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Office of Student Services

Students Complain About C-Store Currency

BY NANDAIA JENKINS
Contributing Writer

More over street vendors and CVS, the new convenience store in the Blackburn Student Center is now open for business. The new store, temporarily called the Howard University C-store, was shown recently and students are excited because it is the only on-campus store that allows you to trade large bills.

The store has a steady flow of customers, checking out items that are located throughout the store. Although the store is small, it is clean and organized. The store is located in the basement of the Blackburn Student Center.

The store is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

C-Store

The new C-Store located in Blackburn currently accepts cash only and will not take airline checks or money orders.

BY MORGAN MOORE

Theme: "A Different World: The Last Episode, the Steve Fullington Show"

Communications presents the new show called the Steve Fullington Show, which is a new show on campus.

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Food Stamps Available to Students

By Omar Lado

The Department of Agriculture's Food Stamp Program (FSP) allows eligible students to purchase food by giving them food stamps to use at grocery stores. Although some students are financially secure or too poor, others may be taking full advantage of the government assistance available to eligible college students.

Not all students are aware they are eligible for food stamps, through the Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service. Some are shy about offering others the help they need.

Students should take all relevant materials, such as financial aid verification, proof of residency, and pay stubs to the DC Public Assistance Office. A supervisor is then assigned, and the student is evaluated.

Marnia DeCatta, Associate Director of Financial Aid, received food stamps during her college years at Morgan State. She believes the Food Stamp program is helpful to students. "Utilize all your possible resources," she said. She also urges the students to contact the DC Public Assistance Office directly for personal inquiries.

Keller Mehmood, junior special communication major, likes other students think there is a stigma behind food stamps programs, and therefore never pursue them. "You can read what you want to read," said Chishane Swopes, sophomore economics major. "But seeing how the whole community is, the book cover should not be so hiatus."

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Black Gay Paraphilia or 'When We Were Slaves', does not import to collections such as these fines... however, mostly concerned with the goals of making money and making read... Black gay men are... And what you are doing, I'm sure for some students than the inside of the book. "You can read what you want to read," said Chishane Swopes, sophomore economics major. "But seeing how the whole community is, the book cover should not be so hiatus."

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A Day in the Life of... a Collegiate Mother

By Morgan Neville-Prendergast

The Howard University student in the third row, second from the right in Professor Lonigan's intro to biochemistry class, is not the kind of student that any other student would ever doubt, decide she was not miseducated, or even think she was bad apple. However, she is different. She is a collegian mother.

While attending Audubon High School, she decided to take the nursing route. Knowledge decided to keep her grade point average high with the help of fellow classmates and her mother, Ruby Knowles.

Knowledge, who was fifteen when she entered the school, had just been discharged from the hospital after giving birth to her mother. The baby, Ta'Lea, was born on December 23, 2004 at Children's National Medical Center.

"I could almost believe she was the baby, but after all "man" had done I couldn't be safe," said Amanda's grandmother Denise Vasquez.

The deliciousness Knowledge and her ancestor must now be in the happy... They are still bonded at mother and daughter, but the world she has been taken away by her nine-month-old daughter.

"If I could do it all over again I would have definitely told my mother from the start, things would have been so much easier, for me and I would still have my best friend." Knowledge is the one that gave her these Homecoming tickets. She is also the one who took her to the hospital.

"Carrying her son is the easy part, getting her ready and then having to leave her all day is the worst feeling ever." Knowledge said.

Attending classes from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, then going to her full-time job as a waitress from 3:30 to 11:00, she can earn enough money to buy all of Ta'Lea's needs to her main priority.

"I have a better chance of being the best in my daughter, but I have never been more than my own mother," Knowledge said. "I am really happy that I have my best friend." Knowledge and her best friend, Amanda, are planning to go to Howard University together next year.

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The Deadline for the Special Grants Program offered to all victims of Hurricane Katrina has been extended until Friday. Those who have been directly affected should contact the Office of Financial Aid.

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Rich Getting Richer and Poor Getting Poorer

BY NAOMI BRILEY

The United States is becoming a place where a small percentage of the population holds most of the wealth and the rest of the people are left behind, losing their place in the American Dream.

Recent studies show that the wealth gap in the country and the world is greater than any other time in history. As a result, the middle class is shrinking, pushing many Americans into the lower-income group. The American Dream is becoming more and more difficult to achieve.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly 12 million working Americans, 25 percent of whom are children, are living in poverty. The poor are already in vulnerable positions and cannot draw care and real estate industries.

Causes of this uneven wealth distribution are many, and a number of prominent economists believe that the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) has been responsible for much of this inequality.

The Bush administration, which once lead, now follows, in the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act. The Act was intended to improve the quality of education, particularly in schools serving low-income students. However, critics argue that the Act has failed to achieve its goals and has instead contributed to the increasing wealth gap.

No Child Left Behind: Innovative Solutions of Good Intentions Gone Awry?

BY VICTORIA KIRBY

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) has been roundly criticized for its failure to address the needs of students who are living in poverty. The Act has been praised for its focus on improving education, but it has also been criticized for its emphasis on testing and standardized assessments.

The Act has had a number of unintended consequences, including increased standardized testing, which has led to increased stress for students and teachers alike. Additionally, the Act has led to increased funding for schools that are considered high-performing, which has resulted in decreased funding for schools that serve low-income students.

The Act has also been criticized for its failure to address the social and economic factors that contribute to poverty, such as housing, healthcare, and access to nutritious food.

Some schoolteachers complained that the No Child Left Behind Act has inadequate funding for poor students. "It doesn't do anything to save children," said one.

According to a recent report by the National Center for Education Statistics, only 12 percent of schools serving high-poverty students are meeting the standards set by the No Child Left Behind Act. The report also found that only 5 percent of students in these schools are performing at the proficient level.

In summary, the No Child Left Behind Act has failed to achieve its goals and has instead contributed to the increasing wealth gap. The Act must be reformed to address the social and economic factors that contribute to poverty.

A Spotlight on Haiti

BY RUSHRONO JAMES

A former France colony, the Republic of Haiti is the oldest and the largest in the West Indies. Its total area of land in 10,714 square miles. The capital is Port-au-Prince.

The 12.7 percent national poverty rate in 2003 between applies U.S. Census Bureau data for 2004 was 40 percent for many Americans. According to the Bureau, poverty rates were lower in the United States than in any other country. The 2004, 37.5 million Americans were officially reported living in poverty, or 12 percent of the population. It is estimated that 13 percent of the population lives in poverty.

The Bureau also stated that poverty rates remained unchanged for African Americans (23.7 percent) and Hispanics (19.2 percent), rose for non-Hispanic whites (12 percent in 2004, up from 8.2 percent in 2003) and decreased for Asians (15 percent in 2004, down from 17 percent in 2003).

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Two of the nation’s largest airline carriers, Delta and Northwest, have recently faced financial protection under Chapter 11 bankruptcy, after many failed attempts to restructuring their businesses.

Chapter 11 under the U.S. bankruptcy code is used by troubled businesses. According to René Paul Choueke, professor of economics at Howard, “Chapter 11 gives them a breathe so that businesses don’t have to revert, compounding with creditors,” Palmer said. “Chapter 11 under a process of restructuring their debt by the time they come out of bankruptcy they are at a better position to make obligations.”

Palmer said that although businesses undergoing bankruptcy are not resolved from their obligations, they usually work in conjunction with creditors to negotiate debt, and if it is more manageable “The process usually lasts one to two years,” Palmer said.

Service businesses in financial trouble are faced to file bankruptcy by their creditors and other times they choose to file voluntarily. In the case of Delta and Northwest, both voluntarily entered bankruptcy.

The airlines are doing their very best to cut costs as much as they can, but they have not done it sufficiently to avoid bankruptcy,” Palmer said. “The two big problems right now are rising fuel costs, and huge pension liability.” Deltaairlines officials said they viewed bankruptcy not as a means to an end, but rather a means to conserve the company and its future endeavors.

“The actions we have taken is a necessary and immediate step to preserve Delta’s value for our creditors, customers, employees, business partners and other stakeholders as we address our financial challenges and work to secure our future,” said Delta CEO Gerald M. Page, in a press release.

Similarly, Northwest Airlines used their bankruptcy as a means to cope with the permanent changes that are necessary for the industry.

“The Chapter 11 process will allow us to realize three major goals essential to the transformation of Northwest: First, a competitive cost structure including both labor and non-labor costs; second, a more efficient business model which will allow us to continue to deliver superior service and provide refunds and exchanges. Northwest said that it will continue to book travel on Northwest with confidence.”

Sophomore marketing and management major, Aruna Thomas, has noticed many of the cutbacks that Delta Airlines has taken. “Usually they give out half and they don’t augur. They just give presents and they usually give you the whole case of soda and now they only pour it in a cup.”

When Brown Jeffer, said she will continue to use Delta for flights because “They are very good.” she said cutbacks such as these will turn many customers who are used to flying in luxury.

### How I’m Living: Kristen ‘K.Erin’ Forest’s Room

#### By TRISHA BAKER

The phrase “home sweet home” is often used by those returning from a long day of work or school. For junior TV-DVD major Kristen Forest, those words are often used in reference to her dorm room at LSU. Brown, Blaine Hall. Upon entering, a visitor will be greeted with sounds of neo-soul music that is always playing, the fresh scent of Febreze and a door that would make anyone smile.

Like most students, Forest has bolstered her space with the help of Target. “Target has a lot of cool things that match my personality,” said Forest. Spending a total amount of $15, Forest was able to decorate her room with rugs, decorative lighting, a small canister over her bed, novelty lamps, a clock, storage bins, a wastebasket, a bumper, pillows and a completely bed set.

“I didn’t find the items to be expensive. I bought my floor lamp for $5 and everything else just varies,” said Forest.

Forest is one of many students with a room full of colors including orange, purple, green and gold. Forest's explained the ambiance.

“My theme this year is vibrant and so I chose those colors. It’s kind of like therapy, it’s kind of like therapy, very much like me.” Forrest described herself to be an eclectic, fun type of girl and that’s what she tried to convey in her room.

“To add personality, there are pieces of much celebrity such as Tim Scott and Lynd, various pictures of family and friends and packets of important achievements in her life, such as her debut, a trip to Ghana, and her involvement in the archaetexts.

“Fortunate enough to receive the coveted "Big Room" in Slowe, Forest appreciates the space because it allows her friends to visit in comfort. “My friends are always in here, chilling, playing cards, playing video games and eating,” said Forest.

Jason Jeffrey said Forest has definitely taken advantage of the big room. “Since Kristen got the big room this year, she went all out to decorate it and it looks nice,” said Jeffrey, a junior clinical laboratory sciences/pre-med major.

Junior radio-TV-film major Jepthine White said she visits Forest’s room often because it is “ Welcoming, and has a warm feel. If I’m not in my room I am in her room.”

Friends of Forest are also permitted to use “Forest” when they enter her room.

"Food is my fun. I like to be cold, as I will have my air conditioner full blown and I need one that will cool me out;” said Forest. "My friends and family complain, but that’s my personal and I'm fine."

While living in dormitories, most students get out of what they get in. Forest, who is a native of New Orleans, is more than "on top of my game" saying that she turns many "If I feel that this is my new home, after living everywhere back to New Orleans like other students, I realize that this is all that I have. The opening and living off $60 is New Orleans for me and I have to make the best of it."
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Comic Relief or Insensitivity?

Late night comedians have been poking fun at the slow recovery of hurricane Katrina victims with President Bush being the butt of many of the jokes. They have been talking about his “feeling” versus “showing” and making comments about the political correctness of the term “refugees” which has stirred up a lot of controversy.

Most of us were not surprised hearing about new jokes and if anything people needed to take their stance on what is happening. Most of us were not offended because we didn’t think anyone was coming from a malicious place in terms of the victim. If people were laughing at the actual tragedy then that would be highly offensive.

Our View:

Most jokes after tragedies like Katrina are more aimed at Bush than the victims.

Show Me Howard-Hampton Love

DEAR HILLTOP,

First of all, thank you so much for the mention of this piece in the current issue. I know it was an ambitious task and I am happy to see it come to fruition.

Johnston’s editorial “Show Me Howard-Hampton Love” was a much needed perspective on our campus. As Howard students, we are always striving to become better, and this article was a great inspiration.

I hope that more students will take the time to read this piece and consider how they can show their love for Howard University.

Sincerely,

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Health Briefs

Beyond the Condom: Alternative Methods of Birth Control Prove Effective

BY CHARLAE WASHINGTON

Historically, millions of people have used condoms as a method of protection against unwanted pregnancy. Condoms have been the preferred method of birth control and disease prevention because they are easy to obtain, more effective and simpler to use than other options. While condoms are considered an effective and efficient method, various other effective options of birth control are available.

One form of birth control that more women are using is hormonal birth control. There are various forms of birth control, including the Ortho-Evra patch, Depo-Provera shot, and the Norplant. Hormonal methods of birth control administer the hormone progestin in various forms, which is used to prevent pregnancy. These methods are often considered to be more effective than condoms.

A study conducted by Ohio State University recently showed that progestin-only contraceptive methods are more effective at preventing pregnancy than condoms. The study found that women who used progestin-only contraceptives had a lower risk of pregnancy compared to those who used condoms.

However, women should still consider using other forms of birth control in addition to hormonal contraceptives. This is because hormonal methods are not 100% effective, and there is always a risk of failure. Women should talk to their healthcare provider about the best method of birth control for them and consider using both hormonal and non-hormonal methods to reduce the risk of pregnancy.

Air Pollution Increases Risk of Early Death

A study conducted by the University of California, Los Angeles, found that exposure to air pollution increases the risk of early death. The study, published in the journal Environmental Health Perspectives, found that people living in areas with higher levels of air pollution were more likely to die from cardiovascular disease, cancer, and respiratory diseases.

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Jets Receiver Reveals History of Abuse

By Drew Costley

Jets wide receiver Laveranues Coles revealed that he was physically abused as a child and that he has been troubled by the abuse for most of his life.

Coles, who played for the New York Jets from 1998 to 2004, said that he was sexually abused by his father, who is also a former professional football player.

Coles said that he was forced to have sex with his father multiple times a day, and that he was not allowed to tell anyone about the abuse.

Coles said that he was afraid to speak out about the abuse because he was afraid of his father's reaction.

Coles said that he has been struggling with the abuse for most of his life, and that it has affected his ability to play football.

Coles said that he has been trying to get help for his condition, and that he is now working with a professional psychologist.

Coles said that he is hoping to use his platform as a professional athlete to raise awareness about the issue of child abuse.

Coles said that he is also hoping to use his platform to speak out about other issues, such as domestic violence.

Coles said that he is hoping that his story will help other people who have been abused to speak out about their experiences.

Coles said that he is hoping that his story will help other people to get help for their own abuse.

Coles said that he is hoping that his story will help other people to understand that abuse can happen to anyone, and that it is never right.

Coles said that he is hoping that his story will help other people to understand that it is never too late to get help for their abuse.

Coles said that he is hoping that his story will help other people to understand that they are not alone, and that there is help available for them.
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Tuesday September 20th Preparing College Students for Success Forum location: TBA Time: 7:00 PM

Wednesday September 21st Art & Science Pageant location: Blackburn Ballroom Time: 7:00 PM

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