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Government Prepares For Rita

Hurricane Rita was upgraded to a Category 5 (the highest level) storm last night and had the gov­ernment acting before severe damage was done. In preparation, FEMA has sent truckloads of food, drinking water and other supplies.

Community Effort Needed to Aid D.C. Homeless

Many homeless D.C. residents say they are not ashamed of their lives, but one thing’s for sure. I don’t have to worry about owing the bank back or paying the middle-aged streetwalker had found himself having to fence on the property and buy­ing

"We're going to keep our old Capstone Card," said Jennifer Osborne, '06

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The CBC kicked off its 35th annual conference with a check presentation for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The CBCF, announced the creation of the fund, and its focus on tragedy, Lewis said that the CBC has not lost sight of its traditional objectives.

"We've been to help America's eyes on a focused agenda," said Lewis. "We've had to help you in friends and influence people."

The CBCF also received a $100 thousand dollar donation from United Health Care Group. The money was donated for CBC programs designed to educate the community about new prescription drug plans that should be implemented by January.

Also, one of this year's conference highlights will be the National Town Hall Meeting hosted by Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill) and Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y). The meeting will address many pressing issues facing the black community.

The Voting Rights Act also faces the list of "hot issues" on this year's conference agenda. The goal is to maintain fair and equitable voting rights for all minorities, and not necessarily just blacks.

"It is our challenge to make sure that everyone's vote is counted, whatever their skin color may be," said Lewis. "To kick off the spirit of renewal for this year's conference, members of the Congressional Black Caucus held a candlelight vigil on the steps of the U.S. Capitol Wednesday evening.

The members of the Congressional Black Caucus want to focus on how to move forward and change for the better, not divisive issues that hinder growth and progress.

"It's time to put America's priorities straight, and get them straight today," Lewis said.

The new purple line is expected to be complete by 2012, it will connect Prince George's and Montgomery counties.

The Coalition to Build the Urban Purple Line came up with six core benefits that would come out of the proposed commuter corridor: less pollution, better air quality, higher property values and a stronger community.

But many say that the construction would impose a heavy burden on students who don't live on campus and don't have cars or money to pay for gas. It would be very difficult to, get out, come to school, but to come to school on time," said Amanda Williams, a junior dance major.

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The purple line, projected to span from New Carrollton, MD, to Prince George's County, to the College Park stop where the University of Maryland is located, to Silver Spring, MD, and finally to Bethesda, MD.

Many complain about the months of necessary walk from the main campus to the Shady Grove Medical Center and the monstrosity route for Metro lines to get to a station only on the street.

"It's ridiculous that it takes a half-hour journey just to get there," said Adrianna Jordan, a freshman political science major.

"There should be a direct line."

Although many are not in their complaint, regular commuters who have to be at work every morning have a bigger burden to carry.

For some suburban residents, that is their day-to-day experience, which would make the purple line a feasible solution. This line would serve as a lifeline to commuters as does the green line to Howard students and faculty.

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"I got caught up in the drugs that the dealers were bringing into our neighborhood," Brown said, who now spends her time panhandling up and down Southern Avenue and around the Capitol Heights Metro stop. "The street is my home," she said, lighting a cigarette she was given by a Metro passenger. "I'd rather die on the streets than have to survive in those shelters.

Brown's previous experiences with shelters were not pleasant. After being kicked out of her mother's house for the final time, she went to a shelter in Southeast. Brown described that place as being filled with a bunch of drug addicts, thieves and criminals. "I had seen people get robbed and stabbed and after I left, I decided that I was never going to go back there," Brown said. It's an issue most homeless people feel hasn't been addressed enough. Just how helpful are shelters? One organization in the District that is working to change all of this is the National Coalition for the Homeless. Their primary goal is to work towards justice, economic justice, health care justice, and civil and voting rights for homeless people.

"I think they really understand the plight of homeless people and are trying to help those who in society are often forgotten," said Juanita Rogers, who was homeless herself just five years ago.

Having spent most of her homeless life in Prince George's County, Maryland, where she now lives in a private shelter run by former homeless people, the social workers spend their time circulating literature on homeless awareness in her community and urging citizens and politicians to take an active role in fixing this social problem.

"No matter where you live, you will always find someone who is helpless and in need," Rogers said. "And after Hurricane Katrina it should really hit home that you could end up without a home too, and you would want someone to be there for you."

Having lived the life, Rogers believes that it's going to take more than shelters to do the job. "This needs to be a community effort."

This is the second article in a series about the District's homeless. See Metro next week for part three.
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If not enough now then what, will it take to rewrite some of the hundreds of millions of endurance funds Howard holds into ensuring the safety of its campus.

This campus police aren’t paid enough to try. As your well-being worth. At least, I know individuals who have taken upon themselves to be armed. Yet, in a city whose gun laws are still as strict as the District is to ask, do you think you want to take it?

Many say. Many guarding my life is worth risking a life sentence if my city won’t do it, if my community won’t do it, if my university won’t do it. This sort of violence is what the police, leaders of yesterday fought against. These young women are no better than the KKK. These domesticated self-absorbed drugs of society are swirling the streets with perpetual ignorance. It guess it feels good to them. That’s right. Kill another black young person in college so your situation can improve. Well what if I don’t want to wait for "catalyst" to solve this problem.

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Howard University and other HBCUs thoroughly prepare students for the challenges of the society. Some students, however, feel that HBCUs do not provide enough diversity.

Carol Dudley, JHJ School of Career Development Coordinator

"The black race could be seen as being more diverse within itself than any other group. Students at a Black College or University may even feel more empowered than the next because they have the skill and knowledge of a professional along with the pride and accomplishment of an educated black American. They have overcome the odds and assumed a community leadership role. Students at HBCU's are stronger and higher expectation because they have acquired the dignity of Black communal spirit. Every college student has accepted the challenge of obtaining a higher education, but every Black college student, has accepted the challenge with many more to follow.

From chicken soup to castor oil, students have counted home remedies passed down for generations.

Students Share Home Remedies
BY CAROLYN PARISH

From drinking a glass of water for a long time cause you'll be thirsty, to using dial oil to remove stains, it seems as if everyone has found some kind of home remedy, no matter how crazy it may sound. You may have heard of some technological advances have created treatments for everything, most students had a hard time coming up with home remedies, with the exception of Robinson's cough syrup, for every ailment. However, doctors, some using modern techniques on home remedies, still has a place in holistic remedies -- some positive and others extreme.

For the common cold, get Vick's (VapoRub) and rub it on your chest and wrap up and go to bed, which people probably know also for the common cold. Black dough syrup can be taken. For diarrhea, you drink flour mixed in water to get your tummy back, and "Woe unto me, said Joseph, I am not so lucky" when I drank flour mixed in water to get my tummy back. There is the famous "The Show That Used to Star Urban Decay: Love, Inc." that features Boris Philips ("Frakas and Gullig", "Dawson's Creek") and Holly Robinson-Beets ("For Your Love").

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Lady Bison Soccer Team
Ready to Compete at Home

BY DESIREE SMITH
Contributing Writer

After losing six games in a row, the Lady Bison (4-6) soccer team has bounced back after their first win of the season against the University of Albany on Sunday. The Lady Bison are now ready to bring home more wins as they prepare for two upcoming home games this weekend.

"The team has really adopted the mindset of "playing hard for our seniors," explained junior midfield Michelle Nick. "Coming off our losses and the dejection that it was decided by the team to adopt the idea of one team, one goal, one choice."

Due to losing six games in a row, the Lady Bison do not show any signs of giving up. Their recent victory proved to be one that resembled an epic theme; loss and recovery. Although they were completely shut out in the beginning of the New York tournament by Siena, they were able to spring back into the game.

"The night before the Albany game we all had a team meeting where we all sat in the middle of the room and just talked about "when was going wrong," explained senior midfielder Michelle Williston. "Key points were identified and we realized that we control our own destiny. [Our] Team unity was established and it led to a victory."

With two home games coming up this weekend, the Lady Bison are excited to be playing in familiar territory. It was apparent that being on the road for four games in a row was difficult for the team.

"Pacing off against Guangzhou College (3-1-2), and later Mount St. Mary's (3-4-2), teams that have reasonably successful recordings, will not help the Lady Bison to see if they can pull off a second straight win."

"It is great to be playing back on our home field, and for the fans to be more familiar and the presence of both family and friends makes for a welcoming environment."

There is no doubt that the Lady Bison have had to endure many obstacles, but they are self-sufficient. Coming together sixty times to address their issues, and also partake in some self-examination, has seen to increase the strength within the team's inner circle.

"The most frustrating thing we had to deal with was coming together as a team," explains Meghan Nick. "As a team we decided that we needed to play for each other, and we expect more intensity from this." The Lady Bison are now playing more aggressively and showing more fight. They completely dominated the second half against Albany, cut shorting them 0-1. Their morale was high even brighter when senior midfielder Oluoma Ogbuawa made an outstanding goal from 30 yards out.

There is more motivation and optimism coming out of the Lady Bison soccer team. They have struggled much this season, but now the rain season is over and the sun is shining bright. Hopefully the Lady Bison can keep up this new attitude as they prepare to play Guangzhou University in a pre-season tournament. The Lady Bison finished second against Vermont on Sunday 1-0. Nick expressed it best when she said, "The desire not to lose pushed not only the players but also the coaches to work harder to achieve success in upcoming games. The desire to overcome adversity is my motivation."

WNBA Seeks More Viewers

BY CAPRI GRANT
Assistant Sports Editor

The Sacramento Monarchs decided to go for broke this season to capture their first WNBA championship Tuesday night. Despite a lack of coverage, the senior hosted two of the most evenly matched teams in the nation as they dispute in the Finals in the league's nine-year history. Each game was decided in 91 minutes, 2 goals (4-0), and included an overtime game that gives the Monarchs their first ever WNBA championship.

Ratings for the 2005 WNBA Finals were not available, but if they were similar to last year's ratings, much was left to be desired. In 2004, the Seattle Storm kept the fans in three games with a peak Nielsen rating of 1.2.

 Nielsen Television Index, developed by Nielsen Media Research, found that the percentage for each show based on the total viewers watching television at a given time.

A single national rating point represents 1%, or 1,099,000 households for the 2005 season.

The 2004 WNBA All-Star game had 1.04 million viewers. No. 1 in the top sports events from July 10-25 with a rating of 3.1.

The Storm's emphasis on the national sports scene and corporate sponsorships are still an issue for the league.

WNBA All-Star Swoopes told the Washington Post, "We're in our ninth season and we're very frustrated today from where we were five years ago.

"The league hasn't grown the way we've desired. We've given more and we're still out there working."

"Swoopes' remarks came after playing the Washington Mystics in front of a crowd at the 100th game of the season. This is how a crowd is average for a WNBA game. This is the second year that the Mystics were seen during a WNBA contest.

Average attendance at WNBA games has dropped below 4,000 in the last few years, compared to closely competitive NBA games during the league's first years.

Donna Orender, president of the WNBA, however, says the league is doing fine despite low attendance rates.

"If anything, the league is in a more momentous time than we've ever had," she told the Washington Post.

"Our attendance is flat, but the league is generating most of its income from sponsorships in each of our markets. We want to play with the games and we want to play with the games."}

Men's Soccer in Search of First Win of Season

BY JAMES MADISON
This afternoon at 2 p.m. at Greene Stadium.

Senior midfielder Michelle Williston believes that team has established unity which led them to victory. The Lady Bison have now home games this weekend on a hunt to continue their current scoring streak.

The Howard University men's soccer team, who is still searching for the season's first win at the University of Albany on Sunday, is looking to end their four-game losing streak as they prepare to face James Madison this afternoon at 2 p.m. at Greene Stadium.

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