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HU Offers Aid to Victims

BY AYESHA RASCOE
Campus Editor

The Howard University administration is continuing its efforts to assist those who were directly impacted by Hurricane Katrina by a one-time \$1000 award to victims of the storm.

Students enrolled at Howard before the hurricane, who are residents of the Federal Emergency Management Administration declared disaster areas and demonstrate a need, are eligible for the Special Grants Program. The displaced students from universities in the disaster areas, who are now enrolled at Howard, are also eligible for the grant.

The grants will be awarded to students as an American Express Gift Card, which will allow them to retrieve the funds from ATMs, and to use the card as a credit card to purchase items.

Those eligible for awards can go to the Financial Aid Office from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily until



Howard University will be helping victims of the Hurricane through a grant sponsored by American Express.

September 16. Applicants must provide proof of residence and need.

Danielle Boveland, a print journalism major from New Orleans whose house was flooded by Hurricane Katrina, was glad to hear the university was

offering these grants.

"I'm very proud of Howard and all the efforts they are putting forth," Boveland said. "They are really going above and beyond what I expected."

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International Accounts on Hold

BY BRITTANY
JOHNSON

Howard University has placed holds on all international students' accounts that have not complied with Federal law.

"By law of Federal government, through the agency that oversees the department of Homeland Security, all schools and universities that have international student services have to keep updated records at all times," said Grace Ansah, director of international student services. "All files must be updated over the years."

The Federal Government requires important paperwork in order for an international student to be registered at a university in Maryland. A student must provide a valid passport, complete I-20 forms, and other important verification information, which is explained at the first of year during an orientation for international students.



International students cannot register for classes because of holds on their records.

Continuing students should also submit documentation for change of address, change of major or any other changes in their academic or social life. In the past years, students have been able to provide an I-20 form to show proof of residency and status, however

this year the process has become more strict.

New and continuing students must visit the office of international student services with the proper documentation in order to eliminate the hold on their account, which renders the student from registration.

According to Ansah, many students have not come into the office. The University can be audited by the Immigration Agency at any time, and, if files are not current, the University is liable. Although, the registration deadline was last week, students still must provide all updated information.

"Students need to understand the importance of this matter stressed by the Federal government," said Peter Ugbong, assistant director of immigration and compliance services. "The holds are simply a way to help students complete their files."

The holds have been on student's accounts for over two weeks.

"The holds will be released when the documentation is brought to our office," Ansah said. "There is a verification process that follows, but

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Street Vendors a Popular Alternative to Dining Services

BY TASHIRA WALKER
Contributing Writer

Whether in a quick rush to class, waiting for a shuttle or just stopping for a quick snack, many Howard University students frequent the various food vendors on campus. These vendors help satisfy students that have a food craving, or thirst attack.

Junior business management major Isabel Miranda is among those Bison who visits the vendors on a regular basis. "I stop by at least two to three times a week," she said. "I probably go more now because I don't have dining dollars." Miranda, who said she normally purchases cocoa bread, loves the inexpensive prices. "I can get a whole meal under \$4."

Another student with the same love for cocoa bread said she goes to the vendors because of the

convenience in between classes. "I like going to Fatima. She is really nice," said sophomore nursing major Chanje Evans.

Fatima Bah often greets students with her smile and welcoming personality. Bah runs her cart located in the middle of the three vending stations outside the School of Business. Bah, who has been a street vendor on Howard's campus for ten years, usually works from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bah said she has a steady flow of business throughout the day.

"It gets busiest when classes let out," she said. Bah explained that she chose the Howard campus as a working location because business is good and students are nice.

"Students buy cocoa bread the most, as with my hot dogs and the homemade chili, they tell me they like how it tastes," said Bah, as she

explained her customers' favorite purchases.

Despite other vendors in close vicinity, Bah said there are no problems with competition. "I know what I am here for," she said. "My cart still gets business."

Like Evans, other students praise the kind customer service from Bah. "Her food tastes better, and she has quality stuff," said senior administration of justice major Gavin Thomson. "Sometimes she adds extra and may give you a discount if you are short [in funds]," said Thomson, who visits the vendor about three times a week for his favorite snack of nachos. "She really tries to establish a relationship with the students. It shows me that she cares and values her customers."

Mike Flood, a street vendor located close to Cook Hall, has been vending for thirty-one years.



The portion of 6th street in front of the School of Business is heavily populated with street vendors offering food and drinks as well as other items.

"When I first came out here, I was the only one, and now business is not as it used to be," he said. Flood explained that back in the 70's, business for him was good, but once the number of vendors increased in the 80's and 90's, business went down.

Friendly competition has not hindered Flood. Everyday he sets up his cart around 8:30 a.m. and sells various items like home fries, sandwiches, fruit salads, and other snacks until 3 p.m. Not even harsh weather stops Flood from running his business. "I just

learn to deal with the elements, the weather really doesn't stop me. If school is open I'll be here." Even after a hard days work, Flood shares compassion. "When the day is over, I take the cooked food, like the sandwiches, and I give it to the homeless."

KATRINA'S AFTERMATH

Bush Takes Responsibility; Evacuees Claim They Were Shot At

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Senior Managing Editor

President Bush will address the nation from Louisiana on Thursday and offer a public already unsatisfied with the government's response to Hurricane Katrina, an updated assessment on recovery efforts in the region, the White House announced yesterday.

The announcement came one day after Mike Brown, the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), resigned from his post amid a flurry of accusations from lawmakers and the public who said he and other state and local government officials were slow in responding to the hurricane.

President Bush acknowledged for the first time yesterday that some of the blame should fall on his shoulders. "Katrina exposed serious problems in our response capability at all levels of government," Bush said at a news conference from the White House. "To the extent the federal government didn't fully do its job right, I take responsibility."

A recently released poll from the Pew Research Center shows that 67 percent of Americans believe the president could have done more to help victims of the hurricane. However, polling data also reflects that the public is equally displeased with the response from state and local governments in Louisiana. Fifty-one percent said officials there could have done more.

Evacuees Shot At

Officials in Louisiana have said in press reports that they did all they could to help evacuations in New Orleans but received little help from the federal gov-

ernment or local communities in the area. Stories from evacuees saying they were turned away at gunpoint when they tried to enter other counties may add credibility to the claims of Louisiana officials.

In interviews broadcast Monday night on CNN's "Anderson Cooper 360" and "News night With Aaron Brown," evacuees told to flee New Orleans said that they walked across a bridge for almost two hours to the suburban city of Gretna only to be turned around at gunpoint. "We got to the top of the bridge. They stopped us with guns," said Tim Sheer, an evacuee speaking on "News night With Aaron Brown." "...and we didn't think anything when we saw the deputies there. Then all of a sudden we heard shooting."

Sheer said on the program that at least two hundred people were turned away and that many of them were elderly and injured. "We had people in wheel chairs, we had people in strollers, people on crutches, so we were a slow moving group."

Gretna's police chief denied that evacuees were shot at and said that the reason they were turned away was because his city was no more prepared to house the evacuees than New Orleans. He promised a full investigation into the incident, press reports said.

Meanwhile, missions to recover the bodies of those unable to escape the hurricane continued yesterday. As of late last night, officials reported that the death toll in New Orleans was 423. That number is expected to rise in the coming days, according to press reports.

CAMPUS BRIEFS



Morgan State Hosts Counseling Conference

Morgan State University will host the third annual Counseling Center Conference from Nov. 3 to 5 at the Radisson Lord Baltimore Hotel. The conference theme this year is "Mental Health Among Black College Students." According to the university, the purpose is to "provide a forum for mental health professionals, researchers, educators and students to share knowledge, experiences and ideas that specifically address the mental health needs of Black college students."



Bowie State to Build New Business Center

Bowie State University will break ground for a new Center for Business and Graduate Studies this month. Gaudreau, Inc./The Stubbins Associates, Inc. A Joint Venture, a Baltimore based architectural firm, designed a 66,396-square-foot building that consists of classrooms and space for administration. Construction will begin after the official groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 21. The project is set to be finished by January 2007.



Spelman Student Named Top 10 in Glamour

Sarah Thompson, a student at Spelman College, was named one of Glamour magazine's Top 10 College Women. She is being recognized as an antiwar activist. The 10 winners will be profiled in a feature in the October issue of Glamour, which hit stands today. They were also honored during a luncheon awards ceremony at BLT FISH restaurant in New York on Friday. Glamour Vice President and Publisher William Wackerman was the speaker for the event, as well as Leslie Crocker Snyder, a candidate for Manhattan district attorney.

Volunteer School Program Jumps Into New Location

BY LEAH SUGGS
Contributing Writer

The Jumpstart program at Howard University has recruited H.D. Cooke Elementary School, which is across from Bethune Annex Hall, as a new program partner.

The new program site increases Jumpstart's partnerships to three elementary schools, including Bruce-Monroe Elementary School and Seaton Elementary School. David Edmonds, volunteer coordinator, said the new location offers accessibility as well as a community outreach opportunity.

"They're in the Howard University community," said Edmonds, a senior public relations major. "In order to say Howard is giving back to the community, they have to be active in the community. Plus, some of our corps members don't have transportation, and it is close enough for them to walk."

Jumpstart is a non-profit organization under the AmeriCorps program that targets school-age children in low-income communities. The goal of the organization, according to its national website, is to teach children the skills needed to succeed in school. Jumpstart has about 57 sites throughout the United States, and each is headed by a site manager. In the D.C. area, there are two sites: one at

"We want to help improve school success in young children."

- Kiyeda Rogers

Howard and another at George Washington University.

According to Kiyeda Rogers, the site manager at Howard, the requirements to be in the program are beyond skills.

"You have to have a genuine interest for working with children, be enthusiastic about community service and be focused to filling a commitment," said Rogers, who is a Howard graduate.

Rogers said the program aims to make a difference in the classroom and beyond.

"We want to improve school success in young children," she said. "We want to promote families to get involved in their child's education."

A member of Jumpstart has to commit to one year of service and complete at least 300 service hours with the program. Once completing the 300-hour commitment, the volunteer is eligible to receive a \$1,000 award for education, and work-study is available by application.

The program at Howard has been operating for about three

years. The number of participants per year is about 40 students. However, this year, it has increased by two, according to Rogers.

"It is definitely up from the first year," she said.

In addition, the programs has about 10 returning corps members this year.

"I enjoy working with kids," said Edmonds, who is returning for his second year. "It seemed like I made somewhat of a difference working with them."

Rogers wants to let the students and faculty to know that she is proud of the Jumpstart accomplishments.

"I'm very pleased with the interest from Howard University students because it shows that the culture of Howard is a culture of servant leadership," she said. Officially began the 2005-2006 year on Monday, its first day of training.

"I'm still recruiting," Rogers said. "I will be recruiting until the first week in October. Anyone interested can go online to apply, and I will follow from there."

The Same Old Story: English Classes Reuse Text

BY BRIDGETTE ROBINSON
Contributing Writer

Year after year, Howard students find the same books on their English course's syllabus. The list often includes "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison and the textbook "Revelations."

Many of these titles, though insightful and uplifting, have been used repeatedly in the department for the past 10 years or more and many Bison cannot help but wonder why.

"The use of these texts puts historical context to what it is we do," said Kitty Ellison, director of the Freshman English Writing Program. "Many of our students come to Howard University and are not familiar with these authors and their work. The department has chosen them in an effort to improve deliverance of service and maximize on effectiveness."

One of the major staples in general education English courses is the anthology "Revelations," which was edited by the English department's own Teresa Redd, Ph.D. Ellison said that the use of "Revelations" is designed to improve and refine students'

writing skills at the University. She supports continuing to use the text, because both students and faculty had become frustrated by the ever-changing texts before "Revelations" became essential in the classroom.

The compilation is in its fourth edition and has been a part of the syllabi for more than 10 years. It compiles the works of well-known black authors, essays from historical black leaders and response papers from lesser known black authors and students.

Some students like Jasmine Casteel, a junior accounting major, agree with the department's use of these works repetitiously.

"Howard University knows what we need to prepare us in life and the reuse of these books year after year is a good thing," Casteel said.

Other HBCUs have similar situations. Donna Harper, Ph.D., the English Department Chair at Spelman College, confirms that it also uses many texts repeatedly, not only in English but also in African-American Studies.

In the fall of 2003, the Howard English Department

adopted "The Bluest Eye" by Howard graduate Toni Morrison as a centerpiece in the freshman composition curriculum. For those Howard students who have read the novel in high school or for leisure, it is reintroduced to them in a brand new light.

"You can read it a thousand times and see something different in it each time," Dr. Ellison said.

The syllabus focuses on the novel as a tale of self-discovery and identity, issues that many students encounter when they arrive at Howard. Though it was originally published in 1970, the search for self is timeless.

"I love 'The Bluest Eye,' but aren't there any other up-to-date novels that would be just as useful?" asks Angelica Espiritu, a sophomore in the School of Business.

Other Bison agree that they would like to see more modern literature incorporated.

Dr. Ellison concedes that "The Bluest Eye" will move from required to "recommended reading" in Fall of 2006. "Revelations" will remain a required text.

ONLY @ HOWARD...

"... would there be three classes scheduled in the same room, at the same time."
- Terilyn Fleming, junior

"... would there be a classroom with less than three dudes."
- James Singletary, junior

"... it is that when you call the A building nobody picks up, but when you walk in everybody is there."
- Bruce Cobb, freshman

"... would you be sent to five different buildings to sign up for one class."
- Dominique Turner, freshman

"... do you have to go through a process to get into the cafeteria."
- Jessica Chambliss, junior

"... will a celebrity come to Howard and we expect them to know who we are."
- Brian Lawson, junior

"... would you see the word validated in huge letters on the back of a truck and really understand the grind behind it."
- Kelly Sims, senior

"... will you see a person wearing stilettos is the snow."
- Kenitra Cavin, senior

"... can you be a transferring junior and be called a freshman with a lot of credits."
- Flance Lewis, junior

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Avia Hicks-Chapman, a junior majoring in theater arts, reads "Native Son," part of the staple of classics and textbooks required in English classes. Textbooks like "Revelations" provide continuity in the curriculum, according to Dr. Kitty Ellison.

A Day in the Life of...

an ROTC Student

BY SHANAE HARRIS
Asst. Campus Editor

Imagine cramming a 16-credit schedule, a job at a country club, memberships in the Texas Club and NAACP, track practice and entrepreneurship through a prepaid legal company all into one day. This is reality for sophomore history major H. Anthony Moore, who is also a member of Howard's Army ROTC.

A typical day for the cadet begins at about 5 a.m. when he wakes up to make it to ROTC leadership training by 5:45. While many students have a hard time just going to class at 8 a.m. and sitting in a chair, Moore spends this time practicing drills and physical army training. Then he goes to a regular class at 8 a.m.

Moore sees his packed early morning schedule as just part of his routine. However, he realizes that he would

have less work during the day and more time to rest without ROTC.

"If I didn't have ROTC, I wouldn't have to be up so early in the morning for personal training, field training exercise and other requirements it requires of me," Moore said.

"We do things like going to the middle of the woods and learning how to map out a course in case soldiers were to get lost at some point," he explained. "We also learn about weaponry and learning how to fire them."

According to Moore, many other participants in the ROTC program also have rigorous schedules.

"There are a lot of biology and business majors, people with other jobs and some people have children too," Moore said, "so they understand what my typical day is like."

In addition to his dedication to ROTC, Moore also balances his classes with an extra job.

"I basically have no time to rest with classes until 12 and then work, where I can work into one or two o'clock in the morning," Moore said. "I basically work until whenever the rich people want to stop playing golf."

Moore works at a congressional country club to help his family at home in Houston and stay faithful to his religion.

"I want to make sure I can still pay my tithes to my church since my father is a pastor," he said. "I like for my mother to have extra money to help my grandmother out as well."

Moore said that ROTC provides a scholarship that pays for his college tuition, but only half of his on-campus housing. The program is an addition to Moore's schedule, giving him two more credit hours for ROTC.

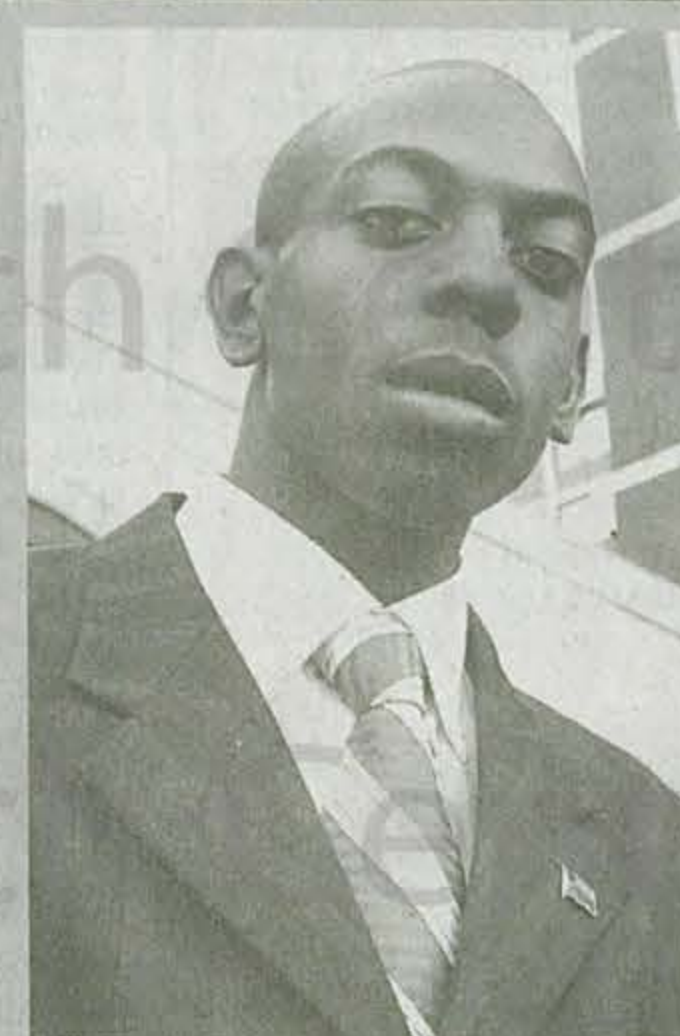
If that weren't enough, Moore uses each day to start his life goal of becoming a rich entrepreneur as well.

Moore plans to go to law school at Harvard University or Texas Southern, complete six years as a lawyer in the army, return to his hometown of Houston to become a politician and then be elected as the first black president of the United States.

"Hopefully you get to see my dreams come true in your lifetime and watch me become a millionaire on the way there," Moore said.

To Moore, ROTC has been a great influence in helping with his aspirations.

"ROTC has made me a better person," Moore said. "The army has taught me the seven leadership skills: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage, which are great attributes to have. I just want to make sure before I die that I can say I at least helped one person."



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER, 16TH
GOSPEL CONCERT
7:00:PM CRAMTON AUDITORIUM

MONDAY, OCTOBER, 17TH
POETRY SLAM
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COMEDY SHOW
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FASHION SHOW
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12:NOON MAINYARD

R&B CONCERT
7:00:PM CRAMTON AUDITORIUM

REGGAE CONCERT
11:00:PM DCTUNNEL

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Conscious vs. Unconscious

The question lingers in the African-American community as to why "unconscious" books and music are more desired than the "conscious" ones.

BY KAIA KARAMOKO
Contributing Writer

Bookstore owners and artists are saying that sexually dramatic, provocative material is the desired reading material among African American consumers.

Jordan James, senior English major, is a general bookstore associate at the Howard University Bookstore who sees upfront the preferences of young African Americans.

"They go straight to the urban fiction section," said James. "Many times when people ask me to recommend them a book to read, I offer them something in the classic section like *Invisible Man* or *Native Son*. But they say 'No, we want to read 'Dutch'."

Simba San is co-owner of Karibu Bookstore that sells various books by African-American authors. "It is a recession of the time we live in; books, more sexually explicit or lacking a more serious content sell," San said.

In Howard's bookstore, the controversial book "Confessions of a Video Vixen" by Karrine Steffans is mounted on a mini platform reading: "Recommended." General Books Buyer of the Howard Bookstore, Ramunda Young said that the book, depicting the author's eventful life as a "video girl," has sold 32 copies within the past 13 days.

"That's one of the largest amounts that we've seen," Young said. "We ordered 20 more today."

The bookstore has sold 84 copies of the book which Young says is a very large amount considering that she hasn't made a guest appearance for book signing.

It is said that readers live vicariously through the characters of these books; the characters live out these world situations, some things readers might never do or encounter.

"It's always exciting when someone goes outside the norm and doesn't talk about boring topics—we need spice in our lives, these 'raunchy' books give us just that," said Ugochi Chukwuocha, junior nursing major.

Such variety goes far beyond the desires of a consumer's buying and listening preference. Publishers and distributors have the last say in what they will or will not promote.

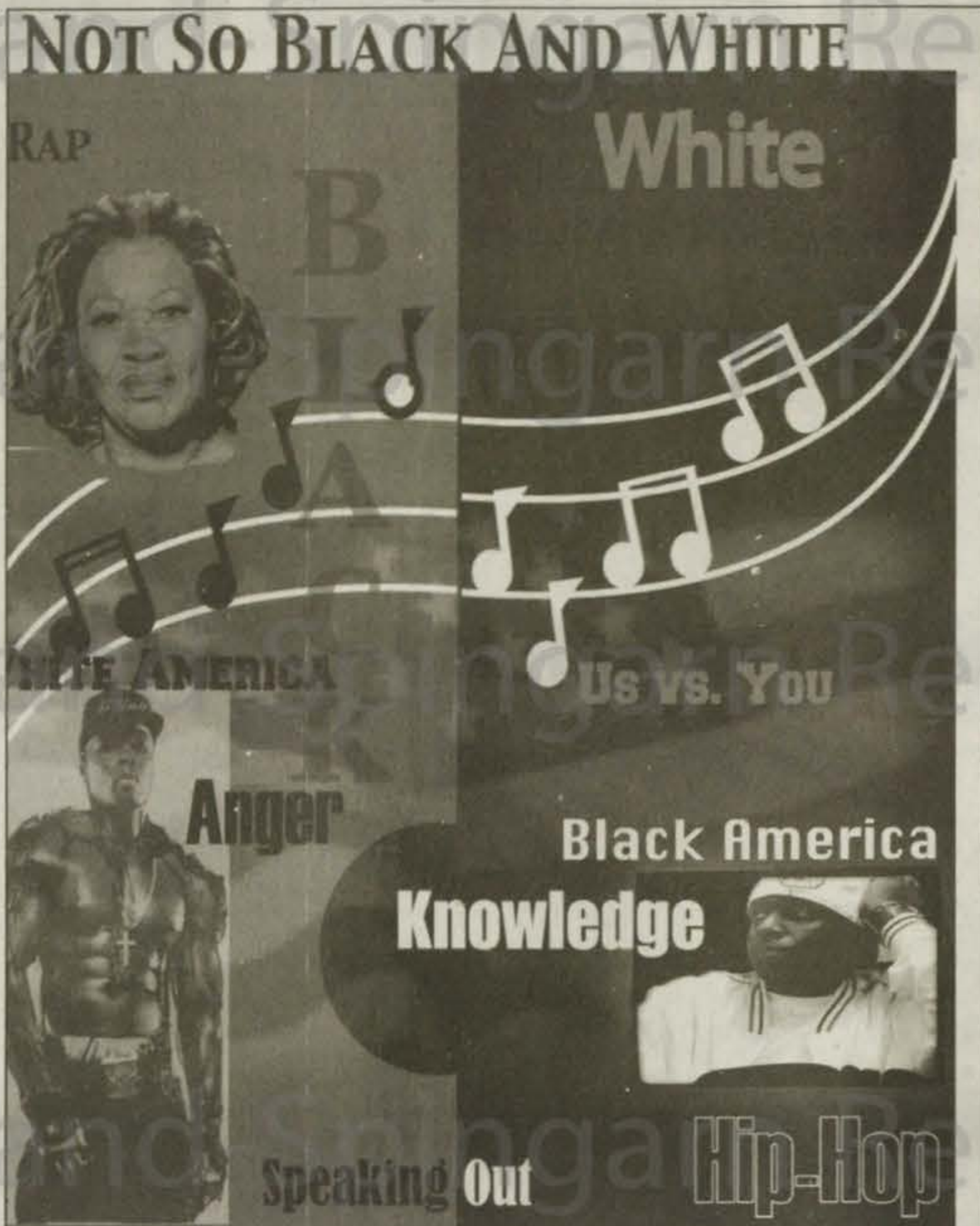
"White folks, because they have the control of a pretty, dominate size of the economy, they can exert a certain control over our culture," said San, as he explained the reason for the shift of the content in today's literature.

Shirikiana Aina, co-owner of Sankofa bookstore and the director of Through the Door of No Return, believes more explicit books to have a positive effect.

"Not to put these books down, if there's a good side to quick-fixed literature it is that they are engaging more African Americans to open more books," Aina said.

She added that the provocative book could be "a bridge to the next book or different mediums."

The craving for such explicit content does not end with the book industry; it crosses over into other mediums.



Jeremy Willis-Graphic Designer

Just how New York Times best-selling author Eric Jerome Dickey wrote 16 books and sold over 4 million copies, artists such as 50 Cent, Eminem, Nelly and R. Kelly have created multi-platinum works and international sell-out concerts using with explicit lyrics.

While some Howard students embrace these artists' content, others do not.

"It shows you the man (or woman) behind the dollar," Messiah Ramkissoon, spoken word artist and senior public relations major said. "Unfortunately, he sells his soul."

Ramkissoon briefly discussed structural opportunity and said that "if a man is hungry, he'll do anything—if he wasn't raised with proper standards: morals, discipline, and integrity."

Many Howard students believe there is a distinct imbalance between other contents alongside sex and violence that creates a problem.

"It is only human that sex sells," Simba San said.

Others believe people wish not to be burdened with the additional responsibility that comes from knowing.

"A day's work is hard enough, readers don't want more drama," said Dwayne Betts, Karibu bookstore's assistant manager. "They want to laugh, cry, not think,

so they support those who ask them to do nothing."

"People who free themselves from the restraints of mainstream America understand and enjoy more conscious music because they allow themselves to be open to receive the message," said Tatiana King, senior marketing major.

King says that conscious music does not have the 'hot beats' so many listeners are used to and sometimes the delivery of the artist is completely different and "for the most part uniqueness scares people."

Others feel that by assimilating into mainstream culture, many African-American authors and artists are forced into letting go their creative freedom and the best interest of our image.

"The black community has become trash, garbage sells, not to chastise too hard, but we buy it," said Ramkissoon. "Rather it is sung, spoken, or written... we keep talkin' and knockin' them, if we keep supporting them nothing is going to change."

Ramkissoon suggests that by utilizing African-American consumer power, things will change. If we don't buy it, they will not make it. "We got the juice, but what are going to do with it," adds San.

Nation & World Briefs

Bush Takes Responsibility For Katrina

According to a CNN report, President Bush said Tuesday that he takes responsibility for the federal government's failures in responding to Hurricane Katrina. "Katrina exposed serious problems in our response capability at all levels of government and to the extent the federal government didn't fully do its job right, I take responsibility," Bush said during a joint news conference with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani. He

repeated his desire to find out exactly what went wrong on every level of government.

"It's in our national interest that we find out exactly what went on ... so we can better respond."

A bipartisan joint congressional committee is to review the response to the hurricane at all levels of government and report its findings to Congress no later than February 15.

Roberts Avoids Answering Questions

According to an AP report, Chief Justice nominee John Roberts repeatedly refused to answer questions about abortion and other contentious issues at his confirmation hearing Tuesday, telling frustrated Democrats he would not discuss matters that could come before the Supreme Court.

I think nominees have to draw the line where they

are most comfortable," said Roberts, who also sidestepped questions about civil rights, voting rights and the limits of presidential power in a long, occasionally antagonistic day in the witness chair. He assured lawmakers his rulings would be guided by his understanding of the facts of cases, the law and the Constitution, not by his personal views.

New Orleans Airport Re-opened

According to an AP report, the airport reopened to commercial flights Tuesday for the first time since Hurricane Katrina struck more than two weeks ago, and the port was back in operation, too, as a battered New Orleans struggled to get up and running again. The death toll in Louisiana climbed to 423.

Mayor Ray Nagin said that dry areas of hurricane-ravaged New Orleans - including the French Quarter, Uptown and the central business district - could be officially opened from dawn to dusk as soon as Monday, provided the Environmental Protection Agency finds the air and water are safe.

St. Rita's Nursing Home Charged

Louisiana's attorney general filed criminal charges against the husband and wife who own St. Rita's Nursing Home in St. Bernard Parish. Salvador A. Mangano and Mable Mangano surrendered to authorities in Baton Rouge, Louisiana today and

are being charged with 34 counts of negligent homicide. The 60 residents of St. Rita's Nursing Home had a plan to evacuate before Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans. Instead, the staff and patients remained as the storm flooded the low-lying parish.

Nations to Meet at Annual World Summit In New York City

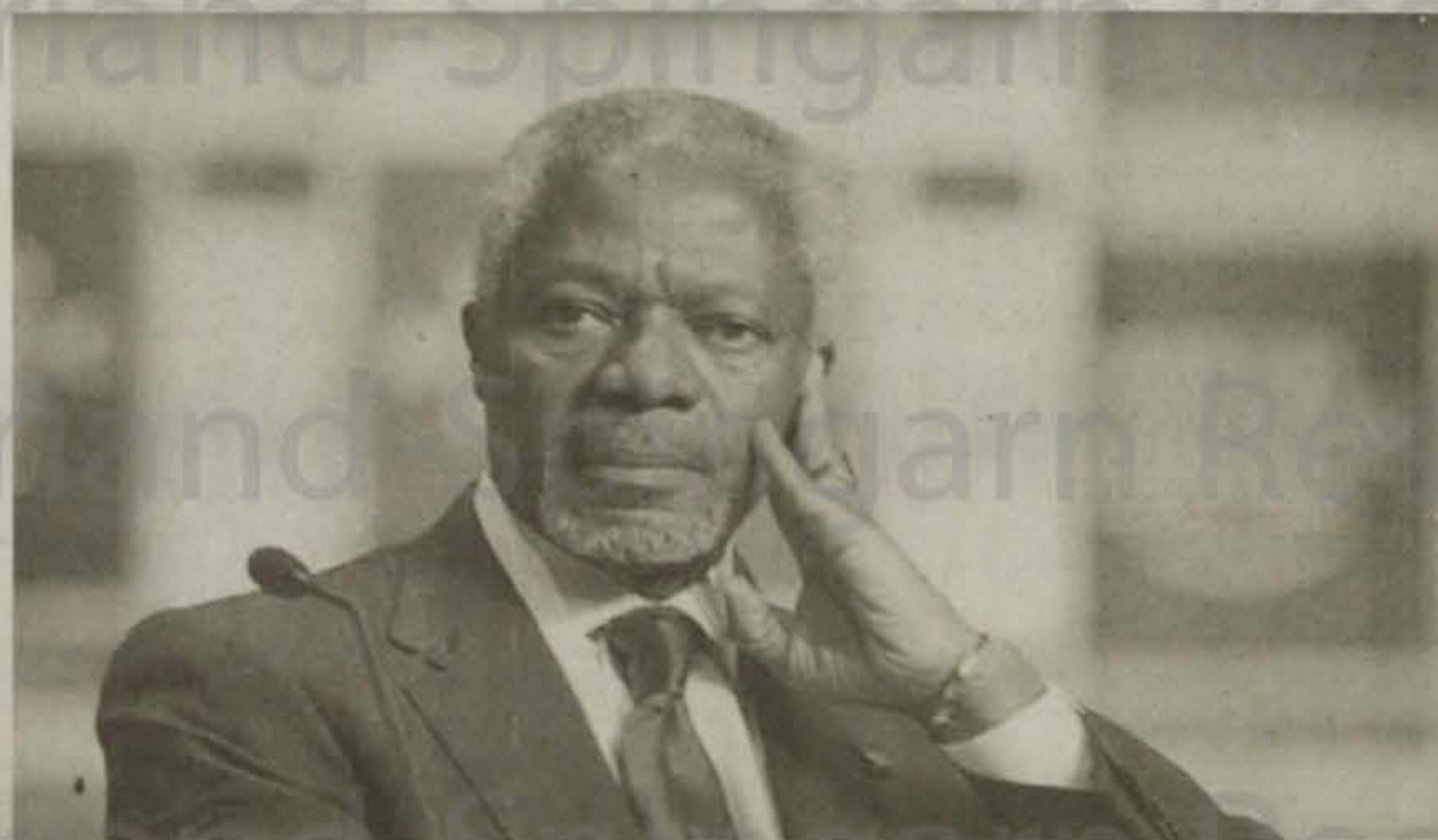
BY ADRIAN TAYLOR
Contributing Writer

Nearly 200 Heads of State will gather today in New York City to open the 2005 World Summit, in which world leaders will gather and attempt to agree on adopting a series of reforms to improve human life throughout the globe.

At the summit, world leaders are expected to discuss various issues affecting the international community, including human rights, global stability, and reforming the United Nations.

"We will not enjoy development without security, we will not enjoy security without development, and we will not enjoy either without respect for human rights," United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan said at the opening event.

Annan played a critical role this year in setting the agenda for the World Summit, which will be based in large on a report written by the secretary general entitled "In Larger Freedom." The report essentially calls on the interna-



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Over 180 world leaders, including Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan, will be in attendance at the 2005 World Summit.

tional community to take action on a range of issues, from extreme poverty in third world countries, halting the global spread of HIV/

AIDS to providing universal primary education by 2015.

Though there are some areas of agreement between the

United States and Annan's agenda for reforming the U.N., relations between the U.S. and some in the international community

remained strained. Many world leaders still resent the U.S.' decision to invade Iraq.

Annan's plans for reform rest on four principles which include trade liberalization and debt relief for poor nations, establishing a convention against nuclear terrorism and a peace building commission as well as taking action against International Organized crime. Also, Annan calls for establishing a Democracy Fund and more robust efforts to stop genocide.

The United States is equally as committed to U.N. reform. "Reform is not a one night stand, reform is forever," said John Bolton, the newly installed ambassador to the U.N. A key goal of the Bush Administration is to create a system of more accountability within the U.N., in which the international community does not give aid to countries who abuse their citizens without their being changes made. Also, the administration is concerned about reports of sexual abuse by U.N. peacekeepers sent to the

Congo as well as allegations that high ranking U.N. officials may have been receiving 'kick backs' from the Oil for Food program.

Overall, the U.S. proposal for reform is less ambitious and focuses on seven key components: management reform-establishing more UN transparency; Security Council Reform-focused more on contemporary power-realities and less on global representation/equity; a Peace Building Commission-to establish long-term development; a Terrorist Convention-to ratify an anti-terror compact; a Democracy Fund-to support emergent democracies; and a Human Rights Council-excluding Human Rights abusers, enabled to address human rights emergencies.

Other disagreements may also prevent progress at the summit. Press reports said that some representatives of the Swiss government are concerned that the United States will seek to loosen commitments on global warming and fighting world poverty.

A Cordless New Wave of Distribution

BY JOHN KENNEDY
Contributing Writer

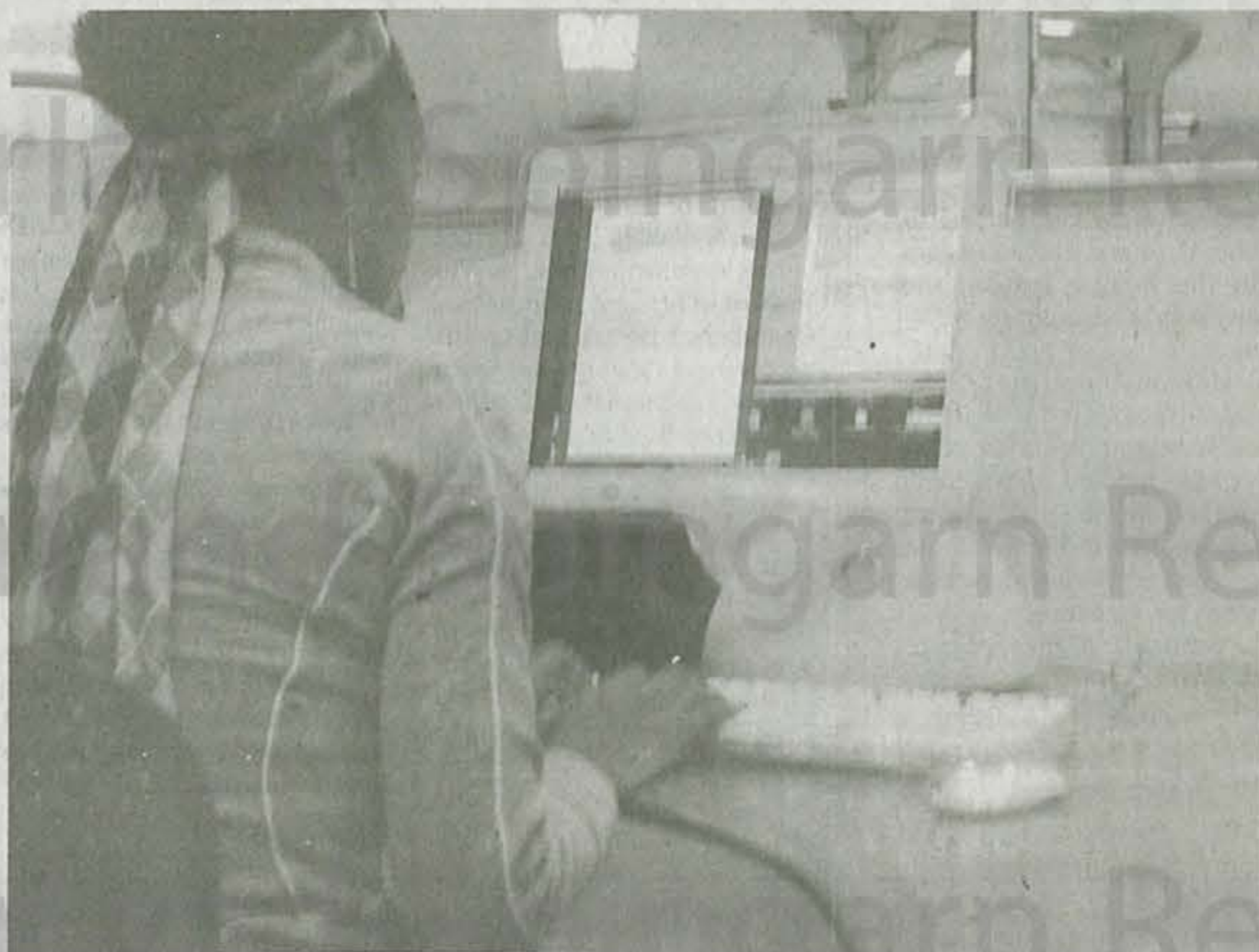
In the CD industry's battle with digital music, Warner Music Group is following the old saying: "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." The record label has recently announced the formation of a totally digital, CD-free label, tentatively titled Cordless Recordings.

The "e-label" comes in response to the sluggish CD sales of the past four years, which have been linked with the flourishing of file sharing and digital music.

"As a music company, we understand that our ultimate success lies not in preventing people from getting what they want, but in providing it to them in new and exciting ways," Chairman and CEO of Warner Music Group Edgar Bronfman, Jr. said in a speech at a policy summit for the Progress and Freedom Foundation in Aspen.

Cordless Recordings artists will have songs sold online that can be downloaded to computers, mp3 players, mobile phones or other portable media devices.

"It would be cheaper than producing CDs," said associate economics professor Dr. Emily



Courtesy of the Hilltop Files

Many students rely on Ares and other online web sites for music. Warner Music Group has announced that the formation of a completely CD-less label, tentatively named Cordless Recordings.

Blank. "It seems like it would help smaller artists."

Artists on Cordless Recordings will not be funded

for the production of their music and will not be paid advances. But they will retain the rights to master copies of their music.

They will also be given the opportunity to showcase their talent in a low-risk situation with a major label backing.

"A sad story, one too often repeated in the music business these days, is that of a young artist who is dropped when his major label album debut doesn't sell," Bronfman said. "At Warner, we believe that we can create a digital-only label ... that will transform the process for artists young and old and possibly give the stories of artists struggling to be heard, a new and happier ending."

Although computers are becoming customary household items, e-label's sole digital distribution can still alienate some music listeners.

"It would reach a narrower market because not every person has access to a computer with online facilities," said economics professor Dr. Kendrick Hunt.

With this digital music label, Warner Music will also eliminate the standard album format. Instead music will be released every few months in clusters of three or more songs at a time.

"They are keeping the artist in your face," Hunt said, "trying to build loyalty. Now they're expecting you to buy songs every few months."

Junior history major Morgan Penn prefers the standard album format to the cluster approach.

"I want to hear more than three songs at a time," Penn said. "I would much rather just rock with an entire album and wait until the next one."

Some students prefer CDs for their tangibility.

"When I buy someone's album, it's not just because I like the music," said Rahson Taylor, a junior computer information systems major. "I buy it for the actual CD and the book that comes along with it."

But others are embracing the intertwining of music and technology in the midst of an iPod craze.

"It's just so much more convenient," said junior international business major James Carpenter about digital music. "You don't have to worry about the hassle of carrying a CD player and CDs. Mp3 players are smaller and they can store more music than CDs."

Warner Music Group's Cordless Recordings does not mark the first time a music distributor has experimented with CD-free retailing. The Universal Music Group pioneered the market last November with its revolutionary model, Universal Music Enterprises Digital Group also known as UMe Digital.

How I'm Livin': In My Space, The Murphy Twins

BY QUAND ROBINSON
Contributing Writer

"That's hot!" "Oh, that's a really cute idea!" "Can I chill in here?" Freshman twins Nzingha and Aminah Murphy are used to hearing this when other students enter their room. They have made their dorm room in Baldwin Hall of the Tubman Quadrangle into a home away from home.

"Most people like to chill in here 'cause it has a lot of space," said Aminah, an audio production major.

But it wasn't always that way. When the sisters first saw their room, they realized what most freshmen do about their new space away from home—they have only a little space. The beds and the dressers took up most of the space in the room, so they decided to bunk their beds. "It wasn't hard, said mathematics major, Nzingha. "We did it ourselves."

The twins said the bunk beds get a lot of attention from visitors because they each have personalized bed sets with their names embroidered into the sheets and pillowcases. The bed set was a graduation gift from their cousin.

Their entertainment system is located on the opposite side of the room, which is complete with a television, DVD player and stereo. The twins said they didn't even have a DVD player back at home in Atlanta.

"It actually feels kinda better than home," Aminah said. However, some items around the room do remind

the twins of home sweet home. Photos of their family and friends are scattered on their desks, dressers and even their micro-fridge.

Nzingha has an entire bulletin board covered with pictures from home. The tan and white board is covered with pictures of friends and family members. In the center of the board is an original painting by Aminah of a Japanese lady that she drew in high school.

"In our rooms at home, we have a lot of pictures of ourselves and loved ones. It makes it more like home," Nzingha said.

Nzingha and Aminah are always making new friends since game night is in their room on Friday nights. Friends come over to play games like Taboo, Scattergories, Uno and Spades.

"We always keep our door open," Nzingha said. "People are always sticking their heads in asking if they can play."

A friend and hall mate, Anane Lumumba said, "It's relaxing here."

Friends also come to the twin's room to use their "food corner". This small corner includes their micro-fridge and shelves full of food. Their floormates constantly come to their room to use their micro-wave, eat Cheerios, and use milk.

"Our microwave is the community microwave," Aminah said. "Everybody uses it."

Hall mates and friends are thankful for their generosity. "They open all the stuff

they have to everybody," said freshman biology major Lauren Miller.

Even when friends aren't around, the twins like spending time in their room. As members of the Howard University swim team, they know that they won't always have as much leisure time as other students.

"We spend so much time here now, because when practice starts, we won't be here as much," Aminah said.

If this haven for the twin sounds too good to be true, it has its flaws as most Howard buildings do.

"The window is stuck," Aminah said.

Even with a jammed window, Nzingha and Aminah's room is still the spot to be in Baldwin.

In My Space

Microfridge
(on-line)
\$471.05

Shoe Rack
(Wal-Mart)
\$5

Area Rug
(Target)
\$20

Silverware
(Wal-Mart)
\$15

Dry Erase Calendar
(Wal-Mart)
\$10



Quand Robinson - Contributing Photographer

The Murphy twins' room in Baldwin is a haven and game room to floormates.

VA Mall Adds Upscale Amenities to Attract

BY AMY WILLIAMS
Contributing Writer

As fall approaches, the need for new clothing is common among the Howard University community. One popular shopping outlet frequented by students, Tyson's Corner, will soon expand with new amenities such as a movie theater, giving them more options and a more enjoyable shopping experience.

Just in time for the cold weather, Tyson's Corner Center will expand with 38 new stores, five restaurants and a 16-screen movie theater. Tyson's Corner Center, which is one of the premier shopping malls on the east coast, will soon rival malls across the nation after their new edition.

Among the stores already located at Tyson's Center are Bloomingdale's, Lord & Taylor, Apple, Banana Republic, and Kenneth Cole. The expansion will allow a more diverse shopping experience with new shops including Guess, H Hilfiger, H&M, Hollister, Lucky Brand Jeans, The North Face, Urban Outfitters and Victoria's Secret.

Moments away from the nation's capital, Tyson's Corner Center in McLean, Va., has more than 250 stores in all, which to some Howard students is hard to resist.

Kenneth White, a senior advertising major, visits Tyson's Corner often. "I have been to Tyson's several times and I do enjoy shopping there, however I only really go when I can splurge on clothes or if I am bored," he said.

White doesn't find a big deal

in the mall expansion. "I'm not that impressed with the new stores. Even though it's really not that far, the rush hour traffic and the way gas prices are going, I could go to Georgetown to shop at many of the same stores," White said. White, an avid shopper, admitted even with the high gas prices and the traffic, "I can't even front. I might go out there for homecoming fits."

To make way for the new expansion, the Circuit City store and La Madeleine restaurant will be demolished. The plan would add two million square feet of office buildings, 600 apartments and a 120-room hotel.

Junior international business major Kristen Wilson has visited Tyson's Corner twice while attending Howard. "I loved it and was happy with my experience," she said. "However, I do not plan on visiting soon due to the unstable gas prices and the lack of funds in my pocket to spend on clothes." Wilson said she would possibly visit again just to see the new mall layout. "Plus the restaurants do intrigue me," she said.

According to Steve Winter, a public relations expert hired to represent Tyson's Corner Center in the new development, this new venture will benefit more than the average shopper. "The expansion of the mall will bring about 500 new jobs and the expansion of the mall will allow businesses to thrive," Winter said. He added, "Many of the new stores are geared toward college-age students, several of which can be afforded on a students budget."



Courtesy of www.jmclady.com

Tyson's Corner will expand with additional stores, restaurants, and a movie theater by the end of September.

Opened in 1968, the mall has become a landscape outline for several other malls to follow, as it is the largest mall in the capital area and the 10th largest in the United States. The expansion will make Tyson's Corner the 6th largest mall in the country. Tyson's Galleria made history when it became one of the first malls to draw attention from customers in surrounding states. Tyson's Galleria operates across the street from Tyson's Corner Center as a more upscale shopping plaza.

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Int'l Students On Hold

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our priority is the student."

In the office of international student service, many international students have gathered with impatience and frustration. However, other students have spoken with the advisors in the international office and now understand the high urgency of this matter.

"I was unaware of the paperwork I needed," said Ava Simpson, public administration major. "I was not told until I came into the office. I turned in the information, which is not difficult to provide and now I am registered with the school."

Wilma Hosten, associate director, agrees with Simpson.

"The students are aware of the problems that they can encounter if they are out of immigration status and they are very cooperative," she said.

The students are not the only people affected in this situation. The advisors and assistance of the international student services are also burdened with the urgency and concern for this matter.

"It has provided an extreme burden in the office," said Ansah. "Our office has limited resources to handle the volume of students, but we have tried our best to help all students and continue to complete our daily responsibilities."

In order to assist the office with the high amount of stu-

dents, the University has hired a consulting firm to assist with the verification process. Also, the Information System and Services office has helped to gather data and enter the data into the Banner system, the University's computing system.

Howard University is here to assist students in verifying their immigration status; however, the student must come into the International Student Services office to inquire about the correct documentation needed for registration.

"Students at Howard cannot claim ignorance," Ansah said.

University Offers Aid

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Boveland plans to apply for the grant, and if possible send the funds to her parents.

Also pleased with the university's contributions, is Vice Provost of Student Affairs Frank Chambers. He described the program as "a unique opportunity" to offer some relief to those affected by the hurricane.

"Many students have been worried about where they would be able to secure resources to continue their matriculation at the University, as well as how they can assist family members that have been displaced," Chambers said. "The grant program is a wonderful opportunity to address both of those

concerns."

According to Chambers, the Special Grants Program is an initiative created by Howard University President Patrick Swygert and Floretta Dukes McKenzie. The program is financed by the Independence Fund, a fund established in 1991 by student trustee, Kasim Reed, which provides loans and grants to students in need.

Freshman biology major Drew Durand, from New Orleans, is also happy about the program but he is concerned some people may receive money who really are not in need. He said some people who are trying to get aid are from locations that did not receive much damage from the storm.

"For them to jump in line first, that's just selfish," Durand said.

Durand said he also believes those displaced students who now attend Howard should collect more money than those who were already enrolled in the university.

The amount of money the university is offering is appreciated by Jovon Mitchell, a senior biology major whose home was destroyed in the hurricane. Although the grant can not replenish what she has lost, Mitchell said it is a start.

"It is \$1000 that will go toward building anew life somewhere," Mitchell said.



Special Grants Program for Howard Students Impacted by Hurricane Katrina

Howard University announces the establishment of the Special Grants Program (SGP). Through this program, the University offers a one-time, \$1000 award to each eligible Howard University student directly impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The SGP is available to Howard students enrolled at the University before the devastation of Hurricane Katrina who can demonstrate need for assistance and whose permanent residence is in one of the following Federal Emergency Management Administration declared disaster areas:

Alabama Counties—Jefferson, Tuscaloosa, Pickens, Greene, Hale, Sumter, Choctaw, Clarke, Washington, Mobile and Baldwin.

Louisiana Counties—West and East Feliciana, St. Helena, Washington, Pointe Coupee, Tangipahoa, East and West Baton Rouge, Livingston, St. Tammany, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Acadia, Lafayette, St. Martin, Iberville, Ascension, St. John the Bapt, Orleans, Cameron, Vermilion, Iberia, St. James, St. Charles, Jefferson St. Bernard, Assumption, St. Mary, Lafourche, Terrebonne and Plaquemines.

Mississippi Counties—Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, Stone, George, Wilkinson, Amite, Pike, Walthall, Marion, Lamar, Forrest, Perry, Greene, Adams, Franklin, Lincoln, Lawrence, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Covington, Jones, Wayne, Copiah, Simpson, Smith, Jasper, Clarke, Claiborne, Hinds, Warren, Rankin, Scott, Newton, Lauderdale, Madison, Leake, Neshoba, Kemper, Attala, Winston, Noxubee, Choctaw, Oktibbeha, Lowndes and Yazoo.

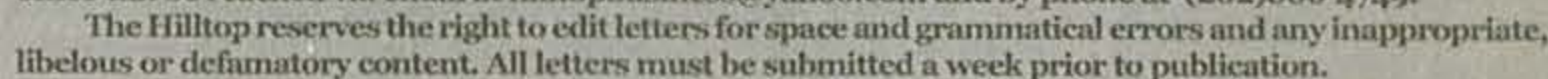
The SGP awards are also available to students who were enrolled at the time of the disaster in colleges and universities in the above mentioned counties directly impacted by Hurricane Katrina who since have transferred to Howard and can demonstrate need for financial assistance.

Funds are to be awarded in the form of an American Express Gift Card. Students may access cash from ATMs, or use the Gift Card as a credit card to secure purchases. The funds are intended to provide assistance for living and incidental needs of shelter/housing, food, clothing, and transportation expenses. The \$15 per Gift Card administrative cost is being donated by SunTrust.

Howard University and transfer students impacted by the hurricane may visit the Office of Financial Aid from September 12th through September 16th between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to determine their eligibility. Students will be required to certify residency from one of the affected areas and to document need (to the best of their ability).

President H. Patrick Swygert, Board of Trustees Chairwoman Floretta Dukes McKenzie, the Board of Trustees and the leadership of the Howard University Student Association announced the funding of SGP through the use of proceeds from the Independence Fund.





Friendship Helps Two Students Weather the Storm

BY ANDREA J. HILL
Contributing Writer

At the beginning of the semester, the usual worry of Howard students include registering for classes, obtaining overrides and tending to financial aid issues.

But for Howard students from New Orleans, the worry included thoughts of the disastrous hurricane that would change their lives forever. For Kelly Trepagnier and Adrian Francois, the worrying began before Hurricane Katrina arrived.

As the two friends began to unpack their luggage and claim their fall housing assignments, they were startled and surprised. "They blatantly told us that they didn't have anywhere for us to live," Francois said.

Trepagnier, a psychology major, and Francois, a physical therapy major, have been best friends for seven years. They met as freshmen in high school. "We clicked instantly," Trepagnier said. The two eventually joined each other at Howard, where they have been roommates for two years and are now suite mates.

Along with many other Howard students, Francois and Trepagnier weren't given the housing assignments they requested in the West Towers. Employees at Howard Plaza Towers explained that no double suites were available.

While they were dealing with their housing problems,



Adrian Francois (left) and Kelly Trepagnier lean on their friendship of seven years to deal with the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and the hardship on their families. They met as high school students in New Orleans and later became roommates.

warnings of Hurricane Katrina were being issued. "We were living in a hotel in D.C. when the hurricane hit New Orleans," Francois said.

Francois' mother, who spent the entire weekend in the hotel with them, couldn't go back to New Orleans. Her flight was canceled, and her daughter had no where to stay. After Francois and Trepagnier were granted housing on Tuesday of the first week of class, Mrs. Francois flew to Atlanta to join the rest of their

family who had evacuated New Orleans.

The mayor of New Orleans issued a mandatory evacuation just before Hurricane Katrina arrived. The police weren't able to reach every family in the city because of weather conditions.

When the Trepagnier family realized the seriousness of the hurricane, it was too late to evacuate. Family members stayed in their home waiting for Katrina to pass.

"Although I was not there,

it seemed unreal," Trepagnier said. "I had never experienced this before, so I could not fathom the devastation that was yet to come."

Francois' home in New Orleans had minimal damage compared to most. Trepagnier's house was severely damaged.

"My home is pretty much washed away," Trepagnier said. During the hurricane, some windows burst in her home and others leaked causing everything on the floor to float on the surface

of the water.

After the passing of Katrina, the Trepagnier family rowed their boat to a nearby highway where troops were taking other survivors to the New Orleans Convention Center.

In addition to the destruction of their hometown, Francois and Trepagnier find it hard to cope with other factors that now affect their lives. "The mental anguish I go through worrying about how my family is going to survive is beyond measure, and

I still have to focus on my academics," Trepagnier said.

The night before she arrived in D.C., Trepagnier packed a few items of clothing. She didn't bring fall or winter clothes because she was expecting her mother to send her remaining items. With the weather in the area slightly changing, Trepagnier says that she is "stretching" her summer clothes thin. Everything that she owns is in her dorm room.

The friends have also had to accept food stamps, because there is no source of income in their family. "We've always been blessed to have everything we need, and it's not like that now," Francois said.

Although they lost many materials things, Trepagnier and Francois agree it is a blessing that their families are safe. "Clothes can be replaced, houses can be replaced, but lives can't," Francois said.

Their close bond has definitely helped them cope with the pain. They rely on each for strength. Where one is weak, the other is strong. "In the midst of the night when I'm crying, I can always turn to her for support because we feel the same pain," Trepagnier said.

Hurricane Katrina may have disrupted lives and divided families, but the natural disaster bound the relationship between Trepagnier and Francois.

"I honestly don't know what I would do without her," Francois said. "She is my family away from home."

Damian 'Jr. Gong' Marley Welcomes You to 'Jamrock'

BY QUAND C. ROBINSON
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Reggae royalty Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley invites listeners to a different perspective of his country, Jamaica, with his latest release, "Welcome to Jamrock." The third LP released from the youngest son of the Marley clan hits the streets Sept. 13 with something new.

Equipped with a last name almost synonymous with reggae, hard hitting beats co-produced with big brother Stephen Marley and topics from politics to family values to violence, Damian Marley creates a musical journey through the trenches of Jamaica that leads "Welcome to Jamrock" to the pinnacle as one of the best albums this year.

The album opens with militant and political "Confrontation," a track that attacks the government and denounces war. Marley also preaches about war and the reality of governmental cor-

ruption. The military drumbeat underlines the hard-hitting lyrics of Marley and excerpts from speeches by Haile Selassie and Marcus Garvey.

Then there's the title track. "Welcome to Jamrock," the cut addressing violence in the streets of Jamaica, has become an urban street anthem. The summer jam blazed up the charts to No. 1 on urban radio stations and countdowns. The New York Times credited the song as "reggae song of the year" and "an early contender for reggae song of the decade."

The album is not all political. At times, Marley is playful and light-hearted. Reggae meets rock and roll on the track "All Night."

Reality TV fans have probably heard "Beautiful" on "Being Bobby Brown." The show previewed the recording of this smooth, soulful track, which features the courtroom star (and sometimes singer). Brown redeems himself with a decent

chorus performance that almost reminds us of his true singing days, i.e. "Every Little Step" and "To My Roni."

"Road To Zion," featuring hip-hop icon Nas, comes across as a dark bedtime story for those trapped in the "world of calamity." "Pimpa's Paradise," a cover of his legendary father Bob Marley's work, embraces the storytelling aspect of hip-hop as Marley rhymes the life of female crack addict. Black Thought eases into the track with his side of the story as a melodic guitar hums in the background.

"Move," another cover of the elder Marley's classics, exhibits Marley's lyrical prowess. Marley delivers rapid spitfire rhymes over the original track of "Exodus." The content is complex and complicated unlike the simple one-line hook. His flow on this track makes him sound like a rap veteran.

However, Marley hasn't forgotten his roots of reggae and dancehall. True fans will find

"We're Gonna Make It" and "Khaki Suit" equally refreshing. "We're Gonna Make It" contains the traditional reggae beat of heavy drum and bass lines. "Khaki Suit" is a collaboration with dancehall legends Bounty Killer and Eek A Mouse.

"Welcome to Jamrock" is a rare CD, because every track is interesting. Even for those who are not hardcore reggae fans, the LP will prove enjoyable.

For those who find Marley's Jamaican accent hard to understand, the lyrics are provided in the CD jacket. It's almost necessary as it gives you a chance to really explore the deep lyrical content of the album, which can be missed while listening to the melodic and rhythmic production.

Without leaning too much on the legacy of his father, Marley continues the revolution while making time for the lighter side of life. "Welcome to Jamrock" can easily become one of the best albums of 2005.



Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley rewards music lovers with one of the best reggae albums of the year: "Welcome to Jamrock."

'The Exorcism of Emily Rose'

BY DESIREE SMITH
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"The Exorcism of Emily Rose," a new horror film based on a true story, seeks to give the viewer an uneasy feeling while also stirring up intellectual inquiries and spiritually thought-provoking questions.

Do demons really exist? Can evil forces invade the body and lead to an untimely death? Can what happened to Emily Rose happen to anyone?

The answers, surprisingly, are not obvious.

Laura Linney plays Erin Bruner, an overzealous, lonely and ambitious defense lawyer just off a controversial acquittal. Bruner is determined to move up to senior partner at her firm, and in order to do that she must take one more case. What she doesn't know is that she may be in over her head and that she may not be ready for what is in store.

Bruner takes on the case of *The People v. Father Moore*. Actor Tom Wilkinson plays



While highly entertaining, "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" leaves viewers to question their beliefs.

Father Moore brilliantly. Moore, who was the priest for Emily Rose's family, is charged with negligence leading to the death of Rose. He is most concerned with getting Rose's story told.

The trial is most sensational and takes the audience on a roller coaster ride. Through the trial, the story of what happened to Rose is told through the eyes of the prosecution and the defense.

Rose, played by young actress Jennifer Carpenter, is a devoted Catholic who leaves

home and goes off to a university in hopes of becoming successful. Unfortunately, while at the university, peculiar things begin to happen to her. Shown in a very intense scene, it appears that she is taken over by something not of this world.

As things take a turn for the worse, her boyfriend Jason takes her home to her family, and that's when Moore is brought into the picture. There is an attempt to perform an exorcism. Eventually, Rose dies, and everyone has his or her own opinion

of how and why she died.

Moore is accused of not getting Rose the appropriate medical attention that she needed, which supposedly caused her death. As the trial plays on, it forces the audience to choose a side. Both sides have evidence; it's just a matter of what evidence is more believable to the audience. It is the psychological and physical ailments of Rose versus theological beliefs.

Linney is extraordinary in bringing across Bruner's ambitious strength and intense loneliness. She is the skeptical voice that represents the audience. Her realistic approach to the situation makes her amiable and understood. The sincerity and likeability Wilkinson brings to the role of Moore is moving and enticing.

"The Exorcism of Emily Rose" is worth seeing. For the whole two hours, you will be swept away by this thriller. Then you'll probably go home and sleep with the lights on, turn your clock around and hope you never smell anything burning.

HEALTH BRIEFS

Katrina Death Toll In Louisiana Rises to 279

The Louisiana death toll from Hurricane Katrina rose to 279 on Monday, following the discovery of 45 bodies at a New Orleans hospital that had been abandoned more than a week earlier, the Associated Press reported.

Monday's toll rose from Sunday's tally of 197, a spokesman for the state Department of Health and Hospitals said. The bodies found at the 317-bed Memorial Medical Center were those of patients, the DHH spokesman said without elaborating.

Infant Born to Brain-Dead Woman Dies

An infant born last month to a brain-damaged woman who had been kept alive on life support until the baby's birth has died, the Associated Press reported Monday.

Susan Torres, born prematurely on Aug. 2 after her mother had been on life support for more than three months, died of heart

failure on Sunday, her family told the AP.

The infant's mother, also named Susan Torres, suffered a cancer-induced stroke in May.

Bats May be Source of SARS Virus, Report Says

Chinese researchers say they have found a virus in some wild bats in Hong Kong that is closely related to the virus that causes Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in humans.

In 2003, Chinese health officials first found the SARS coronavirus in caged civets in animal markets, suggesting these weasel-like mammals were the source of the SARS epidemic. But, subsequent studies suggested that while civets have served to host the virus, they may not have been the original host.

Their findings appear in the online edition of the Sept. 12-16 edition of the "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences."

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Professional Athletes Donate to the Hurricane Relief

BY TIFFANY KNIGHT
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Hurricane Katrina was one of the most destructive and costly hurricanes in history. The wreckage of Katrina has left evacuees in Louisiana, Mississippi, and parts of Alabama feeling helpless and alone.

American citizens never

believed Katrina could almost wipe out the Gulf Coast. The images that have flashed across the news stations for the past weeks have been horrific.

And the sluggish response of government aid to the Gulf Coast has caused American citizens across the nation to come together to donate time and money to the hurricane relief

efforts. But many professional athletes in the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, the Women's National Basketball League and other professional sports leagues have made it their priority to contribute to the relief efforts.

LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers spent \$120,000 at Sam's Club buying shampoo, diapers, soap, food and water. The goods were to be sent to La., Miss., and Houston, Texas.

Gilbert Arenas of the Washington Wizards spent \$18,000 in a grocery store, buying essentials for the Louisiana evacuees at the Washington, D.C. Armory.

The NFL is donating \$1 million to the Hurricane Relief Fund.

Serena Williams said that she will donate \$100 to the American Red Cross for every ace she hits for the rest of the year.

The Women's National Basketball League's Connecticut Sun will be donating all proceeds from the box office sales of their Detroit playoff game to the American Red Cross.

Some believe that professional athletes have the power to influence and change lives. Under such distressing circumstances, students around campus are excited to hear about the athletes' efforts.

"It is good for the fans and the kids to see the professional athletes donate because then they will be influenced to help," said Howard University Red Cross President Ariel Triplett.

"I think it's good that they're using their financial wealth for a good cause, because every little bit counts," said junior engineer major Chris Cartilage.

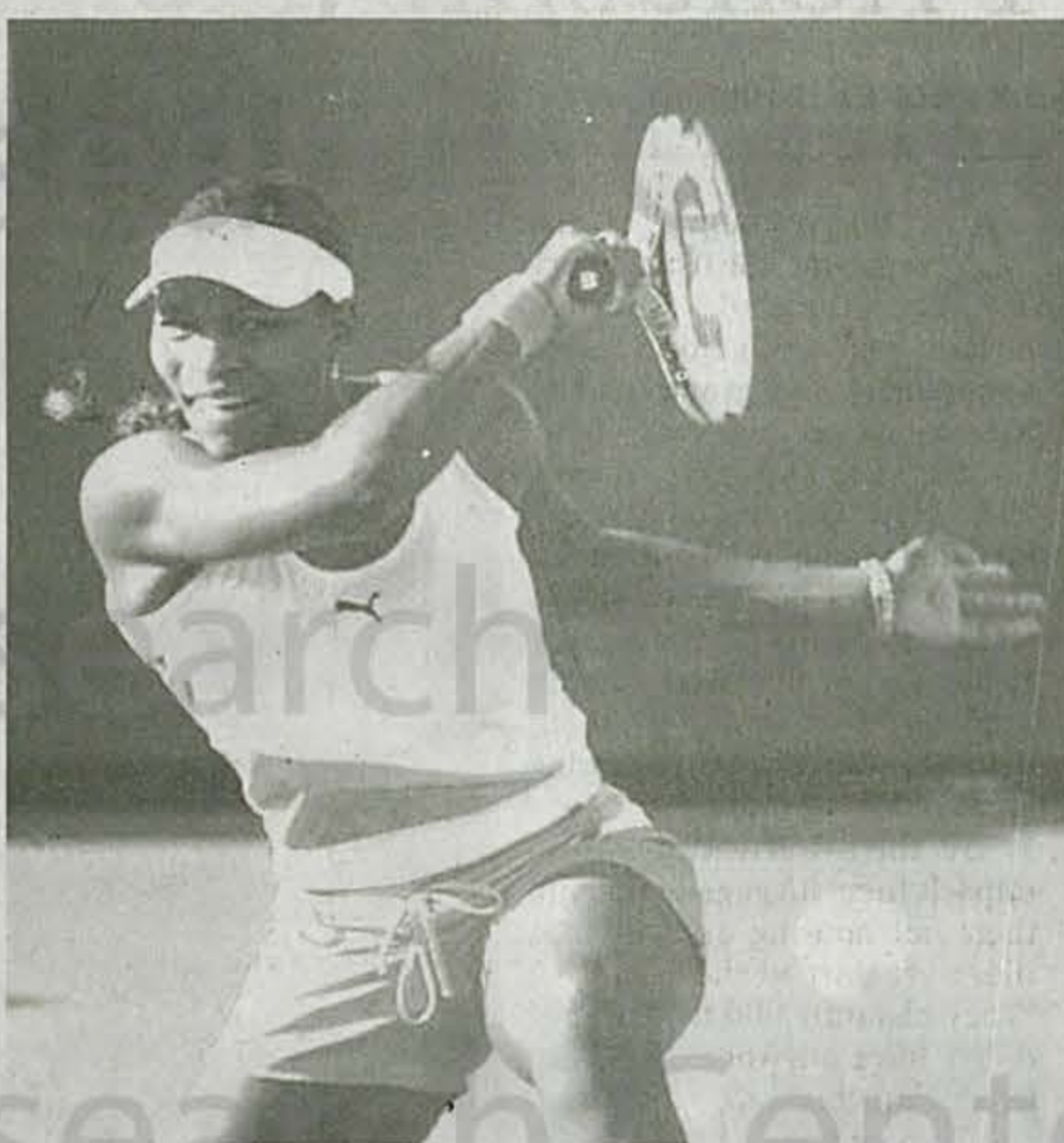
Junior administration of justice major Brittnay Waugh said, "Every little bit counts. It's good to hear influential stars and pro-athletes like Gilbert Arenas donating and delivering goods to the D.C. Armory."

With the professional athletes chipping in to aid the hurricane victims, many feel that professional athletes could possibly contribute more. "A lot of players could donate more because their pay checks are larger than the average citizen, but a penny is better than nothing at all and their efforts are still being warranted," said Triplett.

Milton Dickerson, president of the Student Athletic Committee, said, "The NBA has 30 teams and at least 12 people on each team, and I have only heard about a handful of players that have contributed. Pro-athletes have a stronger impact on society than most realize and they can definitely afford to do more."

"More" is what some professional athletes are asking of their fans, teammates and associates to do. Deion Sanders of the Baltimore Ravens is challenging all professional athletes from every professional sport to donate \$1,000 each to the American Red Cross. Sanders also asked that fans donate clothes and other perishable items to assist in the relief efforts.

Louisiana native and Atlanta Falcons "Man of the Year," Warrick Dunn, said that all



Serena Williams has pledged to donate \$100 to the American Red Cross for every ace she hits for the rest of the year.

NFL players contribute at least \$5,000 to the hurricane relief efforts.

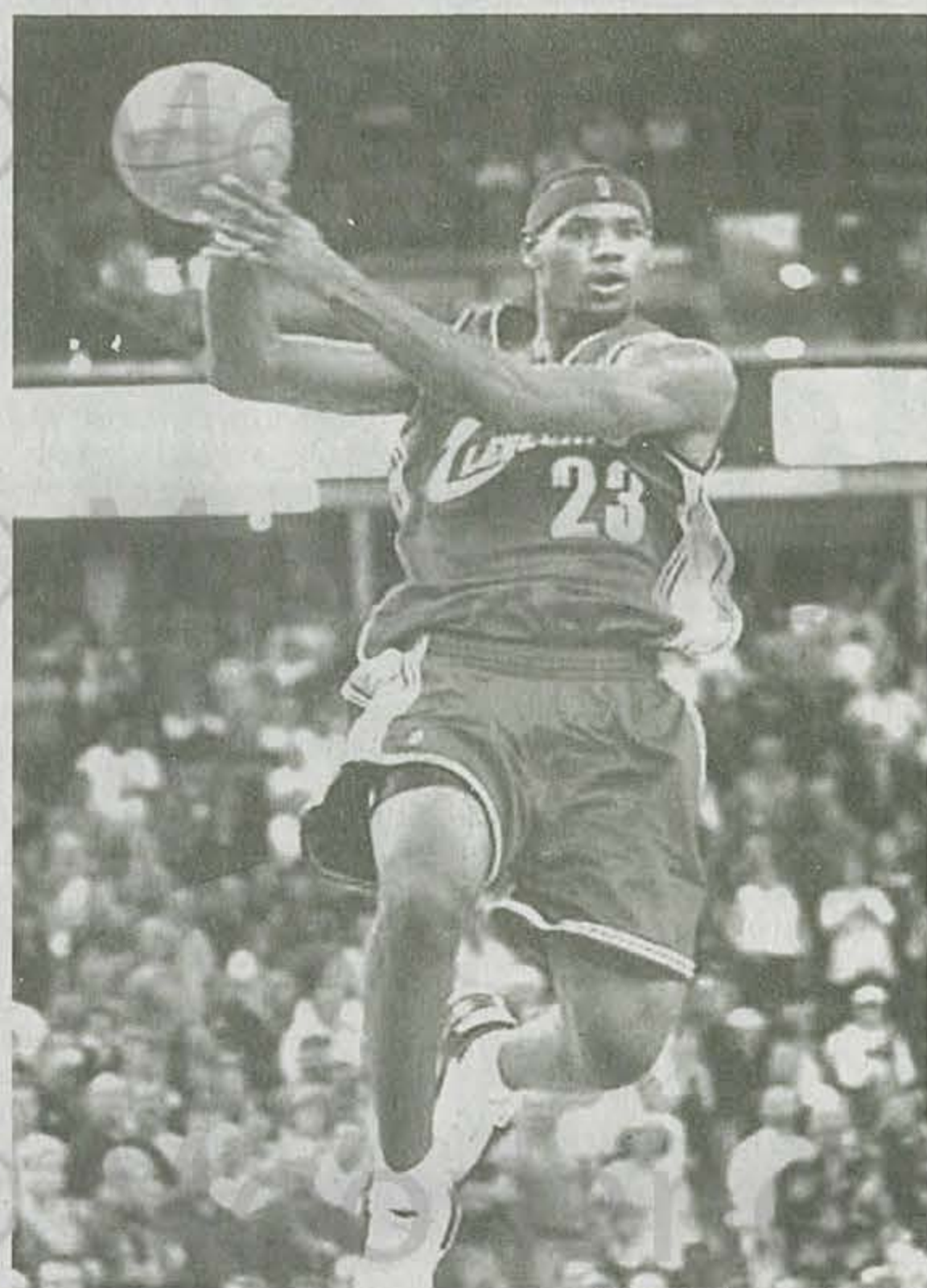
Many of the professional athletes have been directly affected and overwhelmed by the aftermath of Katrina. The New Orleans Saints are being forced to play four of their home games in nearby stadiums in Baton Rouge, La., on Louisiana State University Tigers' field and three home games will be played in San Antonio, Texas at the Alamodome.

Temeka Johnson of the Washington Mystics is a New Orleans native whose home

sustained considerable damage from the hurricane.

Professional athletes are often held in the spotlight as superheroes to their adoring fans. But what Katrina has done is not just bring together professional sports, but most importantly, it has reunited American citizens.

"It is so good to finally see pro athletes helping out, but it is even better to see American citizens extending a helping hand to other American citizens," Cartilage said.



Cleveland Cavaliers guard LeBron James spent \$120,000 at Sam's Club for goods sent to Hurricane Katrina victims.

Redskins Make QB Change

BY DREW COSTLEY
Deputy Sports Editor

Although one cannot predict whether Washington Redskins Head Coach Joe Gibbs will lead the Redskins to continue their winning streak, we do know one thing; Gibbs has ended the Redskins' trend of regular season quarterback controversy.

In a decision announced by Gibbs on Monday at Redskins Park, Mark Brunell will take over quarterback duties from third year former Tulane standout Patrick Ramsey.

This is not unusual for Gibbs, who is known for replacing his starters for backups (especially at the quarterback position) at the drop of a dime. But the switch behind the helm came quickly even for Gibbs, especially being that the decision came after weeks of public support for Ramsey, the Redskins former first round pick.

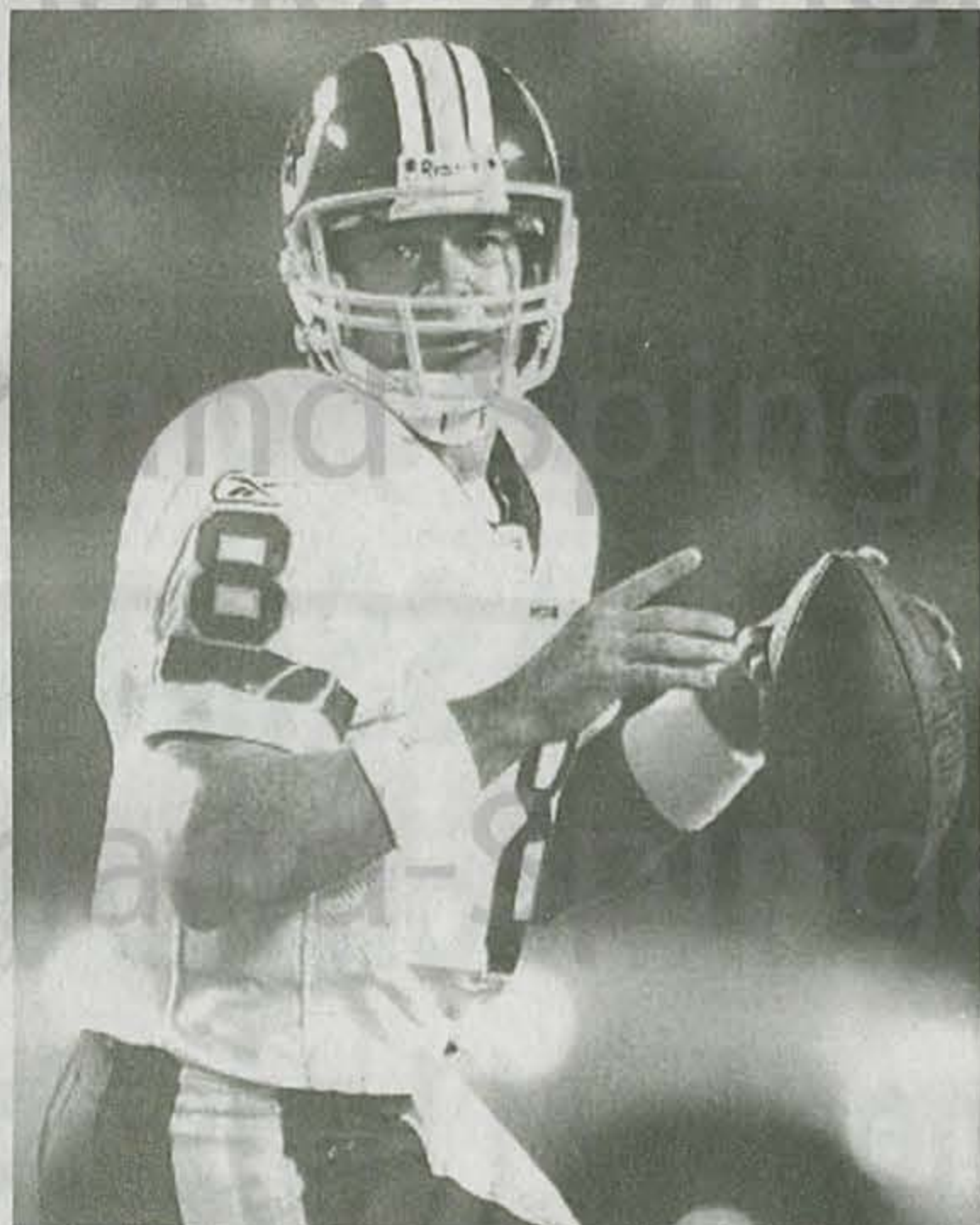
"This is something that is extremely hard," Gibbs told ESPN.com. "You don't like doing this. I don't. Sometimes you don't chart the circumstances or what happens -- it just happens. Certainly it wasn't the plan I had going in, but sometimes plans change, and I think you do the best you can in dealing with it."

Gibbs said that Ramsey was "fine" despite undergoing a minor neck sprain on Sunday's 9-7 win against the Chicago Bears and that the move was being made more for performance reasons. "I'm looking for someone to establish himself as our quarterback," he further explained.

This adds fuel to the debate that Auburn standout quarterback Jason Campbell was drafted by the Redskins in the first round of draft in April to eventually take over the quarterback position in the future.

Brunell, who turns 36 on Saturday, began the 2004 season as the starter for the Redskins but was replaced by Ramsey after starting the first nine games of the season. Brunell never lined up behind center again in 2004.

Gibbs did not hesitate to put



Redskins quarterback Mark Brunell was selected by Coach Gibbs to replace former starter Patrick Ramsey who sustained an injury this past Monday vs. the Chicago Bears.

him into the game Sunday when Ramsey was injured on a sack by Bears linebacker Lance Briggs. And even when Ramsey was cleared to return, Brunell played the remainder of the game, completing 8-14 passes for 70 yards with no touchdowns, no interceptions in nearly three quarters of action.

"I know a lot of people would disagree with this, and I understand that," Gibbs said to ESPN.com. "For me, personally, I felt like it was a decision that I had to make. I think we've got a situation where two quarterbacks can win ball games for us. ... I know this is something that Patrick doesn't agree with -- he's a very competitive guy -- but it's something we're going to have to work through."

In a full quarter and a few minutes Ramsey threw for 6-11

for 105 yards and one interception. Neither quarterback was effective in the red zone, both failing to reach the end zone. It was kicker John Hall, whose status to play is in jeopardy because of a strained groin, that kicked the three field goals that won the game for the Redskins.

According to ESPN.com most league scouts agree that Ramsey has enough talent to become a starting quarterback but feel he has not been very confident in his role with the Redskins. They feel as if he might only succeed if he moves on to a different franchise.

Brunell will take the opening snap for the Redskins offense against NFC East rival Dallas Cowboys on Monday Night Football next week.

Soccer Team Looks for Win

BY COURTNEY EILAND
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team is looking to end their two-game losing streak as they prepare to face the Stony Brook Seawolves (2-1-1) this afternoon in their first home game of the season.

The Bison (0-2-1) traveled to Florida International last Saturday but the game was called at 3-0, with Florida on top, because of weather conditions.

The Bison have yet to score a goal this season, after losing each game without getting one in the net.

The team has suffered in their shooting percentage, averaging only 3.5 shots per game while opposing teams have averaged 28.5

however, he has allowed seven goals to slip by so far.

Coach Tucker claims that he is not worried because he is looking to change a few things in the lineup. He is currently hoping for clearance of potential players to balance the team a bit better.

With the next game being at home, Coach Tucker believes that this will be a great opportunity for the players to gain a win.

"We're hoping some students will come out and support the team," Tucker said.

"It would help out a lot if the fans were out

will relax mentally is this next game.

"We're a young team and some of the players are still a little nervous," Tucker said.

"The defense has had a lot of pressure. I'm just hoping that the whole team will relax."

The Bison may not have a chance to relax when they play the Seawolves, who have already played in two overtime games this season, with one match ending in a tie.

The Seawolves average 15.5 shots per game, which may pose a problem



shots per game. Junior midfielder Brian Mapp currently leads the Bison in shot attempts, posting two for the season thus far.

"The offensive end needs to become more aggressive on the field, and we need to organize the defense a little better," said head coach Keith Tucker.

"We need to try to keep possession[of the ball]. We keep on giving up the ball too much."

Senior goalkeeper Jason Williams has recorded a total of eight saves for the season;

for the Bison who are looking to be more active on both the offensive and defensive ends.

One player that the Bison will have to look out for is the Seawolves' senior forward Chris Megaloudis, who has already made 17 shot attempts with a shooting percentage of 29.4 on the season.

The Bison seem to be prepared to take on the challenges that the Seawolves may present.

"We've been going over technicals, like offensive formation and defensive formation," Hyde said. "We just need to limit our mistakes on the field."

The Bison will look to do so this afternoon at 2 p.m. in Greene Stadium.

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