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### BREAKING NEWS

#### THREE ARRESTED

ACCORDING TO CNN.COM, THREE PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED FOR THEIR CONNECTION TO 10 CHURCH FIRES IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA. TWO OF THE SUSPECTS ARE 18-YEAR-OLD COLLEGE STUDENTS.

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## Smith, Bruner Win Trustee Positions



Jabari Smith (left) was elected Undergraduate Trustee yesterday, according to unofficial elections results. Smith won with 61.8 percent of the vote or 1105 votes. Dedan Bruner (right) was elected graduate Trustee with 56.1 percent of the vote or 346 votes.

Marcus Ware and Parish McKeithan won Executive President and Vice-President for the School of Business in a run-off; Annie Bailey was re-elected in a run-off for Executive Treasurer in the College of Arts and Sciences; Kathryn Garrett and Lana De Souza won Executive President and VP of Administration for the College of Medicine; Rizwan Qureshi and Tina Greene were elected School of Law Student Bar Association President and Vice-President; Marcus Kendall was elected Vice-President of the Graduate College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Health Sciences; Travay Jacks was elected Executive President of the Graduate School of Business.

Nearly 2500 students voted this year. See page 5 for full results.

## Spring Musical, 'Eyes,' Leaves Audience Astounded

BY KISA WILLIS  
Contributing Writer

The cast of "Eyes," a play written and arranged by Matt Evans, encourages all to come out and journey through history while taking a glimpse into the life of a young woman who searches for the timeless treasure all can relate to—a love that one would die for.

In its last week of production, amazing lighting, vibrant costumes, and unforgettable music filled Ira Aldridge Theater's stage during the Department of Theatre Arts Spring musical, "Eyes."

Adapted from Zora Neale Hurston's, "Their Eyes Were Watching God," "Eyes" depicts the life of Janie, a young woman who becomes involved in three different relationships during her endless pursuit of love.

According to Ada Babino, an employee of the Student Health Center, "[Eyes] was better than the movie! It was a very professionally done production. The stage design, the music—all very well done. I connected emotionally more with the play than the million-dollar movie!"

Set only a few years after the abolition of slavery, the play takes place in Delany, Ga., a small town created by a community of recently freed blacks. According to Christian Gibbs, a junior acting major cast in the play, working with the regional Southern dialect was a little difficult at first, but he, as well as the rest of the cast, have become quite comfortable with making the language sound natural.

"For the people to be so young, their talent is amazing! They blew me away," said Sabrina Little, junior film major.

Erskine Ritchie, a junior acting major who plays Janie's last love interest, Teacake, said "The show is going well, I think it's a great show and it's definitely growing with each performance."

Babino said, "I liked



Above is a shot from the Oprah Winfrey-produced "Their Eyes Were Watching God." Students praised the adaptation put on by the Department of Theatre.

"I connected emotionally more with the play than the million-dollar movie."

—Ada Babino

## Congress Votes 62-2 to Block U.A.E. Port Deal

BY ANGELA BACON  
Staff Copy Chief

This week, Congress voted to add an amendment to an existing bill barring DP-World, a United Arab Emirates (UAE) affiliated shipping firm, from taking control of certain U.S. port operations.

The amendment was passed after being attached to a bill which allocated \$19 billion in relief for Hurricane Katrina. In addition to the amendment being inserted into an emergency relief bill earlier this week, an additional amendment was introduced by Democratic Senator Charles Schumer

on Wednesday, which banned any shipping company owned by a country which recognizes the Taliban regime in Afghanistan from operating any U.S. ports. The UAE is categorized as one of these countries, along with Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. The amendment decision is also linked to a \$68 billion Iraq war spending bill which is to be used for military equipment and has been revised to include wording that would include the national security concerns raised by the possibility of the port deal being approved.

The battle over DP-World's possible port con-

trol was sparked by its impending acquisition of Britain-based Peninsular & Oriental, which now operates at U.S. ports. Opponents of the takeover argue that, if allowed, the deal could cause national security concerns because of the United Arab Emirates's possible ties to terrorist groups.

Bush, however, stated that he would use veto power in any legislation that would block the impending takeover by DP-World in order to avoid smudging ties with Arab allies in the war on terror. This veto would be Bush's first veto in his five years in the White House.



A Map of the United Arab Emirates.

# THE SPOTLIGHT

## Employee: Dr. Gregory Carr, Afro-American Studies Professor



BY FARREN HINTON  
Hinton Staff Writer

When asking students around campus who their favorite professors are, one name seems to persistently come from their mouths. Ask them which professors they learned the most from and you will notice that the same name pops up. Better yet, ask students at Howard University which professor has made a lasting impact on their lives, and more often than not you will hear the name Dr. Gregory Carr.

As students coming from such diverse and often-overlooked backgrounds, Dr. Carr is usually the first African American teacher to profess to Howard students the truths of their history.

One of only a select few Ph.D. recipients in the world in African Studies, Dr. Carr has become a staple in the education of those Howard students who have had the chance to be in one of his classes.

He graduated from Tennessee State University as the first person in his immediate family to attend college. Successfully finding the rare balance between being intellectual and sociable, Dr. Carr served as Student Body President and President of the University Honors Program while there. Upon graduating from law school at Ohio State, he began his career as a clerk for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

"I decided after clerking at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund that I didn't want to practice, but I wanted to teach as a strategy to empower a wider field of African intellectual workers. That's when I went into African Studies," Carr said.

Carr said.

He received his Masters in Black Studies from Ohio State, followed by his Ph.D. in African-American Studies from Temple University, which he says at the time was "the only university in the country where you could get a Ph.D."

Carr, who has over 20,000 books, journals and ephemera in his personal library, came to teach at what he refers to as "the global African intellectual vanguard" in the fall 2000.

"Many of my peers and elders advised me not to come to Howard. [They said] that I would not be able to pursue my technical intellectual work in the face of the crushing teaching loads and too many other commitments," he said.

Still, Carr decided to go against the warnings, and is now a well-known, liked and needless to say, loved, HD professor.

"Although I usually average between 180 to 220 students a semester, I don't regret one second of this 'mess in a lifetime' opportunity." He said smiling, "I just wish I could maybe clone myself."

As a scholar, Dr. Carr has a number of published works and is working on more.

"I don't have nearly as many publications as I would have expected myself to have at this fairly early juncture in my career," he said. "Right now, I'm under a tight deadline to finish revisions on a chapter on the discipline [African Studies] for the major reader in the field, as well as to finish revisions on a manuscript on my first book tentatively entitled *Blacks Teaching Genealogies, Contexts and Techniques in Disciplinary African Studies*."

On top of that, Dr. Carr recent-

ly submitted a small article on the Transatlantic Slave Trade for a book being compiled by the Moorland-Spingarn Collection.

While it is clear that his students think highly of him, Carr also professes his personal admiration of their achievement. Although students are much more advanced today, he believes that development is "a testament to the sacrifice and work of your elders and ancestors combined with your talent."

At the end of each semester, Dr. Carr said he hopes that his students understand "that there is only one race, the human race, and that the African contribution to global humanity is at the foundation and in the ongoing energy of human life in all its dimensions."

Carr said he hopes that through his teachings, he can make his students understand a new way of thinking which will allow them to be even more proud of who they are and who they come from.

"If our students shift the way that they approach thinking about how and what they know-- epistemology, so that they can link themselves to the long-view genealogy of African intellectual work, we will begin to see ourselves and others in our rich unity and diversity," Carr said.

Carr wants his students to remember, "This space was purchased by our ancestors, and as John H. Johnson said a couple of years ago, 'everything that you accomplish is as a consequence of someone else's sacrifice. Treat each other with the generosity of spirit and the shared commitment to excellence that have gotten us this far.'"

## So Much to Do, So Little Time: University Fashion Council (UFC)

BY MORGAN NEVILLES-MOORE  
Hinton Staff Writer

Founded in the spring of 2002 by Alusha Bethuel, the Howard University Fashion Council (UFC) is more apparent on campus than ever before.

The Fashion Merchandising program has been a part of the Howard University curriculum for many years, and boasts the success of our graduates worldwide," said UFC president Laticia Ray.

Ray attributes some of the success to the experience earned through the involved students' professors and mentors.

"Furthermore, we have the opportunity to have prominent individuals in the fashion industry as

professors and mentors," she said. "As a result, the program continues to reach new heights in fashion education, and Howard has become the second most fashionable University in the nation."

The purpose of UFC is to promote information about careers and lifestyles in the fashion industry by providing students, who have a sincere interest in the industry, the opportunity to explore workshops, speakers, presentations and networking, with established individuals as well as other students who share the same goals.

"As an organization, we allow the opportunity for students to hold leadership roles, we provide numerous service opportunities and we encourage freedom of expression through

designing, modeling, consulting and writing," Ray said.

The organization was founded in the 2002, but was not made official by the University until fall 2003. Since then, UFC has contributed to several fashion events including a career fair at F.I.T., Shabby Chic: Jean Aurion, the Rush Foundation trip to New York with Russell Simmons, Magie Johnson's salute to African-American designers fashion week and numerous other events.

The organization has worked extensively on one particular show that is directly affiliated with UFC.

"We hold an annual fashion show production on Howard's campus. This year's show, 'No Name... No Theme... Just Fashion...' will take place on April 10th, 2006," Ray said.

This is not the last of the expected events to be seen under the direction of the University Fashion Council.

There are a number of events students should look out for in the month of March. On the 24th, we are having the "Roaring 20s Runway Contest" along with the Cotton Club, a N.Y. trip on the 29th, a designer showcase on the 30th and a networking dinner on the 31st," Ray said.

Currently, UFC stands with a thirteen member s-board and a general body membership of over fifty involved students.

However, some students work with the group periodically without actually being the officially affiliated with the organization.

"It's interesting and fun even if you're not a fashion major, plus they

try to incorporate people from other schools to allow students a more broader view of things," said Tawny Brimms, a senior public relations major.

Brimms insists that the University Fashion Council is among Howard's best organizations.

"I have been involved with some things UFC has done and I really think they're one of the better organizations on campus," Brimms said.

UFC holds all general body meetings on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in Room 2006 of the Fine Arts building. All students with an interest in fashion are encouraged to attend.

## Campus Briefs



### Mac Hacking Challenge Ends Early

The University Chief Information Officer, Annie Stumfen, ended a challenge to hack into a Mac OS X computer to the University of Wisconsin-Madison central system three days early.

The contest was being put on by student Dave Schroeder, who decided a previous challenge was too easy.

So, on Monday, he attacked a Mac Mini to the university network, and invited hackers to break into the system. He had intended for the challenge to last until Friday, but the CIO stopped the contest saying that Schroeder operated without university approval, and that she was protecting university files.

The Mac OS X 'challenge' was not an activity authorized by the UW-Madison, Brian Rust, a university spokesman, said in an e-mailed statement. "Once the test came to the attention of our CIO, she ended it... Our primary concern is for security and network access for UW services."



### Purdue University on to New Finding

Researchers at Purdue University are reviewing questions related to research being done in the School of Nuclear Engineering, which shows that spiral waves can create fusion reactions.

"There is a disagreement within the scientific community, both here and elsewhere, concerning this research," said Sally Mason, Purdue provost. "I have asked Purdue's Office of the Vice President for Research to conduct a thorough review of the work and any concerns expressed about it."

The researcher behind the project is Razi Taleyarkhan, a professor of nuclear engineering at Purdue. According to the Nature, as cited by the university website, Taleyarkhan's research has been questioned previously.



### Brown Hosts Conference to Close Gaps

More than 100 early childhood and K-12 policy makers and practitioners from Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts gathered at Brown University yesterday.

The conference presented the findings of a national report, "School Redlines: Closing Racial and Ethnic Gaps." It was published in *The Future of Children*.

The conference and report are an effort to improve programs that are responsible for the development and readiness of younger pupils.

"The vision that all children enter school with the confidence, curiosity and skills to succeed is within our reach," said Elizabeth Burke Bryant, executive director of Rhode Island KIDS COUNT.

## ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

### General Registration

Fall 2006

Monday, March 20th – Friday, March 31st

### SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	CLASSIFICATION*
Monday	March 20	Senior
Tuesday	March 21	Junior
Wednesday	March 22	Sophomore/Unclassified
Thursday	March 23	Freshman/Unclassified 2nd Year Law/3rd Year Law/LLM
Friday	March 24	Graduate/1st Year Law
Saturday	March 25	All Students
Sunday	March 26	All Students
Monday	March 27	All Students
Tuesday	March 28	All Students
Wednesday	March 29	All Students
Thursday	March 30	All Students
Friday	March 31	All Students

\*If you are not sure of your official classification, please refer to HU BISON Web.

- ◆ Students are required to meet with their academic advisors for discussion and approval of proposed course selections before using BISON Web.
- ◆ Alternate PINs are required for most students. Please check BISON Web.
- ◆ Students should print their schedules from the Web in a campus computer center.
- ◆ First deferred payment for Fall 2006 is due August 1st.

## Illiteracy in D.C. Remains a Problem

BY ROBIN SELLAMY  
Contributing Writer

Sillemus Reyes, a Washington, D.C., resident, is just learning how to read well; he is 37 years old. Reyes is just one person in the 14% of the United States' population that can barely read. According to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, which was researched by the National Center for Education Statistics, 14% of the population over the age of 18 has below basic prose literacy. This means that they do not have the most simple and concrete literacy skills.

Reyes dropped out of high school when he was in the eleventh grade. "I didn't like going to school and my mom made me go, so I stopped," Reyes said.

Reyes says he remembers having reading problems since the third grade. He is now taking classes at Academy of Hope, located on Columbia Road NW, to help him with his problem.

Reyes is among the 37% of D.C. residents that read at the lowest literacy level. The people that make up this statistic can not read maps or newspapers and can barely fill out job applications. As a result, there are many organizations in the metropolitan area that are trying to deal with the problem of adult literacy.

Connie Rumbaugh, of Literacy Volunteers of America, says that the low level of adult literacy can not be credited to just one factor.

"The problem of adult illi-



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literacy in the D.C. metropolitan area is higher than the national average.

eracy is so broad that you can't attribute one reason to the problem," Rumbaugh said. "There are socioeconomic issues, undiagnosed learning disabilities and so many other issues."

As there are many different issues to confront, the more than 20 nonprofit organizations in the District that address this issue all specialize on different aspects of adult literacy. Literacy Volunteers of America helps address the issue by helping adults with functional literacy skills. They have small classes and one-on-one tutoring by volunteers.

Because of the low adult illi-

eracy levels, the children of these adults are being affected. Reyes uses his daughter as his reason for wanting to strengthen his reading skills.

"I couldn't help my own daughter with her reading homework and she's reading small children's books... and that's not how it should be," Reyes said.

Black adults make up 20% of the adults that are in the below basic prose population. Patricia Simmons, a friend of Reyes, happens to be one of them.

"Most of the classes I've taken have black people or Hispanic people who don't speak English in them," Simmons

said. Simmons believes that the school system in inner cities are failing to meet the standards set for teaching reading and writing skills.

"I had teachers that really didn't care if I could read. They just wanted to get paid and get me and my classmates out of their classes."

The majority of the illiterate adults in the District belong to lower income groups. Michael Williams, a teacher of reading, history and science at High Road Academy of Washington D.C., finds that some of the people who have a low income can use illiteracy as their reason for not making enough money.

"If you can't read, you can't really expect to get a good job," Williams said. Williams teaches many students who come from lower income families, but his students strive to rise above their current conditions by doing whatever they need to do.

"I have students whose parents can't even read their history books with them," Williams said. "But a lot of my students work hard and get the necessary grades to make a better life for themselves and their families."

People like Reyes and Simmons continue to look for support and help from agencies like Academy of Hope so that they can better their lives.

"I hope that one day I'll be able to help my kids read instead of it being the other way around," Reyes said.

## Metro Briefs

### Police Shoot and Kill Pit Bull



Police in Falls Church, Va. fatally shot a pit bull that escaped from a fenced yard yesterday. According to ABC 7 News, the dog bit two people before being killed. ABC 7 reports that incident of the dog's owner were watching it when it

first broke free. Police found the dog running around when they were called to the scene. The pit bull attacks occurred on the year anniversary of the day an 82-year-old woman was killed by a stray pit bull in Springfield.

### Over-size Garbage Truck Causes Downtown Mess



Officials from the D.C. Fire Department told ABC 7 that an oversized garbage truck caused street blockades in downtown D.C. The garbage truck was too big to drive through an alleyway

in Northwest, and got stuck in the process. Bricks and cement littered the ground near the street after the city's emergency and parking garage.

### Baggage Handler Charged With Theft



A former DWT baggage handler was recently accused of stealing luggage. Derek Murray has been sentenced to six months house arrest and 12 months of supervised probation. ABC 7 reports that Murray was found

guilty after admitting that prosecutors had enough evidence to rightfully convict him. Murray and two other workers were accused of stealing valuables from the checked luggage of soldiers traveling.

### Excess Weight Ruled as Cause of Water Taxi Accident



The National Transportation Safety Board released a report Tuesday stating that a 2004 Water Taxi accident on the Baltimore Harbor was due in part to excess weight. ABC 7 News reports that the NTSB said the water taxi tipped over because the passenger weight made

the boat too unstable to stand after a sudden gust of wind. The accident killed five people. The NTSB reports that the average weight among passengers on the taxi that day was 165 pounds, which made it 700 pounds overweight.

## If You're Here: Things to Do Over Spring Break

### Saturday March 11

Like Hip-Hop dance? Check out the Hip-Hop festival in Northeast D.C.

Dance Place  
3225 Eighth St. NE  
7 p.m.

### Sunday, March 12

Washington St. Patrick's Day Parade. Dancers, Bagpipes and Bands.

Constitution Ave, NW  
12 p.m.

### Monday, March 13

Check out the D.C. Independent Film Festival's directors roundtable.

Busboys and Poets  
2021 14th Street NW

### Tuesday, March 14

Free Salsa Lessons at 8 p.m., followed by dancing to a DJ.

Lulu's Club Mardi Gras  
1217 22<sup>nd</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC

### Wednesday, March 15

Get a taste of South Beach's Art Deco scene in your own backyard.

Simply Sublime: Orchids in an Art Deco Garden  
U.S. Botanic Garden  
Free 10 am-5pm daily

### Thursday, March 16

Take a break! After all of that activity, get ahead of the game and work on that term paper.

### Friday, March 17

Hop on the Red line to Woodley Park, and spend the day touring the National Zoo!

National Zoo  
3001 Connecticut Ave, Washington D.C.

### Saturday, March 18

Check out some local artisans and unique jewelry, and other trinkets at the small but growing art fair in the Adams Morgan neighborhood.

Western Market  
10 a.m. to noon

# 2006 TRUSTEE/RUNOFF ELEC. RESULTS

NAME	POSITION	NO. OF VOTES	%
JABARI SMITH	UNDERGRADUATE TRUSTEE	1105	61.8
TIFFANY NEWELL	UNDERGRADUATE TRUSTEE	380	21.3
ALLEN HAYNES	UNDERGRADUATE TRUSTEE	303	16.9
DEDAN BRUNER	GRADUATE TRUSTEE	346	56
FAITH L. WALLS	GRADUATE TRUSTEE	271	44

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MARCUS WARE	EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT	344	62.3
WANESA HUBBARD	EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT	208	37.7
PARISH MCKEITHAN	EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	309	56.0
AMEL WASHINGTON	EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	243	44.0
CHARLES TAYLOR	SOPH PRESIDENT	84	31.4
JESSICA BAILEY	SOPH PRESIDENT	87	48.6
VIKRANT ARJA	SOPH VICE PRESIDENT	81	44.0
SHAYLA JOHNSON	SOPH VICE PRESIDENT	192	36.8
CANDACE MOSS	SOPH TREASURER	93	53.0
JOT LINDSAY	SOPH TREASURER	85	48.0

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AUREUS GRIFFITH	GSA REPRESENTATIVE	34	50.0
RICHARD OWENS	GSA REPRESENTATIVE	13	19.1
ROLANDA KASCOE	GSA REPRESENTATIVE	21	30.9



*Happy 21st,  
Shani-O!*

Want to write for the  
**HILLTOP?**

Come grab a story at the budget meeting  
on Tuesday @ 7:00 PM

The BISON Policy Board is  
currently seeking applicants for the  
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*Yearbook Editor-in-Chief*

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# EDITORIALS & Perspectives



## Validating Howard's Complaints

Sometimes the old saying rings true: which came first, the chicken or the egg? Howard University has problems; so students complain.

The more students complain ineffectively, the less change and progress is made on campus. Then, the problems persist and the complaints keep coming.

Before you know it, a whole decade has passed, and students are doing their work at desks from the '70's in the year 2006. Clearly, some things need work on Howard's campus and there is no contesting that. Many of us have attended other schools and been appalled at their facilities. "Why doesn't our school look like this?" we whine. There are a myriad of reasons that things don't operate quite like they should on campus, but there is fault in both parties.

We know you're probably thinking this issue has been beaten into the ground, and you're right, it has. However, the reason we keep mentioning

it is because the same issues carry over every single year. The recent perspective about the plasma TV in the Bethune Annex sparked our latest discussions. People were upset that the televisions were purchased

few minor things before we step out and make some grandiose plans.

As far as students are concerned, we do not have very much access to Howard's money handling. We can't complain, protest and boycott any and every aspect of Howard's administration, but at the end of the day, we do not write the check. Rather than complaining all day, we need to start coming

up with initiatives for getting things done. We can raise money for new desks for a whole school in a week if we tried. We could solicit donations for new dorm furniture, chalk and other convenient necessities. Maybe if we make enough stink publicly, President Swygert will be embarrassed enough to do something. It's about meeting in the middle. Rather than butting heads in the middle, we should merge concepts and ideas to make things happen. After all, if we don't start now, our grandchildren may sit in the same desks we are using now.

### Our View:

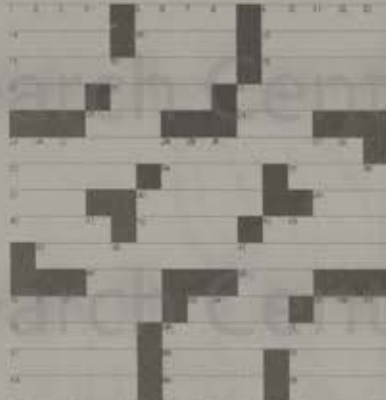
*Students need to start being more proactive about improving school conditions, and Howard needs to get some priorities straight.*

despite the need for new dormitories on campus. Let's bear in mind that the cost of a few furnishings and entertainment items is nowhere near the bigger undertakings of Howard's inefficiencies. The fact that we have old chairs, dysfunctional computers and other learning hindrances is absurd because we are here to learn! There are even disparities among the actual schools. When we compare the School of Business to other schools, the difference is mind-blowing. We need to spread our dollars evenly on this campus. Howard needs to take care of a

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## Response to Business Computers

### HILLTOP EDITOR

It is important to clarify a recent statement made in the Hilltop article, 3/7/06, entitled "School of B Restricts Computer Lab Usage." The article mentions that "The School of Business has only 40 terminals for its 1400 students." This statement refers solely to Lab 419 and is not meant to indicate that this is the only opportunity for our students to access technology in the School. Howard University continues to be nationally ranked as one of the most technologically intense institutions in the country.

In addition to the state of the art I-Lab, the University has many more labs throughout its various Schools and Colleges. Further, the University has established an extensive wireless infrastructure throughout its campus, and a majority of Howard students possess some form of portable technology.

The School of Business is part of this wireless infrastructure, and allows students access to the University's network from any location in the building. Other opportunities for students to access technology in the School of Business include the SLR Lab (Trading Room), School of Business Library, MBA Lab, COBIS Student Lab, COBIS

Research Lab, Instructional Lab and Honor's Lab. Some of these labs are restricted based on their specialized usage. All of our classrooms are "smart technology" enabled.

The School continues its efforts to enhance technology and to ensure that all students have access to the latest technological advances.

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Adieu to Arrington

BY DREW COSTLEY  
Sports Editor

Sitting in the passenger seat of my dad's big blue Cadillac, I was exhausted from my little league baseball game, or should I say games. I mean, two days of double-headers would exhaust any eleven-year-old boy.

But what I heard seeping from my father's radio speakers (and his breakdown of what that would mean for the Washington Redskins) would delight me for what would become my coming of age.

The Redskins are expected to pick Chris Samuels and LaVar Arrington in the first round of the draft, "predicted the radio host on SportsTalk 980.

Those names certainly weren't exciting to me, who only heard the names of Shaun Alexander and Jamal Lewis (at that time in my life, I wasn't aware that a high-flying, crushing defense is more exciting than a high-powered offense).

But my dad nearly swerved the car off of the road when he heard that Arrington, who was part of the nation's best defense when he was at Penn State, was going to be drafted by the Redskins.

"Oh (expletive)," he said. "Arrington is just what the Redskins need."

He then went on, as my father usually does, rambling on about all of the success Arrington had at Penn State and listing everyone on their roster from Courtney Brown to the water boy that had a part in the defense's success.

But my love for Arrington's play wouldn't manifest through my father's or any sports personality's rhetoric.

My first fond memory of Arrington came when he gave all of us Redskins fans an early Christmas present on Monday Night Football, December 10, 2000.

On a fourth and long, the quarterback, Troy Aikman, from the evil team whose name I will never mention in this 20-inch space, was heading for the sideline after all of his passing options were blanketed by Redskins' defenders. But Arrington punched his ticket early, literally, when he sacked him and knocked him out of the game with a concussion.

Arrington went on, after his first historic moment as a Redskin, to be named to the Pro Bowl three times and salvaged a 2001 Redskins season that was headed for the dumps.

But as of Monday, there is no more Arrington. So, as I end my mourning stage over his departure, I want to congratulate the team that is graced with the on and off field presence that Arrington provides.

To whatever team takes LaVar:

Enjoy the presence of a linebacker that once drew comparisons to L.T., made the Pro Bowl three times, notched nearly 400 tackles and 22.5 sacks in a six year career and even after an injury plagued 2004 season, remained one of the most feared defensive players in the NFL.

And to Arrington, I speak for all Redskins fans when I say, "Good luck in wherever you go. You will be forever loved and missed in Washington."

Unless you go to Dallas.

**Howard Students and D.C. Natives Sound Off on D.C. Major League Baseball Stadium Agreement**

BY DANYELE HADAWAY  
Hilltop Staff Writer

D.C. mayor, Anthony A. Williams, in conjunction with Major League Baseball, signed a lease agreement for a new Washington Nationals ballpark in Southeast, D.C.

After reviewing the agreement, Chief Financial Officer Natwar M. Gandhi told D.C. Council Chair Linda Cropp in a letter that he is "prepared to move forward in financing" the ballpark that has a public spending cap of \$611 million acknowledged by the mayor and D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission.

The deal stipulates that the Nationals pay the District about \$150 million dollars over the next 30 years or \$5.5 million a year to finance bonds dedicated to revitalizing Southeast. Nearly \$335 million in bonds are expected to be sold in early May.

"The signed lease is the green light we needed to turn this dream into a reality," Mayor Williams said in a statement. "We've protected taxpayers



RFK Stadium, shown above, played host to the inaugural season for the Nationals. In a few years, RFK Stadium will no longer be the home of the Nationals, although the new stadium will still be located in Southeast D.C.

our 1,500 largest businesses, the federal government and the fans who attend games."

Although baseball officials have yet to agree on covering the above amount, the CFO said that the

be paid solely and only by sources identified.

Anything over the \$611 million spending cap was supposed to be financed by the team, the federal government, developers, excess tax revenue and other private monies according to Gandhi's letter.

In his statement, Mayor Williams hailed Cropp "for her steady leadership. We couldn't have done this without her and the deal is better because of her efforts."

Cropp's press secretary, Mark F. Johnson, said the councilwoman is happy that the deal has gone through, but "she is glad that it is over to make room for more important matters."

Sophomore physical assistant major from Washington, D.C., BeYonne White said that she felt similar to Cropp in that

the stadium was taking up too much news time, but she said she was weary of the actual benefits.

"First, since the majority of D.C. is poor, they won't be able to afford to go to the games," White said. "And second even though they will create jobs, should we be happy that we now have new jobs to sell popcorn and hotdogs?"

The second phase in getting baseball in the District required a reaffirmation on the spending cap and an agreement with Clark Construction to build the stadium, both scheduled to have been voted on Tuesday.

The mayor then urged control over the 20-acre property near the Anacostia waterfront in Southeast expected to be the site for the ballpark. Taxes on large city businesses and concessions with the lease pay-

ments will finance the stadium bonds.

"I think it is a good idea for them to try to bring jobs to the area," said Markeith Branch, a native of Southeast D.C. "But the area is not the best to have a baseball game in."

The mayor wants to use the stadiums profits to make Southeast "a better place for people who live and work here," according to his statement.

Mayor Williams said, "With a revitalized Southeast, we will reap tens of millions of dollars in new tax revenue in the coming years, money that can be used to fund critical social programs to help our neediest residents, school improvements for our children and crucial road, bridge and construction projects to make our city even stronger."



insured that they are never asked to contribute a penny towards the cost of this stadium. Instead, the stadium will be built with funds from

council passed months ago an emergency legislation that guaranteed "the Team and Commission have agreed that the Cost Overruns, if any, shall

**Support from The Home Team: Bison Athletes Pick-up For Their Counterparts Where Fans Drop the Ball**

BY YASMINE PARRISH  
Hilltop Staff Writer

With ten fans in the stands, the male lacrosse team had to play a three game tournament last season. Many sports teams on Howard's campus have low fan turnouts, so it's no wonder that having the girls' lacrosse team there to support is a breath of fresh air. Though most sports teams travel separately, all the Howard sports teams seem to make a conscious effort to support the other teams.

"We try to get to each other's games," said sophomore soccer player Ian Newborn.

"Getting to away games are harder because we might be on one side of the country and they're on a whole other coast." Newborn said the maximum number of fans the men's soccer team has ever had was 200 fans.

"We always appreciate any kind of support we can get," said Sebah Ramirez, a sophomore defender for the women's lacrosse team.

"Even at home games, we don't get a lot of fans so it's great when the guys come out especially because they know the sport and can recognize good plays." Understanding the game and appreciation for sport seems to be one of the greatest benefits for the players.

Men's lacrosse players are mutually influenced by the support of their female counterparts.

"It's great having the girls come out and watch us play, because they know the sport," said senior lacrosse player Brent Robinson. "If you invite your friends, you feel great that they came but if they don't know the game then they'll probably get



Bison and Lady Bison athletes support their counterparts often in lieu of lack of support from Howard students. The men's and women's basketball teams are currently reciprocating support at the MEAC Championships.

bored but with the other team there it seems that much more worthwhile. Anyone who plays lacrosse can appreciate anyone who plays lacrosse, so it's cool."

While the fans may be there in fair weather, some sports teams depend on other teams to come out and show support.

"When it's warm outside we gave the best turnout. The football team has come to a few of our games, the men's soccer team comes out in full number, the women's basketball team also tries to make to our game[s]" said Lindsey Walton,

a senior goalkeeper on the women's soccer team. "As long as we tell them about our game and it doesn't conflict with their practice, everyone tries to come and support. For some sports teams, there is camaraderie on and off the playing field."

Newborn said that one of the reasons for the mutual support shown between male and female teams is due to the strong sentiment that the players have for their sport.

"We have equal love for the sport," Newborn said. "I know most of the girl soccer players, if not by name, then by face.

Some of the girls hang out a lot with the guy soccer players. I'm sure that all the girls know who all the guy soccer players are."

Ramirez said that there is added support from the men's lacrosse coach, Duane Milton. "Their coach helps us in some of our games and practices. There is definitely a growing relationship between the two teams simply because our sports are so similar."

A little support goes a long way, so a few supporting faces in the crowd can make a big difference, especially when it's fellow athletes.

"Just an applause," Walton said. "It encourages us to continue on. It's great to hear comments from sights to cheering. With indoor sports, it's easy to hear the crowd's reaction, but with soccer, which is outdoors, you have to have more people just to hear what's going on with the crowd so it's great when whole teams come out."

Even when fans don't come out with that Bison spirit, fellow athletes and sports teams not only show love, but show a lot of understanding as well.