WON'T HAVE HU IS CURRENTLY THE ONLY HBCU THAT OFFERS 2005, YOU TAKING THE TIRED OF PAGES METRO FORA CAMPUS 2

Upon the request of talented students and insight was just another event to showcase.

Winning the crowd. Howard's own DJ Premonition kept the crowd's energy high. His knowledge of mixing and "scratching" made the crowd dance, hit after hit.

I loved it," said Coach Fred Dew, Cook Hall's community director. "Everyday was a different segment.

Further, the talent showcase went over the confidence bar of the audiences.

Some students thought the talent at Wednesday night's ReelFest pageant in Cameron could have been better, but overall those in attendance found it enjoyable.

"The pageant coordinator, Christa Gordon, did a great job making sure everything was in order and everything was on time," Stewart said. "Even when there was an issue, she remained calm.'"

On Wednesday, protesters held signs across from Meridian Hill Hall, asking the U.S. to cease attacks on Cuba.

As coined by Kenyatta Lewis, a senior political science major, "Fifty percent of the students have been exposed at the result of their first, second, position test." Fortid said, "But for the most part, the students seemed up-to-date.

"A lot of people are uninformed of that fact, which is a big concern," Fortid said. "But you may not look healthy, but you may not reveal that.

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"Without your health, you can't do anything else," Marable said. "It's always important for people in the community to make responsible decisions and to give compensatory reproductive health information.

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AKA’s Emphasizes STD Awareness, Prevention

By Janeen L. Straughter

In an effort to create awareness surrounding health issues facing college students, the Delta Chapter of AKA, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. hosted “Unlocking the Keys” STD Awareness Week, with Planned Parenthood health educator Courtney Lewis as a guest speaker.

The purpose of the program was to increase students’ knowledge of health risks associated with unprotected sex.

“We felt it was important to educate our members and encourage them to be safe sex advocates and inform the risks of STDs,” Alpha Chapter President Lisa Branch.

As a warm-up, a “Test Your Sex IQ” quiz revealed the truths regarding safe sex, STD’s and contraception. Students were asked if they knew that pre-marital sex was safe, true or false. Lewis was able to give brief facts on why they thought they had knowledge of the facts. Further detailed information was given regarding the facts.

Lewis began the presentation by reading aloud to explain to students the common types of barriers used to delay entry into STD’s and contraceptives. As well as condoms, the female condom was used to explain how the contraceptives work. She then went on to explain the different methods used to push propulsion of the condoms, the Doyen-Prophylactic and abstinence, and explained the benefits of the contraceptives.

During the presentation, a video was played demonstrating the consequences of not using contraceptives. Students who could relate to the situations depicted in the video were encouraged to be proactive in their sexual relationships.

An after-school event, “Understanding Our Bodies: STD’s, the Risk of STD’s and What to Do When You Suspect You Have an STD” was held. At the event, students were allowed to ask questions and receive confidential testing.

According to Dr. Courtney Lewis, STD’s are not something to be ashamed of. Many students believe that once they are involved in an intimate relationship, they are safe from contracting any sexually transmitted diseases. It is important for students to be aware of the potential consequences of being with multiple partners.

“By using a condom you can reduce the risk of contracting any sexual transmitted disease, or if you are taking birth control you can reduce the risk of contracting an STD,” Lewis said. “We all have a responsibility to ourselves and others to ensure that we take the proper precautions to prevent the transmission of an STD.”

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By Jenea Robinson

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New Bus System Comes to the District in the Summer

BY JOI GILLIAM
Columns & Perspectives Editor

Students in the District say they may or may not use the new service depending on their needs. “I think I might use it for recreation if I am downtown, but not regularly because I don’t go downtown very often,” said LeVon Harris, a mathematics major.

A number of students agree that the service would probably only be useful to tourists or people who work downtown. “I think I will just keep using the Metro,” said Kelly Watson, a junior mathematics major. “I miss the bus too many times after each other, but not regularly because I don’t go to the National Mall or any other tourist destination.”

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Track Team to Compete in Last Meet Before MEAC Finals

Track, from Campus A1

On the women's side, Econic Wright qualified for the NCAA Regional for the 400m hurdles. Khary Kenyatta placed second in the men's division. For the majority of the outdoor season, the team has remained relatively injury-free. Last weekend, however, there were a few members of the team that sustained injuries, including junior Asiah Obasolu, who strained her groin. Freshman psychology major Quilton Reid hurt his leg during one of his races but it didn't necessarily affect him. "Actually I ran faster," he said while watching a videotape of the race in which you can actually see the point at which he hit his leg...

The meet at the University of Virginia this weekend represents the last opportunity for members of the team who have not yet qualified to qualify for the conference.

Not only will this meet be the last chance for some of the team to qualify, it will also be the last meet for several of the senior members. The men's team will be losing quite a few members, including David Wynn, Raymond Gayle and Adetola Adewoda. The women's team, however, is almost the exact opposite. "I will basically have my whole group back," Merritt said.

It will not just be familiar faces the women's team can expect to see next season. Merritt, who said he recruits year round, has plans to add more women to the team. "We're going to sign a few," said Merritt. "We have two women who have already committed and we are hoping to sign a third," he added.

After this weekend, both teams will get a brief break. They will have a weekend off from competing before they travel to the MEAC Conference on April 28th.

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Sincerely, The Hilltop Staff
First Black Catholic Pope?

On April 18, the conclave of 12 African Cardinals has considered a pope from Paul the Great in many circles. He is ranked as the first Black pope. Although at 100 million Catholics who live in Sub-Saharan Africa since the 1950s, he is well respected amongst his peers in Africa. However, a pope is supposed to be the people’s voice and humanity even amongst those who do not believe in the faith has earned him the title of Pope John Paul. Paul the Great is willing to work with a Black pope. Although at 100 million Catholics who live in Sub-Saharan Africa since the 1950s, he is well respected amongst his peers in Africa. However, a pope is supposed to be the people’s voice and humanity even amongst those who do not believe in the faith has earned him the title of Pope John Paul.

Making Homeownership a Reality

CANDICE REYNOLDS

Becoming a homeowner is a task that leaves many people scratching their heads and wondering where they should begin. Many college students have little knowledge of purchasing a property. They are taking the huge step to not only get the right house, but also to understand the American dream. To own a home or refinance your current one, you need to plan for your future. Knowing your credit score is your key to establishing a strong credit history. Your credit score varies from 375-900. You qualify for and how much interest you save depends on your credit score. Your credit score is your personal financial resume and the determining factor in what you can spend on your credit cards. This score ranges from 575 to 900 and on a home with most companies, your credit score must be over 560 to refinance your credit score must be over 720.

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The Hunt Is On: Graduating Seniors Race to Find Jobs

BY EDITH SOLODO
Staff Writer

With graduation almost around the corner, graduating seniors are searching for an occupation to settle into by fall. Seniors at Howard are still in search of their first professional job while others are working on their total job search experience. One group who is管网 skipping the internship obstacle and going straight back to school is the Howard University graduating seniors. With the job market being much more competitive it is a trend to see graduating seniors who disregard the internship and go straight to school. Senior psychology major Stasha Valentine considers her current job hunt quite difficult. She feels that graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree is a disadvantage in the job market. “The job market is bad,” said Valentine. “If you graduate from the School of Education then you need to get a job to help pay for what you just went through.”

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Senior public relations major Asher Silverman is also dealing with the pressure of finding a job. “I have been job hunting for 2 years now and I am only going to get a job versus being fired. I have been interviewed for 64 companies. I have no idea what my major will get me,” said Silverman.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), they are concerned that 2006’s employment opportunities, are looking more like last year’s employment opportunities. They are not looking as bright as last year’s job opportunities. Many employers are not looking at candidates with degrees from Howard University. Some companies are only looking at candidates with degrees from Ivy League schools.

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Mr. Bob Brown, Co-director of Pan African Roots, author of Slavery and the Slave Trade... Crimes Against Humanity speaking on “Reparations for Education”

Dr. James Garrett, Dean of Vista College, co-founder of Black Studies, speaking on “The History of the Founding of Black Studies”

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Lacrosse in Abundance

BY ELLIS JONES
Combating Wind

By many accounts, the greatest lacrosse player of all time was a two-time All-America midfielder who led Syracuse University to a perfect 1970 season. This player was no Flutie. It may be argued that no player ever played lacrosse quite as simply as James. As soon as the ball was turned over, this same man would go on to become the NESCAC all-time leading scorer. The man was Jim Jones, a Maryland native, and member of the NCAAs Division 1 lacrosse Hall of Fame.

Just as at the time of Brown's domination, lacrosse remains a professionally White sport. Lacrosse is a regional sport, immensely popular in upstate New York, New England, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Baltimore. But as the sport continues to grow across the college ranks and the pro, with an estimated 50,000 people playing at the sports level, it is failing to attract large numbers of African-American athletes.

Howard University is attempting to reverse this trend. With the addition of the men's club lacrosse team this year, Howard would become the only HECC to have both men's and women's lacrosse teams. The women's lacrosse team has been in existence at Howard for eight years and has competed in the NCAAs Division I since 1995. Ambitious to play on the college level and get their NCAA Division I scholastic scholarship, Howard's women's lacrosse team is forced to examine their leadership abilities.

"This is the global leader of change in all aspects, it's fitting that we are at the forefront of changing lacrosse on a national scale," said Milton. Milton became interested in the sport after experiencing racism as a baseball player in his youth. A friend introduced him to lacrosse and after learning about its Native American origins and the intensity of the sport, he came to embrace it.

He is now in the process of building an all-Black team over the next few years, a team that his passion and their determination will be very significant.

"I mean something new and because all of my friends were playing it, and I've played it ever since," Morgan Patterson, a member of the Howard lacrosse team, said.

"I think, hopefully, Red will have the same level of play since she's been here. Hopefully, we can have her the whole year without any injuries." Head Coach Cathy Parson and Assistant Coach Andre Bolton realized early the magnitude of being a minority on a predominantly White sport. The Black lacrosse team at Howard, a task that him and assistant coach are trying to do their best, participate this year she was right there for us and helping the ladies out this year. We look forward to all of our point guards coming and in leading," Assistant Coach Andre Bolton said.

Starting shooting guard Britan James saw the player move as a threat to the opposition that the team will face next season. "This coming back will definitely boost our performance. "Daisha showed me how to be a leader on the floor through her determination and her intensity on the court," said Milton.

Junior guard Ebony Lacey, the point guard for the pressing team and rotating guard for the starters, plans to further develop her skills during the off season so that she will be able to step up when the time on.

"It's a great experience playing with all Black girls instead of an all White team. It's a different type of bond we have, it's more a family type of bond, we are all working towards the same goal."