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Hurricane Town Hall Fills Chapel

BY SHAENA HENRY

A Town Hall meeting was held in a packed decent Wednesday night in the Andrews Chapel on campus.

The meeting opened with prayer by Dr. Bertrand Rathbun, President of The Hilltop.

The meeting started off with a few words from President Rathbun about the history of the church and its impact on the community.

President Rathbun then welcomed the students and faculty to the meeting and introduced the speakers for the evening.

The first speaker of the evening was Professor Williams, who talked about the importance of community involvement and how it can benefit our society.

The second speaker was Dr. Smith, who discussed the impact of climate change on our planet and how we can take action to combat it.

The third speaker was Mr. Jones, who spoke about the benefits of volunteering and how it can help us build strong relationships with our community.

The fourth speaker was Ms. Brown, who talked about the importance of mental health and how we can support our friends and family members who may be struggling.

The final speaker of the evening was Mr. Davis, who discussed the impact of technology on our society and how we can use it for good.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer and a moment of silence before the attendees were encouraged to stay and discuss the topics that were covered.

Bissonette Triesout Competitive

BY SHANA HARRIS

Almost 75 girls applied to participate in the tomato tasting event this Wednesday in the Andrews Chapel.

The girls paid a $5.00 try-out fee, and showed off their dance skills, technique, personality and energy to stand out in the next round.

"We're looking for good technique, personality and energy," said Mrs. Smith, the head of the selection committee.

According to Mrs. Smith, Wednesday was a great day to help prepare the participants for the upcoming event.

"We want to show them what Bissonette is all about and let them get comfortable with us before we make a decision," she said.

Within the first minute of the clock, the number of participants increased to 35. By the end of the try-out, the number had increased to 75. The selection committee then looked at the main themes of the event:

- Taste and Texture
- Technique and Performance
- Showmanship and Character

"I felt that there was enough diversity in the girls who showed up for the try-out," said Mrs. Smith.

The event was a great success, and the selection committee is excited to see what the girls will bring to the event.

"I think we have a great group of girls who will definitely impress the crowd," said Mrs. Smith.

The final try-out will be held next Wednesday in the Andrews Chapel, and the winners will be announced on the day of the event.

Racism a Prevalent Issue in U.S. Sports

BY DREW COSTLEY

Significant minorities playing in the major sports throughout the nation's top college and professional teams have been forced to face prejudice, racism and discrimination on a daily basis.

In the case of basketball, the issue is particularly prevalent, as the majority of players are African-American and are subjected to racist comments and behavior from fans and opponents.

"It's frustrating to be constantly reminded of the color of your skin," said one player who requested anonymity.

"I've had my share of racial slurs and catcalls from fans, and it's hard to focus on the game when you're dealing with this kind of thing.

In football, the situation is similar, with many players experiencing racism and discrimination on and off the field.

"As a black player in football, you have to be on your guard at all times," said another player who also requested anonymity.

"You have to constantly prove yourself to your teammates and opponents, and it's not fair.

The issue of racism in sports is still a prevalent one, and it's important that we continue to address and work toward a solution.

In conclusion, the issue of racism in sports must be taken seriously and addressed in order to create a more inclusive and respectful environment for all athletes and fans alike.

Health Officials Fear Abortion Pill' May Cause Death

BY NICOLE L. PHILIPS

Thirtysix percent of teensaged girls will become pregnant at least once before they reach the age of 20, according to the National Campaign to Prevent Teenage Pregnancy. This equates to 82,000 teenage pregnancies per year.

However, there is a fear that these pregnancies may be linked to the popularity of the abortion pill. The pill, known as RU-486, was introduced in 1995 and is used to terminate pregnancies.

Initially, it was hoped that the pill would be a safe and effective way to terminate pregnancies. However, recent studies have raised concerns about the pill's potential side effects.

"We are not turning anyone away," said one health official.

"We are doing everything we can to make the pill available to those who need it.

However, there are some concerning reports about the pill's effectiveness and potential side effects.

"I feel that there was an increased amount of research being done for the pill," said another official.

"But I don't think that was the only reason for the increased popularity.

The pill has been shown to be effective in over 99 percent of cases. However, there are some concerning reports about its potential side effects.

"The pill is not risk-free," said one physician.

"There are some concerning reports about it, but it's not as dangerous as people think.

The pill is still one of the most commonly used methods of birth control in the United States.

"I don't think anyone is going to stop using the pill because of these concerns," said one health official.

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"We need to keep an eye on it and make sure that people are aware of the potential risks," said one health official.

"But overall, the pill is still one of the most effective and safe methods of birth control."
Howard Reception Honors Fulbright Scholars

Howard administrators say they were pleased with the event, and Swoopes and Badger agreed. "It really is just a way to do something to say thanks to your Fulbright sponsors," said Swoopes. "I just feel extremely humbled because I didn't expect the magnitude of the Fulbright." Badger also said she didn't realize how much of an influential program it was.

By Shayna Rudo

School of Business Talent Showcase Displays Fun Side ofHU

By Erin Evans

Two divinity courses are now offered on the Old Testament (Old CAP) and New Testament (New CAP) at Howard University. "The Old Testament or New Testament courses are required, to speak the host country's language fluently. By completing research in Thailand in a Fulbright Scholar she will be able to explore her interests in other cultures and end of life care," said Swoopes.

The program engages students in the study of various books of the Bible, the ancient cultures, and religious considerations. These courses are now offered to graduate students and are held on the main campus and off-campus sites where most divinity courses are held. These courses are of interest to students who wish to provide a background of information on the Bible in the field of religious studies.

School of Business students performed skits such as "Howard Real World."
Some love triangles come full circle.

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**Chairwoman Cropp to Run For Mayor**

Linda Cropp now joins four other candidates in the 2006 Washington, D.C. mayoral race. Current Mayor Anthony Williams has yet to announce his intentions for the race, but the staff said that he will announce plans this fall.

**BY AMBER ENGLISH**

Surrounded by supporters, Linda Cropp, the current chairwoman of the D.C. City Council, announced her candidacy for mayor at the Reeves Center yesterday. Cropp now joins former councilmembers Adrian Fenty and Vincent Orange, as well as former councilmember and state senator Ernie G. Eves, who have already declared their candidacy.

Cropp was the first woman to be elected as Chairwoman of the D.C. City Council, announced her candidacy for mayor at the Reeves Center yesterday. Cropp also took on Major Williams to take the next steps in improving the quality of life for all of us.

**Taxis Consider New Gas Surcharge**

In response to the recent rise in gas prices, the Washington Metropolitan Commission is considering reinstating the extra charge for gas which would go into effect on Saturday.

The move comes after the decision to increase gas prices last week.

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**Honors Student Charged in Police Stabbings**

A 17-year-old senior at T.C. Williams High School was charged in the stabbing of three police officers in Old Town, Alexandria last week. Prosecutors said that the teenager said police that he was there to help and ordered the officers to widen a tunnel to defend himself from a man who had been shot.

The teen is currently being held without bond until his next hearing scheduled for Oct. 7.

**Congress Cuts Managed Unit of Capitol Police**

Congress has decided to host the godfather of the U.S. Capital Police. The unit of 6 officers and 5 horses will be disbanded by Oct. 1, less than a year and a half since it first began operating. With its numbers reduced, Congress has decided to cut the unneeded funds.

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**AAA Says D.C. Gas Most Expensive In the Nation**

According to AAA Washington D.C. is the most expensive place in the nation to buy gas. John Townsend, spokesman for AAA said that although prices are stabilizing in some places, they have yet to fall significantly in the District. Nationwide consumers are paying about $3.44 for a gallon of regular unleaded gas, but in the District, the cost of regular unleaded jumped to $3.56. Townsend said that prices in the District should begin to stabilize after fullroyal crude oil prices, which played a large part in bringing gas to Washington.

**Park Police Discover Marijuana Garden**

Maryland State Capitol Police removed more than two marijuana plants worth $1,500 each on Wednesday. Investigators said that they seized over 200 pounds of marijuana that was being tended by a gardener by helicopter.

The garden was planted in a wooded area in Wheaton. Some settlers have been made, but investigators have not yet made any arrests in the case.
Town Hall Meeting

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Regrettably, undisclosed repercussions of non-students by the viewpoints community. "Regarding the event in Birmingham, Alabama," said Dr. Lee, "I heard about it, but attended the meeting to support those who wanted us to be fortune.

We were lucky. I want to help as many brothers and sisters as much as I can," said theJim Lewis mayor.

Nikki Hawkins, a first year psychology student, also attended the Town Hall meeting.

"I just want to say what I want. The first thing I want to say is that there was a lot of diversity in terms of how the meeting was handled, which is a good thing."

Ronald A. Allen, director of CRC said the meeting was an opportunity for students to find out how they can participate in these efforts. "We want to give students a chance to realize what they are capable of doing and to contribute all their efforts to their community," said Allen.

Deanna Smith of Black Voices for Peace gave her perspective on the political aspects of the response to the attacks of September 11th. He praised Karen West for his statement about the lack of support the government has shown based on civil matters.

According to Smith, New Orleans officials warned the government that the city's infrastructural development was not strong enough for a category four of five storm. Scientists also predicted hurricanes would become stronger due to human activity that causes global warming.

Smith and the Bush administration's initiative failed in addressing people who were abandoned in a time of need.

Racism A Factor in Sporting Events

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Racism was a factor in the decision of sports such as baseball and basketball. Webb believes that the difference in sport is innately a factor in racism in sports as well as the effects on other racial groups.

"We were lucky. We don't think that baseball will attempt to create a black association within years," he said.

Although that may or may not happen in a sport like baseball once it starts to be played, it is always known to be a white sport. "We can't be a black player," said Darou Smith of Black Voices.

"Today's tryouts were different. It was a different environment," said Nicole Edwards, a junior public relations major. "I think only about a third of these girls went out."

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Bisonette Tryouts

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Students Get Hype Over Howard vs. Hampton Rivalry

By DANIELLE HADDOW
Contributing Writer

The rivalry between Howard University and Hampton University has been in existence ever since the two schools faced each other in the 1940s. Now that the teams are facing each other once again, it is clear that supporters of both teams are getting hyped up about the game.

Howard University students are known to represent in full force during home games. While some may not heed into the hype of "The Battle of the Real HU," the game against the Hampton Pirates is one of the highlights of every year.

Howard senior guard Lindsey Walton was the lone bright spot in Sunday's 70-53 win over Hampton. Walton, who scored 26 points, said the victory was significant for the team. "It's pretty amazing to go from one game to the next and have that many points go to you," she said. "I think that's a really good feeling, and that's something that we need to continue to build on." Walton's performance was a key factor in the team's victory, as Howard held off Hampton's late-game charge to maintain the lead.

Howard student Stephanie Johnson agreed. "It's pretty amazing to go from one game to the next and have that many points go to you," she said. "I think that's a really good feeling, and that's something that we need to continue to build on." Johnson's performance was a key factor in the team's victory, as Howard held off Hampton's late-game charge to maintain the lead.

Howard women's basketball head coach Michelle Hargrave said the team's victory was significant. "This is an appropriate feeling. It's pretty amazing to go from one game to the next and have that many points go to you," she said. "I think that's a really good feeling, and that's something that we need to continue to build on." Hargrave's team has been on a roll lately, and she was happy to see her team continue its winning streak.

Hampton senior middle linebacker Kendra Hargrave said the team's loss was disappointing. "It's pretty amazing to go from one game to the next and have that many points go to you," she said. "I think that's a really good feeling, and that's something that we need to continue to build on." Hargrave's team has been struggling lately, and she was disappointed with the loss.

Lady Bison Soccer Team Prepare for Navy Tournament

By DEBBIE SMITH
Contributing Writer

After their disappointing season last year, the Lady Bison soccer team is focused on improving their performance. The team has struggled in recent years, but they are determined to bounce back this season.

"It's pretty amazing to go from one game to the next and have that many points go to you," said head coach Michelle Akingbohungbe. "I'm excited about the games coming up and the challenges we will face. We want to make sure we are prepared and ready to compete." Akingbohungbe has been with the team for several years and has seen the team through many ups and downs.

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