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General Assembly Votes Out Seven Reps

BY FARREN HINTON

Hilltop Staff Writer

In an attempt to hold student representatives more accountable while in office, the General Assembly has voted to remove a number of representatives from the GA due to their absences.

In a meeting held before last week's spring break, a total of seven GA members were voted out due to their failure to obtain excused absences. As it stands in the GA constitution two or more unexcused absences are cause for removal.

According to Rory Scott, the Chair of the General Assembly, those who were dismissed were dismissed because they had unexcused absences at two or more meetings.

In order for an absence to be excused, GA members must send an email notifying the GA Recording Secretary that they will be unable to attend that evening's meeting.

The dismissals did not come without warning from the General Assembly, as it is policy to notify through email the coordinators of either UGSA or GSA of the delinquent representatives so that they may then notify the rep at fault of his or her standing.

Most of the representatives who were removed served on the Graduate Student Assembly and in most cases were simply unable to attend the meetings which, according to Scott, are often scheduled around undergraduate schedules because graduate student schedules are not as definite as those of undergrads. The Chair noted that it is often harder for graduate students to make the meetings due to that fact that they are often professionals as well as students.

The GA further brought accountability into the picture by voting to publish in the Hilltop the names of the delinquent representatives.



In a meeting held before spring break, seven GA members were removed due to unexcused absences.

Scott, who wishes that the names could have been published a lot earlier, said that the main purpose of publishing them was to "hold reps a little more accountable, because we need people to see which reps are actually working."

The removals took place even after a noted attempt

was made by the GA to curb absences outlined in a special policy. The policy included the steps to be taken before removal from office, preventive measures, and also allowed absentees to send along a proxy in their place.

Although seven seems a large number to be simply removed from student gov-

ernment, Scott said the move was, "More of a technicality than anything. We can start our meetings and not have to wait for so long."

Scott says that the smaller number of GA representatives will "help us to run more smoothly because only the members who were dismissed were the students who had issues coming to meetings," Scott said.

In an effort to boost rep attendance, the GA is planning to televise the meetings starting next semester, something they tried but were unable to accomplish this academic year. "Publicity is accountability," Scott said.

The GA plans to move ahead as a smaller quorum body for the remainder of the semester. Left on the bill for this school year are number of meetings that will handle the approving and enactment of the Executive Summer Budget for HUSA, approval of the final election results, and a disci-

Removed Members

School of Social Work:

Douglass Goez - Vice
President
Phillip Pratt - GSA
Rep

Pharmacy, Nursing, & Allied Health Sciences:

Morgan Roberts - Vice
President

School of Law:

Kris Howard - GSA Rep

College of Dentistry:

Janita Chase - Vice
President

Graduate School of Business:

Nyema Pinkney - Vice
President

College of Arts and Sciences:

Gregory Bosworth
- Vice President

Alternative Spring Break Helps Katrina Victims

BY TAYLOR MASON

Contributing Writer

As the twenty-four hour bus ride came to an end in New Orleans, some Howard University students were in awe at the sight of devastation in front of them.

They witnessed residents sitting amongst their tattered belongings along with shattered glass, broken bricks and pieces of wood that once made up their home.

"We did everything from raking leaves to gutting houses and I felt privileged to be able to help those who weren't able to help themselves," said sophomore English major Ashley Clark.

200 Howard students and staff members substituted a week of fun in the sun for an alternative spring break.

Students walked around not just debris, but memories of the dead or abandoned.

"Before students even exited the bus, they knew that this land was to be honored and respected because it was essentially a burial ground to those who suffered or lost their lives during Katrina," professor Nanaji Jackson said to her American Government class.

The sight evoked tears and emotion that many had never felt until that moment. Some were immediately angered by

the sight of people still in pain.

"When I first arrived, I was saddened almost immediately. It has been months since Katrina hit and by the looks of things, it seemed like the hurricane hit only last week," K'shaani Smith, a junior legal communications major said.

According to Smith and others who participated in the trip, students felt a lack of government assistance, and that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) efforts were in vain.

Ironically there were more white college students helping black residents of New Orleans than black students helping black residents, according to NO spring breakers.

"People protested to help those who were really in need," Clark said. "The longer we were exposed to the travesty of the lower 9th ward residence, the longer we wanted to stay and help them rather than attend to those in the upper St. Bernard's Parish community."

Brandon Earle, freshman international business major, had a more personal experience. He assisted in the transferring of residents from hotels to shelters.

"I talked to almost anyone I saw and heard some unbeliev-

able stories. No one will be able to understand a fraction of what these people experienced until they listen to it first hand."

Marketing/legal communications major, Sonny Jackson, agreed that the individual stories that the residents shared were upsetting.

"I left me speechless. But what surprised me was that despite their immeasurable loss, residents still had hope and a sense of community," Jackson said.

A commencement was held yesterday in Blackburn to thank those who volunteered their time and energy to help Katrina victims during the break. University President H. Patrick Swygert and Dean of Andrew Rankin Chapel, Bernard Richardson, were among those to express gratitude. Students filed into the festive ballroom for Mardi Gras décor to eat, socialize and listen to moving testimonies.

During the commencement, students revealed that their lives had been dramatically altered by the New Orleans experience.

"Alternative Spring Break was truly a blessing because I was able to see what we as a people had the ability to accomplish," said Ty Aaxon, a freshman broadcast journalism major. "I



Hundreds of students were recognized yesterday for helping rebuild New Orleans during spring break.

felt as though I received more from New Orleans residents than I had given. I left with a sense of hope and a stronger will to deal with my personal trials."

Alexis Logan, one of the alternative spring break coordinators said, "it is not over yet."

"There will be an ASBB for those who are unfamiliar with the term, an Alternative Summer Break 2."

Those who were not able to give their services during spring

break will have other opportunities to join students in the cause.

"Howard brought the largest contingencies this week since Katrina hit and we want to encourage more to come," said professor Jackson.

Members of the NAACP, Impact Movement, Amnesty International and college of engineers were a few of the many groups in attendance.

'T.O.' Disses Eagles in Rap and New Book

BY COURTNEY EILAND

Deputy Managing Editor

After two drama-filled seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles, wide receiver Terrell Owens officially signed a three-year \$25 million deal with the Dallas Cowboys last Saturday.

To show how displeased he is with his former team, Owens plans to release a book in July titled, *Ineligible Receiver: The Real Story of My Journey from the Super Bowl to the Sidelines*.

"Finally, the real T.O. story can be told," Simon & Schuster executive David Rosenthal said according to ESPN.com. "It's an important chapter in the long-term struggle for players' rights in the NFL."

However, not many

Howard students view it the same way. Senior political science major and Dallas native Brandon Bradford believes that Owens is being petty. "Owens is just extra, he overdoes it a lot," he said. "I personally don't have any feelings about the book, but as long as the Cowboys win, he can write all the books he wants."

Senior marketing major and Dallas native Stevie Owens agrees with Bradford saying, "I think he's being petty, but that's just his persona and the way that he does things. But then again, I also see it as an intimidation factor," he said.

Owens also released a rap 'disc' which was aimed at the Eagles regarding the salary dispute, Eagles management and his potential success with the Cowboys.

"When it comes to this

game, I'm the best in the field, some said I was gonna sign just a one-year deal, but I got what I wanted up front, 10 mil, changed the rules of the game, so now how you feel? I got a brand new team, I am a Cowboy now, no more black and green, to the haters that said I'm not going to get my money, I'm laughing in your face, ha ha, that's funny," Owens rapped according to www.terrellowens.com.

He continued with, "And this will probably be my best season by far, no more getting my Eagle on, you can meet me at the stars."

After reaching the Super Bowl in 2004, Owens had a less than pleasant season last year after being suspended and later deactivated in the middle of the season.

With his ongoing feud with Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb, Owens led some to assume that he was the biggest troublemaker in the league.

"I think things will be different with the Cowboys because Bill Parcells is a great coach," Bradford said. "When the Cowboys signed Keyshawn Johnson, who also had fallouts with team members, they ended once he came to the Cowboys. Maybe with Owens it will be the same."

On the other hand, Owens foresees problems in the Cowboys' future. "Eventually, there will be problems, but I think at least the first year he will concentrate on winning. I think it was overall a good move," he said.

Another problem that Cowboys fans may have to grasp with 'T.O.' in town is

whether they will forgive him for his touchdown celebration that he did on the midfield star in 2000.

"I hated him for that," Owens said. "But I know that now with him being with the Cowboys, he's going to do the same thing to other teams. I think that once we start winning, the fans will forget about the whole 'business' with the star. Dallas is all about winning."

And winning is just what the Dallas native believes the Cowboys will do next season.

"Next season, we're going to the Super Bowl," Owens said. "The NFC is a weak conference and the Cowboys are the most solid team in the conference right now, so I believe that we will go to the Super Bowl."

NOTORIOUS HIP HOP CLASSIC SHELVED

Illegal Sampling Ends the Sales of Notorious B.I.G.'s Debut "Ready To Die"

BY JOSHUA THOMAS
Asst. Life & Style Editor

Imagine a world in which future hip hop enthusiasts have to study the genre without the masterpiece that was ranked #133 position of the RollingStone's 500 Greatest Albums of All Time, according to Wikipedia. This could very well happen due to the fact that sales of Notorious B.I.G.'s debut "Ready To Die" were recently halted after a Tennessee jury decided that the song used illegal sampling.

The title track and "Machine Gun Funk" from the 1994 album contain samples from the Ohio Players song "Singing in the Morning" and the Horny Horns' "Up for the Down Stroke." These songs were sampled without permission, according to leading authority in hip hop news, SOHH.com.

This ban is the result of one of a number of lawsuits filed by Bridgeport Music and Westbound Records. This verdict has been a long time coming, according to Armen Boladian, owner of Bridgeport Music and Westbound Records. "We've just been battling this for such a long time," Boladian told the Associated Press. "So many [cases] have been settled because companies didn't want anything to do with it, and we knew we were right."

Kenny Marable, a junior political science major, sides with the plaintiffs by simply saying, "the law is the law."

Yet that feeling is not mutual across the board. "Ready To Die" has been around for years," said sophomore accounting major DJ Johnson. "It's just too late."

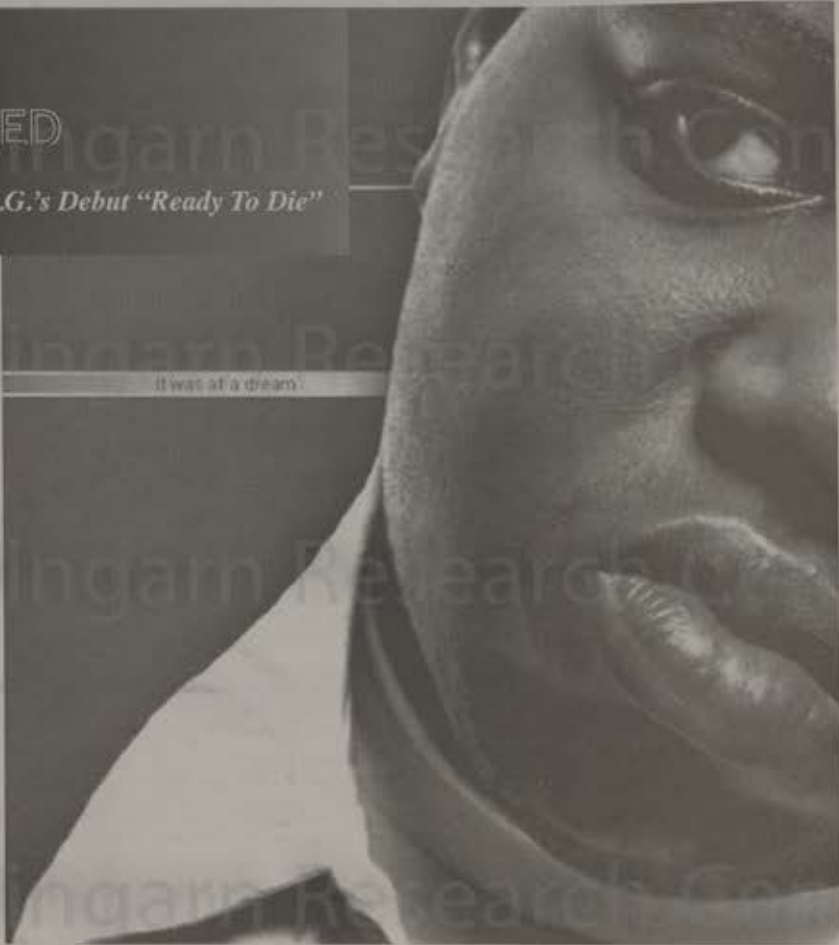
In addition to the halt on sales Bridgeport and Westbound were awarded \$4.2 million in damages according to Vibe.com.

The punitive damages as well as the ban seemed unfair to Johnson. "Either you take the money or the ban. That [\$4.2 million] should more than cover the clearing of the sample."

Sean "Diddy" Combs, Bad Boy Entertainment, Bad Boy LLC, Justin Combs Publishing and Universal Records are not giving in without a fight and are planning an appeal. "The verdict was erroneous and against the great weight of the evidence," said Jay Bowden a lawyer for the defense. "We are very confident that it will be reversed on appeal."

The sales ban affects more than just in-store sales, it reaches out internet sales, downloads and even as far as radio play.

"[Banning] radio play is too much, they have gone too far with that," said Johnson. "I think it's a part of a plot to overshadow the shadiness of the industry and to forget a slain rapper."



A Day in the Life of...

a registering student

BY MORGAN NEVILLES-MOORE
Hilltop Staff Writer

Class Registration. To some it's a time consuming hassle and to others it's a breeze: just one more item on the to-do list. For Donnie Holton, junior public relations major, the day of class registration is never a dull one.

"It never fails, I can't think of one time that I registered for all my classes without any glitches or problems," Holton said.

"Glitches in the system" is what she uses to describe the small technicalities that seem to plague her every time registration comes.

"It always starts with small things, like all of a sudden my internet doesn't want to work properly or, if it does, it doesn't want to load the BisonWeb homepage," she said.

This year's problems for Donnie started

off a lot earlier than the previous years, causing the rest of the day to be just as problematic as its start.

"I thought I had figured it out this time," she said. "I woke up early to check my home computer to make sure I could log on successfully. At 7:30 a.m. BisonWeb opened for me, but, of course, at 9:00 a.m., I was told by that annoying automatic message that the page could not be loaded."

Frustrated and contemplating her next move, Holton decided that she might as well just leave for campus. This meant getting her sister to daycare a few hours early and preparing herself to find something to keep busy with since her first class wasn't until 12:40 p.m.

"I decided to just go ahead and get to campus early so that I could use a computer in the lab and register. It's not that getting

the classes is such a big deal. I know that if I don't web register, someone has to let me in the classes I need because I plan on graduating next year, but it's the thought of having to go through the hassle of overrides that pushes me," Holton said.

Donnie packed up her sister, all the while thinking of how she would explain the extra daycare costs to her mother later, and made the journey to campus from her house in Arbutus, Maryland during morning rush hour, something she hates to do.

"I can't stand having to drive into D.C. in the morning. People are all over the road in a rush to get nowhere, it just makes the drive seem even longer than it is. I just remind myself that it's all for a good cause: no overrides," she said.

Donnie arrives a little after 10:00 a.m. and her first worry is a parking space. Once

that is resolved, the worry now switches to finding an available computer in the always overcrowded lab.

"It's like no one on this campus uses their own computer, the lab is never empty, but it's okay because it's all for a good cause: no overrides," Holton said.

After a brief fifteen minute wait, Holton sits down at a computer and begins the steps of logging onto Bison web, she puts in all her course numbers expecting to see all 17 credits web registered and complete.

"After all I did to avoid getting overrides I still have to get two. The whole system is a conspiracy to me. Why would they only offer one section in a major class, almost like they want to spend time shuffling students around and signing overrides," she said.

Campus Briefs



Microsoft and Brown Pen-Computing Research Center Opens

The Microsoft Center for Research on Pen-Centric Computing was launched at Brown University in Providence, RI, as a collaborative effort between the university and Microsoft. Over the next three years, Microsoft will give the \$1.2 to run the center.

Both entities have researched pen-based computing, and are looking at "improving pen-based operation of Tablet PCs, Pocket PCs and Palm Pilot personal digital assistants (PDAs), electronic whiteboards and conventional desktop computers."

The director of the center will be Brown University's vice president for research, Andries van Dam.



FAMU Kappas Suspended

The Alpha Xi chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi at Florida A&M University was suspended after allegedly beating Marcus Jones, a pledge, until hospitalization.

Jones, 20, who is a sophomore environmental science student at Decatur, Ga., was allegedly beaten for four nights with canes. The incident was reported by his father, Mark Jones, to the Tallahassee Democrat, a newspaper. He said the incident involved 26 pledges, and that one of his son's wounds required 25 stitches.

According to the newspaper, "Because of the severe beatings he had taken, his right buttocks looked like a purple volleyball, and there was so much swelling some of the skin literally died," Mark Jones said. "Imagine a 3-by-3 (inch) area and all of the skin taken off down to the fatty tissue."

The length of the probation has not yet been determined.



Duke Professors Launch Comic Book As Teach-Tool

Three law professors at Duke University have written a comic book that looks at the impacts of copyright on creativity. It also touches on the costs and benefits of copyright in the digital age.

The comic, "Bound by Law? Tales from the Public Domain," was co-authored by James Boyle, the William Neal Reynolds professor of law at Duke University, Jennifer Jenkins, director of Duke's Center for the Study of the Public Domain and Keith Aoki, the Philip H. Knight professor of law at the University of Oregon Law School. Aoki also illustrated the comic, which features a heroine making a documentary about New York City.

The book will be released April 6 at the Durham's Full Frame Documentary Film Festival.

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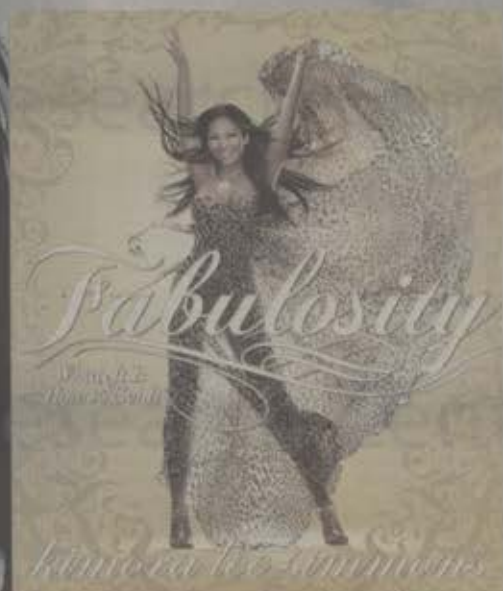
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Iraq War's Third Anniversary

BY DANYELLE HADAWAY
Hilltop Staff Writer

An estimated 2,316 deaths of U.S. troops and about 30,000 dead Iraqis resonated during the third anniversary of the war in Iraq Monday. In commemoration of the event, President Bush spoke in Cleveland, Ohio and here in Washington, D.C.

Several lawmakers, political scientists and political leaders spoke about the state of the Iraq war.

In a White House news conference, President Bush expressed his confidence and optimism in the war in Iraq.

"If I didn't believe we had a plan for victory, I wouldn't leave our people in harm's way," Bush said.

He added, "We are doing the right thing. A democracy in Iraq is going to affect the neighborhood. A democracy in Iraq is going to [inspire] reformers in a part of the world that is desperate for reform."

During the conference, reporters asked Bush about pressure to make staff changes in recent reports. "I'm satisfied with the people I've surrounded myself with," Bush said. "We've been a remarkably stable administration, and I think that's good for the country."

Dr. Louis Wright, a political science professor, is not as optimistic as Bush about the war in the Middle East.

"The combination of seemingly not having a plan, the problems with the government that they are trying to form over there and being able to get itself organized, the conflict between the general population and the American soldiers—all of those factors are a serious deterioration in the situation," Wright said.

Presidential candidate Rep-

resentative Joseph Biden said Monday that President Bush should concentrate [and] apply pressure on Iraqi officials to stabilize their government rather than spending time making speeches. "If his war fails, then America is hurt; America fails," Biden said.

"The top responsibility of the federal government is to provide for the physical security of its citizens. We are failing. The administration needs to be held accountable," he said.

According to the BBC news, 25,000 demonstrators marched to London's Trafalgar Square on Monday in an event sponsored by the Stop the War Coalition, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and Muslim Association of Britain.

Wright also said that there are false pretenses about the global support for the war in Iraq. He said, "Most of the soldiers there are American, they have lost 7,000 British soldiers there... so this notion of a [international] coalition doesn't exist."

Similar protests were held elsewhere in the U.S., Madrid, Spain, Sydney, Australia, and Tokyo. However, numbers were down with many of demonstrations much smaller than in previous years.

From a practical stand point, Wright said that pulling out of the war "might be problematic to those people who are supporting Bush—people with big oil interests."

Freshman political science major Brandi Amos says three years at war is long enough. "I most definitely think that 2,300 US casualties is enough, especially for a war which is being fought and I can't honestly list three reasons for the U.S.'s placement in Iraq," Amos said.

Senior political science major Stuart D'Andrade feels

that year three is just a reminder of the strained relations between the U.S. and Iraq.

"I just think the U.S. is bailing, for lack of a better word, Iraq...and not for good cause," she

said. "I am concerned about the state of America as we approach this anniversary. I am still not 100 percent behind the war as many other Americans feel the same way," D'Andrade said.



President Bush spoke to reporters at the White House about the state of the Iraq war in commemoration of the third anniversary of the controversial war.

What's Going On in Our Nation and World?



French lawmakers OK bill to Force Open iTunes

Apple Computer Inc. has yet to comment on the new bill that has just been passed by French lawmakers. The bill, if passed by the French Senate, will force the technology giant to reveal its secrets regarding two of its leading products: the iPod and iTunes. This bill is meant to help the local competition but also crack down on online music piracy. According to the Associated Press, rather than share its secrets, Apple might withdraw from the French market, but that has yet to be determined.



A Gift of Glitz for New Orleans From

The Washingtonpost.com reported that Belhville, Md., pageant winner Maria West, 17, organized a campaign to help high school students in New Orleans. While shopping for her prom dress, she came up with a plan to collect 100 prom dresses to donate to schools in New Orleans. West is a senior at the Georgetown Day School in Washington, D.C. With her mother's assistance, she has collected over 425 dresses in sizes 2 to 28 and plans to collect up to 500 to ship to New Orleans by April 1.

Compiled by Danyelle Hadaway
Hilltop Staff Writer

Think you know Brit Lit?
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Hampton Business Students Follow Strict Hair Code

BY KENDRA TURNER
Hilltop Staff Writer

Students majoring in business administration at Hampton University School of Business are not allowed to wear cornrows or dreadlocks, in line with a strict academic and dress doctrine.

While the program makes it possible for students to receive a bachelor's degree and a master's in business administration in five years, students must maintain a B-average after their sophomore year, follow a conservative dress code, complete two internships and meet regularly with business leaders, reported the Associated Press.

Dean Sid Credle told the Associated Press that although he does not have a problem with a "nicely-tapered" Afro, these rules that mandate behavior and grooming are meant to prepare

students for the strict business world.

Credle said the top 75 African Americans in the corporate world do not have extreme hairstyles.

Dean Barron Harvey of Howard's School of Business, which offers a five-year program for accounting majors, said he understands Hampton's reasons for implementing such rules. However, he believes it is more about educating students about proper dress and attire. "Our students understand how to dress for success and what it takes to be successful in the corporate world," he said.

However, Harvey said he is not going to require students to cut their hair or wear suits everyday.

"I am going to require students to be educated on their

responsibility to dress professionally and have a professional appearance that is consistent and compatible with organizations that they are interacting with."

The dean has faith that students fully understand their responsibility to comply with corporate culture.

"There are corporations that will accept students with neatly done cornrows and our students are aware of those that don't."

Harold Gray, Sr., Director of Professional Development at the Center for Insurance Education in the School of Business does not agree that braids and similar styles are a problem and encourages students to be unique. However, he did warn students, "everything you do and everything you don't do has its consequences."

Gray said students need to do their own research on what is acceptable, and know it has nothing to do with abilities, but rather the environment.

"Don't look at it as selling out, look at it as a uniform," Gray said.

Carol Dudley, coordinator in the Office of Career Development in the School of Communications at Howard, has no problem with students wearing cornrows and similar styles while in school unless they are in a corporate environment.

"When it comes to braids on a female or male, the hair should be pulled back so that they pose little distraction to work that needs to be done," Dudley said. "If [the hairstyle] has to do with religion, it should be hands-off."

Sophomore finance major Jaymont Hovey has plans to cut his braids when he enters the corporate world, but said "braids and dreadlocks should be accepted if kept professional."

Sophomore television production major, Alexis Taylor, agreed that all hairstyles should be well kept.

"Considering that I have natural hair, I disagree with not being able to wear braids and dreads, as long as they are neat and presentable," Taylor said. "I understand that in the corporate world you have to fit in to a certain degree, but it's just hair, it's not that serious."

Taylor believes corporate problems with braids and dreadlocks stem from the stigma attached to natural hairstyles that they are dirty or unkempt.

"Most people with natural hairstyles wash their hair often. I wash my hair at least once week," she said.

Dudley said although acceptance of a hairstyle may depend on the nature of the workplace environment, students should understand that "in order to



Howard's campus, commonly known as a 'Mecca' for fashion, includes several students sporting natural hairstyles, such as braids, twists and cornrows.

attract money or business it may require conformity."

Dudley believes students should practice wearing appropriate business attire and supports the optional rule in the School of Communications, which urges students to dress in corporate attire the second Tuesday and Thursday of the month.

"I believe School of Communications students should possess a suit because they will need it at some point; there is no industry where you don't need a suit," she said.

Hovey, sophomore finance major, understands the suit requirement for students, even though it is a bit restrictive.

"Students should be able to enjoy college because they are not in the professional world yet. If [a dress code] makes college more stressful than it should be,"

Gray, director of professional development in the School of Business, said some companies are becoming more open to styles outside the conservative realm.

"Many corporations are not wearing business attire everyday. Many environments are dress down and business casual," he said. "Many more companies are being more receptive to many other styles and cultures."



Instructors and professionals say natural hairstyles like dreadlocks and braids are acceptable as long as they are pulled back and neatly-kept.

Tech Brief: TiVo Goes Mobile



TiVo and Verizon Wireless have joined forces to create a downloadable application that allows users on the go to schedule recordings on their TiVo directly through their cell phones.

TiVo, the pioneer in digital video recording (DVR) and Verizon Wireless, the provider of the largest mobile network to yield TiVo mobile, announced the new project called 'Get It Now' earlier this month.

The downloadable application enables TiVo service subscribers to record TV programs on their TiVo through their Verizon phone.

DVR devices, such as TiVo, record TV shows onto hard disks; thus, viewers have the ability to pause live TV and fast-forward through commercials.

Recently, TiVo also made it possible for its subscribers to transfer recorded programs onto devices such as iPods and Sony Playstation Portables.

TiVo mobile will not only allow subscribers to conveniently integrate control of their television life with their wireless phone, but they will also be able to conveniently access related entertainment information.

"Verizon Wireless and TiVo will also collaborate on a joint marketing campaign to promote availability of the new TiVo Mobile feature," according to a TiVo press release.

"TiVo Mobile will add yet another unique benefit to the Verizon Wireless 'Get It Now' service by allowing our subscribers to be the first mobile users anywhere to schedule television recordings on TiVo

using their mobile handset," said John Stratton, Verizon Wireless chief marketing officer in the press release. "As a powerful consumer entertainment brand, TiVo has the ability to help us attract consumers who value the leading multimedia capabilities Verizon Wireless offers."

The new service will set TiVo a part from other competing cable and satellite companies offering DVR such as DirectTV, Time Warner, and Comcast.

TiVo users have already been able to program recordings using the company's website and Yahoo! Incorporated's TV Guide online.

The TiVo mobile feature will cost \$5 a month in addition to Verizon's monthly cell phone charges and TiVo subscriber fees, which are \$12.95 a month.

MocoNews also reported Orb Network already offers a service similar to 'Get It Now' for free through its "DVR Everywhere" service, which is used in conjunction with TiVo set-top boxes and TiVoGo.

Freshman African American studies major, S. Jason Brown, said TiVo mobile is innovative but, "[it is] for those with money, who just want to spend money," Brown said. "It's not really useful, just something to get because you can."

Junior speech communication major, Dora Edge, agreed with Brown.

"I don't think it is innovative," she said. "It's just a remote inside a phone, it is a waste of money."

As these trends continue, wireless operators like Sprint are offering their own network-based versions of mobile TV, while device makers such as Nokia, Motorola, and Siemens are working on handset technology to accept TV video streams.

TiVo mobile and Verizon's "Get It Now" service will be available to download onto phones early this summer.

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The Internship Initiative

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Howard's visiting and continuing Katrina students who are selected to participate in the internship program will have a unique opportunity to provide direct assistance to their communities that were so devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Katrina students will also have opportunities to undertake summer internships in other areas of EPA work. The work will take place in locations such as Mississippi, Louisiana, Dallas, Washington, DC, and Boston. Internship descriptions are being posted on Howard University's website and include contact information for relevant EPA offices.

Reception and Internship/Employment Interviews

Howard University will host a reception and interview session where representatives from EPA and other federal agencies will have an opportunity to meet with Howard visiting and continuing Katrina students to present internship opportunities, review student resumes and discuss students' interests. Permanent positions may also be available to students. Details regarding the session are:

- When: Tuesday, March 28, 2006
- Where: Cramton Hall (Howard's Main Campus)
- Time: 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Resume Submission and Contact Information

Interested students must submit electronically a current copy of their resume by Tuesday, March 21, 2006, to Ms. Deborah Catchings (deking@howard.edu). Students should feel free to contact EPA offices in advance, to ask questions about or express interest in particular internships. Students are asked to bring additional copies of their resumes with them to this session. Questions about the program may be directed to Dr. Alvin Thornton, Associate Provost (202-806-2550), in room 405 of the Johnson Administration Building; or Dr. Harold Scott, Associate Director, Ralph Bunche International Affairs Center.

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Maximizing Your Summer

Now that we're all back to sitting in classes, we've acknowledged that our Spring Breaks are merely nostalgic memories and the reality has set in. Books have cracked open and people are back to clocking in at their jobs and juggling priorities, once again. That week we just had gave most students a bit of refreshment and relaxation that has their minds dreaming of the day this semester ends. The feeling is similar to the last day of class in elementary or middle school where kids went running around excitedly at the thought of their freedom. Warm days, popsicles and tank tops meant no work and no tasks except being young and black. However, summers do not have the same meaning they used to, and now we must make career strides during break.

When you look at any entertainment mogul, lawyer,

doctor or successful entrepreneur, their resume is likely stacked with experience. Even Diddy was once an intern! Simply graduating with good grades is not enough to make you marketable in the competitive

programs in they help you decide whether or not you are moving in the right career direction. Many students have decided to change majors after a few internships while others have celebrated their experiences. Don't wait

until graduation to get a taste of your major. An important part of doing something big during the summer is the people you will meet. You may go in and do such a good job that you get a job offer. Or if your boss sees poten-

tial in you, he or she may pass you along to other key players or serve as a reference. If you don't have something exciting lined up it isn't too late. Talk to other students and career counselors about potential internships and summer programs. Your future is an investment; the more legwork you do now, the more success you will see later. Get the ball rolling.

Our View:

We've reached the age where comfortable summers at home need to be replaced with internships, fellowships and power moves.

job market. Potential employers will want to know where you've worked, who you met and what you learned on the job. Rarely do people want to hire someone that will need training beyond the typical job orientation routines. Would you bring a person with no experience or training on board?

Another important thing about internships and summer

Black Biker '[Sets] the Record Straight'

I would like to respond to the article I read on your page today that was about black bikers. I am assuming that this is about black bikers on the east coast. Here in Los Angeles it's not as he said. First, black bikers are here as well as in Arizona, Nevada and Texas.

These are places I have been and seen it for myself, since I do ride Harley's. I have one and have been riding one for the past thirty years. I too belong to a motorcycle club here in Los Angeles,

we are called the Chosen Few.

There are many black bike clubs in Los Angeles and the bike of choice is Harley Davidson. We do all the stuff that they talked about in the article and more.

We go on camping trips as well. I am writing to put the record straight: west coast black bikers "do it the old school outlaw way".

Much love to one and all.

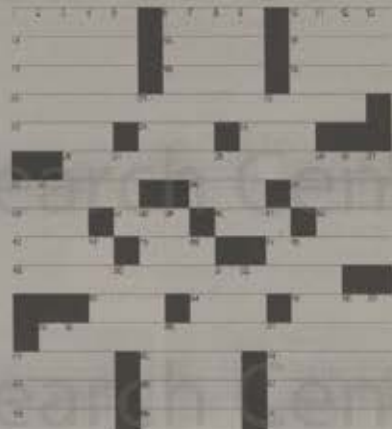
- Dennis "Dr. Feelgood" Moore

Across

1. Wear proudly
4. River bottom
10. Showing emotion
14. Be on the floor
15. Texas, just a little
16. Cloning part of a power
17. Fred Astaire's sister
18. Wildlife
19. Urban reformer back
20. What "X" may lack
21. Not out
24. Hot tempo
25. Understanding
26. Food game show or the '80s and '90s
32. Back street
34. Profit for sale
35. One sixth of 34 Across
36. Zzz
37. "Loser's Paradise" revisited
40. Gilded position
42. Audible excitement
43. Swain absence most
45. 2001 biopic
47. Emory, e.g.
49. Cheesier movies
52. One, to Java
54. Actress Long
55. Trucking
58. Kim Basinger Oscar film
61. Music account
63. Dated
64. University of Maine site
65. Vending machine opening
66. State with currency
67. Waffles over
68. Lab rat's course
69. Pictograph maps
70. Someone's problem

Down

1. Close, in a dock
2. City near Venice
3. Sold
4. Sub for
5. Frisky diagram
6. Informal entry
7. Separate Dakota
8. Take risk
9. Slip just the doorman
10. Crumple cup
11. Resident bar
12. Census machine
13. "As I ___ spring..."
21. Archaeological site
23. Go out with
27. Illusionary theater
28. Hair's existence
29. Miles shrimps in
30. Persian Gulf highway
31. Neck not rock
32. Egyptian mine
33. Leslie Carron role
38. Incredibly dramatic
39. Sluggish



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We've said goodbye to winter and the fashion, music, and movies that were introduced during the time. Find out what spring 2006 has to offer with some of the most anticipated movie premieres and album releases.

Upcoming Album Releases

*LL Cool J	Todd Smith	March 21, 2006
*Mobb Deep	Blood Money	March 21, 2006
*Prince	3121	March 21, 2006
*Ghostface Killah	Fishscale	March 28, 2006
*Pink	I'm Not Dead	April 4, 2006
*Bubba Sparxxx	The Charm	April 4, 2006
*Cam'ron	Killa Season	April 25, 2006
*Busta Rhymes	The Big Bang	April 25, 2006
*Ludacris	Release Therapy	May 6, 2006
*India Arie	Testimony: Vol 1	May 9, 2006
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Upcoming Movie Premieres

ATL (PG-13) March 31, 2006

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Basic Instinct 2 (R) March 31, 2006

Drama, Suspense
Directed by: Michael-Caton Jones
Starring: Sharon Stone, David Morrissey, Charlotte Rampling

Shadowboxer (R) March 31, 2006

Drama, Suspense, Thriller
Directed by: Lee Daniels
Starring: Cuba Gooding Jr., Eva Mendes, Helen Mirren

Brick (R) March 31, 2006

Drama, Suspense
Directed by: Rian Johnson

Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Lukas Haas, Nora Zehetner

Lucky Number Slevin (R) April 7, 2006

Thriller
Directed by: Paul McGuigan
Starring: Josh Hartnett, Lucy Liu, Morgan Freeman, Bruce Willis.

Phat Girlz (R) April 7, 2006

Comedy
Directed by: Nnekegast Likke
Starring: Monique



American Dreamz (R) April 21, 2006

Comedy
Directed by: Paul Weitz
Starring: Hugh Grant, Mandy Moore, Dennis Quaid



Friends with Money (R) April 7, 2006

Comedy and Drama
Directed by: Nicole Holofcener
Starring: Joan Cusack, Frances McDormand, Jennifer Aniston

Scary Movie 4 (R) April 14, 2006

Comedy
Directed by: David Zucker
Starring: Anna Faris, Regina Hall, Leslie Nielsen, Craig Bierko.

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Bradley?!

BY CARYL GRANT
Sports Editor

Bradley. Even typing that name makes me cringe. Yes folks, my bracket has been busted by the Braves. I'm not completely out of it. My final four are still in it. Although my Huskies have brought me to the brink of a coronary, I'm keeping the faith.

Of course I still hope UConn will be victorious, and I still think J.J. Reddick will choke, leaving the Dukes short of the Final Four once again.

But more importantly, this is all about revenge now. I want Memphis to run all over Bradley.

I want a massacre, an obliteration, and an annihilation all rolled up into one 40 minute game.

Yes, I'm bitter. But I have the right to be so, and have the backing of a good number of the American population.

You see, Bradley alone nearly ruined my Spring Break.

Instead of enjoying my time off from classes, I found myself obsessively checking espn.com on my phone for the latest updates on my picks.

As of today, I have a dismal total of 64 points in the Facebook bracket challenge. And that's just not cutting it.

I suppose I can't be too mad at the men in red, though. They have earned their spot in the final 16 teams standing. Every year it's somebody. This is Bradley's year.

However, I can be mad at my Michigan State Spartans who never fail to let me down in the tourney.

I've learned my lesson over the years, so I had the tournament savvy Spartans going down in the second round. Of course, they had to one-up me and lose to George Mason in the first—should have known.

And then the Patriots went on to beat last year's champs. Who would've thought?

But at the end of the day, such upsets are what I love about this time of year.

The NCAA tournament isn't about records and stat players. It's about heart what team wants it more.

Seeds are simply numbers that decide a team's path to the promised land.

And that is precisely why I have Duke losing in the Elite 8.

There's no doubt in my mind that J.J. Reddick is one of the best shooters the college game has ever seen, but the Blue Devils showed signs of mortality near the close of the regular season.

They got tired, and the Player of the Year candidate was unable to be clutch for his team.

However, my main focus for the moment is still Bradley. They've had their moment of glory. It's been a great ride.

Now, it's time for someone to step up and take them out. I want them to be miserable.

Midnight is approaching and their Cinderella story is coming to a close.

It has to be...for my sanity alone.

Upsets Bust Brackets Across Campus

BY CARYL GRANT
Sports Editor

March Madness. It can be seen as the annual period of monumental upsets or the moment of gaining long deserved respect.

Many Howard students, along with the rest of the nation, have watched their NCAA tournament brackets go up in flames as surprise teams such as Bradley and George Mason have defeated higher seeded favorites and secured a position in this year's Sweet 16.

"I'm glad I didn't fill out a bracket this year," said sophomore international business major Averi Thomas-Moore. "I would have been really upset."

"Only people that go or went to Bradley would have picked them to go this far in the tournament."

Florida (3), Boston College (4), Villanova (1), Connecticut (1), UCLA (2), Gonzaga (3), Memphis (1), Texas (2), Duke (1) and LSU (4) have all stayed true to their seeds, despite a few scares.

However, the Sweet 16

births of West Virginia (6), Bradley (13), Washington (5), George Mason (11), Wichita State (7) and Georgetown (2) have busted brackets across the nation.

"Every year it's pretty much a roll of the dice," said sophomore COBIS major Randall Blackman, who said that it was all of those seven, eight and nine seeds taking down twos and threes that killed his bracket.

However, his final four teams are still in the running. "I think I can make a comeback," he said. "I think Duke's going all the way."

Other HU students are enjoying the glory of having picked the upsets.

Sophomore biology major, Michael Yansen picked Bradley to beat Kansas in the first round, but had them losing to Pittsburgh in the second.

"I have certain teams that I just don't trust," he said. "I don't like Kansas. I think they're choke artists. Florida too, I'm surprised they got this far."

Yansen's top four, UConn, Villanova, West Virginia and Gonzaga are also still alive.

He also accurately picked Georgetown to make the Sweet 16.

His success is a mixture of luck and accuracy.

"I normally don't have number one's making it to the finals," Yansen said. He also pointed out that in 18 of the past 19 years, a 12 seed has beaten a number 5.

"I usually have success picking who's going to win it all, but this is a little surprising even to me," he said.

The Regional Semifinal round begins tomorrow. Students hope that their brackets can be resurrected during



The Bradley Braves (13) beat Kansas and Pittsburgh to get to the Regional Semifinals.

the last stretch of the tournament.

Bradley will face off against number one seeded Memphis tomorrow at 7:27.

The Tigers are yet to face a top-seeded opponent in this year's tournament.

George Mason will take on seventh seeded Wichita State on Friday at the Verizon Center. They hold a homecourt advantage playing in Washington, D.C.

ESPN college basketball analyst Dick Vitale gave some advice to tournament viewers.

"It was a great weekend for the MVC [home to Bradley and Wichita State]," he said in his ESPN.com column.

"Don't overlook Bradley and Wichita State the rest of the way, because these teams can flat out play!"

However, that advice may have come a week too late for bracket builders at Howard and



Eleventh seeded George Mason secured a spot in the Sweet 16 with wins over Michigan State and North Carolina.

Lady Bison Gear Up for St. Francis

BY DREW COSTLEY
Sports Editor

Despite getting rolled over by Duquesne in their last match, the Bison women's lacrosse team is ready to attempt to dip the Red Flash of St. Francis University tonight at 4 pm at Greene Stadium.

The Red Flash, who have only played two games this season, have started off the season poorly, losing both of their first two matches by a total of 17 goals. They were crushed last Wednesday by Niagara University 14-4. In the match the Red Flash were more than doubled in overall shots taken and turned the ball over 27 times. The team cleaned the field nearly as well as Niagara, though amassing 27 ground balls to Niagara's 29.

Leading the Red Flash in scoring this season is freshman midfielder Rachel Bocci, who has reached the back of the net twice this season and notched one assist. Also leading the Red Flash in points are sophomore midfielder Shannon Scarola and freshman midfielder Brittany Bullion, who have two goals each.



The women's Lacrosse team will face St. Francis University today at 4 p.m. in Greene Stadium.

Last season the Red Flash were lead by senior Rachel Farrow and junior Liz McCague. Farrow notched 11 goals last season and McCague dished out 12 assists.

The Bison's loss to Duquesne last Saturday was just the latest in a dismal season for the Bison, but the team has not given up hope. In fact, they believe that they are making important improvements from last season.

"There are obviously some things that we need to work on but we are much improved from last year," said Sasha Ramirez, a sophomore defender for the women's lacrosse team. "The numbers don't reflect the improvement because most of the improvement has been mental."

The Bison were porous on defense in their loss against Duquesne on Saturday, a problem that the team has acknowledged as one of their chief areas of improvement. They were nearly doubled in shots taken and out of 26 shots on goal, only seven of those were saved.

"We don't mark tightly enough on the girl with the

ball, especially when time is running out at the end of the period," Ramirez said.

A reason for the defensive woes that the team has had is a lack of communication and hesitation to follow through with decisions made in the midst of game action.

"Our goal on defense this week has been to improve our communication and once we make decisions as an individual on the field to go through with them. If we are right [in our decision], we are right and if we are wrong, we are wrong," said Abigail Webb, a sophomore midfielder for the team.

On the offensive side of the ball, many Bison were able to find the back of the net last Saturday. Freshman attack Sakita Holley reached the promise land twice and senior midfielder Brittany Merritt, junior midfielder Abdullah, junior attack Dominique Browner and junior defender Shannon Morris each notched a goal.

The lion's share of the scoring this season has come from Holley, who has 21 goals on the season thus far and has taken 46 shots. If the women's lacrosse team wants to be successful against the Red Flash, they will have to score more.

Another problem that has been plaguing the women's lacrosse team has been injuries. Ramirez is out with a strained knee, an injury she has struggled with since last season and senior attack Natasha Sandy is out with a sprained ankle.

Despite their losing record, the team has also focused on keeping a positive attitude.

"We have been trying to stay away from having a defeatist attitude," said Webb. "Even though we haven't had a lot of success this season we are trying to visualize a victory."

Around the Sports World



Japan Wins World Baseball Classic

The Japanese baseball team defeated the Cuba in the championship game of the inaugural World Baseball Classic, 10-6, on Monday.



Lester Makes History

Bill Lester became the first black stock car driver to compete in NASCAR's top series. He went on to finish in 38th place at the Golden Corral 500 Monday.



Parker Dunks, Twice

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