not free.

R.A.s are supposed to unite their floor, implement activities for their floor and give their residents a feeling of home and comfort. Kari Fulton, a legal communications major, had nothing but praises for her R.A. of the third floor in Slowe Hall.

"My R.A., Joy, is very nice and she really tries to make an effort to know the residents on the floor and be friendly to the residents of the floor," Fulton said. "And she keeps herself open. She is a R.A. that you would rather talk to than avoid."

Shari Hinds, a sophomore nursing



Photo By Marlene Hawthorne- Staff Photographer

The Office of Residence Life is seeking Resident Assistants for the 2005-2006 school year for the undergraduate dormitories.

major, also spoke kindly of her R.A. last year. As an incoming freshman, Hinds stated that her R.A. Neeka made the 4th floor Baldwin of the Quad bond because of the programs she implemented.

"I liked my R.A. last year, Neeka was very nice and friendly. I still speak to her."

Carver Hall Graduate Assistant, Lee Vason, said that the jobs of R.A. should be taken seriously. R.A. should familiarize themselves with the students and the different programs that come with being a R.A. Vason also reiterates that free housing should not be motivation for becoming a R.A.

"R.A. are essential responsible for the lives of the students. R.A. are the first person the residents see," Vason said.

Professors and Students Weigh in on Celebrity Justice



High profile cases, such as the Michael Jackson child molestation trial, garner significant media attention.

BY SHAENA HENRY
Contributing Writer

As the list of high profile celebrity cases increases so does the public's fascination with them. From O.J Simpson to Kobe Bryant, and now Michael Jackson, the nation is gripped by cases involving celebrities.

"The general public is star struck and they feed on celebrities," said theatre arts professor, Dr. Carole Singleton. "If a star does something, there is something special about it."

During the last decade, high profile cases have been a national obsession, but it dates back to America's early history. For example, during Puritan times witch hunts and executions were public events. Lynching was a public affair during slavery as well.

Singleton views the courtroom as a theatrical event.

"Courtroom dramas are very appealing especially when the outcome is uncertain. It's like a suspenseful movie," Singleton said.

The O.J. Simpson case, for instance, had all the elements of a box-office smash: murder, sex, racism and the rich and famous.

In addition, television shows like "Law & Order" and "The Practice" entertain the public and increase people's awareness about the judicial system. Channels like Court TV are completely dedicated to airing trials.

According to USAToday.com, Court TV has broadcasted 900 cases and wants judges to allow more cameras in the courtroom. Court TV became popular after it televised the entire Simpson trial. Since then, judges and lawyers have been fighting to ban cameras in the courtroom. They fear that witnesses will be intimidated, errors will be replayed on the news, and footage will be manipulated.

Singleton agrees that problems arise when the media gets involved with high profile cases.

"When the media has access, more leaks and rumors convolute the whole issue," she said. "People don't know what to believe. How much is valid?"

There is a high demand for information when celebrities are involved, and there is an issue surrounding the media's right to obtain it.

Communications law professor, John W. Davis, III said that the public deserves the access.

"The kind of access the public gets from mass media is almost entirely hearsay because state and federal courts have blocked cameras in the courtroom," Davis said. "We only get second hand reporting, and certain celebrity cases deserve attention."

As journalists report the information, the question of the invasion of privacy arises. Davis believes that celebrities should not be treated differently just because they are public figures.

"If you want to be a celebrity, you can't cry foul when people start looking between the cracks. The right of privacy leaves when you step into the public," Davis said.

Another concern is the media's intentions behind covering high profile cases. The media claims its purpose is to educate the public about the judicial system. However, legal officials see it as gossip and a way to increase ratings. According to CourtTV.com, the network has gone from 30 mil-

lion subscribers in 1999 to 80 million today. When the drama unfolds, ratings go up, and so do the media's profits.

Gossip overcomes justice, and students like Xavier Lennon choose to avoid the hype.

"I don't really pay attention to the media because it's too much gossip," the sophomore physician assistant major said. "Cases involving celebrities send off the message that you can get away with anything if you are famous."

Freshman sociology major Ashleigh Menzies said the publicity can be excessive.

"They're too widely publicized. Obviously they are of interest to the public because they involve celebrities, but the amount of media coverage they receive is overkill," Menzies said.

Why the public is so fascinated by high profile celebrity cases is unexplainable, Davis said.

"There is no justification for this type of media attention. People's interest is driven by the media versus the media being driven by people," he said. "The tail is wagging the dog."

SOPHOMORES SPEAK:

Has Howard University Lived up to Your Expectations?

"Although the majority of students are Black, we all come from different cultures, which is what I was hoping to find when I first came to here."

Brandon Holmes, advertising

"I never expected to have such wonderful, skilled and caring professors."

Nancy Stewart, advertising

"The people are nice, the campus is always accessible. The I-lab and the library are always open. I have learned a lot from every class I have taken so far."

Ligia Lopez, advertising

"At the same time the good outweighs the bad. You have to put in a lot effort, there is no spoon feeding and you have to work hard."

Sefanit Befekadu, broadcast journalism

"All my professors are very supportive and extremely helpful."

Revae Tharps, legal communications

"Howard University has met and exceeded my expectations in the classroom and social life. [Howard University is] a well rounded and diverse representation of the Black community at large."

Shaena Henry, journalism

"Faculty, however needs more help, and the housing is ridiculous."

Nelly Gregory, advertising

Ray Baker, broadcast journalism

Compiled by Farren Hinton
Contributing Writer

HBCU BRIEFS



Southern Names Professorship in Honor of Johnnie Cochran

At a recent press conference, the Southern University Law Center announced the establishment of an endowed professorship in the name of the late Johnnie Cochran. Attorney Walter C. Dumas, a close friend of Cochran, created the professorship and put it in Cochran's name. He also donated \$60,000 to the fund. A total of \$100,000 has been donated to the professorship so far, along with an additional \$40,000 from the Board of Regents. Funeral services for the late Cochran, who received an honorary degree from the Law Center in 2002, were held on April 6.



Anti-Marijuana Policy Announced at Central State University

Residence Life officials at Central State University have announced a "zero tolerance" policy for students caught smoking marijuana. Under the policy, any student found to be smoking or possessing marijuana will be removed from campus immediately. They will then be contacted by the Dean of Students and scheduled for a disciplinary hearing. The policy has caused some students to express outrage because of the magnitude of the punishment, but Residence Life remains committed to eliminating marijuana on campus.



Displaced Rust College Students Move to New Dorms

Students at Rust College have been moved to new residence halls after recently awakening to the sounds of fire trucks, police cars and ambulances when a late-night fire broke out at the all-women's dorm E.H. Rust Hall. The blaze, which began at about 3:45 a.m., was the result of a student falling asleep while leaving incense burning in her room. Although no one was hurt in the fire, four rooms were destroyed and more than 10 rooms had smoke and water damage.

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Thousands Come Out for Annual Cherry Blossom Parade

BY TIFANY WILLIAMS
Contributing Writer



Saturday's spring weather, interactive booths and live performances made the 93rd Cherry Blossom Parade a success.

The dark amber bright eyes of six-year-old Kassandra Briggs stared upward in amazement and joy as the 7-foot tall Hello Kitty stopped right in front of her to give her a hug and a piece of candy.

Children standing nearby giggled and waved their arms frantically pulling on their parents to get Hello Kitty's attention, so they would also get the chance to hug her, before her float drove away and continued its course throughout the parade.

"I love Hello Kitty. I have all her stuff in my room," Briggs said, as she waved goodbye to Hello Kitty.

Fresh faces of all ethnicities, young and old came out this past Saturday to enjoy the sunny spring weather during the 93rd National Cherry Blossom Parade and Japanese street festival, between 7th and 17th street on Constitutional Ave, NW.

The parade and street festival was the big ending for The National Cherry Blossom Festival that had been going on since March 26 in the D.C. area.

The streets were packed as people came out to enjoy the parade and the festival, leaving people to squeeze and bump their way through to get a spot to see the parade with their children, loved ones or friends.

"My mother and I had to squeeze our way through to the very front of the street because we're both short. Some people gave us evil looks as we moved ahead of them," Nikki Contractor, a D.C. resident, said.

Parade attractions like the Dace Team from U Son University in Japan gracefully moved down the street, while clean-shaved Black cowboys shouted humorous jokes back into the crowd waving their hats and bucking on their horses.

National recording artist Vickie Winans performed, along with the Eastern High School Band and the Marine Corps.

Adults applauded in cheerful approval as high school marching bands from across the nation threw their batons up in the air. Children tried to run out and spray silly string on parade participants who were holding the strings to the huge Bob the Builder balloon.

Nevertheless, as the parade ended with music, people dusted off their jeans from sitting on the side of street and stretched their legs out, so they could take part in the Japanese street festival that was in motion behind the parade.

"For the past three years me and my family have come from Delaware to watch the parade and then hang out in the street festival," Shavonne Briggs said.

Rich smells of grilled chicken and

steamed vegetables filled the air.

The décor of their booths added to and celebrated the Japanese art and culinary culture. Many booths were sponsored by big names like Target, Geico, Southwest Airlines and McDonalds.

But it was the booths that were set with the notion of children's enjoyment and participation that were getting the most attention.

Nisha Cooper, a public relations representative for the National Children Museum said, "every year we set up our booth to make paper cherry blossoms and hand out cherry candy, and the kids love it. It's a joy to see the excitement on their faces."

The festival offered more than just booth activities for the children and grilled teriyaki chicken for every one. There was also live music, small booths to buy Japanese porcelain and a talent show going on.

One of the largest crowds of people in the festival was focused around live show of art of jujitsu and judo. People cringed and covered their eyes in astonishment as men and women were slammed down onto their mats by their partners displaying the classical art.

"Jujitsu is one of the most popular forms of martial arts in the U.S. and it being here in the festival adds a little extra flavor," said Xavier Dashiell, a Howard alum.

Taking Advantage of Metro Area Internships, Summer School

BY MAIYA NORTON
Editorials & Perspectives Editor

Students are scrambling to get their summers organized as finals are looming ahead.

Internships, summer school and money-making plans are in the works since the days of lounging are long gone. While most students will be packing up and moving on, others see the District as a sea of opportunity.

Sherie Anderson, a junior political science major from Blasdoro, N.J., will be here for the summer. Anderson is torn between the Department of Justice and the District Attorney's office for her internship choice.

"I've pretty much exhausted my options at home," Anderson said. "There are more opportunities in D.C.

for my major here."

Anderson said she will likely go with the District Attorney's office, since her career goal is to be a prosecutor.

Students from every school are actively trying to build their resumes through internships.

Tony Johnson, a senior finance major from Chicago, said that he plans to live in Washington, so he wants to get connected here this summer.

"If I do well at my internship, maybe it could lead to a job here," Johnson said. "I'm going to give my all to the company and keep my fingers crossed." Johnson is still reviewing his job offers, but he is leaning toward a position with Geico.

Leaving during the summer can potentially interrupt the relationships students built during the year. Dionne

Davies, a senior public relations major from Baltimore, has been interning with the American Federation of Government Employees throughout the semester.

"I'm going to be leaving in August for graduate school so I want to be working here until then," Davies said. Davies is enjoying her internship and getting a lot of experience, so she will continue working there this summer.

Stacy Anderson, a sophomore print journalism major from Atlanta, will be interning with the United Press International wire service this summer.

"I think D.C. has far more internship opportunities dealing with my field than Atlanta," Anderson said. "Students need to take advantage of the city we live in."

This summer she will be participating in the New York Times Journalism Institute which will keep her away from Atlanta for most of the summer. "My mom can visit me," Anderson laughed.

Being away from home all year can be hard on students who left family and friends behind. Elliot Wilson, a sophomore business management major from Los Angeles, can't wait to make the 3,000 mile journey home.

"I am looking into some internships back home because I'm burnt out on D.C.," Wilson said. "Maybe when I'm older I will stay here and make it happen."

Another advantage for staying in the area is the chance to attend summer sessions and keep current living arrangements.

Christina Weaver, a junior marketing major from Ft. Washington, Md., will be interning with Jam Sports and Entertainment.

"I will be event planning and organizing celebrity basketball tournaments with professional athletes," Weaver said. She said that she felt that staying in D.C. is cost effective since she can keep paying her rent while getting a great experience.

Most students agree that a change of pace can be nice after a long, stressful year. Many students tend to overlook the benefits and opportunities in their backyard because they want to try living in a new place.

"I think students should make the most out of the D.C. scene; making connections and contacts while it's convenient," Johnson said.

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CHAPTER

"THE DIAMOND MINE"

Many Students to Attend Summer School

SUMMER, from Campus A1

Howard University's website gives many different dates, but does not clarify which date applies to which event.

"There's many different rumors pertaining to when to register for classes and housing," Myers said.

Gaines said that general registration for summer school begins Monday, April 11 and ends Sunday, April 24.

"Students will be able to register for general elective classes, but there will be limited core classes offered," Gaines said. "However, students can consult with the chair of their departments about specific core classes if they need extra help."

Howard's summer program consists of two, five-week summer sessions. The first session is May 20 through July 2 and the second session begins July 5 and ends Aug. 13.

Dr. James Coleman, the assistant dean of the Office of Residence Life, explained the process for obtaining summer housing at Howard.

"Continuing students who wish to obtain housing

for the summer session are required to secure and file an official application for summer school. The application process will be available from March 21st through April 15," Coleman said. "Application forms are available in the residence halls and in the Office of Residence Life. Housing charges must be paid in full on or before the registration date for each summer session."

Some students seem confused about acquiring university housing for the summer.

"I think that the housing process is questionable because I am worried about getting kicked out of my housing now and I don't know if I have summer housing yet," Talley said.

According to the Howard website, students are required to check out of their dorms for the spring semester by Sunday, May 15. However, if the student is attending the first session of summer school interim housing will be available.

Interim housing is short-term housing that is provided for students who need a place to stay until they

are able to check into their dorms on May 18. Interim housing will be available on May 16 and 17 and the price will range from \$21.16 to \$42.10 per day.

Janise Porter, freshmen pre-physical therapy major, wants to attend a college in her hometown for summer school, but she believes that the process of finding a school whose credits transfer to Howard is complicated.

While some students may believe the process of transferring credits is difficult to navigate, Gaines gave a simple summary of the process.

"In order to attend a college other than Howard for summer school the student has to find a description of the course they want to take and have the head of the department sign off on the class," Gaines said.

"Then they should bring the signed sheet to their advisor for the final approval," said Gaines. "The student should obtain an official copy of their summer school transcript with the grade of a C+ or better and they will receive their credit."

New Major Still Yet to Come

MAJOR, from Campus A1

ments.

"I think it is tragic that we don't have a program as of yet, and the slow process of getting such a program off the ground is worrisome, because it is almost as if we are falling behind as an university," Suitt said.

Though there are special programs offered through The Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center, there are few academic channels for these interested and

ambitious undergraduates.

Dean James Donaldson of the College of Arts and Sciences cites funding problems as causing delays in instituting the program.

"There is a resource problem. There must be a plan of support [before a major is approved]," Donaldson said. "At the moment we are trying to get resources. We hope to get foundation support, [but] for degree type program you can not depend on

foundations."

Though Donaldson promises that the International Affairs major has the full support from the University, it is the financial support that has the fate of this project up in the air. It seems students and faculty will have to wait indefinitely before the proposed program is offered to the students.

"We will have the program... the question is when," Donaldson said.

WHBC Wins 4 of 6 Awards

WHBC, from Campus A1

a lack of funds. WHBC's attendance at the BCR conference was financed by Howard's commercial station, WHUR 96.3. WHUR paid the transportation and hotel accommodation for the WHBC 40 student delegation.

Aside from winning awards, Howard University students also attended workshops. On Friday, visiting professor at the University of Texas, Donald Lockett, conducted a workshop entitled, "The Battle for Digital Radio: Satellite vs. Terrestrial-Can Black College Radio Play?"

Lockett has been hired as the new director of the Technology Center at Howard University. After the workshop he expressed his plans to make WHBC mirror professional radio station and for the Technology Center to be conducted like major media networks conduct the use of equip-

ment.

On Friday, James E. Hogan, the President of Clear Channel was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. "It is easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission," said Hogan at the luncheon.

He emphasized that due to the technology of digital and satellite radio, "there are fewer opportunities for the average talent, but a world of opportunity for the above average talent." According to WHBC's News Director, Nagilia Greaves, the television news workshop was very informative.

The workshop was conducted by the news director and writer at KABC-TV in Los Angeles, CA. Irv Cuevas, who also spoke at a luncheon on Saturday.

The conference was an opportunity for historically black colleges and universities to obtain more information about the media industry and how to

better operate a campus radio station.

"I learned more about the difference between satellite and digital radio," said Grown Folk's Talk co-host, Kristine Forest, "and I got more insight into the business of television and music."

Co-host of WHBC's Incense and Candles show, Crystal Tyson said that, "The BCR will change WHBC because after not winning Station of the Year, we will come together to move and accomplish that."

The WHBC programming director also agrees that next year will be even better "We didn't win the Station of the Year award, but there is still next year," said Barnes. WHBC is dusting off their mics, renewing the play lists and working their magic, because next year's conference is soon to come.

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Bill Clinton Becomes U.N. Envoy

Former president Bill Clinton will be spending the next several years as an envoy for the United Nations; working on recovery and rebuilding attempts in tsunami-hit countries, according to the Associated Press.

Clinton will be making sure the donation money will be allocated appropriately and will push for construction of stronger buildings, according to the Associated Press.

We are happy to see Clinton stepping up to help in an area that we feel needs it. Clinton has always been active in his global initiatives and we are excited that he's accepted a position with one of the most influential worldly organizations.

We can only imagine the contributions he will give to the people who need it the most.

Clinton has a big task ahead

of him. Supply problems, service duplication, coordination mix-ups and unstable temporary housing are all post-tsunami issues that have stunted recovery efforts.

We know he can do it and we know he's well respected around the world. His efforts

disaster efforts.

Many presidents choose to write a book after their presidency and they slip out of the political forefront.

They sit back and bask in their accomplishments and then we don't hear much else about them.

Clinton has also written books, but he has done much more than that.

We have seen Clinton and his wife taking an active role in political affairs and we are relieved. Many of us enjoyed Clinton's presidency despite the issues he ran into at the end of his term.

Though he isn't president anymore, we still get to have him around.

We love that he is still in the picture and we look forward to everything we will contribute.

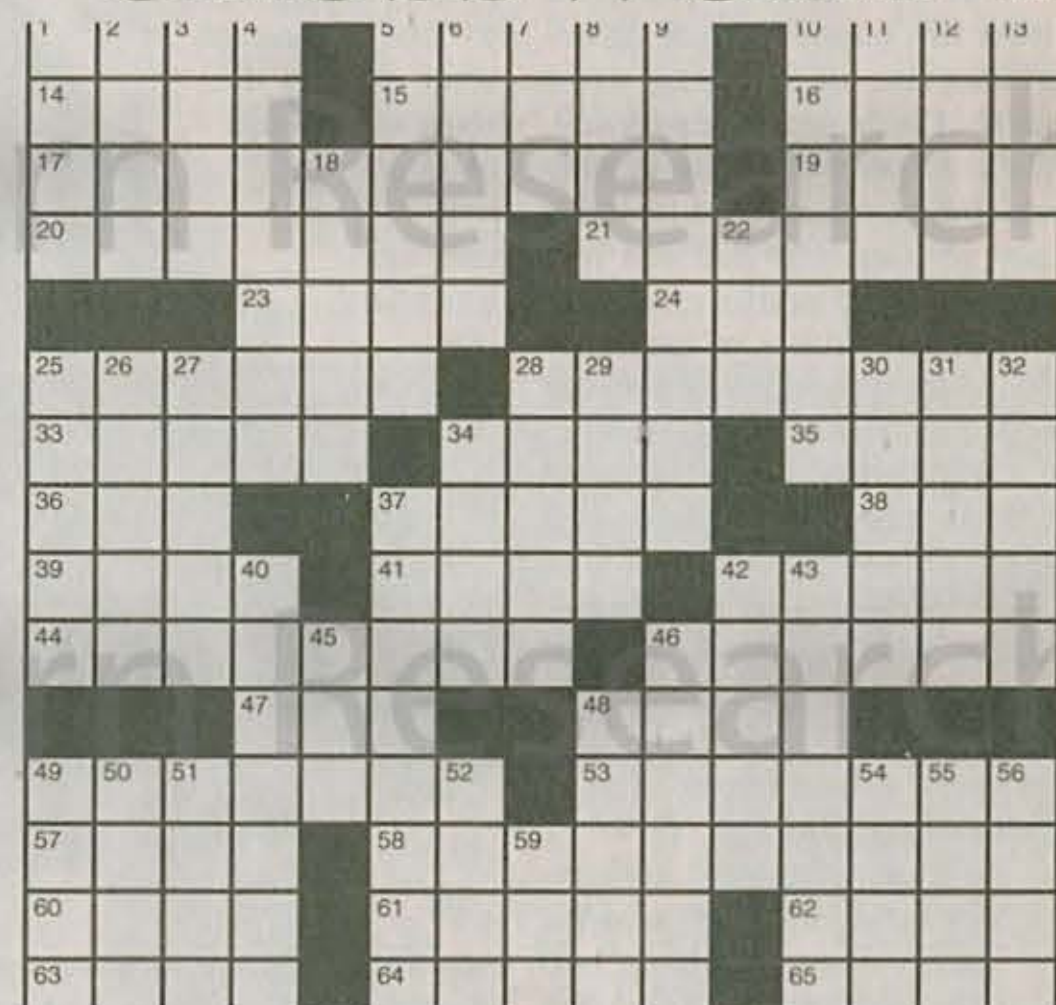
Our View:
We're happy to see him holding an important title and being involved post-presidency.

DEAR HILLTOP,

Thanks for the article "Howard's Forgotten Heroes." As a Howard tennis mom we sometimes feel Coach Strickland and the tennis team do not receive the recognition and acknowledgment they deserve as role models and heroes to our adult community as well as our children. Please continue to write these articles. They are such a source of inspiration, validation and encouragement. We so appreciate it. Again, thank you.

Sincerely, Mrs. Gloria Dorsey

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33. Pirodies
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11. Cooking fat
12. Ultimate consumer
13. Form into many wrinkles
14. Throat guardians
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29. Begins moving
30. Add to staff
32. Undesirable plant
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39. Franklin's bill
40. Throwers
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43. Clip before the flick
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New Dietary Guidelines Place Emphasis on Exercise

BY RACHEL HUGGINS
Contributing Writer

Eighty percent of Americans are familiar with the Food Pyramid Guide that has been the staple of American dieting for the past 12 years. However, due to increasing obesity rates and the rise of chronic diseases, the U.S. government released the updated Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005.

Nutritionists revised the Dietary Guidelines to create a dietary outline that provided the needed nutrients for healthy growth and development. The overall concept of the food pyramid remains the same, but the new additions include more rules on ways to avoid harmful food products, how many servings to eat and ways to create a balanced diet.

The Department of Agriculture stated that the 80 percent of Americans that were familiar with the former food pyramid, did not know how to properly utilize the information about serving sizes and number of servings.

This new guide should be utilized when planning a balanced diet and evidence shows

that people that follow a diet consistent with the guidelines are less likely to have chronic diseases.

"I try to use the food pyramid to regulate the amount of vegetables, fruits, meats and breads I eat. I also try to drink four glasses of water each day and to not eat late at night," said Keisha Williams, a freshman business finance major.

The new dietary guidelines stress the importance of physical exercise in attaining great health. The base of the pyramid, which formerly contained only food information, now includes daily physical exercise and recommends that adults engage in at least 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity to reduce the risk of diseases.

"The combination of good exercise planning with a well balanced food plan is the key to a healthy diet. Diabetes, hypertension and heart problems can be caused by improper eating habits," said Michelle Hoover, a registered and licensed dietitian.

Besides physical activity, the new guidelines recommend the daily consumption of two to three servings of fruit; one

to three serving of nuts and legumes; zero to two servings of fish, poultry and eggs; one to two servings of calcium and dairy products and sparing use of red meat, butter, white rice, potatoes and other heavy starches.

Americans should also eat three one-ounce servings of whole grains. The new guidelines also recommend limiting fat intake to 20-35 percent of total calories and most fats should come from fish, nuts and vegetable oils.

With the hectic schedules that many college students have and without the benefit of home cooking for many, it may be hard for students to piece together meals based upon the pyramid.

However, these obstacles don't stop students from understanding the importance of a balanced diet.

"I consult the food pyramid because high blood pressure runs in my family and I don't want to gain the Freshmen 15. Not only do I want to stay the same size, but I also want to remain

healthy," said Rachael Allen, a freshman political science major, who also knows how to compensate for her tight timetable.

"Sometimes I don't have time to get the recommended dosage of minerals, so I take vitamins because, as college students, we are always on the go and it takes a few seconds to take a pill," Allen said.

Though it may be tempting and sometimes practical, instead of opting for fast foods that contain high calorie and causes excess weight gain, those who find themselves in a time crunch should eat low calorie foods such as fruits, whole grains and vegetables.

Some students acknowledge the variety of choices and understand how to combine choices throughout the day to maximize health.

"I think at school you have a variety of food choices to choose from. A lot of students balance out their meals by eating fruits and cereals in the morning, a salad in the afternoon and a sandwich or a light meal for dinner." Joshua Gray, a senior broadcast journalism major, said.

Although it is essential that

students maintain a healthy diet, it is equally important that students exercise regularly.

"I don't believe in diets," Nathan Miller said. "Personally, I eat as much as I can. I think it is good to watch what you eat, but I think you need to have a regular routine of exercise if you want to lose weight," the sophomore political science major added.

While exercise is most effective when paired with a balanced diet, which may be hard to come by on a college campus, it is something that can be easily maintained in the same environment.

Burr Gymnasium and workout rooms in various dorms provide several varieties of exercise equipment for students to use at their convenience. Greene Stadium also features a full size track for students who choose running as their preferred method of exercise.

These activities, in combination with a diet that goes according to the new Dietary Guidelines, will help ensure that students protect themselves against avoidable health issues and remain healthy and in shape.



This literal food pyramid contains many of the foods encouraged by the Department of Agriculture.

Optimal Diet? Increase Fat Intake, Decrease Carbs, Protein

BY AMY WILLIAMS
Contributing Writer

Sausage, pancakes, bacon and eggs cooked in lard are all foods that most health professionals would agree are a one way ticket to obesity and to stay away from if you are trying to lose weight. However, the creators of a new diet say otherwise.

The diet, entitled "The Polish Diet," supports a high-fat diet in order to lose weight.

The diet was conceived in Poland some 40 years ago by Dr. Jan Kwasniewski, who started developing it while working as a dietician for the military.

After experimenting on his family and himself, Kwasniewski concluded that the ideal nutritional combo came from eating three grams of fat for every one gram of protein and half a gram of carbohydrates.

Poland is the birth place of this diet, but Chicago is where the diet came of age in the United States.

The Windy City would become the North American capital for this eating plan. The first and only one of its kind in the nation, it operates as a deli, meeting center and, as of this spring, a restaurant for those



Eating high-fat foods, like sausage, and reducing carbohydrates is an integral part of "The Polish Diet."

on the high-fat Polish eating plan. Sometimes called the Polish Atkins, the Optimal Diet severely restricts the intake of carbohydrates and sugars, but differs from Atkins by de-emphasizing protein and adding fat.

A day in the life of someone on the Polish Diet would be eating 254 grams of fat and 2,923 calories. The daily recommend calorie intake for an average adult according to the American Dietary association is 20 grams or less of saturated fat daily. As unhealthy as this diet seems, an esti-

mated 2,000 Polish Chicagoans and 2 million folks worldwide are on the Optimal Diet, a Polish eating plan that requires the consumption of large amounts of animal fat. Carl Brooks, a senior business management major, who has used protein shakes and weight management plans in the past, said that he thinks this diet is unrealistic.

"It seems obvious that fat and high calorie foods are bad for you so how can an intake of those bad foods equal a good outcome," he said.

Brooks explains he has struggled with weight in the past.

"I have been trying to gain weight for years, and it seems that this diet would help someone like me who wants to gain weight rather than someone who want to lose weight," he said.

Many Howard students agree with Brooks' confusion about this diet of high fat, high calorie foods, but the high content of fat is not that far from many HU students daily eating plan.

McDonald's Hotcakes contains 600 calories, 17 grams of fat and 104 carbohydrates. Six hundred calories alone may not seem like that much, but imagine that combined with a Chik-Fil-A chicken sandwich which

has 410 calories, 16 grams of fat, 5 grams of sugar and 38 grams of carbohydrates.

Not to be outdone, McDonald's Big Mac also contains 600 calories, has 50 grams of carbohydrate 8 grams of sugar and 33 grams of fat.

Just eating at nearby campus eateries, students consume a lot of fat. But, even for those who stay away from McDonalds and Chick-Fil-A, other food choices are just as bad.

Wendy's five Piece Chicken Nuggets contains 220 calories, 14 grams of fat and 13 grams of carbohydrates, and a Starbucks Iced White Chocolate Mocha - whip, Grande, w/ Whole Milk contains 490 calories, 58 carbohydrates and 54 grams of sugar.

While eating plans differ from one individual to another, most can agree that Americans are out of shape and over weight.

According to National Center for Health statistics, 64 percent of adults 20 years are overweight and obese. Also, 30 percent of adolescents aged 12-19 years are overweight.

The Polish Diet may seem unrealistic to some, but it is proof that people are willing to try something new in hopes of overcoming weight problems.



Howard Students Echo Study; Weary of Drug Companies

BY BRITTNEY JOHNSON
Hilltop Staff Writer



Months ago an article in *The Hilltop* encouraged students to get more sleep to avoid the publicized side effects of sleep deprivation. Unbeknownst to many readers, some of the studies being done on sleep deprivation were funded by the pharmaceutical company that manufactures the sleeping pill Ambien.

This new information was shocking to many students and made some wonder if new developments in medical research are truly driven by the need to help people, or prompted by money hungry drug companies.

"I don't have any concrete evidence that they do or they don't, but I wouldn't be surprised to find out that drug companies overplay the need

just whip your kids, you wouldn't have to worry about it."

Many students have seen the late night commercials that market the use of natural supplements to help common problems, yet these solutions are often unaccepted by mainstream media. Some students feel as if there are even more simple ways to avoid these problems, yet somehow the power of advertising draws consumers to drugs.

"Our parents' generation didn't have any of these pills, they dealt with things as they came, without this extra medicine," said Ila Flannigan, a sophomore business management major.

Flannigan said that the benefits of these medications can sometimes be outweighed by the side effect.

"To me, it creates a cycle," she said. "Many people don't know that a side effect of some of the sleeping pills can be memory loss." There may be some validity to the fact that people are sleep deprived because they are being stressed and overworked and therefore lack focus.

"Once you take a pill to try to sleep, you may suffer from memory loss the next day, and then need a pill to fix that, soon you're just taking pills to fix what the other pill did," she said.

Johnson agreed saying that students may be wise to consider other remedies for their ailments.

"There are often natural solutions for these problems, like sleep deprivation can be helped with time management and prioritizing, that can alleviate stress," she said.

"But can we really condemn them for marketing their product that way? Their drugs may not help, but they may not hurt either."

For her part, Flannigan refuses to side with pharmaceutical companies.

"This type of information definitely makes you distrust the companies," she said. "Everyone tells you different things and often studies contradict one another. They say at this age you need this and that."

Sophomore biology major Leia Foster said that the new-found studies will not affect her decisions about which medicines to take.

"I don't really pay attention," she said. "They're just putting those facts out there to make money, because that's all they want. I think that some are true and some are false, and it is hard to decide which ones."

Elicia Manning, a freshman film production major, recently had a conversation about sleep deprivation with her sociology class.

After finding out that pharmaceutical companies were behind the studies that she had discussed, she quickly changed



Students who take medical advice from pharmaceutical companies are concerned about the side effects of some drugs.

her mind about the validity of the studies.

"I didn't know that," she said. "Now that it's been brought to my attention, I will wonder about information like that from now on."

Graduate student Jay Colbert doesn't believe that these types of findings should prevent viewers and consumers from believing new developments in medical research.

"I honestly think that they are just now finding these problems out, I deal with stuff like that in

social work," Colbert said.

Manning agrees that although it may seem shady, knowing who is behind the studies will not stop people from listening, believing and buying.

"Yes, I do think that other people would still go to buy the drugs, it's the way they ask questions like, do you have trouble focusing, or trouble sleeping," she said. "If someone tells you that they can help, then people will go buy anything."

HU Tennis Team Delivers a Clean Sweep

BY MIKE HOLMES
Hilltop Staff Writer

Coach Larry Strickland should hand out brooms instead of tennis rackets to members of his team after this weekend.

Both the Howard University men and women's tennis teams managed to completely sweep tennis teams from three different universities over the course of three days.

On Friday the men and women's teams beat Delaware State both with a score of 7-0. Saturday, the men's team faced the University of Maryland

Eastern Shore here at Bancker Field. "This was an easy match," said sophomore civil engineering major Faron Carter.

He and his doubles partner, senior information systems major Jibade Thomas, claimed a quick 8-0 victory over their Eastern Shore opponents.

The pair simply dominated the match scoring most of their points right off of the serve. The team as a whole walked away with another 7-0 victory overall.

On Sunday, the men defeated Morgan State University with the exact same score of 7-0. The women walked

away from the Morgan match with a 6-1 victory over the lady bears.

The teams are now just a few matches away from the MEAC Conference. As their season comes to a close, so do the college level athletic careers of a few of the team members. The women's team will be losing graduating senior Kristin Harris.

The men's team will be losing graduating seniors Brandon Smith and Jibade Thomas. Thomas is making the most of his last season. In fact he is finding motivation from it.

"I played a lot better this season because it is my last," Thomas said.

All of the seniors will be given their last celebration during their senior day match. The match will take place Thursday here at Bancker field.

No team or their coach is ever happy to lose some of its members; either way Coach Strickland is well prepared. He already has his eye on several potential players for next year's team.

"There's quite a few prospects," Strickland said. "I can't talk about them until after the signing date," he added. The signing date is scheduled for later this week.

Carter is hoping whoever Coach

Strickland is planning to recruit will be of the same caliber as his doubles partner and the other players the team is losing.

"The ideal player would be someone of equal intensity and ability during practice and games," Carter said.

The teams will face American University on Tuesday and Wednesday. They will face Coppin State University Thursday, which is when the senior day match will take place.

Wizards Look to Finish Strong

BY ALFONS PRINCE
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As the NBA season comes to a close, there are many teams with a lot to play for. There are the teams who are fighting for their playoff lives, and there are teams that are trying to secure their playoff position.

The Washington Wizards are one of those teams, trying to secure their playoff position. However, the Wizards have seemed to hit a bump in the road as they try to earn the franchise's first trip to the playoffs since 1997.



Wizards point guard Gilbert Arenas penetrated through two Kings defenders to score two in the paint.

Maya Gilliam, Senior Photo Editor

The Wizards who were 41-30 after a win against the Orlando Magic on April 1, have lost five straight to fall from fourth in the Eastern Conference to sixth, only two games ahead of the seventh place Philadelphia 76ers. The slide becomes even more improbable for the Wizards considering the fact that before their current skid, the Wizards had won six out of eight games.

The Wizards have been one of the stories of the NBA season, bringing basketball back to a city the usually relied on the college teams to provide

ketball in March. Led by Gilbert Arenas, Larry Hughes and Antawn Jamison, the Wizards had been playing good basketball throughout the year.

The team has fought through injuries of its key players. Hughes was absent 20 games due to fractured right thumb and now Jamison, who has battled through a sore knee which has caused him to miss some games. However, during this current losing streak, the Wizards have not come out strong in any of the games, falling behind by 21 to the 76ers, early in the game, on Saturday night.

Normally this would be sensible except for the fact that the 76ers were without both Allen Iverson and Chris Webber. This lack of effort at the beginning of games caused Arenas to say "We need to start playing from the beginning, as soon as the jump ball. The starters need to come out and play for real. We need to stop somebody. We can't until the second unit comes in and we decide, 'OK, now we need to play some defense. We need to do it from the beginning.'"

Wizards Coach Eddie Jordan expected some growing pains, saying "I think we are trying to learn what this time of year is about. A lot of these teams have playoff experience, and this is something that a young, new first-time playoff-contending team has to learn."

With six games left, the Wizards still have time to figure it out and try to regain the playoff position that they have lost. They have games left against the Chicago Bulls, who are ahead of them in the fourth spot, as well as games against Cleveland and New Jersey, two teams just trying to get into the playoffs.

Now it is up to the Wizards to regain their form, head into the post-season with momentum and continue to make Washington D.C. proud.



Center Etan Thomas of the Wizards goes strong to the hoop against Kings defender Maurice Evans.

Maya Gilliam, Senior Photo Editor

Out from Under the Shadows: Resurgence of the Chicago Bulls

BY ROBERTA DOOMS
Contributing Writer

After a slow start and the rebuilding period of the franchise since 1999, the Chicago Bulls have surprisingly returned to playoff contention.

In front of the United Center in Chicago stands a statue which, in many ways, has overshadowed the United Center and the Chicago Bulls in recent years. This statue is a depiction of Michael Jordan.

Jordan, arguably the greatest basketball player in NBA history and University of North Carolina alumnus, who won six Most Valuable Awards, carried the Bulls to six NBA titles in his 11 seasons.

In January 1999, Jordan retired from the Chicago Bulls and in their first full season of the post-Jordan era, the Bulls won a total of 17 games. In the seasons following his retirement, the Bulls lost as many as 67 games in a single season and have not reached the playoffs until recently.

This season, the Chicago Bulls started the season 0-9. This was not a surprise because of the previous season's record. December 15th can be seen as a turning point in the Bulls season where a 96-88 win over the Memphis Grizzlies began a five-game winning streak.

In a win over Detroit in January, the Bulls reached .500 with a 19-19 record and have not fallen below ever since. Through 76 games, the Chicago Bulls record stands at 44-32 and they are currently holding onto the second spot in the Central Division and the fourth overall spot in Eastern Conference.

Through the several losing seasons, the Bulls were awarded with high draft picks. Draft picks such as Tyson Chandler, who was drafted out of Dominguez High School (Ca.) in 2001, said that winning has a very important impact.

"It doesn't even feel like the same organization. Winning does wonders for the players, and even for a city. It's like a whole different world," said Chandler in an interview with The Washington Post.

Drafted alongside fellow high school early-entry, Eddy Curry, is leading the Bulls in scoring with 16.1 points per game with a 53.8 field goal percentage.

The rookies on this year's team might be one of the main reasons for the Bulls turnaround. The team has three contributing rookies, two from the Duke Blue Devils.

Chris Duhon leads with 4.9 assists per game and has started 66 games. Luol Deng averages

11.7 points, 5.3 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game. University of Connecticut's Ben Gordon, skipped his senior year in college and was the third overall pick of the 2004 NBA Draft. Gordon also has a strong possibility of being named this year's Rookie of the Year.

Gordon, who has a knack for taking over a basketball game in the fourth quarter, has many singing his praises. Sophomore marketing major Aaron Bell is impressed by Gordon.

"Ben Gordon is definitely the front runner in the season's race for rookie of the year. He is an exciting and energetic player with prolific shooting skills," Bell said.

The Bulls, at the moment, have overtaken the fourth spot in the Eastern conference. It is very likely that the first round of the playoffs could match them against another post-Jordan era team; the Washington Wizards.

The Wizards are led by the highest scoring trio in the league: Gilbert Arenas, Larry Hughes and Antawn Jamison who average 67.3 points per game. Throughout 75 games the Wizards are 41-35, surpassing 25 total wins from the 2003-04 season.

A potential match up of Gilbert Arenas the fifth leading scorer in the league (25.6) and

Ben Gordon would be a match of young talent. Bell believes that Arenas, coming off of his first selection to the NBA All-Star team, has the edge.

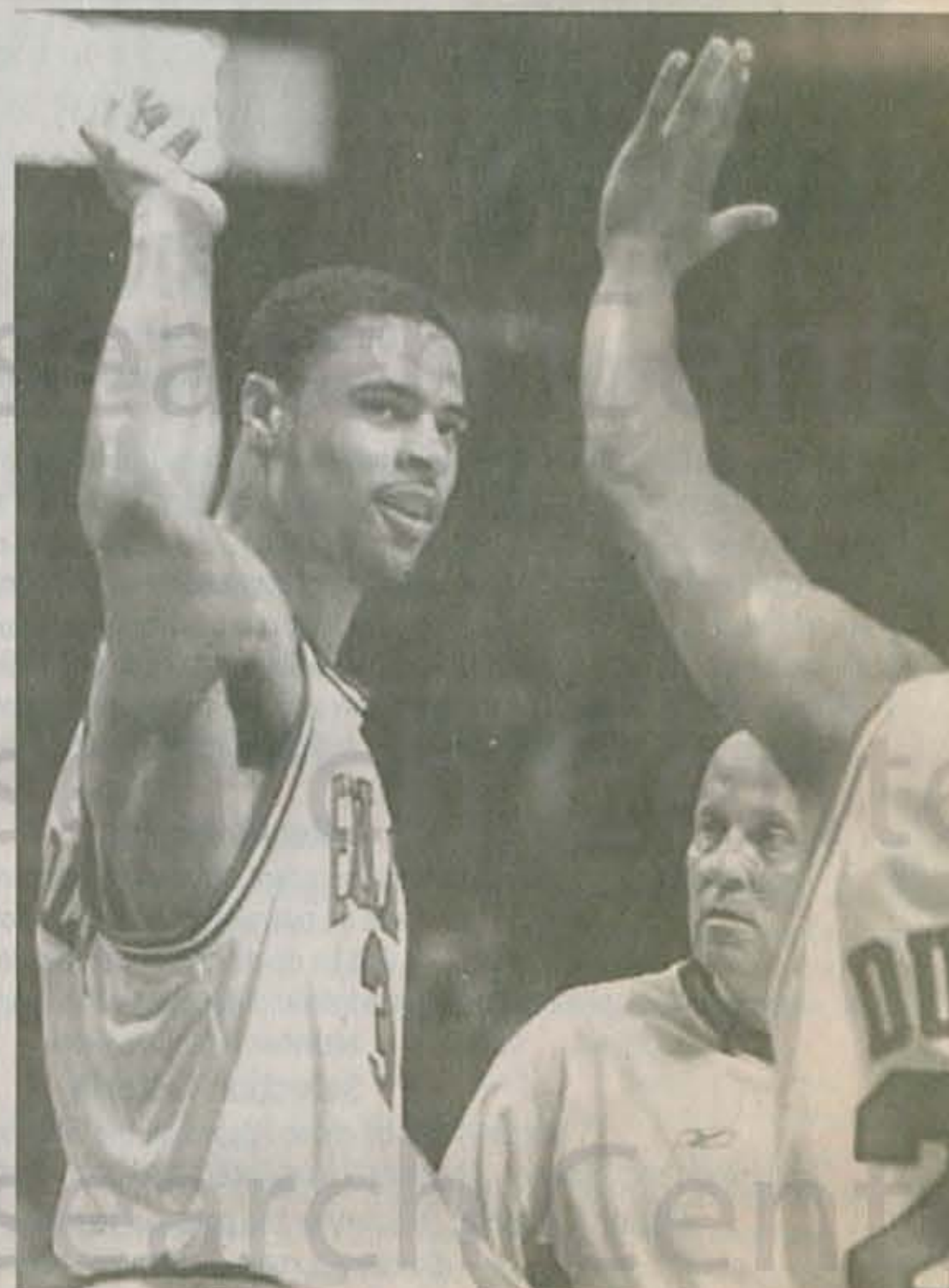
"Gilbert Arenas is the older and more experienced player as well as one of the league leaders in steals, so it will take a few more years before Gordon can match his talent level," Bell said.

A possible playoff series between the Wizards and Bulls will also be a showcase of the 2001 draft class. Three high school players were picked in the top four and all three will be in action when these teams take the court.

The Bulls' Eddy Curry and Tyson Chandler, the second and fourth pick, and the Wizards' Kwame Brown, the first overall pick in the draft, will have a chance to show the difference that a young talent can have on a team.

This would also be an opportunity for Arenas, who has something to prove after being drafted in the second round of that same draft.

The NBA season will wrap up Wednesday, April 20th in preparation for the playoffs, which will include the surging Chicago Bulls after a six-year hiatus.



Tyson Chandler high-fives rookie Chris Duhon after scoring against in their game against the Toronto Raptors on Saturday. Chandler told the Associated Press, "I feel like this team's really coming together," Chandler said. "We're playing our best basketball at the end of the season."

M. Spencer Green-AP

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Announcements

Brittani, April LaReshe and all 46 hosts.

Thank you guys so much for all your hard work in making the Georgia Club's 14th annual Welcome to the Mecca Weekend a huge success. Without you all, the Weekend would not have been a success, but thanks to you guys stepping up in the absence of others, this was the most efficient yet.

-Keith

The Ladies of Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Present

A Klassy Affair

Date: April 16
Place: Gateway Marriott Hotel
Crystal City
Time: 9:00p.m.


Tickets Can be purchased from a member of Alpha Chapter

Hey Georgia Club members,

Congrats on being named State Club of the Year last Friday at the Cotton Club. You deserve as much credit as we do. Y'all are the best members an organization can have, but we're not done winning yet. One down, one to go...

-Your 2004-2005 Executive Board

...KEEP THE SOLDIERS OF THIS ARMY MOVING GUIDED BY THY HAND MAY WE MARCH ACROSS THE DESERT AND ENTER DEAR OMEGA'S LAND...



April 15th ...

THE TERROR WILL BE MAINTAINED

The Ladies of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Present

MAY WEEK

Devotion to Service and Traditions, Reaching Back to Pull Forward

Sunday, April 17, 2005
Call to Chapel
Cramton Auditorium
11:00 AM

Monday, April 18, 2005
The Apprentice
How to Build a Million Dollar Portfolio
Blackburn Forum
7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 19, 2005
Victims of the System: A Child Left Behind
Blackburn Forum
7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 20, 2005
Access Granted: Exploring African Populations in Latin America and the Caribbean
School of Business Auditorium
7:00 PM

Thursday, April 21, 2005
Body Basics: An Exploration of Physical Fitness
Burr Gymnasium
7:00 PM

Friday, April 22, 2005
Chisholm '72: Unbought & Unbossed
Blackburn Forum
7:00 PM

Do You Want to Be A Bison Cheerleader ?

BRING IT ON!!!!



Tryout Information

April 12th-14th

Wednesday: 6am-8am—Clinic 1

Thursday 6a-8am- Clinic 2/ First Cuts

Friday 6pm-8pm Final Selection

Lower Level Burr Gym

Tryout Fee: \$15.00

(Exact change please!)

Blue Squad Definition

(Large Coed - primarily composed of a combination of 16-18 females and or males)

The Blue Squad members primarily lead cheers at home football games, and compete in competitions. The squad also travels to out of town football games and basketball tournaments. The Bison Spirit Program will host a 3-day tryout session each spring to assess the abilities, leadership skills and potential of interested and qualified candidates for one of the predetermined number of available positions. Tryouts are intended to be a low stress event. For that reason they are conducted in a practice-like environment during which the level of each candidate's skills and talents, and their ability to work with other participants, will be evaluated. A short interview with the candidate may be conducted at anytime during the sessions. Actual attendance by candidates at the tryout session is highly recommended.

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.
 - Not be on disciplinary probation
- Have sufficient physical fitness, strength and athletic skills to perform the cheerleader and mascot activities described below.

Selection Criteria

Members will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Strong leadership qualities, Charismatic presence/personality, Confidence, Independence, Enthusiasm
- Other Criteria:** Mastery or the potential to master the following skills:
- Standing tumbling- Standing back tuck
 - Stunts (Group and Individual)
 - Cheer Experience (Motions, Jumps, Execution)

For questions please call: 202-806-7000 or E-mail Coach Tiffanie Yates at Caryae13@yahoo.com

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Featuring DJ Strategy

From Howard University
Go North on Georgia Ave. to Missouri Ave.
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@ Emery Park

Nupe Juice & Free Food

Saturday, April 23, 2005

Noon-until

Another Pretty Day Production All men are created equal, some just look better.