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**Alternative Spring Break Plans**

Students skip sandy beaches to help out in New Orleans

**By Farren Hinton**

Senior Camille Webster, like many of her peers, has searched incessantly for a reasonably priced trip to an exotic Spring Break location. What she does not know is that there is an Alternative Spring Break, sponsored by Student Activities, that allows for fun, friends and a potential to make a difference.

While church may be the last thing on the minds of some students during the Spring Break season, the focus of this trip is to provide aid to those in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Students play to use their spring break time to go and help rebuild New Orleans.

"The trip is not free to the students," she said. "That's why we are looking for sponsors, so that we can reach the most students as possible. The amount of students is somewhat dependant upon the amount of sponsorship, and the certainty of resources we have."

Though resources are not always provided, in the past, those involved have stayed in dormitories, lodges and even cots.

"Wherever we set up, we make sure that it is safe enough under University conditions," Logan said.

While in New Orleans, the students will be working mainly with Habitat for Humanity, helping to rebuild homes. They will also be working with the Zaniez program. In previous years, the program has visited Southwego, Georgia to work with Habitat for Humanity, while in Georgia, the students also learned about the Ghanaian people, who are known for the rich preservation of their African cultural history.

This year, Alternative Spring Break led HU students to Cherokee, North Carolina, where they were immersed in Native American culture. They also have visited former slave plantations.

Alkins said visiting a local church is one of the most well-rounded activities. "This trip provides a chance for them to live in these conditions," she said.

Camille Webster, however, said that she is only interested in helping to make a change, and not just to go on a trip. "The church is way more important than the trip," she said.

Students are available in the chapel from Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to turn in applications, which are due on March 15. The students are looking for as many sponsors as possible, and are only限于在一家春游。

**Battle of the HU Alumni: Cropp Speaks**

Alumnae hopes to defeat Adrian Fenty in District mayoral race

**By Kevin Harris**

Though many students remain unsure about District elections, new and interesting races appear as the political climate shifts between the two members of the city council, one of whom were students at Howard University.

Councilwoman Linda Cropp, a Bachelor's degree in sociology and a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from Howard University and council member Adrian Fenty, who has a law degree from Howard University, have been among the most pivotal candidates in the city this year. Both are for the most part popular, and are likely to replace mayor Anthony Williams.

Though polls show Cropp leading Fenty in potential vote and campaign cash, she has faced challenges in interviews and polls appearances to cast herself as the most "experienced" candidate, a word which Cropp has deemed "boring.

Williams, on the other hand, has come from the2001 vice in which he ran against Fenty, who has only been in office since 2005, as opposed to ten years for Cropp.

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The Talented Tenth will be holding “Bowling for Blankets: Part III” tonight in Blackburn in an attempt to raise more funds and blankets for the homeless after a disappointing Part I in fall semester. Members (above) will distribute blankets to the homeless throughout the winter.

Residence Life Student Staff Interact at Training

By Christina M. Wright

Residence Life aimed to bring the student staff of all dormitories together to share their different hall experiences and present solutions to common problems during this year’s fall staff training.

“The biggest facet of the training was that we had a cross-institutional program,” said Charles Gibbs, dean of Residence Life. “We have their own understandings from different perspectives, and they were bringing that to the table.”

“Although the integration of training and interactivity was fast and in Blackburn,” said Marietta Sloan, Community Director of the Talmen Quadrangle, it was not at all satisfied with the communities through various public services and general events.

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If you’re interested in joining the Talented Tenth, there are several ways to get involved: Contact us at: campus_thehilltop@yahoo.com.

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A rally held on Wednesday protested the Zerawi regime in Ethiopia. Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ) spoke at the rally, saying that he hoped democracy would be the new ideal for Ethiopia. A supporter of the rally holds a sign that reads 'Freedom for Ethiopia' at the US Capitol Wednesday. Protest rally participants shout in support to cheers for democracy in Ethiopia.
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National Wear Red Day, February 3, 2006  

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Department of Residence Life  
IMPORTANT RSVP ANNOUNCEMENT  

Housing Information for 2006-2007  

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You can pay your RSVP Deposit ONLINE!  

Students seeking housing for the 2006-2007 academic year are required to participate in RSVP. Students who are validated for Spring 2006 will be able to make their payment through BISONWEB until February 3, 2006.

Visit www.howard.edu/residencelife to download the RSVP Informational Packet.

NOTE: Your $200 deposit does not guarantee you housing. Students who are currently receiving the Presidential, Laureate, Capstone, Founders, Upward Bound and Hartford Scholarships do not have to submit a RSVP deposit.
Samuel Alito Joins the High Court

Lastly, there has been a lot of discussion about President Bush and his pick for the new Supreme Court Justice. Citizents have become fed up with the rulings of the justices in the past, and are searching for a direc-ted, honest candidate to take over. An enraged populous fed up with Alito's confirmation. Most of us feel that it is time for a change.

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Zenobia Morrow: An Artistic Entrepreneur

BY YASMINE PARRISH

There are two sides to every artist. Zenobia Morrow, a Gemini and Zenobia Morrow, a businesswoman and a businesswoman and a graphic designer, has found her niche in each. Though she always created art for her friends, she realized that "you could get paid for this," after taking the course "Entrepreneurship in Creative Industries" at McDaniel. Morrow felt compelled to turn her business into a reality for herself.

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"It is, at many of the last couple of jobs, it's unbelievable for the kind of work you're doing," Tony Morrow, who recently launched her website, artbyzenobla.com. "I've got to live," Morrow said. "I've been long time but you have to let go of your works," Morrow said. "I've got a long time but you have to let go and find them a good home." In taking on special projects, this up-and-coming business woman has had to master the art of seeing "no." It's easy to commit yourself to more than you can actually do," she said.

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D.C. Mayoral Candidate Cropp Speaks

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supports building the stadium. Cropp said she wanted to keep the price low so that businesses will not be overtaxed.

Cropp said opposition to the stadium is rooted in the fact that most residents have not thoroughly looked into how the ballpark will be paid for. Unfortunately, many folks have not looked at how the stadium is being financed or how the deal is structured because if they did they would clearly see that none of their taxes are going toward the stadium,” she said.

Cropp added that having a stadium in the District will bring in additional revenue that could be used for schools and other social services. “Right now, when we have a baseball game being played at RFK stadium, we see an increase in revenue from people who eat in the restaurants and drink at the bars,” Cropp said, adding that “we get money from the stadium; we don’t lose money from the stadium.”

However, published reports saying that Cropp has received thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from businessmen with a financial interest in the building of a new stadium may cause some residents to question her assertions that having a stadium will help the District.

New Hospital with HU

Cropp said she also supports the District dolling out more cash to pay for a new hospital that will be jointly built with Howard University. The city and Howard will split the cost of construction. University President H. Patrick Swygert and Williams signed the deal last month. Cropp said although she supports the building of the new hospital, there are issues that must be worked out between the city and university.

“I am not sure that the costs have been adequately explained. The average cost of hospital beds to build is about one million dollars per bed,” Cropp said. ‘The cost with the agreement with Howard is higher than that in part because Howard is a teaching hospital but I still need to see more justification for why the cost is higher.” Despite the concerns, Cropp said the hospital is needed because residents on the eastern side of the city must travel too far to get treatment.

“Even my Grandma Reads The Hilltop…”

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Contributing Writer
BY MAT THEW COOPER

The Bison (2-16) hope to end their ten game losing streak on Saturday, following a 79-75 loss to the Morgan State Bears this past Monday. Losing 54-41 at the 13:32 mark of the second half, the Bison have struggled with sustaining leads throughout the game.

"Our biggest struggle is trying to put 40 minutes of basketball together," said legendary head coach Daryl Holland. "It's frustrating losing games by only a few points." Junior forward Jason Trotter, who put up 27 points and seven rebounds against the Bears, doesn't believe it's dropping off on the length of games. "You get frustrated, but you have stay positive and focus on the next game," Trotter said.

The Bison show a chance to rebound from their Black College Track Classic loss when they host their 69-49 victory against Morgan State last week. "The spirit of this team brought us to victory last week," said head coach Jeff Granger. "Our biggest struggle is trying to close out the half, and the Bison have struggled with sustaining leads throughout the game.

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"I would still plan to bring their "A" game to the meet because there will be several tough teams at the meet. Some of these schools include Jackson State, South Carolina State, Norfolk State and Lincoln University. However, Merritt does not want the team to worry about the competition. "I focus on what we have. I tell the kids to do not worry about the competition."

The Bison track team look to take a wave of success into this weekend's Black College Classic.

Despite losing four road games, the Bison basketball team is coming with a resilient attitude and a hope to change their record.

Track & Field to Compete in Landover

BY MATTHEW COOPER

The Bison track squad will be taking a break from their recent weekend's Black College Track Classic at the Prince George's sports complex in Landover, Md.

"The track is coming off a tough meet at the highly competitive Penn State open, where the women's side suffered an array of injuries. "The Bison, however, are confident that they will be at an even higher level this week.

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