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Tavis Smiley Speaks About The Issues

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Senior Managing Editor

When Tavis Smiley talks, people listen. Pondering the meaning of the events through his radio show "The Tavis Smiley Show" on his late night talk show."The Tavis Smiley Show" on PBS, Smiley always treads on delicate ground and stirs up controversy.

Despite winning critical acclaim and the admiration of countless fans over the years, Smiley is still as effective and unaffected in carrying out his message. He out the successes in that large part to acts of kindness and his former "day job," "The Tavis Smiley Foundation," which he founded in 1990, Smiley has built a base to teach young people leadership skills. Smiley said his foundation has trained over 11,000 kids to date.

In an exclusive interview with The Hilltop, famed talk show host Tavis Smiley said he feels a responsibility to represent people 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 said. "I'm not only talking about the need to think about who we want out leaders to be. We also need leaders that will take leadership roles and play a role in the community."

"I just wanted to reach as many kids as possible and teach them to be leaders of importance and leadership about their communities," Smiley said.

On Running a Public Office
"We need to have a better way of running our government," Smiley said. "We need to have leaders that are who they say they are and that people can trust."

Getting a Show on Primetime TV
"I would love to do a show on primetime myself," Smiley said. "I would love to own a show because it will give me an opportunity to tell my story."

Hurricane Katrina
"My goal is to inspire entrepreneurship in all disciplines on campus," said Henry Edwards, Director of the EZI. "Entrepreneurship is not a path but a culture, it involves all walks of life."

"When you think about that program and the students that are involved, I think that it's important that we continue to push for new and innovative programs."

OBITUARIES

OTELLO: "It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Shipto Otello, a beloved faculty member. Dr. Otello made significant contributions to our community and will be deeply missed."

Jesse Edwards, Editor
Students have experienced delays in receiving packages after moving on campus earlier this year. The delay is caused by the transfer process, which delivers the mail first to the old dormitory, then re-directs it to the new dormitory, according to Dean Charles Gibbs.

Dorm Mail Transfer System Causes Delays in Receipt

JOYCE BOWER

As a student at Howard University, the delays to transfer boxes can be long and uncomfortable. For many students, the delays are a minor inconvenience, but for others, it can be a major hassle. According to Charles Gibbs, Residence Life, the delays to transfers are because of the process of changing the mail system. Whenever it comes to change of address, the mail must go to the student's old address and then to the new one.

"I'm not saying anything bad about former offices, but in the current system, it's not efficient," said Moore. "I'm just trying to make it easier for the ROTC students that come after me."
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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 are there to serve as a cau­tion to those leaving their belongings in their vehicles and to alert patrons of recent car break-ins and other violence in the surrounding parking lots.

"The signs from the fire department that appeared during the very first week of September," Police Chief Melvin High said. "Law enforcement, the media, everyone is up to make you live in fear."

High added that the police have initiated an attack that recently happened locally. "It's our job, whether being held or jumped in large Rayland 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. "People need to work on that," Medrano said. "It's not available to all, especially in the inner city."

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

"There is so much needed in the area," Goodwin said. "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." Ramsay said.

Metro to Create Rider Advisory Council

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 the system to can­vas the city with fly­ers, poll riders, and bookmarks in metro stations, barber shops, and local busines­ses. Metro has been under scrutiny from local citizens and organizations for several years, and the idea of a rider advisory council is expected to meet with some resistance.

The advisory council will consist of riders from the public transit system. The council will be responsible for creating and implementing rider friendly goals. The sponsors of the rider council initiative are expected to create a panel of riders through MetroAccess, the service provided for disabled riders, and the Metropolitan Council of Governments (MCOG). The panel will then choose members from a list of candidates that has been approved by Mer­tro's board of directors. Over the past year, Metro's management has met with community organizations, including the Sierra Club, which is expected to have the opportunity to apply through Metro's web­site.

Metro Chief Melvin High said the panels will consist of both riders and non-riders. The idea for a rider's advisory council was brought up by the Washington Chapter of the Sierra Club, which in recent months has been working for rider input into the public transit system. The idea for a rider advisory council is expected to meet with some resistance, but the city has been under scrutiny from local citizens and the District of Columbia. The idea for a rider advisory council was brought up by the Washington Chapter of the Sierra Club, which in recent months has been working for rider input into the public transit system. The idea for a rider advisory council is expected to meet with some resistance, but the city has been under scrutiny from local citizens and the District of Columbia. The idea for a rider advisory council was brought up by the Washington Chapter of the Sierra Club, which in recent months has been working for rider input into the public transit system. The idea for a rider advisory council is expected to meet with some resistance, but the city has been under scrutiny from local citizens and the District of Columbia. The idea for a rider advisory council was brought up by the Washington Chapter of the Sierra Club, which in recent months has been working for rider input into the public transit system. The idea for a rider advisory council is expected to meet with some resistance, but the city has been under scrutiny from local citizens and the District of Columbia.
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Tavis Smiley Interview

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Gulf Coast and put the predominantly black city of New Orleans under water. "It's our future," he said, "and not mine." Clearly, a national disaster has become a national disgrace and clearly, 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.

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 own production company. "The Tavis Smiley Group," which allows him to own and produce his radio and television shows, is the product 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," Smiley said. "He showed Madison Avenue and a monolithic entertainment industry how to think 60 years later."

Getting His Dream Job

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 successfully running for a seat on the board himself.

Smiley says he may never have his dream job of hosting a prime-time show five times a week for a major network. "Unfortunately, the kind of issues I want to discuss are not the kind that lend themselves to prime-time, and also if I were on prime-time 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 ideas out there unfiltered.

In addition to getting his unfiltered ideas out to listeners, ownership of his programs also allows Smiley the opportunity of not having to grapple with issues that many blacks working for white owned media companies have to face. For example, when a story comes in that plays to the stereotype 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.

"I always knew I needed to be an entrepreneur and start my own business. But they [major college and university] didn't know how I'd pull it all together financially. It's real advantage of the Navy's Entrepreneurship Training Completion Program," he said. "I got you up to $75,000 to over see your college and expenses. After a graduate, I was commissioned as a midshipman officer and now I get to spend the next five years preparing where I will be located in the sea and getting my fleet underway while the end."

Entrepreneurship

The Entrepreneurship Minor is just one area of focus for Howard's EED 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 $3.8 million grant awarded to Howard over a five year period by the Esbjorn Karlfsson 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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Tysons Food Plant Sued for ‘Whites Only’ Sign

Twelve black employees of a Tysons Food in Alexandria, Ala., filed a suit against the company because, according to the article, the company violates the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with a sign that restricts access to the company’s cafeteria on Saturdays. The suit was filed on behalf of those employees by William S. Quick, an attorney, who said he was representing all twelve employees.

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 get to our seats after we had purchased our season tickets and purchased some beverages. This article was the Office of the Business Department, the article was published in the Student Life section and the text was not addressed to all persons but only those who were attending the event, according to the editor.

The lawsuit claims that the company violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with a sign in the cafeteria that restricts access to the cafeteria on Saturdays.

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Students Sacrifice Z’s for A’s

BY NICOLE MARIE MELTON  
Contributing Writer

It is 2:17 a.m. and the cozy corner of Bryant Street and Georgia Avenue is alive with students poring over textbooks, surfing the Web, and washing clothes. While many students find a comfortable environment for studying, the hungover students leave the stores with a level of exhaustion that often leaves them mentally and physically drained.

While Williams, a senior political science major, was once a loyal student of the stores, she now finds the atmosphere less than desirable. "I used to love to shop here, but it's just not worth the hassle anymore. The prices are high, and the selection is limited. I much prefer shopping at my college's bookstore or online." Williams said.

"I still go to the stores occasionally," said Miller, a junior psychology major. "I find them convenient, especially when I need something quickly. But I try to limit my spending and stick to the basics." Miller said.

The stores themselves have noticed the shift in student spending habits. "We've seen a decrease in sales," said a manager at one of the stores. "But we're doing what we can to keep our customers happy. We're offering discounts and promotions to attract customers." The manager said.

As students continue to search for ways to save money, the stores on Georgia Avenue are adapting to the changing landscape. "We're trying to offer more value to our customers," said a spokesperson for one of the stores. "We're offering discounts, promotions, and loyalty programs to encourage repeat business." The spokesperson said.

Despite the changes, some students remain loyal to the stores on Georgia Avenue. "I prefer to shop here," said a student. "I know the staff and they always have what I need. It's a convenience I can't ignore." The student said.

As the stores continue to adapt to the changing student landscape, the future of shopping on Georgia Avenue remains uncertain. "We're doing our best to stay relevant," said a spokesperson for one of the stores. "But it's a tough market." The spokesperson said.
The Theories of Real Estate Marketing

By ROBYN FRANKS

Real Estate

Now that school is back in session, the days are occupied with class. When class is over, homework is followed very soon. Many students say that once class begins, there is something that accompanies that. It is usually friends or classmates who join and do something that involves band or athletics.

Sophomore kicker_Henry Lima

Above: Sophomore kicker Henry Lima kicks for Howard on a full scholarship. Left: Marching band members also benefit from scholarships.

"When you're getting money, it helps people to remain committed." (Senior Caption)

According to league sources, the NCAA has shot down a petition to have Arizona and Alabama Pakora corner back Karl Shum. The fans have approved of Bob Glass' suggestion that the NCAA have a Committee on Senator Jon Kyl, who is also a full football scholarship, said that the band over the entire season.

Men's Soccer Team Loses 2-0

By ELLIOTT JONES

Sports Editor

In their first home game of the season, the Howard Bison were outplayed by the Penn State Nittany Lions 5-0.

"Howard started two weeks ago, and this is a very important game for us," said Head Coach Keith Tucker. "We're outplaying the Penn State players, who are among the best in the country."

Howard scored two goals in the first half, both coming from midfielder Rob Hamby. The first goal was a penalty kick, and the second was a header from a set-piece.

According to Tucker, the Bison were outplayed in the second half, and they were unable to create many scoring opportunities.

Howard's defense was solid throughout the game, allowing only one goal in the second half. The Bison were also outshot 18-7 in the game.

The Bison are now 0-3-0 for the season, and they will look to bounce back against the University of Maryland on Friday, September 18.

-- Elliott Jones, Sports Editor
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