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## Tavis Smiley Speaks About The Issues

BY KEVIN HARRIS  
Senior Managing Editor

When Tavis Smiley talks, people listen. Whether speaking to an audience through his radio show "The Tavis Smiley Show" or his late night talk show, "Tavis Smiley on PBS," Smiley always seems to engage his listeners.

Despite winning critical acclaim and the admiration of countless fans over the years, Smiley is still as effective and motivated to carrying out his message. He said his success is due in large part to some advice he picked up years ago from a very famous mentor, "Muhammad Ali, whom I love and have so much admiration for, told once to never lie to the people," Smiley said in an interview with The Hilltop. "They may like it or they may disagree with you but they will always respect you if you never lie. Always be a truth teller."

### Leadership

These days, Smiley is taking time away from his television and radio shows to be a "truth teller" to students at historically black colleges and universities as well as students attending predominantly black high schools.

Just this Friday, Smiley spoke to students at Morgan State University and at Anacostia High School, here in the District of Columbia, about the importance of leadership. He is in the midst of the five-city "Talented Tenth" tour, where he visits with students and asks them pointedly "Are You One of the Talented Tenth?" The phrase 'Talented Tenth,' associated with W.E.B. DuBois, refers to the top ten percent of blacks most suited for leadership.

"I just wanted to reach as many kids as I could and talk to them about the importance of leadership and being leaders in their communities," Smiley said.

Tavis Smiley Speaks on the handling of Hurricane Katrina, John H. Johnson's legacy, and more.

### On Hurricane Katrina

"In our nation's first test of national preparedness since 9/11, we failed miserably. A national disaster has become a national disgrace and clearly race and poverty has a role in this. The media has not done a good job of dissecting the role race and



Photo Courtesy of www.tavistalks.com

In an exclusive interview with The Hilltop, famed talk show host Tavis Smiley said he feels a responsibility to represent blacks positively in the media. Smiley is currently touring HBCUs such as Morgan State and Norfolk State Universities.

"We need more leaders, especially in today's world."

Smiley has tried to not only talk the talk, but also to walk the walk. Over the years, rather than relaxing comfortably in his fame and fortune, Smiley has repeatedly used his platform as a journalist and author to shine a light on many issues of importance to the black community.

He has convened a number of forums featuring prominent black leaders and thinkers in which various issues afflicting the black community were discussed,

class played in all of this."

### On Running for Public Office

"I'm very much fulfilled now by the work I'm doing with my foundation, books, lecturing tours, the radio and TV shows, but I never say never."

### Getting a Show on Primetime TV

"Unfortunately the kinds of issues I want to discuss are not the kind that land on primetime and also if I were on primetime, I wouldn't be able to own my show because they don't

calling blacks to action to do their part in making their lives better. Next month Smiley is set to host a success and empowerment conference in Chicago that will feature among others, Maya Angelou, Sen. Barack Obama and basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson.

Also, through the work of The Tavis Smiley Foundation, which he founded in 1999, Smiley has built a base to teach more young people leadership skills. Smiley said his foundation has trained over 3,000 kids to date.

allow you to do that. But having said that, I'm very happy with what I have now and to pretty much get my idea's out there unfiltered."

### Responsibility to Represent for Blacks in the Media

"I was black before I was in the media and I'll be black when I'm out of the media, so for me, I have always kept that in mind with everything that I do."

John H. Johnson's Legacy

### Hurricane Katrina

Despite his roots in journalism, Smiley is considered by some to be an activist who is unapologetically honest about current topics dominating the news, even if it angers his fan base or financial sponsors of his shows.

True to form, Smiley had a lot to say about the government's response to Hurricane Katrina, which ravaged the

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"John H. Johnson was a hero to me and I was so honored to be able to speak at his funeral. He made it possible for all of us who are black in this industry to do what we do. He showed Madison Avenue the value of the black consumer. Think about for a second what he did, to build his company when segregation was alive and well...and to think 60 years later his company is still black owned. He was truly an American icon and a monumental entrepreneur."

## Shaq Brings Smiles to Armory

BY DANIELLE DAWKINS  
Contributing Writer

Shaquille O'Neal, center for the Miami Heat made a surprise visit to the D.C. Armory Wednesday for the Hurricane Katrina Evacuees.

O'Neal was a super-sized hero to the evacuees, and with his visit smiles returned to the faces of those distraught from the disaster. O'Neal shook hands, hugged fans, and autographed t-shirts.

"I looked at his feet and those were the biggest feet I ever saw in my life," said Adolf Armstead, a 14-year-old Hurricane Katrina victim. "I [like to] play ball myself and I love him."

Many of the evacuees were amazed at O'Neal's size exclaiming, "He's so tall, and what shoe size is that!" Another person yelled "22!"

Along with O'Neal, comedian, social activist, writer and entrepreneur Dick Gregory also visited the Armory. Gregory said the government should look into the handling of the crisis.

"They need to have a full investigation because we have the best mechanisms to deal with disasters," Gregory said, "look at all the disasters, people all over the world ask for us."

In addition to the surprise visits, by Gregory and O'Neal, D.C. Councilman Marion Barry also spent time at the Armory, and helped to clear up confusing messages evacuees were getting from federal officials. Barry said that finding housing and jobs are creating the biggest problem for many of the evacuees.

The visit comes during the second week of the evacuees' stay in the Armory. They



Danielle Dawkins - Special to The Hilltop

Shaquille O'Neal at the D.C. Armory.

arrived late last week, after initial confusion over whether or not they would be coming to D.C.

"It feels very nice to see Shaq come out here, it's nice to see anyone come here. To see stars to come and show respect is so humble, said an evacuee, Barbara, who declined to give her last name. "Money doesn't cover everything. I am happy to see him here. It's for the kids. These are kids that would have never seen him otherwise," Barbara said.

Recently O'Neal has been recognized after helping Miami police with an arrest and it is rumored that O'Neal is to become a police officer.

But not everyone at the Armory was happy to see O'Neal.

"My heroes are the ones laying down their lives in Iraq, not Shaq," said an evacuee.

## Entrepreneurship Minor

BY APRIL DEBOSE  
Contributing Writer

For those students who have always dreamed of owning their own business, Howard University has implemented a program to help them become at least one step closer to accomplishing that goal. Starting this fall, Howard is offering an Entrepreneurship Minor.

The minor program is directed by the Entrepreneurship, Leadership, and Innovation Institute, or ELI. Though the ELI Institute is located in the School of Business, the minor is available to everyone on the campus.

"Our goal is to infuse entrepreneurship into all disciplines on campus," said Henry Edwards, Director of the ELI Institute. "Entrepreneurship is not a path but a culture, it crosses all walks of life not just business."

Edwards hopes that with this program faculty and students will have the ability to access opportunity and transfer it into wealth and value.

Students taking up this minor are required to have 15 hrs of entrepreneurship courses, including one pre-requisite, and one elective. Required courses include: Introduction to

Entrepreneurship, Entrepreneurial Marketing, Entrepreneurial Finance, Accounting and Control Systems, and New Venture Development.

Dr. Theola Douglas, Social Director of the Academic Program for ELI, feels that even though the courses are not necessary to gain the knowledge of becoming an entrepreneur, all the information that one could need is provided to those choosing this minor.

"You can learn through the school of hard knocks but if you minor in entrepreneurship you can gain all the knowledge quicker, faster, and more conveniently," said Douglas. Not many students are aware of this new program but those that know about it believe it to be greatly beneficial.

"I was thinking about choosing the entrepreneurship minor, it's a great stepping stone," said Emily Stanford, junior advertising major.

Christopher Hill a sophomore marketing major agrees with Stanford.

"I would minor in entrepreneurship it is a skill that African Americans and the Howard community should take seriously."

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"Our goal is to infuse entrepreneurship into all disciplines on campus."

- Henry Edwards, ELI Director



# ROTC Pushes for Minor

BY SHANAE HARRIS  
Asst. Campus Editor

With new minors like entrepreneurship being added to the university curriculum for students to take, some question why the extensive ROTC curriculum has not been added as a minor as well.

ROTC, or the Reserve Officers' Training Corps is a program at Howard and at many other universities and colleges that provide student participants up to four-year scholarships based on academic merit and medical eligibility.

According to the Howard website, ROTC requires students to complete 33 credits of instruction as well as a varying number of hours of professional training. Upon completion of graduation and ROTC, individuals of the program receive commissioning into the Army or Air Force.

"ROTC is designed for the commissioning of future officers and cadets that join the program know that it is from the first day they walk in," said Colonel Clarence Taylor of the Air Force ROTC.

Lieutenant Malakia Thomas, the admissions officer for the Air Force ROTC, stressed that commissioning was the number one reason for the program and that it was not a minor because that is not the purpose of the program.

"I can't say that it's written in verbatim as to why it is not a minor, but I know students get scholarships and credit for ROTC," Thomas said. "Cadets know the course load, requirements, and purpose of the program when they first walk in."

Despite the scholarships and stipends received from ROTC, participants like Army ROTC cadet H. Anthony Moore say they believe the load of the program should be enough to make it a minor.

"ROTC adds 33 extra credit hours to your schedule and takes up a lot of your time. For all the work that we do I think that it should least be counted in some way toward our degree plan," said Moore, sophomore history major.

Moore mentioned that other schools, such as Rice University and the University of Minnesota provide a way for ROTC students to use the curriculum as a minor.

Rice University, while not

"For all the work that we do, I think that it should [at] least be counted some way..."

- H. Anthony Moore

granting ROTC students the opportunity to minor in the program, offers students a minor in Naval Sciences, which is a branch of the naval ROTC at the school.

Howard offers credits for each class taken for ROTC, however.

"The General Military Course (GMC) is taken during freshman and sophomore years and students receive one credit for each class that they take," Thomas said. "The Professional Officer Course (POC) provides up to three credit hours for each class."

Although Moore appreciates the experience he is receiving from ROTC, he hopes the program will someday get as much recognition as other curriculums.

"Entrepreneurship is a minor now and I thought all you

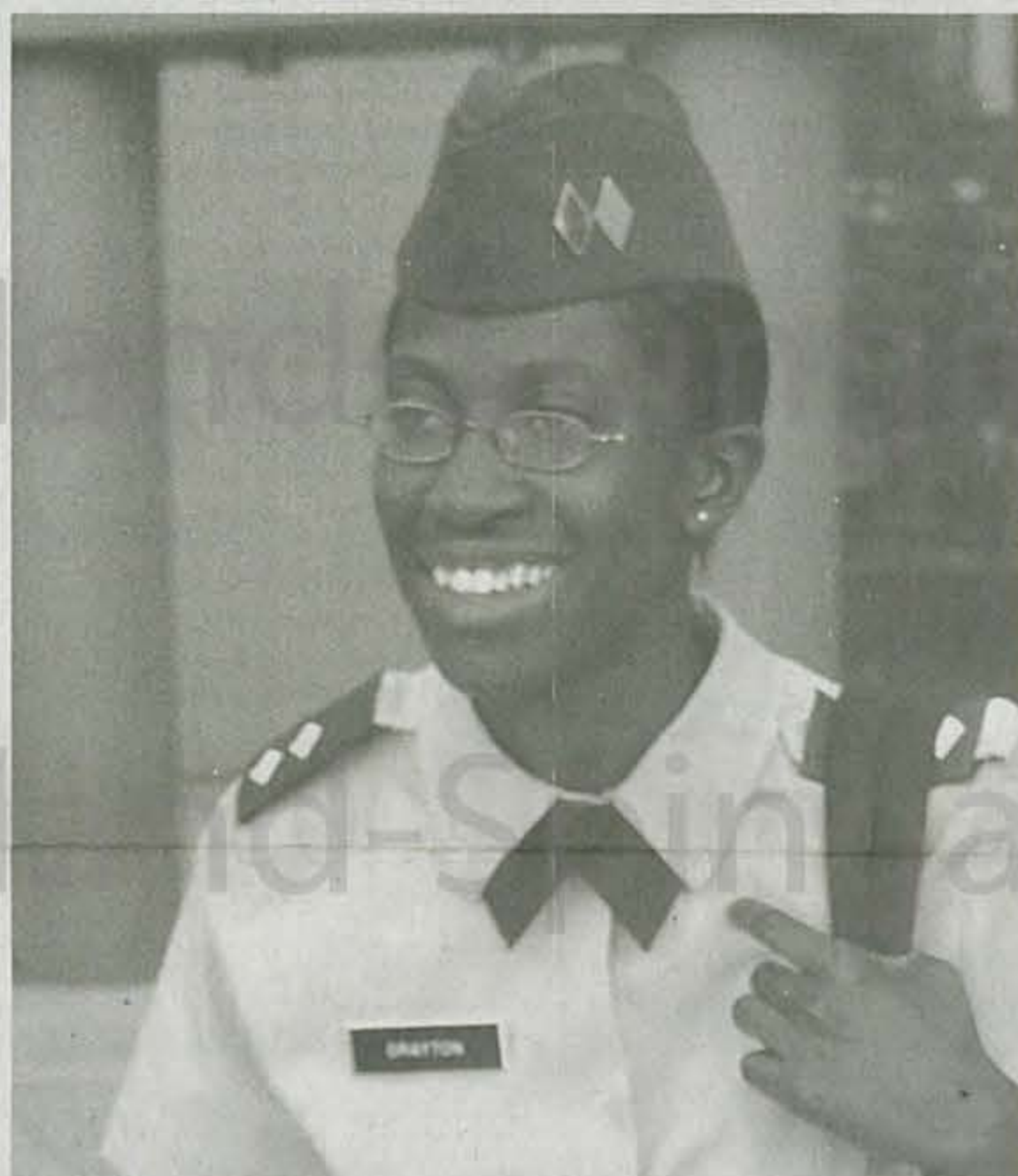
had to do for that was get off your behind and go do what you have to do," Moore said. "ROTC requires a lot of you and I think it should be praised because it is a positive program."

Other students in ROTC declined to comment on the subject for fear of upsetting their superiors.

"I'm not saying anything bad about ROTC and have them take away my money," an anonymous ROTC student said.

Moore sees the subject as less of a way to criticize the university or ROTC, and more as a way to make Howard University and his experience here better.

"We're supposed to be the Hilltop, the Mecca, the number one HBCU... so let's act like it," Moore said. "I'm just trying to make this 6-year struggle a reality for the ROTC students that come after me."



Maya Gilliam - Senior Photo Editor

In addition to the course load of their particular majors, ROTC students are required to take 33 extra credits that do not count.



Emmanuel J. Lartey - Asst. Photo Editor

Students have experienced delays in receiving packages after moving from one dormitory to another. The delay is caused by the transfer process, which delivers the mail first to the old dormitory, then redistributes it to the new dormitory, according to Dean Charles Gibbs.

## Dorm Mail Transfer System Causes Delays in Receipt

BY JOYCE BOWIER  
Contributing Writer

Transferring mail at Howard is the biggest delay in the University mail system, with students complaining of late, or even lost, mail after switching dorms.

"If you switch your address your mail gets lost, and you never see it," said Adrienne Bolden, senior biology major.

Gregory Smith, sophomore mechanical engineering major, said he personally experienced a long delay in receiving a package.

"The change of address system is slow," said Gregory Smith, sophomore mechanical engineering major. "Because a package that I was supposed to get at Meridian went to Drew Hall but other than that the system is okay."

According to Mark Coleman, of the post office in the A-building, it is the responsibility of the dorm to get the information of who is leaving, but in the same respect, it is the students' responsibility to let the dorm know what their new address is going to be, in order to ensure a smooth transition.

According to Dean Charles

Gibbs of Residence Life, the delays in transfers are because, whenever it comes to change of address, initially, the mail goes to the student's old address and then to the new one.

Slowe, Carver, Meridian, and the Towers are considered off-campus dorms, unlike Drew, the Quad, Annex, and Cook, which are considered on-campus. Slowe, Carver, Meridian, and the Towers have the zip code 20001, and the others have the zip code 20059, which is exclusively for Howard University.

The United States Postal Service will not transfer addresses from dorm to dorm, the dorms administration has to do that. Everything that goes to the on-campus dorms goes through the A-building's post office first and the off-campus dorms get everything sent directly to them.

Items for the Howard campus, such as Express mail, insured mail, delivery confirmation, and certified mail from the United States Postal Service only, go through the main post office before being distributed.

Another concern of students is the late hours of mail distribution.

"Last year, Meridian had

horrible office hours," Bolden said. "If you couldn't get your mail between three and five, you did not get it until you came at that time."

Charles Gibbs, dean of Residence Life, said the mail is distributed as soon as it is sorted at the respective dorms.

Aswah Crowver, sophomore broadcast journalism major, said that the Howard mail transfer system is more efficient than other universities and colleges.

"I know people at other schools who have to call their credit card companies and cell phone companies during the summer to make sure all their mail goes to the right place, but at Howard all you have to do is fill out a change of address form and everything is straight," she said.

Whether a student is leaving for the summer or moving to another dormitory, he or she must fill out a change of address form and make sure to follow up with the University post office.

"Transferring of information has to be clear, the problem comes in between the two dorms that are not communicating about the transfer of mail," Coleman said.

## THE SPOTLIGHT

### Employee: Dr. William Starosta

BY MORGAN NEVILLES-MOORE  
Staff Writer

The differences between white and black, Christianity and Buddhism or even something so simple as life on the west coast and life on the east; these are things that we as humans come in contact with on a day to day basis whether we realize it or not. Dr. William Starosta realizes this fact and is doing something about it.

Dr. Starosta, a professor in the Department of Communication and Culture here at Howard University grew up in a very rural, very Caucasian Wisconsin.

"I wanted to get away from that," Dr. Starosta said.

He applied to a program he knew nothing about previously in his junior year at University of Wisconsin. He was then accepted into the "Year in India" program.

"I spent the year outside the United States and realized that there were a number of ways to do things, to handle situations; and when I returned I saw that it's not that much different here in the States if you begin to look for the differences, different cultures can take the same item and have numerous meaning come from it," Dr. Starosta said.

Dr. Starosta's current focus is on interethnic conflict, meaning the tension that is formed when groups of people who have national, ethnic, or religious differences come into contact with one another.

"It's my life ambition to understand the misunderstandings of people, ethnic situations whether good or bad just happen to produce more misunderstandings," Dr. Starosta said.

An enthusiastic Dr. Starosta explained exactly what inter-ethnic tension looks like, "In Virginia a couple of years ago there was a group of Saudi's trying to set up an academy in a very Caucasian, Christian

neighborhood. The local community broke out in outrage printing hate literature and making verbal accusations of illegal acts against the group of people. The tension, both religious and cultural between the Saudi and the Christian societies was enormous," Starosta said.

"I've never had him as a professor but I think it would be interesting to learn from someone who's life work is to understand what others do not," said graduate political science major Adrienne Davis.

His research is an ongoing process, "There will always be conflict to understand," he said. In 1990, Dr. Starosta went to Montreal, Canada where a Mohawk standoff had taken place, "I just wanted to know what happened and with talking to the various cultures represented; being in Canada the English speaking, the French speaking Canadians, the Mohawk and members of other nations I was led to 13 different outcomes from one conflict," Dr. Starosta said.

"I know first hand what Dr. Starosta's research is about, my mother is from Puerto Rico and my father is from Mozambique, It's almost unbelievable how something simple can turn into a major disagreement just because their backgrounds have taught them to react a certain way," said graduate History major Zaire Rodriguez-Olu.

Dr. Starosta has been a professor at Howard University for 27 years. Before that, he taught at the University of Virginia for 6 years.

"I left the University of Virginia which is a historically Caucasian school to come to Howard. What better place than an HBCU to find out how people communicate and the process of understanding across ethnicity, accepting other people's point of view," Dr. Starosta said.

"My work is interesting to me and to others because it is not the way something is, it's the way we think it is that causes the conflict. The many ways people interpret determine how things are dealt with," he said.

### Student: Pres. Brandon Wallace

BY DEBBIE ORIGHO  
Contributing Writer

Strong-willed, determined, and above all a leader, are just a few adjectives that advisors and colleagues use to describe today's junior legal communications and sports administration minor Brandon Wallace.

Wallace was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee. This Howard gentleman wants to go to law school after graduation and later to start his own law firm.

He is the 2005- 2006 the John H. Johnson School of Communications Student Body President, the International 2nd Vice President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, on the Policy Board of Howard University, and finally, he states that he will be a member of Lambda Phi Eta National Communications Honor Society as soon as he pays his dues.

"He's making a contribution to our school and Howard University overall," said Sandra Gaines, an academic advisor in School of Communications, of this man on the move.

"I think I am an important person," said Wallace jokingly.

"Well, first of all, I don't think that any person is more important than another, but I am an officer in the School of C and it is my job, as the president, to serve the students any way that I can," he continued.

Kaleah Merriweather, a junior legal communications major and mentor coordinator for the School of Communications has positive comments to make about her colleague.

"As a person he's really cool, very kind and humble," said Merriweather, "As a president he gets the job done."

Vincent S. Williams, Annenberg Honors Program Coordinator, also had good things to say

of Wallace.

"Brandon is a very determined and driven young man and professionally, he's doing a great job as far as the Annenberg Program, he is helping rebuild our student council," said Williams. And the praises for Wallace's character continues.

"He seems like a very dedicated and committed young man who is fulfilling his job of service to the students," said Gaines, who spoke highly of his work ethic.

"And he is overall working hard for the entire Howard community," continued Gaines.

But anyone who assumes that this busy student is "all work and no play" would be mistaken. On the weekends, you can find Wallace at a party, but only if he has the money, he said.

"He doesn't always do business. He has his down time. Every student has to have his down time and he certainly does," said senior sociology major James Christopher Toney, a fellow member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

And though Wallace enjoys himself during his free moments, he stresses the vitality of education.

"Education is important. I don't think that African American men as a whole, take education seriously and I want to deal with that in the future, starting in elementary and middle schools," said Wallace, who seeks to capitalize on his time at Howard.

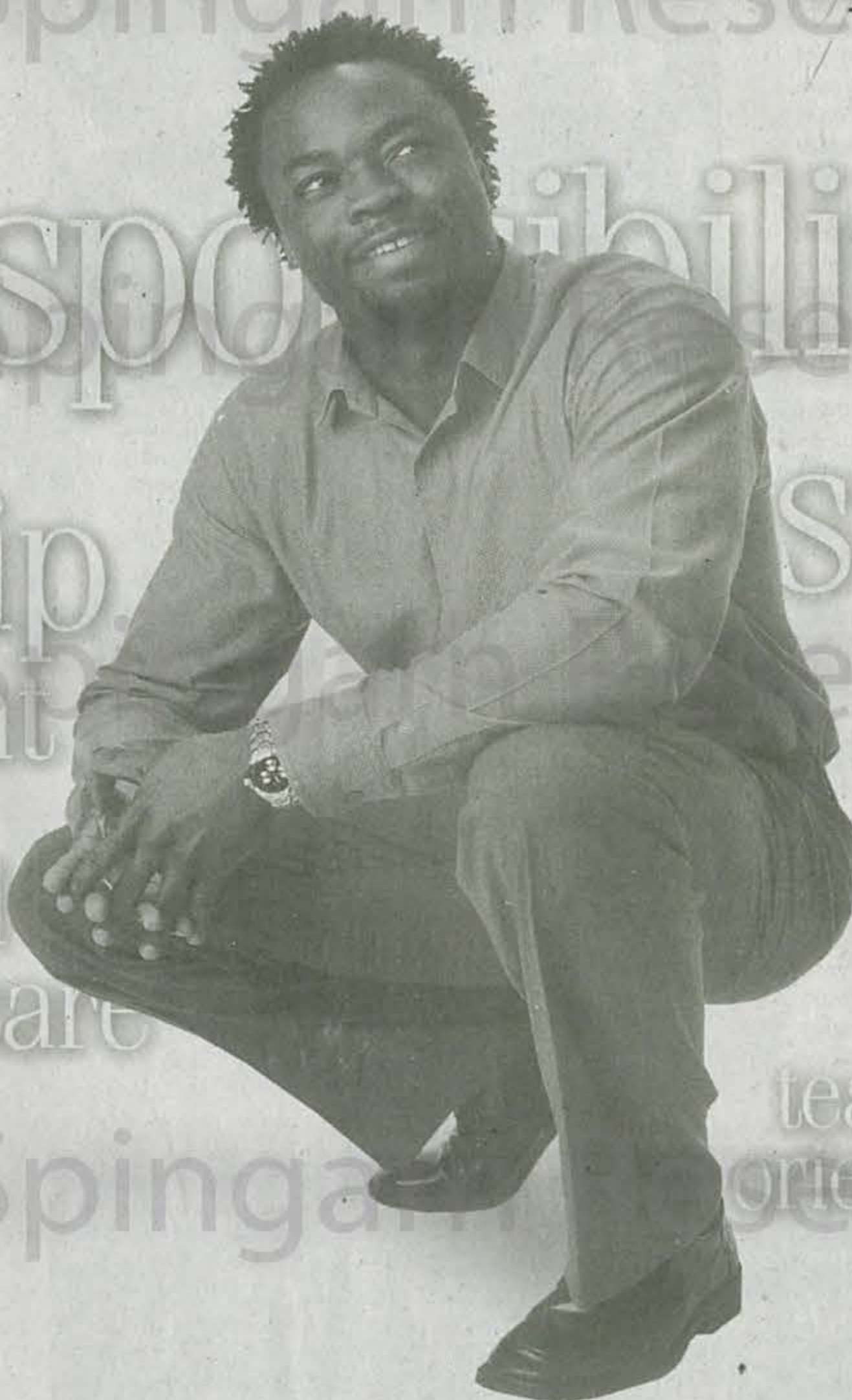
More than just another student organization, he is an active student with goals and has a mission to secure his success and the success of others in the African American community. But at the end of the day, this leader counts himself among the masses.

"I'm a good-ole southern boy, I work hard, but I also play hard, I try to stay balanced. A lot of people see titles and treat you differently, but I'm a regular guy."



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## Prince George's Deals With Crime, Fear

BY JENNIFER OCCEAN  
Contributing Writer

Take one step into the Rolling Crest Community Center in Hyattsville, Maryland and the growing community fear of crime is evident. Signs that appear upon entering the facility warn patrons to be cautious of leaving their belongings in their vehicles and to alert patrons of recent car break-ins and other violence in the surrounding parking lots.

The fear stems from the six fatal shootings that occurred during the very first week of September in Prince George's County, Maryland. Students and other residents from surrounding areas are worried about the recent increase in the amount of crime that has started to plague the area.

Nicole Ventres, sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Temple Hills, Maryland said that she certainly feels that crime is on the rise. "I feel [an increase in crime] you can tell; seeing police with their lights on and you also hear it from your peers," Ventres said.

Ventres works at night, so when commuting back from either school or work she takes certain precautions. She does not travel alone as much as she used to. "I don't ride the metro by myself," said Ventres. When commuting alone she is even more cautious and has her mind set on one thing: just

getting home safe.

Ventres said that her family has also taken similar approaches to the situation, either traveling all together or not traveling alone at night.

But not all students are changing their routines in fear of crime. "We live around it, people overact, the media spruces it up to make you want to live in fear," said Roberto Medrano, a junior political science major from Silver Spring.

Medrano recalled an attack that recently happened involving a friend's mother being held at gunpoint in Largo, Maryland. Medrano said that there has not been an increase in crime, it's simply more publicized now.

Medrano, however, still feels there is a lack of programs keeping children off the streets and away from the crime. "Police need to crack down and set up programs," Medrano said. The Prince George's Police Department was not available for comment.

Local community and recreational centers are working in conjunction with neighborhoods to provide programs that will aide in the prevention of crime. Marcus Goodwin, an Outreach director from the Takoma Park Recreational Center has noticed the increase in crime. The center is located 2 blocks away from Langley Park, a jurisdiction of Prince George's.



Photo Courtesy of www.goprincegeorges.com

**Police Chief Melvin High vowed to reduce crime throughout the county, but residents are not convinced.**

As a former high school teacher in Prince George's County, Goodwin knows the crime that faces the county all too well. Goodwin said that the children who attend programs at the center have no affiliation with gangs, but as a result of recent gang-related stabbings in the area, staff members were recently mandated to attend a Gang Prevention program.

Goodwin believes that added resources from county and local city officials would greatly benefit the entire community.

Wanda Ramos, facil-

ity director of Langley Park Community center said that there is no specific person to blame for the problem.

"The police cannot do a social reform," Ramos said. "There is so much needed in the area."

"It is the residents, the businesses and the organizations that work in the area [that have] a collective responsibility to do all that is possible to alleviate the crime problem," Ramos said.

## Metro Briefs

### Serial Arsonist Gets Life in Prison

Thomas A. Sweatt was sentenced to life in prison for setting 45 houses and apartments ablaze in the Washington region.

Sweatt was apologetic at Monday's sentencing, but offered no explanation as to why he set the fires.

Sweatt's attorney, Assistant Public Defender

John C. Chamble defended Sweatt, saying he was under "psychological compulsion" to set the fires. Two of the fires set by Sweatt resulted in the deaths of 89-year old Annie Brown of Northeast, and 86-year old Lou Edna Jones. Prior to sentencing, Sweatt had been jailed since his arrest in April.

### DC Kicks Off Literacy Campaign

Friday will be the kick-off of the District's Lifelong Learning Initiative and Read Out Loud campaign. D.C. Learns: D.C.'s Literacy Education, Advocacy, and Resource Network is behind a \$20 million dollar initiative to help nearly 10,000 adults in the District reach their learning goals. The sponsors of the project estimate that one in three city residents reads at or below a third-grade reading level. Volunteers are expected to canvas the city with flyers, and bookmarks in metro stations, barber shops, and churches.



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### Metro to Create Rider Advisory Council



Photo Courtesy of www.metrodc.org


For the first time in Metro's 29-year history, Metro's board of directors is expected to create a panel of 21 regular riders of MetroBus, the Subway, and MetroAccess, the service provided for disabled customers.

The advisory council comes in response to increased criticism and calls for accountability on the part of Metro's board of directors. Over the past year, Metro's management has been under scrutiny from local citizens


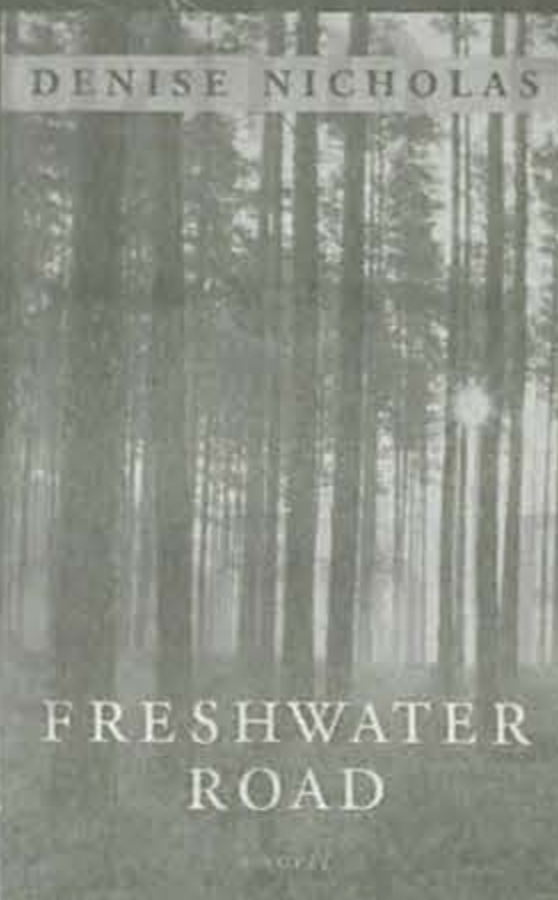
and on Capitol Hill.

The idea for a rider's advisory council came from the Washington chapter of the Sierra Club, which in recent months has been working for more rider input in the public transit system.

If the advisory council is approved, Metro riders will have the opportunity to apply through Metro's website. A selection committee would then choose members for the panel.



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# Tavis Smiley Interview

**SMILEY, from Page A1**  
Gulf Coast and put the predominantly black city of New Orleans under water. "In our nation's first test of national preparedness since 9/11, we failed miserably. A national disaster has become a national disgrace and clearly race and poverty has a role in this," Smiley said, speaking about the government's response to the crisis. "The media has not done a good job of dissecting the role[s] race and class played in all of this."

**Smiley for President?**  
Statements like these, along with his outspokenness and blunt talk on other issues, have caused many to wonder if Smiley will ever run for public office. However flattering such talk may be, it seems that Smiley wants to put discussion of a potential candidacy to rest, at least for the immediate future. "No, I'm not interested in running for anything right now. I'm very much fulfilled now by the work I'm doing with my foundation, books, lecturing tours, the radio and TV shows," Smiley said, quietly adding "but I never say never."

If Smiley were to run for office it wouldn't be his first attempt. After graduating from Indiana University with a

degree in law and public policy, Smiley worked as an advisor to the president of the Los Angeles City Council before unsuccessfully running for a seat on the council himself.

**Building a Media Empire**  
Since his early experience in politics, Smiley has successfully built a solid name and reputation for himself in the world of media, authoring numerous books and building his on production company, "The Tavis Smiley Group," which allows him to own and produce his radio and television shows.

The process of building his own media empire has given Smiley the opportunity to fashion himself after another media giant. "John H. Johnson was a hero to me and I was so honored to be able to speak at his funeral. He made it possible for all of us who are black in this industry to do what we do," Smiley said. "He showed Madison Avenue the value of the black consumer...and to think 60 years later his company is still black owned. He was truly an American icon and a monumental entrepreneur."

**Getting His Dream Job**  
His desire to own his work and raise issues deemed by some to be taboo are two reasons why

Smiley says he may never have his dream job of hosting a primetime show five times a week for a major network. "Unfortunately the kinds of issues I want to discuss are not the kind that land on primetime, and also if I were on primetime I wouldn't be able to own my show because they don't allow you to do that," Smiley said. "But having said that, I'm very happy with what I have now and to pretty much get my idea's out there unfiltered."

In addition to getting his unfiltered idea's out to listeners, ownership of his programs also allows Smiley the opportunity of not having to grapple with issues many blacks working for white owned media companies have to face. For example, when a story comes in that plays to the stereotypes given to blacks, black reporters who are asked to cover these stories often must decide what is more important, being a journalist or being black.

Smiley said it is up to the individual to answer that question however they see fit, but as for himself, Smiley said the answer is clear. "I was black before I was in the media and I'll be black when I'm out of the media," Smiley said. "So for me, I have always kept that in mind with everything that I do."

# Entrepreneurship

**MINOR, from Page A1**  
Hill said that while he did not know about the minor he was required to take an entrepreneurship boot camp last year as a requirement for his business orientation class.

Akua Pipim, a senior international business major, was aware of the program but says that she is not interested in the minor. Pipim does feel that many students will take advantage of the program.

"There are a lot of students here that want to own their own business, and it would be helpful for creating small businesses in the black community."

The Entrepreneurship Minor is just one area of focus for Howard's ELI Institute. The three other focuses are research, business and community development, and an entrepreneurial thought center.

These focuses are all part of Howard's proposal for entrepreneurial development. The program is funded by a \$3.1million grant awarded to Howard over a five year period by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. The Foundation is the largest funder of entrepreneurship endeavors in the country. Howard is one of eight schools and the only HBCU in the country to receive the grant.

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## Tyson's Food Plant Sued for 'Whites Only' Sign

Twelve black employees of a Tyson Foods in Ashland, Ala. filed a suit against the company for the alleged segregated break rooms and bathrooms, according to the Chicago Defender.

Above the segregated rooms was an alleged "Whites Only" sign. Naturally, the disgruntled workers decided to take action with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to champion their cause, according to the article.

The lawsuit claims that Tyson violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with a racially hostile workplace and retaliation against those who

complained, according to the Chicago Defender.

This reminded us of something out of the 60s. Sometimes we forget how recent our struggles for equality have been.

None of us were actually in

people who need jobs.

We are all human beings and no job is worth sacrificing our dignity. We are pretty sure a good majority of the workers in the chicken processing plant were minorities who probably couldn't afford to stir up too much trouble or get fired.

However, we are proud of those who spoke up and decided to take a stand. Can you imagine not being able to enjoy your lunch or use the rest-room because of your

the breakroom to confirm the sign and segregation practices, but we wouldn't doubt that they existed. It is funny how people think they can still get away with enforcing their bigotry upon

skin? Such struggles seem almost foreign to our generation. We hope the conditions have improved and we hope justice has been served.

### Our View:

*Such an unacceptable sign reaffirms that racism is still alive.*

## My Experience at the Hampton-Howard Game

This is a letter that I composed Saturday afternoon after me and my friend could not return to our seats after we had gone to the concession stand to purchase some beverages. This letter was mailed to the Office of the President along with three others (properly addressed to all parties) being sent to the Athletic Department, Alumni Relations, and to the Campus Police Department. I just wanted to share my experience with you and see if anyone else encountered any of the same problems that we did. Thank you.

Dear President H. Patrick Swygert:

My wife (Candice Hamilton, class of 1997), I (Jamal K. Parker), and two of our closet friends (Clifton Gough and Celere Leonard) have regularly attended Howard University athletic home games for the past year.

We are all graduates of historically black colleges and universities (I am a graduate of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and Celere Leonard, is a graduate of Tuskegee University) but we all consider Howard University our home when it comes to athletics.

Unfortunately, we had an unpleasant experience at this year's Hampton-Howard University football game.

As half time concluded, Clifton Gough along with myself decided that we would

go to the concession stand to purchase several beverages for ourselves and our significant others. After purchasing the beverages we made our way back to our seats to catch the beginning of the second half. As we were returning to the bleachers we were stopped by Officer C. Robinson. We presented our tickets to Officer C. Robinson and she would not allow us to return to our seats.

After explaining to Officer C. Robinson that we were coming back from purchasing beverages and merely trying to return to our seats she informed us that she made an announcement that your stub had to be initiated by her. Myself, Mr. Gough, and a young lady (a freshmen student) who was sitting with us was unaware that such an announcement was made.

We made another attempt to convince Officer C. Robinson that we were merely returning to our seats. Two students that were sitting with us were leaving to go to the concession stand and saw us and told Officer C. Robinson that we were all sitting together. Officer Robinson then became rude and asked Officer H. Street to "clear her steps."

Officer H. Street kindly approached us and we explained to him our situation. Officer H. Street informed us that he would try to help us. As all of this was transpiring, the freshman girl we were sitting with left the area crying.

Mr. Gough and I decided after several minutes that it would be better for us to just leave. So after calling Ms. Leonard and getting Officer H. Street's attention we thanked him for his assistance (although we never gained re-admittance to our section), shook hands, and left Greene Stadium.

When people ask me about my experience at the Hampton-Howard game of 2005 the first thing that comes to mind will not be how good Howard's running game performed.

Nor will it be about the comradery we shared with the students and alumni, or how good how good Howard's defense played.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to tell them about the entire second half of the game due to the treatment that I along with my friends received (which could have been avoided if wristbands were given to seated patrons) from Officer C. Robinson of the Howard University Campus Police Department.

I am more than willing to resolve this issue. I have attached copies of the ticket stub along with the receipt to prove that we were paying patrons of the game. Thank you for taking the time to address this issue.

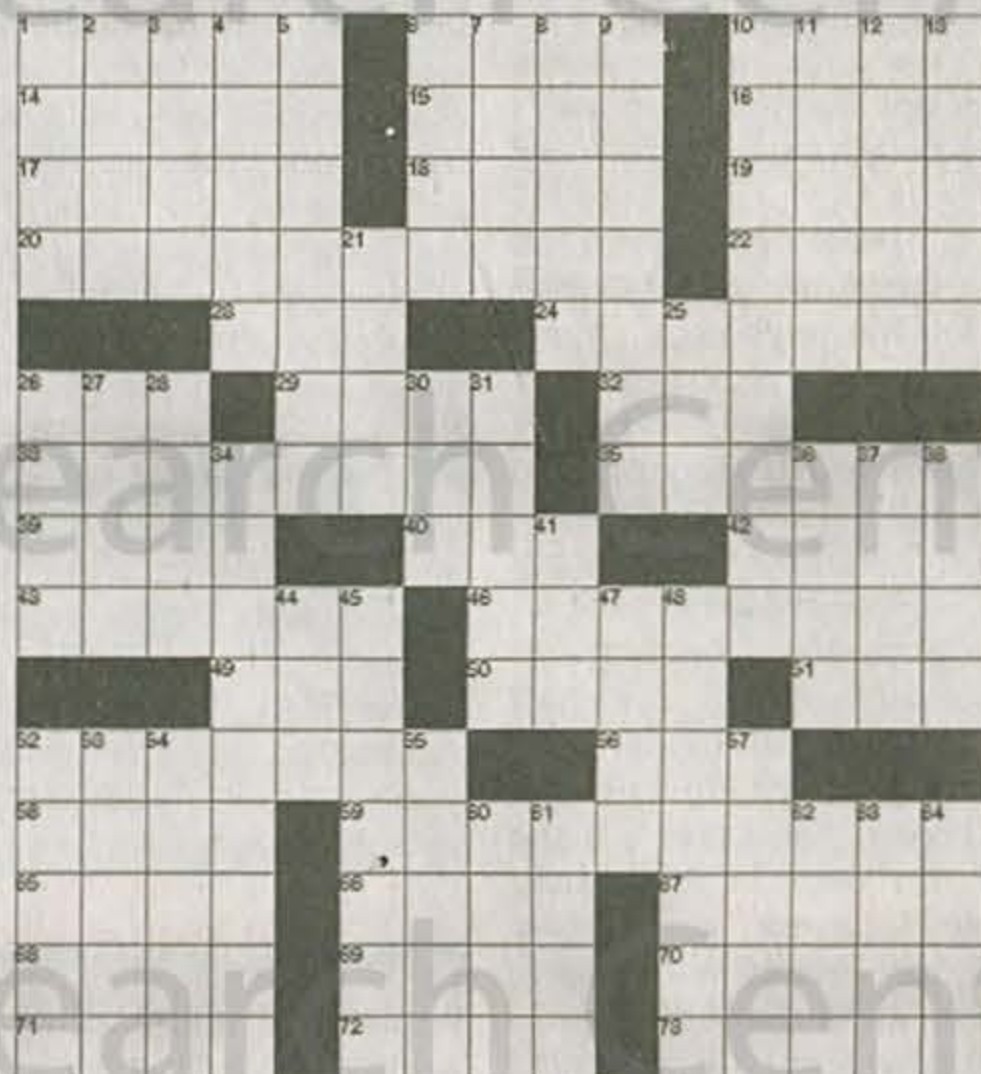
Sincerely,  
Jamal Kiari Parker

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# Shopping Down Georgia-Howard Strip

BY WHITNEY TEAL  
Contributing Writer

While we may not have "The Pit," "The Peachpit," or "The Max," Howard University students can freely avail themselves to "The HU Strip," otherwise known as the two blocks of Georgia Avenue just north of the Howard University Bookstore.

This small stretch of urban road consists of eateries, salons, barbershops, apparel stores, and a beauty supply store. While it is greatly trafficked by HU students, the short and narrow road maintains a love/hate relationship with Howard students.

Sophomore international business major Ameerah Harris is grateful for the variety of shops that do business on Georgia. She says, "All the stores on Georgia really help me out. I can eat, get my hair done, buy books and beauty supplies all in the same area."

James McBryde, a senior public relations major, also takes advantage of the many businesses on Georgia Avenue. He gets his hair cut at Razor Works ("they're good people over there") and buys "fresh white tees" from SportsZone.

However, other HU students are less than happy with the stores. "It's [the HU Strip] sad in comparison to other campuses," laments Amy



Nicole Reed-Staff Photographer

In between classes, students can cruise the Howard strip which contains the stores Subway and Beauty Supply Island.

Williams, a senior print journalism major. "It's really awful and dangerous [on Georgia Avenue]," Williams adds. McBryde also recognizes the potential danger on Georgia Avenue but adds, "you expect it because we're in the hood."

One Howard student, Jelani Blakey, is far from complaining. "Howard [and Georgia Avenue] are looking very good compared to my [old] school in New Orleans. It's completely

[flooded]," says the junior audio major who recently transferred from Dillard University in New Orleans.

Jamila Whetts, senior public relations major, is not as satisfied with Howard and its neighboring community. She believes that Howard students should "be able to use dining dollars on the strip. At least at places like Subway, McDonald's, and China Wonder— places where stu-

dents traffic the most." She also adds "at other schools they are able to do it."

Harris agrees with Whetts, "I think that we should get a discount or be able to use dining dollars. Most of the stores are practically on-campus."

Regardless of how Howard students feel, HU dining dollars currently are not accepted off-campus, and HU discounts are not given on "The HU Strip." Craig Young, a manager at Last

Stop, a discount apparel store on Georgia Avenue, says that while he estimates that Howard students compose "about 60 percent" of their customers, no discounts are given. "We don't give discounts [to Howard students] because everything is [already] on sale" says Young. Another popular spot on "The Strip," SportsZone, a sports apparel store, holds the same philosophy. "We have special promotions all the time,

and we have a loyalty card for loyal customers," says Brian Anderson, a representative for SportsZone, when asked about HU discounts. The promotions and loyalty cards are open to all SportsZone customers, although Howard students account for approximately 20 percent of their customers, Anderson said.

Although the idea of a student discounts or the acceptance of HU dining dollars on "The Strip" is a relatively distant one, other universities, like Georgetown University, embrace the idea. Dancia Broadra, operations coordinator of Georgetown's GOCard, says that Georgetown students are able to use their meal plan dollars at a number of off-campus locales including CVS, Domino's, Papa John's, Pizza Hut and a variety of other restaurants in the area. "It just makes the student's life a little more convenient" says Broadra.

Whether Howard students love it or hate it, they have to deal with it. "It's a really a part of campus," says sophomore accounting major Latrice Jones of "The Strip". She continues with "and even though we don't really get any perks or advantages [to shop], I still buy a lot of stuff from the stores on Georgia."

## Students Sacrifice Z's for A's

BY NICOLE MARIE MELTON  
Contributing Writer

It is 2:17 a.m. and the corner of Bryant Street and Georgia Avenue is littered with students carrying books, backpacks, and laptops. While these students going to and from the 24-hour I-Lab may feel they are making the most of their nights by catching up on schoolwork, they are missing out on something even more important — a good night's rest.

"Everybody knows that college students don't sleep. I rarely get more than five hours of sleep a night," said Trae Lewis, a senior political science major. "The closer you are to getting your degree, the less you will sleep. There's too much work to do and not enough time to do it in."

According to the Journal of American College Health, Lewis is part of a well-known trend when it comes to students and sleep. Studies show that only 11 percent of college students receive what is considered a good amount of quality sleep. A college-aged person should get seven to eight hours of sleep each night, but as more and more students balance full course loads, jobs, and extra-curricular activities, sleeping becomes less of a



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Students would rather get a few hours of sleep and make the best grades.

priority.

Max Rouzier, a freshman broadcast journalism major, spends many of his nights studying rather than snoozing.

"I usually stay up to study or do homework until 2 a.m. most nights," Rouzier said. "It's early in the school year and I want to get a head start in my classes. I figure if I do it all now, I won't have to worry about falling behind later on."

While staying up late for college students may be a personal preference, the up-all-night phenomenon also has ties to biology. Beginning in the teenage years, changes in body chemistry make it difficult for young adults

to function before 9 a.m. or to go to bed before 11 p.m. Dana Mack, a senior fashion merchandising major, says she feels more energetic after the sun goes down and rarely hits the sack before 1 a.m.

"I'm a night person and I'll stay up late to do homework or to just hang out with my roommates. I get home from campus late some nights and I'm just full of energy," Mack said.

Another reason students fail to get an adequate amount of sleep is because of late-night socializing. Staying up late to socialize seems to be an essential element of college life, especially for students living in campus

dorms.

"When I stayed in the dorm last semester, it was so loud at night because people would hang out in the hallways or in each other's rooms. It was hard to go to sleep any earlier than around 1 a.m. and I got used to always going to bed late," Mack said.

While students are choosing to use night hours to catch up on homework or to chat with pals, losing out on sleep is costing them in more ways than one. Sleep is essential for good health, mental and emotional functioning and personal safety.

Lack of sleep can have serious consequences, the most critical of them being poor concentration. Skimping on sleep adds difficulty to learning and can impair students' performance in the classroom.

Dr. Clarence M. Stewart, Jr., a professor in the Department of Health, Human Performance, and Leisure Studies agrees that when students are well-rested they are more attentive in class and perform at their peak.

"Getting enough sleep is essential for college students to be able to process information that they receive in a classroom at a faster rate," Stewart said. "Students who don't get enough sleep are also not as active in the classroom, which can have

a negative affect on their overall performance in school."

Stewart suggests that if students are not able to get the recommended seven to eight hours of sleep at night, one way to combat daytime sluggishness is by taking a brief, mid-day nap.

"Instead of dozing off in class, one of the key things a student can do is take a nap during the day. A 20 minute nap is very helpful and will give students extra energy to make it through the afternoon," Stewart said.

Proper eating habits also help the body adapt to the irregular sleep patterns of college students. Some students regularly abuse caffeinated beverages, such as coffee or sodas, to pull all-nighters. Caffeine not only disturbs the system that tells the body to sleep but it is also associated with health risks such as infertility and osteoporosis. Eating a well-balanced diet and properly scheduled meals will also increase one's the quality of sleep. The National Sleep Foundation recommends avoiding large evening meals and heavy, fatty foods before going to bed. Making these few changes can help students increase their quality of nighttime sleep and promote optimal daytime alertness.

## What's On TV Tonight

Head Cases

09:00 PM ET -FOX-

Chris O'Donnell ("Scent of a Woman," "Batman and Robin") has appeared on episodic television before but never as a series regular. That is, until now. O'Donnell stars in "Head Cases" as brilliant attorney, Jason Payne. His nonstop drive toward success backfires when his wife, Laurie (Krista Allen, "Unscripted"), kicks him out of the house, causing him to have a nervous breakdown. After a couple months at a "wellness center," Jason finds himself assigned as "outpatient buddies" with Russell Shultz (Adam Goldberg, "Saving Private Ryan"), a low-rent lawyer with "intermittent explosive disorder."

CBS Sneak Peek

08:00 PM ET -CBS-

"Two and a Half Men" stars Charlie Sheen, Jon Cryer and Angus T. Jones host this half-hour look at the new shows (and returning favorites) coming to you from CBS. Sure, it's a self-serving TV show about TV shows, but it might help you make your fall viewing decisions.

Mrs. America 2005

08:00 PM ET -WE: Women's Entertainment-

The married-ladies' version of the yearly pageant doesn't appear to be in as much trouble as its younger sister. But not very many people realize that there actually is a "Mrs. America" pageant. Now in its 29th year, the pageant is sure to make you feel bad about how you look in a swimsuit.

Rock Star: INXS

09:00 PM ET -CBS-

You know what Wednesdays on "Rock Star: INXS" mean - another singer will be ousted from the competition, which means we'll only have three performers left in the running to become INXS' new lead singer. Like "American Idol" (although without the amazing ratings), the least "Rock Star: INXS" does is give these singers "worldwide exposure," which is a pretty awesome consolation prize.

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## COURTSIDE



### A New Sheriff in Town

BY COURTNEY EILAND  
Sports Editor

Move over Miami, there is a new sheriff in town. With him standing at 7-foot-1-inch and weighing in at 325 pounds, I am sure Miami residents will learn to behave themselves very soon.

If you have not guessed by now, I am speaking of the 'Big Daddy' himself, Shaquille O'Neal.

O'Neal made headlines on Tuesday after he helped the Miami Beach Police Department arrest of an 18-year-old man who was later charged for aggravated assault and for assault with a deadly weapon.

O'Neal overheard the 18-year-old yelling anti-gay slurs out of his car to a couple walking by and the man even went as far as exiting the car in order to throw a bottle at one of the pedestrians who, by the way, was not seriously hurt.

I am glad that Shaq has had this opportunity to utilize his master's degree in criminal justice; however, I am having a difficult time picturing my beloved Shaq in a police uniform when I am used to seeing him dominate in the paint donned in a red and black jersey. Yes, I did say dominate.

At first I thought it was just something that Shaq may have decided to partake in during the off-season, but according to ESPN.com, Shaq is currently in the process of becoming a Miami Beach reserve officer.

Well, I am pleased that Shaq at least has a back up plan for when he retires from the league, unlike many other basketball retirees who either end up becoming sports commentators or occasional guests on the TNT Verizon Wireless Halftime Report.

Not to say that anything is wrong with Charles Barkley, Kenny Smith and many others who do so, I just feel that Shaq is doing something that will benefit the community a bit better. Lowering crime rates or talking about what you did back in your playing days?

I know that it has long been Shaq's dream to become a part of the police department since he was a teen. Perhaps it comes from his upbringing under stepfather and former Army sergeant, Phillip Harrison, who Shaq refers to as, "the real hero in my life." Shaq may have also been influenced by two of his uncles who work in law enforcement.

As of now, Shaq has already been sworn in as a U.S. Deputy Marshal in Miami and has joined a Department of Justice task force that tracks down sexual predators who target children on the Internet.

Even while playing for the Lakers, Shaq went through the police academy and later became a reserve officer with the Los Angeles Port Police.

By the looks of things, it seems that Shaq is expressing considerable interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement.

So, consider this a warning to Miami residents. If you break the law, imagine yourself as Earl Boykins preparing to take a charge against Shaq coming down at full pace into the paint. Makes you want to think twice, huh?

# The Pressures of Playing on Scholarship

BY ROBYN FRANKS  
Contributing Writer

## Part One

Now that school is back in session, the days are occupied with class. When class is over, homework is soon follows. Many students say that once school begins, there is the inevitable stress that accompanies it.

But aside from students who just take classes, there are students who come to Howard University on scholarships that involve either band or athletics.

Sophomore kicker Noam Dror is from Silver Spring, Md., and came to Howard on a full athletic scholarship. "Sometimes, just wearing HU clothing makes me feel as though I have to just be my best," said Dror.

For football players, their regimen consists of all their classes ending by 3 p.m. Once classes are over, they have to attend practice, and then there is time allotted to eat dinner.

Usually, there is a team meeting, which sometimes can end as late as 9 p.m. This routine is separate from summer practices and camp.

In the summer, football players are involved in a rigorous three weeks of intensive practice and weight training, prior to the fall semester.



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**Above: Sophomore kicker Noam Dror came to Howard on a full athletic scholarship. Left: Marching band members also benefit from scholarships.**

Despite their hectic schedule, football players must have a total of 24 credits combined with their fall and spring semesters and maintain a 2.0 minimum GPA.

One might think the responsibility of academics and athletics would be overwhelming, but junior defensive lineman Rudy Hardie, who is also on a full football scholarship, said that his feelings were the exact opposite.



Both players agree that by being student athletes, they serve as advertisements for Howard University. However, Hardie said that he did not feel pressured by his duties; his view was, "With responsibility comes manhood."

Jasmine Carper, a sophomore piccolo player, came to Howard on a full band scholarship from Georgia. Her freshman year at Howard started two weeks before classes began. A normal practice day begins at 4:30 a.m. and does not end until 9 p.m.

Every year, those in the marching band have to come to school two weeks prior to classes and are subject to an intensive practice schedule.

Marching band members must be involved in an additional band on campus, while maintaining a 2.0 minimum GPA. Once the school year is in, there are

practices Monday through Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; however, some practices can end as late as 11:00 p.m.

The marching band is known to be the highlight of a Saturday afternoon game. Despite the expectations from fans for the famous halftime performance, Carper says that she does not feel pressure. "It's a lot of hard work but it's also a lot of fun," she said.

Aside from the fulfillment of what they do, band members and football players do receive perks for having a scholarship.

Football players have a chance to register for classes before everyone else in order to schedule around practices.

They also have an advantage when it comes to attaining course books by using either the book bank or buying books using a limited amount that is set aside on

their book voucher.

The second, and most obvious benefit is receiving a full scholarship, wherein all of their financial needs are met. "When you're getting money, it helps people to remain committed," said Carper.

Everything in life comes at a price. Each individual who is a part of either band or football has chosen to be a part of that activity and thus, understands this.

It seems that their passion outweighs all the pressure that accompanies what they have to do, which is to give Howard students, faculty, and alumni a show to look forward to every Saturday afternoon.

*Stay tuned for Day 2 of the 'Football Scholarship vs. Marching Band Scholarship' which will conclude tomorrow with 'A Day in the Life of....'*

"When you're getting money, it helps people to remain committed."

- Jasmine Carper, '08

## Around the Sports World

According to league sources, the NFL has handed down a fine to Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Jeremiah Trotter and Atlanta Falcons cornerback Kevin Mathis. The fine, announced by Bob Glauber on ESPN's "Cold Pizza" could total up to \$10,000 each for their part in a pre-game brawl before Monday's Monday Night Football match between the Eagles and the Falcons.

NCAA president Miles Brand announced Tuesday that all basketball, football and hockey players transferring from schools stricken by Hurricane Katrina will have to sit out a year before participating in sports again. The announcement

amended a statement made by the NCAA saying they would lighten enforcement of rules for athletes of hurricane stricken universities.

Kansas City Chiefs running back Larry Johnson was arrested Monday night after an altercation with his girlfriend at a bar. The altercation reportedly occurred after Johnson was found in the bar with another woman. According to the Kansas City Star, Johnson's girlfriend denied to the police her involvement in the altercation.

Ohio State tight-end Ryan Hamby has received hate letters since dropping a touchdown pass during the Buckeyes' loss to Texas last week. The senior tight-end told reporters he had a sleepless night after dropping the pass. When asked about the content of the letters, Hamby declined to comment.

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb has been listed as questionable for Philadelphia's home opener against the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday; McNabb injured his chest in last week's game against the Atlanta Falcons. McNabb told reporters Wednesday that he will play Sunday. If he doesn't, he will be replaced by either Koy Detmer or third string quarterback, Mike McMahon, who are both competing for a second string spot.



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**Buckeyes tight end, Ryan Hamby, received hate letters after dropping a touchdown pass in the Buckeyes 25-22 loss to Texas last Saturday.**

Heisman Trophy hopeful Adrian Peterson was suspended from using select athletic privileges by Oklahoma University for missing classes this week. Sooners' coach Bob Stoops said he will decide later this week whether or not he will suspend the standout wide receiver for Saturday's match up against UCLA.

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## Men's Soccer Team Loses 2-0

BY ELLIOTT JONES  
Special to the Hilltop

In their first home game of the season, the Howard University men's soccer team fell to Stony Brook University, 2-0 on two goals from sophomore Michael Palacio. After four games, the Bison are still searching for their first goal of the season while the Seawolves (3-1-1) captured their third straight win.

Howard (0-3-0) was able to create more chances on offense than in their previous games. The first one came in the 19th minute from junior Devrae Tankard whose sailing shot just narrowly missed the crossbar. Howard moved the ball with more efficiency, but poor passing in the offensive third killed most of their attacks.

The Bison failed to capitalize on a golden opportunity in the 33rd minute when senior Idris Ughiovbe pounced on a costly turnover in the center of the Stony Brook defense and passed to senior Jonathan Smith, who was denied after his spin move around a defender was intercepted by the Seawolves' goalkeeper E.J. Xikis.

The score remained 0-0 at the half and was not broken open until the 63rd minute when Palacio scored the first of his two goals on the day.

Said Head Coach Keith Tucker, "That first goal knocked the wind out of us." Howard was unable to regain any momentum after the goal and was finally put away nine minutes later when Palacio and senior Chris Megaloudis worked a clever

give-and-go pass down the left wing, resulting in Palacio's second goal.

Despite the loss, the Bison got another strong performance from senior goalkeeper Jason Williams, who made a phenomenal save on a one-on-one breakaway in the first half. According to Coach Tucker, the area the team needs to focus on the most is their passing.

"We're still working on playing real soccer, and I think we accomplished that in the first half," said Tucker. "We're going to work on playing out of the back more, our play on the outside the (18-yard) box, and our passing in the top third."

Howard will try to get its first win of the year on the road at St. Francis (PA) on Sep. 17.



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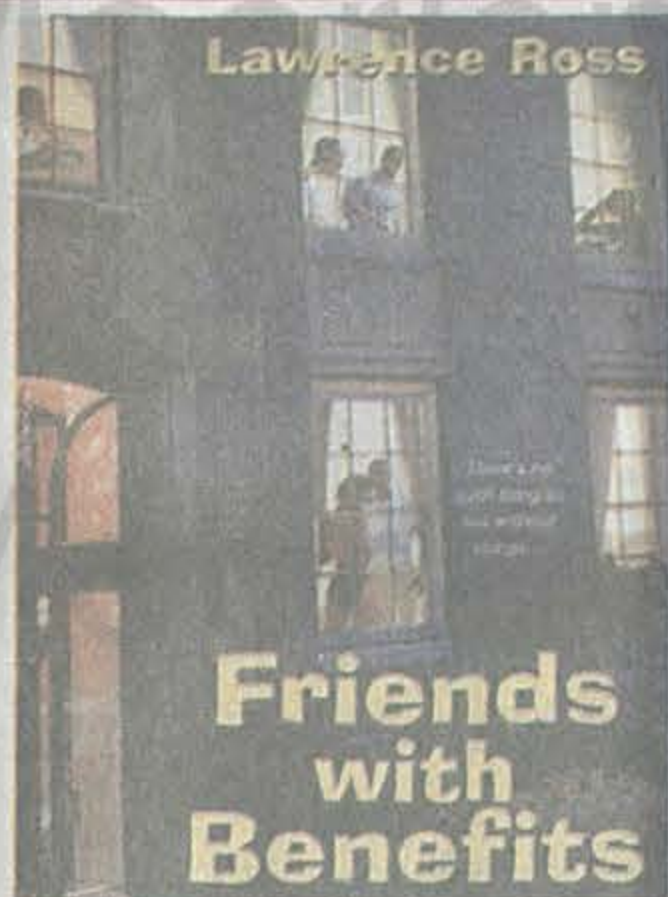
**Senior midfielder Bode Akingbohunbe hopes for a win in their next game this Saturday against St. Francis (PA).**



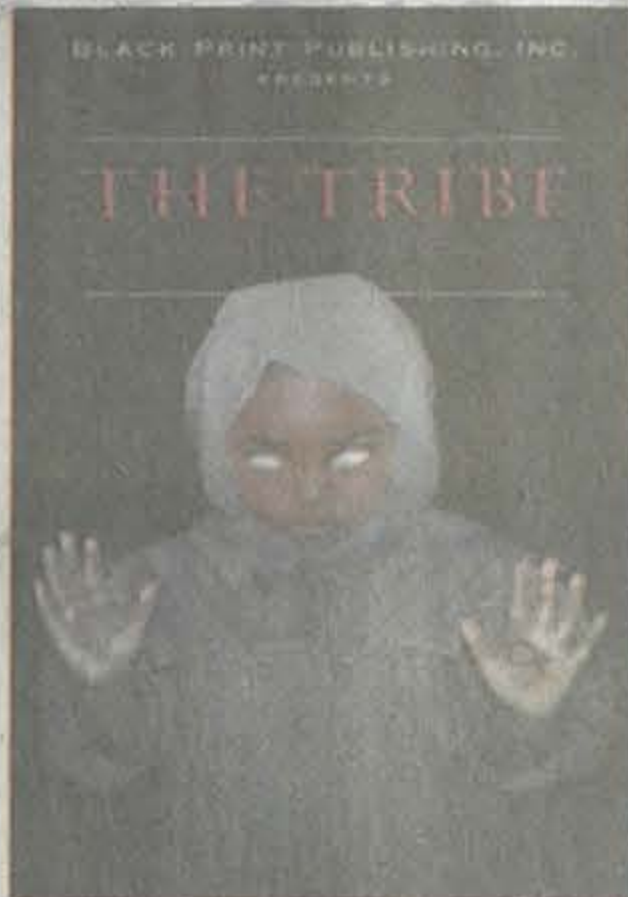


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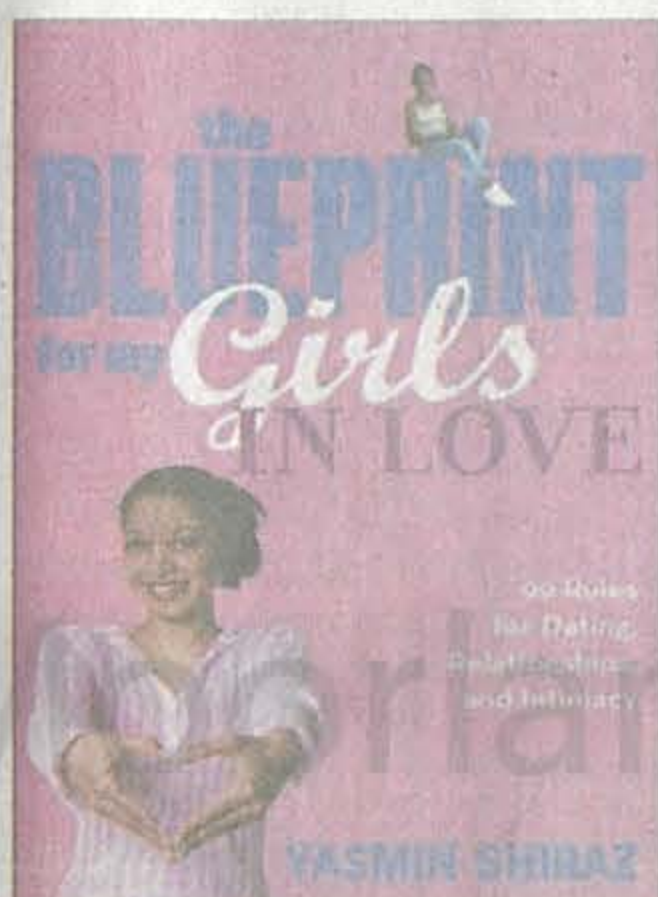
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