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Television camera filmed at yesterday's scene of an apparent suicide. An unidentified female police officer was found dead in a lavatory at the District's United Emergency Call Center located near the Tubman Quadrangle and the reservoir.

Recording The Story

BATTLE OF THE HU ALUMNI: FENTY SPEAKS

BY KEVIN HARRIS

Though he may be a remote candidate in the race to replace D.C. Mayor Williams at year's end, council member Adrian Fenty (D-W ard 4) may have seniority where it counts most.

Of all the candidates, none is more outspoken in the run-up to the November election. Being the early bird may be working off for Fenty's campaign, as early polling shows he is leading out in a number of races in which polling also shows that Fenty is taking hold with many District residents. He is ahead of his biggest rival, Howard University alum, Columbia political science professor Tony Williams. Fenty is ahead in both campaign cash and political clout. Though ahead, Fenty said in an interview with The Hilltop that he will continue his campaign for mayor to be quite competitive. "I take nothing for granted," he said in an interview with his campaign headquarters. "The early polls that matter are the ones from September 1st, the day District voters go to the polls.

Many agree that Fenty's main concern is winning the race. In mid-August, the idea of a straight race to replace Mayor Williams seemed like a distant dream. But Cropp is the only candidate who has been forecasting a Front Runner's race since July. The only candidate who could beat him was Fenty.

"When the District voters go to the polls on November 1st, they are going to have a real choice," said Cropp in an interview from his campaign headquarters. "The District voters have a real choice, they have a choice between Anthony Williams and Adrian Fenty.

"A choice between a candidate who has spent his career in local politics and a candidate who has spent his career in Washington's Mayor's office," Cropp said.

"A choice between a candidate who is going to broaden its reach beyond the middle to lower income residents and a candidate who is going to have the opportunity to have the support of the city during the Williams years," Cropp said.

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Collaborations and Special Courses Often Overlooked

Asst. Campus Editor
BY SHANAE HARRIS

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ing communications, Law, Humanities, and a waiting list of those who want to take.

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have recently been offering special courses with titles including The Law and Business of Sports, Entrepreneurship for Non-Business Majors, and Principles and Practice of Divinity, offer Survey of the Old Testament and Survey of the New Testament. The courses have grown in popularity since the program first began last semester.

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According to the University website, The Business Program curriculum provides special courses through which students satisfy general education requirements and receive interna­tional learning and research opportunity in the major.

Gary Riddle, sophomore member of the Arts and Sciences Honors pro­gram and who the courses offered are slightly different than regular course.

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Church Pushes for Thurgood Marshall Sainthood

BY DANYELLE HADAWAY

There might be a move to break out the good silver and china on May 7, 2006, to cele­brate Saint Thurgood Marshall Feast Day.

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In addition to the news, Marshall won six other Supreme Court cases concerning the desegregation of public parks, swimming pools, local school systems and athletic fields.

Despite frequent efforts to break out the good silver and china. "None of us want to do it," said Grace Maloney, president of the Episcopal Church USA, the wide Anglican Communion. "But we have to remember the reason we are celebrating Marshall's Feast Day.

The Stained-Glass Window Dedicated in Thornton

Rev. Martha Caley (from left), retired Rev. Bruce Eberhardt, convention delegate Julian Traite and Janet Eberhardt of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Columbus, Ohio, were met. "It meant a great deal to him.

"It was a great day for our church."Eberhardt said. "He never went to look at it. He felt it just wasn't worthy of it."

"In church we think of the light of God," Rice said. "In Thurgood Marshall's case, it's the light of truth and justice." Rice also said Marshall's name will be known to the people are wide.

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BY NAOMI BRIELEY

In his State of the Union address on Tuesday, President Bush declared a strengthened fight against illegal drugs, a declaration that some black wire drug users of young black men.

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Traditionally, the State of the Union address serves not only as a forum for the President to present an agenda, but also as a showcase for American ideals, unity, and leadership. Unfortunately, the viewers of this year's address were treated to a disjointed, partisan, and a flurry of false ideas and empty shots.

President Bush has addressed the nation a real opportunity to take the ever-worsening rift between this nation, but Bush failed to address himself to the greatest struggle of our time: the war on terrorism.

Bush thus called for a continuation of his incompetent management of the war, and in a speech for the underprivileged edge of logic, stated that if his Bush's

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Howard Seeking Best Actor Award for 78th Oscars Award

BY STEVEN REDHEAD

Once again it’s that time of the year when actors, actresses, terrorists and roundabout aliens put on the greenroom for their greatest achievements of the past month the Academy Awards. As of January 30 the nominees for the 78th annual award show have been announced, and one of the most notable names is certainly the late Tommy L. Granville.

The film, which encompasses various subgenres including action and production politics, has garnered almost $500 million worldwide in the box office.

To further add, one of this year’s leading actors has a nomination for his own, with Jamie Foxx also nominated for best leading performance in the Paramount (Classic/MTV films project

"Crash," which also features Ludacris, respectively.

Last year, African American actors & actresses were given recognition for their talent and craft. However, many actors of color received a very small amount of Oscars for their roles.

Howard, a 20-year-old rapper who created the "Walk the Line" music video, was awarded this year’s Best Original Song Award for his work on the soundtrack to the Academy Award-winning film "A Beautiful Mind." However, many believe that the Academy Awards have become too focused on big-budget motion pictures and not enough on independent films. This year’s nominees for the best original song category include Jamie Foxx, with his soulful, R&B-tinged performance in "Ray." Foxx

Terrance Howard, who was in the best movie non-comedy award, was nominated for an Oscar and a BAFTA for his work in "Ray." Howard

It’s a Boy and a Girl! Angela Bassett Has Twins

New Orleans’ Jazz Fest Still Taking Place

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Coach Michael Merritt Brings Winning Tradition to Howard

BY MATTHEW COOPER

Coach Merritt led his track and cross country team to their third MEAC Championship in four years last November.

Merritt started a track and cross country program at Cupples State before entering the Air Force. He was the head coach of Mount Saint Mary's for 13 years. There he led them to an conference championships, trained six individual champions, 12 NCAA qualifiers, and a few Olympians. He was awarded 16 MEAC Coach of the year honors.

After his legendary career, Merritt was called back to Howard and led the track team to the MEAC championships three of the last four years.

Merritt was named Female Boxer of the Year at the World Boxing Council's Night of Champions on Monday. According to the Associated Press, the 23-0 boxer said that she would discourage her kids from boxing although she loves the sport in which she followed in her father's footsteps.

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Owens to Denver?

Sources have confirmed that Denver Broncos Coach Mike Shanahan met with exiled Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens. Owens is still under contract with the Eagles, but many believe that the team will release him before March when they would have to pay bonuses totaling $7.5 million.

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