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Students Question Short Break
Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks Shorter Than Other Universities'

By GENA MILES
December 13

The holidays are regulary expected and many students are making plans for them. However, Thanksgiving break being two days long, and winter break being only two days long, students are complaining that their holidays have been cut short.

"I think that it’s a shame that you can’t find transportation for the Thanksgiving break," said Ali Thornton said. "Also, the University really does not have a week as it is at other universities. It is true not all of the area universities have shorter winter breaks, for example, the University of D.C.’s classes resume on Jan. 3, 4. But some of the other schools in the area do have shorter winter breaks than Howard.

Georgetown University’s Christmas break lasts Dec. 7 through Jan. 14, while Pennsylvania University only has Dec. 14 through Jan. 15, and University of Maryland College Park has the longest break starting Dec. 21 and ending Jan. 25.

"The number and length of holidays may shorten or extend the academic year," Thornton said. "The University’s academic calendars have always been in conflict so that time is available for the University’s two summer sessions. The University’s calendar also has to include time for facilities preparation for the start of the instructional terms.

Some students from the Maryland, Virginia and D.C., which is to give them the winter break. I don’t care about the short breaks, it gives us an opportunity to get back to school," said Arnei Thomas, a sophomore, English major from D.C. "I wouldn’t want a month off. I would forget everything I learned over the semester. I just don’t think they should administer finals at the same time.

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Students Upset About Lack of Thanksgiving Visitations

By PATRICE FELKER
Campus Correspondent

On Wednesday, November 23, at midnight, visitation for all dormitory students began. However, many students, including southeast Georgia, have expressed their feelings about the decision to cut costs.

The decision to cut visitations by 90% is the result of the financial crisis affecting Clark Atlanta University. According to Dr. Charreuse Gibbs, dean of residence life, the university is facing the need to cut costs in order to meet accreditation standards. As a result, the university has decided to reduce the number of visitations to one per student per month.

"We are currently experiencing a significant financial crisis," said Dr. Gibbs. "We have to make tough decisions, and visitations are one of them." The university's financial struggles are the result of a number of factors, including a decrease in enrollment, increased costs, and a lack of state funding.

Students are also upset about the change. Many students said they were unable to find an opportunity to visit their friends during the holiday. "It's just not fair to keep us isolated," said one student.

"The university's decision to cut visitations is a hard pill to swallow," said another student. "I don't want to lose my connection with my family and friends, but I understand the financial constraints." The university's decision to cut visitations has also raised concerns about students' mental health. "It's just not fair to keep us isolated," said a student.

The university is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its students. Dr. Gibbs said that the university is working to provide alternative ways for students to connect with their families, including virtual visits and phone calls.

"We understand the importance of having family and friends in our lives," said Dr. Gibbs. "We're doing everything we can to make sure our students feel supported during this difficult time." The university is also taking steps to provide additional resources for students, including counseling services and online support groups.

In conclusion, the university's decision to cut visitations is a difficult one, but it is necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of its students. The university is committed to working with students to help them feel connected to their families and friends during this challenging time.
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Free Time in Fairfax: Shopping, History On the Orange Line

BY SONDRA SPAULDING

Fairfax County, Virginia is known as much for its proximity to Washington, D.C. as for its surprising mix of culture, history and outdoor recreation. It is home to George Washington's Mount Vernon, the Wolf Trap Festival and one of America's most historic towns, Alexandria. Howard students however, have no idea of what it has to offer. It's easy to stroll Washington, D.C., but there are a lot of events going on all over the area. Many of those events are free and for Howard students, it is quite unlikely that you will find a Howard student amongst the crowd.

According to students who have attended, there are a lot of events going on all over the area that are free and for Howard students, it is quite unlikely that you will find a Howard student amongst the crowd.

Howard students can engage themselves in these historical events. If one wants to know what it has to offer, one must know its history took place in Howard University.

Howard University's history and culture is important to many as a place of lifelong learning. Howard students have worked to a higher level of understanding that is a result of Howard's history and culture.

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THE HILLTOP
Alas, Students Travel Home for Holidays

To the seniors for travel, as students are preparing to go home for Thanksgiving and then turn right around for the Christmas break. Our Christmas break is cut a bit short this way so we know many people will literally be rushing home as fast as they can.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE FROM THE HILTOP!

WE ARE GOING HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS, BUT WE WILL BE BACK WITH A BRAND NEW ISSUE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29.

UNTIL THEN...
Freshman-Transition Profile: Cornerback Jeremy Smith

BY JUMANA ARAL-MALIK

It has never been truer that a book cannot be judged by its cover. Stuith chooses to focus on the field.

On the first day of sixth grade, Jeremy Smith was selected as a freshman football player and attend medical school later in life. Stuith chose to focus on the field, and his former coach, Frank Allen, who was also a basketball player, encouraged him to pursue a football career. Stuith hopes to direct the Bison to a winning season this year.

"Basically we just need to work hard and play as hard as we can and be the best team we can be this year." - Louis Ford, Jr.

STUDENTS SHARE FOOTBALL THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS

BY DREW COSTLEY

Last year, Michael Coyle, sophomore architecture major, could not wait to go to hour. He had just moved from Maryland to the Great Lakes region.

"My family always gets together to watch the NFL games played each year between the Lions and the Bears. It's a good tradition for our family." Coyle said. Coyle and his family are old school football fans.

"It's been great," Smith said. He was excited about the upcoming season and the opportunity to wear his number 4 jersey.

"I like the idea of being a professional athlete," Smith said. "I'm looking forward to the challenges and the opportunities that come with it."
In Thanksgiving dollars. "For me, it’s a beautiful thing to be able to be a part of students’ lives on the holidays. This is actually the best gift I can give myself."

Some students agree that this is a good idea even if whether they plan to stay home every year. "I’m going to miss my mother’s good home cooking," said Andrea Williams, sophomore, political science major. "I can’t wait until November and that’s when Thanksgiving is." And for me, that’s Christmas. My family and I will probably go to the dinner at the Annex since we can’t really cook dinner in the microwave. We will probably try to make a couple plates to go.

I plan on going to the Annex and having a meal at 2 p.m. which is sponsored by the ’Impulse,’ Movement and Chapel.

Story: Choosing to remain home during the Thanksgiving holiday is one of the most difficult decisions students have to make the year round for many Howard University students, going home for Thanksgiving is the simple question. Some students have returned home for Thanksgiving during the past two years. Jesse for the Thanksgiving dinner at the Annex on November of December. Many students simply cannot afford to make the trip home for the holidays. While both options are closed on Thanksgiving, Mohammed Abdelilah, the director of operations for Students at Howard, John Parker, the general manager, and Prof. Dr. Zilara, a Howard student, offer a few alternatives.

"We will be offering a free Thanksgiving dinner in the Bethel Annex Lounge from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Parker and myself will be providing most of the food and some food has been donated from places such as Safeway,” Abdelilah said.

This is actually the first year we will offer this type of thing although we have assisted some students in Thanksgiving in the past. I was thrilled to be able to assist them when she approached me with this great idea.

I am mindful of my father’s past Thanksgiving dinners and kids and all that adult stuff that’s going on. Like I say to people every year, it’s just a day to relax and enjoy events going on in the city. If you can find a friend to go home with, take advantage of all the free things D.C. has to offer."

"I’m going to a friend’s house whose mother lives in N.C.,” said sophomore international business major Donna Omneskin, who has not been home for the holiday since here arrival at Howard. She admitted that she will miss certain aspects of going home for Thanksgiving, including some of the typical trimmings of the celebration.

"I’ll be missing my parents, siblings and friends. In addition, I will miss participating in the family Thanksgiving dinner together as part of a tradition that we are thankful for."

There are certain sea conditions in the Omneskin family dinner that she is disappointed at having to miss out on.

"Well, being that my family is Nigerian, I will probably miss my mother’s famous Jollof Rice, which is something that I know I won’t get a chance to experience this year,” she said.

And for those students who are just not feeling the holiday spirit, Abdelilah and Parker suggest that students at least get out and enjoy events going on in the city.

"If you go out to get a hot deal on BlackFriday Parker said be would be more than happy to show you the deals that any student who may be home for the holidays may handle.

This was a young college student and I had nothing to do over the holiday break, you could definitely find me hanging out in the corridors of some art galle