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FRIDAY notebook

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SUNNY/WIND
 HIGH 41, LOW 27

SAT, 3/4:
SUNNY
 HIGH 44, LOW 30

SUN, 3/5:
SUNNY
 HIGH 48, LOW 32

BREAKING NEWS

NURSE GETS LIFE

ACCORDING TO CNN.COM, A NURSE WHO ADMITTED TO KILLING AS MANY AS 40 PATIENTS WAS SENTENCED TO 11 LIFE-SENTENCE TERMS IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

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BUSH WARNED OF KATRINA

TURN TO NATION & WORLD TO SEE HOW MUCH THE PRESIDENT KNEW BEFORE HURRICANE KATRINA. **PAGE 4**



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Students to Hear from Entertainment Mogul

Suzanne de Passe will speak today at Charter Day Convocation

BY MORGAN NEVILLES-MOORE
 Hilltop Staff Writer

Charter Day speaker Suzanne de Passe, CEO of de Passe Entertainment is a two-time Emmy winner who is a true-life example of how drive can take a person where he or she wants to go.

"Her background shows ambition and perseverance, something that a lot of young women and men today entering the entertainment business today don't have," said Lorenzo Thomas, a sophomore KTVF major.

De Passe dropped out of Manhattan Community College in 1967, but her

background and career moves rival some of the most well-known college graduates.

De Passe started her career as the creative assistant to Motown legend Berry Gordy. At Motown de Passe was involved with almost every detail of the company, she was influential in the shaping of The Jackson Five, launching the career of Rick James, and contributing to the Oscar-nominated screenplay, "Lady Sings the Blues" in 1972 which starred Diana Ross as Billie Holiday.

Only a decade later de Passe was promoted to President of Motown Productions where she reveled in the success of many ventures including Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever, the Motown Revue and Motown returns to the Apollo.

She is the face behind many series and mini-series we see today, de Passe oversaw many diverse shows such as "Rollergames," "Happy Endings," the western "Lonesome Dove" and "Small Sacrifices." Those most notable to our generation include, "The Jacksons: An American Dream," "Sister Sister," and "Smart Guy," where she served as executive producer.

"She has really made

such a huge impact on the field of entertainment and as a young woman trying to do the same I really have a lot to learn from her," said Lindsey Morris, a junior broadcast journalism major.

De Passe is the subject of two Harvard Business School case studies and has lectured at the institution on several occasions; however, in 2002 de Passe was named Time Warner Visiting Professor of the Department of Radio, Television and Film at her own John J. Johnson School of Communications.

Additionally, de Passe also served as executive producer for the annual NAACP Image Awards from 2001 to 2003, also in 2002 and 2003 she served again as executive producer to Essence Magazine's Essence Awards.

"I think she is an amazing woman to have accomplished so much during the time period that she did," said Andrea Norton, a sophomore english major.

She has received numerous honors for her accomplishments, including the American Women in Radio and Television Silver Satellite Award (1999), Women in Film Crystal Award (1958), and she was inducted into the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame in 1990.



Photo Courtesy of HowardUniversity.com
 Entrepreneur and media mogul Suzanne De Passe will speak at Convocation today.

It's ON!



Jennifer Owens and Stephen Nichols won HUSA President and Vice-President positions with their slate, 'ON,' according to the unofficial elections results. According to General Elections Commission Chair Michael Lawson, 3,330 students participated in General Elections yesterday. Owens and Nichols received 68.2 percent or 1,942 votes. Owens will be the first female HUSA president since 2001.

William Roberts and Shar-Day Smith were elected President and Vice-President of the College of Arts & Sciences with 56.6 percent of the vote; Anthony Woodburne and Andrea Hill were elected Executive President and Vice-President of the School of Communications Student Council; Adrienne Smith and LaKeisha Stockton were elected Executive President and Vice-President of the School of Education; Abisola Oladapo was elected President of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Science.

Jabddai Dawes and Tamela Patterson were elected Executive President and Vice-President of the College of Nursing, Pharmacy, and Allied Health Sciences; Dennis Rogers and Imani Cheers were elected Executive President and Vice-President of the Graduate School.

Raffles will be held for executive positions within the School of Business, School of Divinity, College of Medicine, College of Dentistry, the Law School, the Graduate School of Business and the Graduate School of Pharmacy on March 8. See page 5 for full elections results.

AKAs Grow King of the Ivy

BY RUSHONDRA J. JAMES
 Asst. Editor & World Editor

Superman returned last night in the Blackburn Ballroom when the Ladies of Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. crowned their 2006 King of the Ivy, George Raymond Lander, a freshman broadcast journalism major from Cedar Hill, Texas.

The pageant, which was entitled "In Search of Superman" serves as a scholarship pageant giving Howard University's finest the opportunity to earn \$500 in scholarship money and an opportunity to implement the platform of their choice that will serve the surrounding Howard community.

According to a letter written in the program booklet, the ladies chose "In Search of Superman" as a theme because "Superman embodies all our hopes and dreams, our deepest fears."

Five contestants participated in this year's King of the Ivy Pageant, which was held for the first time since 2002. Each contestant had their own platform and sold ads which were included in the pageant booklet.

The contestants competed in the area of platforms, talent, evening wear and the question and answer segment. The contestants kept those in attendance spellbound during the talent segments with talents consisting of spoken word, dance and instrumental music.

Essence Walker, a junior

marketing major attended the pageant and was very impressed. "It was interesting, not your typical pageant where everybody does spoken word, people actually thought outside of the box and had different types of talent," she said.

This year's winner, George Lander ran on a platform of "Bridging the Gap" and danced to "Summertime" for his talent. Lander won the audience over when he replied during the question and answer segment that he exhibited tenacity that set him apart from the other contestants.

Adding to the excitement of an already enthusiastic crowd were the host and hostess of the pageant, Ashford Thomas and Alexis Logan. Thomas kept audience energized by allowing pageant contestants to each state their favorite quote from a hip-hop song. Between segments, DJ Premonition kept the crowd enthused.

Pageant coordinator Crystal Bailey, a senior Theatre Arts major says that the pageant was "definitely a success." "It went above and beyond all my wildest expectations. Everyone was just on point, question and answer, everything. It was just great," she said.

Bailey also said that she had been working on the pageant since the beginning of February.

There was standing room only, and according to Bailey, that can be attributed to Toni-Ann Syncon, a junior/legal

communication major, who was responsible for the public relations of the pageant. Syncon said the turnout is just a reflection of the efforts of the sorority.

"We have been working extremely hard with the contestants, publicity and just putting the show together," she said.



Photo Courtesy of HowardUniversity.com
 Freshman George Raymond Lander (right) was crowned 'King of the Ivy' last night. He is the first since 2002 when the last King was crowned.



Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients For Charter Day 2006



THE FOLLOWING FIVE ALUMNI WILL BE RECOGNIZED TODAY AT CHARTER DAY.

DR. JOSEPH E. HARRIS, B.A. 1952, M.A. 1956
IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

HONORABLE KAMALA D. HARRIS, B.A. 1966
(PICTURED LEFT)
IN THE FIELDS OF LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE

MR. KENNETH L. LATIMORE
(PICTURED RIGHT)
IN THE FIELD OF ENTERTAINMENT

DR. ACCIE M. MITCHELL, M.D. 1965
IN THE FIELDS OF MEDICINE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

MR. GEORGE S. WILLIE, B.A. 1972
IN THE FIELDS OF BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



21st Century Orators to Speak at Charter Day



H. Patrick Swygert, 2000



John Hope Franklin, 2001

Each year, Howard University celebrates the day that General Oliver O. Howard of the Freedman's Bureau, founded the institution in 1867. At the ceremony held in Cramton Auditorium, officials select renowned and informative speakers to deliver the keynote speech to encourage students to carry on the legacy that is Howard University. These are the men who received this honor in the 21st century.



Franklin D. Raines, 2002



Elijah Cummings, 2003



Ossie Davis, 2004



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Richard English, 2005

Campus Briefs



NC A&T Receives Grant to Curb Smoking

Student smoking has become such a major issue at North Carolina A&T University that the school has received an \$80,000 grant from the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund to help curb the growing trend. The initiative was created through research conducted by the dean of A&T's nursing school along with the dean of nursing education. The program will be led by student leaders who will promote to the general student body the program's two main goals: to promote greater smoking awareness and to bring about change to university policies regarding smoking.



Florida A&M's Athletic Department Placed on Probation

A "lack of institutional control" has been cited as the reason for the four year probationary period recently placed on the athletic department of Florida A&M University. The NCAA cited the school for more than 200 violations in all university sports from 1998 to 2004. As part of the punishment all athletic teams will lose some of the grants, which help them to operate financially. The football team will take the hardest hit, losing 14 grants. The football team will also have less time to throw the pigskin. Their practice time has been cut by 20 hours. Still the punishment seems to be less severe than what had been previously expected.



Texas Tech Attempts to Diversify Student Body

Texas Tech University, known for its conservatism has instated a new policy of consideration to add more diversification to its applicant pool. Less than half of the 42 percent of black applicants to the school were admitted last year. For Hispanics, the figure rests at 59 percent. School officials say that in the past race has not been recognized when considering applicants to the university. According to Stephanie Anderson, associate vice president of enrollment management, the statistics do not show that students of ethnic backgrounds are not unqualified for acceptance to the school. "Students of color are less likely to complete their applications," she said.



Georgetown Enacts Tuition Increase

The already pricey tuition at Georgetown University will be raised by six percent for the coming school year, ringing in at a total of near \$47,000. The school's board of trustees voted to increase the tuition. The hike in the price has been a recurring trend for Georgetown, and all private four-year colleges and universities, although the new number is the highest amount ever recorded in the school's history. Tuition is set to stand at \$33,555 next year, while room and board will be around \$10,500.

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by Farnon Weston
Staff Writer

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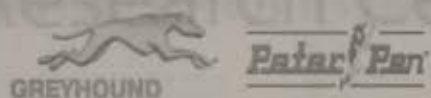


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Tapes Show Bush Was Forewarned of Katrina Threats

BY VANESSA MIZELL
Nation's World Editor

While hurricane Katrina survivors tried to bear through the chaos and stay afloat of the devastating storm, President Bush, from his Crawford Ranch, assured state governments that the situation was under control, according to a newly released transcript to a video conference on the day of the Aug. 29 storm.

"I want to assure the folks at the state level that we are fully prepared to not only help you during the storm, but we will move in whatever resources and assets that we have at our disposal after the storm to help you deal with the loss of property. And we pray for no loss of life, of course," Bush said on tape.

The president's assurance of preparation came after he was admonished by National Hurricane Center Director Max Mayfield of the hurricane's potential disaster.

"I don't think anyone can tell you with any confidence right now whether the levees will be topped or not, but it's obviously a very, very big concern," Mayfield said.

But in a Sept. 1 interview with ABC's "Good Morning America," Bush said, "I don't think anyone anticipated the levees."

Two days later Secretary of



A newly released tape shows a video conference showing that President Bush was briefed about Hurricane Katrina threats. The Aug. 29 conference was hosted by Vice-Director of FEMA Michael Brown.

Homeland Security Michael Chertoff agreed with Bush saying, "that perfect storm of a combination of catastrophes exceeded the foresight of the planners and maybe anybody's foresight." He called the disaster,

"breath-taking in its surprise."

According to the transcripts of the tape, obtained by the Associated Press, then director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Michael Brown, headed the Aug. 29

briefing and also expressed concerns.

"I also heard there are no mandatory evacuations that are taking place," Brown said. "They're keeping prisoners out of prisons, and their leaving hotels open so I'm very concerned about that."

However he goes on to assure that the situation is in the right hands as he commends Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco for "doing a good job."

According to whitehouse.gov, Deputy Press Secretary Trent Duffy refuted the idea that the tapes were leaked saying that the videoconference was open to the press and that transcripts were released to Congress in the fall.

Duffy also mentioned that, "the President has made clear, as recently as this Tuesday, that he was not satisfied with the Federal response. That is why he ordered a comprehensive 'lessons learned' report and plans to work aggressively to implement improvements to our disaster response plans by the start of hurricane season."

The website also said that democrats are using the videoconference "to falsely attack the White House's Hurricane Katrina response."

Ashantae Johnson is a senior

print journalism major from New Orleans and feels that the confirmation of the tape leak is not effective.

"I already knew this so it's not new stuff," Johnson said. "I feel like at this point we can't change the past, if we keep blaming people because other important things won't be addressed. Nobody knew that this was going to happen indefinitely or to be as disastrous as it was."

Johnson added that the mayor before Ray Nagin, Marc H. Morial who was in office from 1994 to 2002, wrote letters to the federal government addressing the issue of the levees and no attention was paid.

She does however believe that something needs to happen as a result of the tape's confirmation.

"I think a formal apology would be the best thing at this point," Johnson said. "They need to try and correct the mistakes. There's a lot that needs to be done. They need to focus on the levees and if you don't focus on the foundation then nothing is going to be as secure as it was before. Start from the bottom to the top."

Senate Renews Patriot Act

BY DANYELLE HADAWAY
Hilltop Staff Writer

Yesterday, the Senate approved the renewal of the USA Patriot Act ending a two-month stalemate and calming the nerves of some critics by including legislation that protects library records and curbs the power of law enforcement.

President Bush applauded the 86-10 vote that gave light to his dimming public opinion especially about his authorization for the National Security Agency to eavesdrop on American citizens.

The president congratulated the Senate on "overcoming the partisan attempts to block its passage."

"This bill will allow our law enforcement officials to continue to use the same tools against terrorists that are already used against drug dealers and other criminals, while safeguarding the civil liberties of the American people," said Bush in a statement.

The House is expected to approve the bill by next week in order to have the president sign it before the Act expires March 10.

Lorenzo Morris, chairman of the political science department, said, "I think fear dominates the perspective on

policy today as it has since 9/11... The Patriot Act, in my opinion, is not good for this country but it is the only thing that relates to the global proposal—it's a range of foreign policy activities as well as domestic."

Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., a long opponent of the Patriot Act was the only senator to vote against the original bill, led a filibuster in December forcing the Bush administration to add provisions that protected citizens library records and lessened law enforcement's power.

Even those additions, Feingold said in a statement, "I am deeply disappointed that we have largely wasted this opportunity to fix the obvious problems with the Patriot Act."

Junior political science major, Kareem Redmond agreed with Professor Morris in a joint interview. He said that the stalemate was possibly caused because the Patriot Act was not a popular issue among the public; however, once time ran closer to the expiration date, "they saw that they had to do something."

"So I think for lack of alternative it passed," Redmond said.

Democratic senator, Harry Reid of Nevada said his approval of bill guaran-

tees the government the tools it needs to fight terrorism while maintaining a system of checks and balances on the executive power.

"[Democratic] support for the Patriot Act does not mean a blank check for the President," said Reid in a statement. "No one is above the law, not even the President." Thirty-four democrats and all of the republicans voted for the Act's passing, senators Feingold, Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., Daniel Akaka, D-HI, Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., Tom Harkin, D-IA, Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., Carl Levin, D-Mich., Patty Murray, D-Wash., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Jim Jeffords, I-Vt. voted nay. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, did not vote.

Morris said the Act affects all Americans and specifically, "batters African Americans because any policy or program that may potentially have a discriminatory impact even if it's not in, such as Arabs or Muslims, it raises signals."

"Like all Americans, we want to have a justice system that is just," Morris said.

Aides Accuse Congressman of Excessive Duties

BY DANYELLE HADAWAY
Hilltop Staff Writer

Three former aides accused the second highest member of the House of Representatives for making them go beyond the call of duty.

The aides said that Michigan Rep. John Conyers required them to wear many hats including tutor and nanny for his sons, law professors for his wife, and chauffeur for him.

In the Detroit Free Press, who first printed the allegations, Conyers's lawyer, Stanley Brand, refused to comment on the accusations, but Sam Riddle, spokesman for now-City Councilwoman Monica Conyers, said, "these are simply disgruntled employees who couldn't cut it in the workplace."

Former seven year chief of staff of Conyers's Downriver office in Southgate, Deanna Maher, Conyers's 1997-2000 legal counsel, Sydney Rooks, and Dean Christian Thornton a recently fired legislative aide all made complaints about Conyers.

Lorenzo Morris, chairman of the political science department, said that Conyers seniority, makes Morris leery of the allegations against him.

Morris also said that Conyers is one of the few who survived from any characteristic questioning. "I would be surprise that after all of these years he would commit a blunder now," Morris said.

Kareem Redmond, junior political science major, smirked, "don't all aids do that?" suggesting that political aides tend to be personal assistants.

Retired Conyers staffer Paul Donahue, told the Detroit Free Press, that the practice of asking staffers to do personal chores is not unusual.

"It's so common that



Aides of Representative John Conyers of Michigan are alleging that he engaged in unethical behavior. They say Conyers required them to be nannies and tutors to their children.

nobody pays any attention to it," said Donahue. "Most people probably don't realize it's illegal."

The Highlights of House Ethics Rules on the House Ethics Committee's website said, "congressional resources and time are to be used for official House business—not for personal or political matters, or the business of any outside organization."

Maher accused Conyers of expanding her duties to include living in his Detroit home for six weeks to care for his two sons while his wife worked on her law degree. Both Maher and Thornton have sent complaints to the House Ethics Committee, and Rooks plans on making formal complaints soon.

Conyers, 76, serves as the senior minority member of the House Judiciary Committee.



Senator Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.) explains at a hearing why he favors the Patriot Act. Also with him are senators Larry E. Craig (R-Idaho), John E. Sununu (R-N.H.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.)

2006 GENERAL ELECTIONS RESULTS

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EDITORIALS & Perspectives



“You, You Got What I Need But You Say He’s Just a Friend”

When you listen to dating discussions on campus it is easy to mistake the men for Biz Markie, singing “Just a Friend” and Erykah Badu bag ladies. Facebook is filled with “It’s complicated” and people that are looking for “Anything they can get.”

With all of the quiet, yet confusing, relationships on campus, you’d think a majority of us are living pitiful love lives and are on the verge of entering reality dating shows.

There are a myriad of problems that contribute to this phenomena but the root of the problem lies in being able to see things for what they are worth.

Having a title is not just something cute for you to share. It is an agreement to certain responsibilities. If you claim to be committed, you are supposed to be exclusive. Why claim exclusive dating?

There is no such thing! Dating means experiencing new people and going to dinner etc.

The truth is, when people are dating they need to be open and honest about it. Don’t mis-

lead someone or string them along with false hopes of a more serious future when you’re technically “doing your thing.”

Why play husband and wife when in reality you are nothing of the sort?

Ladies, don’t cook, clean and

nitide of luggage. Buggage holds you down like quicksand and prevents you from freeing yourself and moving on.

By now, we’ve all been hurt, disappointed, rejected or burned by someone in our past. Not only do our past experiences shape our

opinions of others, but of ourselves as well.

Failed relationships impact our self-esteem and there is no sleeping that.

However,

many of us give up too early with potential soul mates because we are afraid to try again.

We’re still young and it’s not too late. Let go of some of the bags and cut the dead weight so you can float again! Your match is out there looking for you too so don’t give up yet. Demand and command the respect you need and your fit will come in due time.

Our View:

When it comes to matters of the heart, students are all over the place!

cater if your man isn’t reciprocating the love and genuine interest.

Fellas, don’t spend your paycheck on an uninterested female that cannot return your phone calls.

The problem with dating and relating is most of us do not know when to call a spade a spade. The fact of the matter is: your girl is usually right when it comes to dating someone. People are more predictable than we admit.

The last dating flaw we want to shed some light on is the mag-

Wake Up Howard!!!

Norm Mosley

As I woke up this morning, the burning desire was hithard within me to put on my clothes, run through the halls of my dormitory and yell the immortal lines of Dap from Spike Lee’s School Daze, “Wake Up!”

What prevented me from doing this, aside from the likelihood of being labeled a “karratic,” was the consideration of whether or not our institution, Howard University, has taken on the qualities of Mission College from School Daze. What has led me to that consideration is my view of the recent on-going at this school in regards to our social, moral, and political development as young college students.

Rather than taking on the characteristics of an HBCU, schools that are supposed to be about camaraderie, we are becoming quite persistent and successful at tearing each other apart and destroying the little hope we have of uniting the African Diaspora as it is represented at this institution.

Our interests have become less about growing and nurturing “leaders for the global community” and more about the lines of fostering gangster and tyrannical motives whose thirst for power has been at the demise of the psyche of the wider Howard community. This is apparent in our student government and its resemblance to an oligarchy – a government in which power is in the hands of few. Our student gov-

ernment is comparable to the Blipnet State, in which one or two people pull the strings of the entire cast.

In order for us to grow as a student body, our system of government is in desperate need of a baptism. Power Hall must become “Student Hall.” We must dismantle sanctions as to who is allowed to “come to the table” and institute change, and eliminate the trend of a person’s voice being stifled as a result of their social opinions.

I am also appalled at witnessing the juvenile conduct displayed by our leaders, who, by their consistency, are called upon and elected in faith that they will represent our student body at all times with professionalism, regardless of personal affiliations.

We must also refrain from attacking those who exhibit the talent and sincere motivation to lead our government. We must look beyond our personal disdain and objectively consider the capabilities of all those who seek to serve Howard whether we consider them “homogirls,” “homoboyz” or not.

In considering our development as a race, we must not only consider the desire and wishes of our forefathers such as Frederick Douglass or Shirley Chisholm, but must also be conscious that we don’t resemble or revere those who don’t have our best interest at heart like former U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond and Bush advisor Karl Rove.

I urge that we not only consider

our actions, but also our responsibility to our respective communities. Let us remember those whom we grew up with, who are not there, not due to a lack of capability, but because they were not afforded the same opportunities as we were.

Let’s remember the young brother or sister who will never set foot inside of a college classroom because he has no means that resemble and motivate him to elevate himself beyond a trend of poverty or the young sister who is on the verge of mental destruction as a result of the pressure to measure up to the Eurocentric definition of “pretty.”

I firmly believe our goal as students at this institution is not for peer marginalization or stratification, but diasporic unification. We need every student, officer and organization to come together with the desire to actually begin continuing the work that was started by those who came before us.

It doesn’t matter whether you are green, yellow, pink, red, black or blue... because if one actually looks beyond the spectrum of the Upper Quadrangle he or she will realize we are all one shade or another of BROWN. Let’s take off our jackets, caps, make-up, jewelry, and put down our cases and umbrellas for just one moment. Let’s reintroduce ourselves to the bright-eyed, bushy-tailed students that we serve, as we entered as freshmen. Most of all, let’s just WAKE UP!!!!!!!

30206 SPLIT PEA by Fred Fitzop, edited by Stanley Newman

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Celeb Relationships: For Better or For Worse

BY CHARDE D. MILLS
Contributing Writer



Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey, formerly of MTV's "Newlyweds," recently split in the pattern of many hollywood relationships.

"For better or for worse," Til death do us part..." these words no longer have the value they once did. In Hollywood, it seems to be that when things get a little rough, or the public is no longer interested, celebrities are quick to divorce the one they were supposed to spend the rest of their lives with.

No one would have guessed that singers and stars of their own reality show Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson would split. On the show "The Newlyweds," MTV followed the couple's time together, and they seemed as if they were the ideal couple.

However that did not last. Simpson filed for divorce in December of 2005.

According to *enm.com*, "In response to Simpson's December 16 divorce filing, Lachey said he was reserving the right to seek spousal support, even though she has asked the court not to

give him any.

Nick Lachey had more earning power when the couple wed in October 2002. However, Simpson's fame skyrocketed during the marriage.

The 25-year-old singer-actress reportedly earned more than \$30 million last year, including earnings from her big-screen debut playing Daisy Duke in "The Dukes of Hazzard" movie.

Sophomore broadcast journalism major Brian Sanders says that he feels that Nick Lachey should not receive alimony from Simpson. "Nick Lachey is not a poor man, and after the divorce he will not struggle. It seems as if he is doing this more out of spite, than over his need."

Junior marketing major Corrine Moore agrees. "These celebrities are not taking marriage seriously; they marry, have children and divorce like it's unimportant. Marriage is supposed to be forever, and if it's not forever can it at least last

more than a couple months," Moore said.

Singer/Actress Jennifer Lopez has been the object of relationship controversy over the years. She has been married three times and engaged once in her young life.

In February 1997, Lopez married Ojani Noa and they divorced in 1998. From 1999 until 2001 Lopez was dating rapper and producer Sean "Diddy" Combs. Lopez's second marriage to back-up dancer Chris Judd in September of 2003 ended in divorce in 2004.

Months after her divorce with Judd, rumors started to circulate about her relationship with actor Ben Affleck. They were then engaged, but were never married and they officially announced their split in January 2004.

Less than a year after that, Lopez married singer Marc Anthony in June 2004, and she has been with him every since.

"Jennifer Lopez has to be

the most unstable person in the world, when it comes to relationships," said sophomore business management major Nicole McQueen. "She seems to be the needy type that has to be with someone, but she can't be with one person too long. I think she does it for publicity and it's only a matter of time that she and Marc Anthony split."

Nick Lachey, Jessica Simpson, Jennifer Lopez and her many relationships are not the only celebrity relationships that have ended in divorce.

Britney Spears and high school friend Jason Allen Alexander, Angelina Jolie and Billy Bob Thornton, Dennis Rodman and Carmen Electra, Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt have all perpetuated the pattern of celebrity divorce. Whether it is for publicity or that the issues in their marriage truly cannot be resolved, it's evident from these examples that celebrity relationships almost always result in separation.

Kweli's Ode to "Ms. Hill"

BY KEHLIN SEARS
Contributing Writer

Talib Kweli, the famed conscious rapper recently recorded an ode to a respected old friend on his new album *Right About Now*.

The song, "Miss Hill," is a platonic love song to Lauryn Hill.

According to an interview with *XXL* magazine, the Brooklyn bred rapper said the song was inspired by an appearance at the BET Awards.

"I started writing it after being at the BET Awards. Lauryn was supposed to perform at the end and do a poem, but BET did not like the poem she was about to kick."

"It got me thinking how throughout her career people invite her places, but then they do not like what she has to say. That makes her very powerful as a woman in that they keep inviting her," Kweli said.

On "Miss Hill," Talib Kweli wrestles with the complex and contradictory legacy of Lauryn Hill, with lines like, "the industry was beating her up/then them 'emons started eating her up."

He deals with her contribution to the youth, "what her album did for black girls' self-

esteem is so important."

The song also reflects on the current state of hip hop, "her songs still better than anything out that Hot or Power play."

Kweli sensitively explores the way her unwillingness to compromise with a corrupt sys-



The rapper/singer Lauryn Hill, is back in the studio with the rest of The Fugees recording their reunion album.

tem has transformed her into a music industry hermit.

Talib Kweli explains that he is not merely infatuated with Hill. "I am not infatuated with Lauryn herself but with both

what Hill has accomplished and with what she might still achieve."

Lauryn Hill's presence or lack thereof has greatly affected the Howard University campus.

Devonah Harris, sophomore broadcast journalism major and member of Poetree, said, "Her lyrical style, influenced some of my poetry. Her absence from the music scene has made an impact on hip hop. The lyrical content of today's average hip hop artist has gone down and is very repetitive and I think it has a lot to do with her absence from the music scene."

Jessica Chambliss, junior music business major, admires Hill for her willingness not to conform. "I feel her presence is greatly missed because too many artists today are in the business just for money and not in it for the art of making music," Chambliss also adds "She was serious about her craft, and is the perfect example of someone who could do real good music

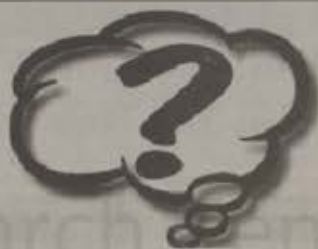
without compromising herself and still be commercially successful."

"[Hill] significantly contributed to hip hop, not only to the genre as a whole, but to the feminine perspective on hip hop," avid Lauryn Hill fan Monique Liston said. Liston, a sophomore sociology major spoke about Hill's cathartic appeal. "Her personal impact on music, women, and spirituality, is sorely missed because of its inspiring, calming and understanding affects. Lauryn was not only a musical artist, she was musical therapy."

Lauryn Hill is currently grinding in the booth working on a reunion album with her formerly disbanded group, The Fugees. "Ms. Hill" can also be seen in Dave Chappelle's "Block Party," which is out in theatres today and features artists like Mos Def, Jill Scott, Kool G Rap, Big Daddy Kane and John Legend.

"What her album did for black girls' self-esteem is so important."

-Talib Kweli



What The ... ?!

Christopher "Play" Martin, formerly of Kid N' Play is releasing a DVD entitled "Holy Hip-Hop." The project chronicles the little-known world of gospel rap.



Photo Courtesy of www.bet.com



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Lil' Jon and Fat Joe will host "Pimp My Ride International," a new series on MTV. All Stuff Garage, of Alkmaar, Holand will replace West Coast Customs as the mechanics changing buckets to pimped-out rides.

News courtesy of AllHipHop.com

Compiled by Joshua Thomas Asst. Life & Style Editor

Head 2 Head

Who would you want on your side?

NINJA TURTLES

I always wanted to be the pink ranger.
-Kryslle Champagne, television production, '08

The Power Rangers of course... they always had the best gadgets and not to mention the outfits.
-Keona Gaines, '08

The Ninja Turtles because they seemed black.
-Vince Hunter, '08

No one can forget pizza with anchovies thanks to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

POWER RANGERS

Power Rangers are wack. I always hated that show, so Ninja Turtles.
-Marcela Gadson, '08

"It's morphin' time" is a classic quote compliments of The Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers.

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Lady Bison Head to Maryland to Determine the Number Three Seed

BY LINDSEY WALTON
Contributing Writer

The Lady Bison lost on the road on Wednesday to North Carolina A&T, 88-74. With the loss, the Lady Bison lose their tie for third and drop down the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference standings to 4th place.

Howard will look to redeem themselves tomorrow against the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore and go into the MEAC Tournament on a high note.

"We have to forget about the past and try to focus on the task at hand," said sophomore guard/forward Asha Santee.

In their first meeting with the Lady Hawks, sophomore guards Christina Aden and Shannon Carlisle combined for 10 points in the overtime period to defeat UMES 93-90. Carlisle had a remarkable game finishing with 23 points, eight rebounds, eight assists and six steals in the win.

"We just have to go in there with the same mentality we had the first time [we played them]," Carlisle said. "It was our first regular season MEAC game and this is our last MEAC game so we just have to go out and work the system [in our favor]."

This time around however, the Lady Bison will have their hands full with a more developed Lady Hawk squad. Sophomore forward/center Kristi Veltkamp has posted consecutive double-doubles with 13 points and 10 rebounds in a win over Bethune-Cookman. She dropped 10 points and tied her season-high with 13 rebounds in a win over Morgan

State. Veltkamp was also named to the MEAC preseason first team. Howard will also have to deal with the scoring threat of senior guard Toni Kennedy. Kennedy currently leads the MEAC in scoring, averaging 16.6 points per game. Even the UMES rookies are proving to be a threat as freshman guard Tiffany Reid has been named MEAC rookie of the week three times this season.

The Lady Bison backcourt defense will look to show relentless pressure and force turnovers as it has done so effectively all season.

"We just have to make sure we stay strong in the press and keep the [UMES guards] in front of us so they don't get to the basket or get any open looks," Carlisle said.

Junior forward Melloni Benson, who missed the first game against UMES continues to lead the Lady Bison averaging 13 points per game including a team high 21 points against North Carolina A&T. Benson is also second in the MEAC, behind Veltkamp, in blocks per game. The Lady Hawk frontcourt statistics are impressive to some, but Benson believes the numbers will not dictate the game's outcome.

"It comes down to who really comes to play," Benson said. "They're a good team, so we just have to jump on them early."

The match-up this Saturday against the Lady Hawks of UMES will weigh heavily on Howard's seed in the MEAC Tournament, which starts Monday, March 6 in Raleigh, N.C.



Sophomore guard Asha Santee, (above) recognizes the importance of this weekend's game.

"[This game against [UMES]] is extremely important," said Asha Santee, a sophomore guard/forward. "It could possibly put us in sixth place." Should the Lady Bison win, it would move them into the sole possession of the number three spot. In the conference tournament, the number-three seed goes directly into the Quarterfinals on March 9th and plays the winner of the game between the #6 and #11 seeds. If

Howard loses to UMES, however, they could potentially drop to the sixth place spot where they would be forced to turn around and play in the first round game on March 7.

"Our mentality is to go into this game with a competitive spirit so we can play as few games as possible come tournament time," Santee said.

One to Determine Three

HOWARD

Remaining Game: UMES



Can clinch No. 3 Seed - With a win vs. UMES

Will get the No. 4 Seed - If tied with SCSU 10-8 at end of season (head-to-head)

Will get the No. 5 Seed - If tied with NCAT 10-8 at the end of season (head-to-head)

Don't Blink, Or You Might Miss...

BY CARYN GRANT
Sports Editor

North Carolina @ No. 1 Duke - Saturday 3/4 @ 9 p.m. on ESPN

Duke vs. North Carolina... "The Battle of Tobacco Road"... one of the greatest college basketball rivalries of all time, and "The World-Wide Leader" (ESPN) has a complete day of classic battles between the cross-town rivals lined up. It all starts at 2:30 p.m. when ESPN Classic shows the 1992 UNC 75-73 upset over the eventual champion Duke Blue Devils in Chapel Hill.

Don't touch the remote, because immediately following, at 4:30, the 2004 regular season match-up 83-81 Duke win will be shown. Watch a younger Sheldon

Williams dominate in the post to score 22 points and grab 12 rebounds over the Tar Heels. On Feb. 7, Reddick scored 25 points and combined with Williams for eight of Duke's 13 steals in a 87-83 win over the Heels. Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski currently holds a 31-29 record against Carolina.

My Pick: This is sure to be a great game. Although Duke is a much better team on paper, the Heels will get amped up for this match-up (all of UNC's starters scored in double figures in the last match-up). However, Reddick is not going to allow his team to lose two in a row, as they come off a disappointing loss to Florida State. Duke by 5.



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BY DREW COSTLEY
Sports Editor

Ford Championship @ Doral - Sunday 3/5 @ 3 p.m. on NBC

Not only will the media-manifested duel between Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson continue to play out, but there are loads of other stars in this field in which five of the top 20 players in the world are within three strokes of each other. Last year, Woods and Mickelson were paired together and separated by two strokes. After day one this year, they are separated by one stroke. Even if their rivalry flares out over the weekend, it will be exciting to see if Ernie Els, who is finally returning to the championship after a three-year absence. He shot even

his first day out. In other day one action, Woods finished bogey-free, but still only one stroke above the competition.

My Pick: It is my steadfast belief that Tiger Woods selects a group of tournaments every couple of years and decides that he is going to dominate them for a few years; Doral is one of Woods' selection this go around. And Phil Mickelson has been in constant reminder of that. Unfortunately, they have the video [of Woods' winning shot] running on one of the channels here at the hotel, so I get to see it every night," Phil Mickelson said Wednesday to Golf.com. "Isn't that great? He's shook. Tiger by 3 (at least).



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Commissioner Tagliabue Delays Free Agency



Photo Courtesy of www.espn.com

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue delayed the beginning of free agency until 12:01 on Monday, March 6. The decision came after the owners' union rejected the NFL Player's Association's offer on a renewed collective bargaining agreement.

Bison Weekend Sports Schedule

The Bison Basketball team will head to Maryland in search of their fifth straight win when they play University of Maryland-Eastern Shore.

The Bison defeated North Carolina A&T 58-50 on Wednesday for their fourth straight victory.

The last time these two met up, the Bison notched their first win of the season in a 79-68 victory.



Photo Courtesy of Mark Johnson



Eric Mann

The Women's Lacrosse Team will return home this Sunday to play Manhattan College at 1 p.m. at Greene Stadium.

The team returns home after suffering two road losses. The first came in the form of a close 14-18 Robert Morris College match Sunday and Ohio State University beat the Bison 4-16 on Monday.



Eric Mann

On Saturday, the Bison softball team will face off against Hampton University at 1 p.m. in Hampton, VA. The team will then head across the bridge to take on Norfolk State University in Norfolk, VA.

The team is off to a perfect 4-0 start this season after beating down Virginia State University twice last Friday. The first routing ended in a 10-0 shutout pitched by sophomore hurler Dale McNeal. McNeal's game also resulted in a perfect game, as she struck out eight and allowed zero hits. The second win was pitched by sophomore Myu Spencer.

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