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## Poetry Cipher Showcases Student Talent

BY FARREN HINTON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University Undergraduate Student Association hosted the third installment of a week of events focused around the arts last night in Cramton Auditorium. The poetry showcase entitled "Passionate Rhythms: Rhythmic Stanzas" was hosted by special guest Raheem Devaughn and brought a number of students out to the festivities.

The show, with the eight-dollar fee waived (refunds were given to those who paid ahead of time) opened with a energetic dance number by the infamous Vision Performance Team which prepared the crowd for the show to come. The Rhythmic Stanzas played out throughout the show as performers from Howard and beyond skillfully mixed different genres of music from hip-hop to the likes of Jack Johnson and Lauryn Hill with the

poetry spilling from their hearts.

Performers for the evening's first half included Poet, Playwright Actress and Writer, Lyrisspect, Harold Green and Howard's very own Sumi Tribe.

"Our goal this year was to exhibit the art residing inside our university," said UGSA coordinator Danielle Perry. "This is a perfect example of the talent at Howard."

The excitement from the first half of the show spilled over into the intermission as the audience cheerfully conversed with each other while singing and dancing along to the beats provided by the DJ. The second half began with a roar as the audience welcomed Devaughn back to the stage to introduce Howard duo, the Ill Harmonics.

The duo, comprised of freshmen Theo Hollingsworth and Jude Stelly, received a standing ovation at the end of



(From left) Poetry show host and singer Raheem Devaughn talks to the Ill Harmonics duo, freshmen Theo Hollingsworth and Jude Stelly.

their performance, which included a version of acoustic crooner Jack Johnson's "Banana Pancakes," followed by A Tribe Called Quest's "Can I Kick It" (surprisingly well-accompanied

by a harmonica.)

"I thought it was really good," said Ill Harmonics lyricist and harmonica player Hollingsworth. "Raheem Prophets were amazing, and the Sumi

Tribe definitely did their thing. I had a lot of fun."

After another one of Devaughn's long breaks, which were common throughout the night, the Hueman Prophets came

to the stage to bring their Passionate and Rhythmic Rhymes to the audience. The Prophets brought the audience to yet another standing ovation as the poetry segment of the show ended.

Vision returned to dance and interact with the crowd while the stage was reset to welcome the final performers, Ab & the Souljourners. The brief intermission allowed the audience a chance to stretch their legs and work it out to songs like "The Tootsie Roll" and MC Hammer's "Can't Touch This." Ab & the Souljourners once again brought the audience to their feet singing and dancing, and seemingly enjoying themselves.

The Howard University Spring Black Arts Festival continues tomorrow with "Rumors" fashion show at 7 p.m. at Cramton Auditorium.

With additional reporting by Shani O. Hilton.

## Student Website Draws Investors to Education

BY COURTNEY PARKER  
Contributing Writer

Many students feel like the cost of college is getting way out of hand, often leaving them wondering: How exactly am I going to pay for everything? Financial aid is one aspect of college that almost every Howard student is familiar with. Every year the cost of attendance rises as students scramble to find scholarships and loans to help get them through the school year.

Sophomore international business major Gabrielle Ward knows all about this struggle. "I couldn't have come to Howard without a scholarship," said the South Pasadena native. "Last year, I heard stories about people who had to leave Howard and I was upset."

Ward envisioned a wonderful Howard University, with excellent buildings and facilities which students could take advantage. She saw herself as a capable student who could further enhance Howard's prestige.

Ward felt that she could help the prestige of Howard by targeting the student population first. In hopes of helping students alleviate their expenses, she came up with SponsorAStudent.org.

SponsorAStudent.org is a non-profit organization that bridges the gap between those who have the means to give money and other resources and students who need the assistance. To locate the funds, Ward has solicited support from a number of Howard alumni, the federal government, major corporations and black-owned businesses throughout the country.

Those who choose to give to the organization are not only sponsors, but investors who, through giving to students, are invest-



Gabrielle Ward (right) started SponsorAStudent.org as a way for students to find funds to help pay for school.

ing in the future success of a student. How exactly does SponsorAStudent.org work?

Howard students can log onto the website, which will be processing profiles beginning Fall 2006. From there, they can read information about the business and its mission as well as create a student profile. The student profile helps the sponsors determine which students they want to help.

"We give them the profiles of all the business majors we think they would be interested in, they pick who they want to sponsor and for how much. If a sponsor wants to sponsor someone from Indiana, then we look up those from Indiana," Ward said.

Besides being able to choose the students whom they would like to support, sponsors can decide if they will fund a student's entire academic year up to four years, or simply contribute to one part of their cost such as their meal plan or housing costs.

Ward's organization is slowly but surely growing and developing. She describes the process as being very "slow and time consuming" but also very worth the effort. Along with developing the website, Ward has invested ample time in community service to help gain rec-

ognition and spread the word about her business venture. Being a student in the School of Business and an active member of Howard's Entrepreneurship Society, Ward has been exposed to and instructed on what it takes to develop a business.

"It's so inspiring to see students older than you, the same age as you, and even younger than you all striving for the same goals," said Ward referring to her fellow Howard entrepreneurs. "I would encourage anyone with entrepreneurial aspirations to join the club."

Although SponsorAStudent.org is not officially registered, it is accessible on campus. Currently 70 students have filled profiles and are awaiting responses from the organization. Processing the profiles takes time, but Ward sees funds being allocated in the near future.

"Right now, what has been holding up funds is proper registration. I have had to research how to go about registering everything properly. I recently aligned myself with a community developer to help with the process, so things are picking up and going ahead full force."

Ward hopes to see her website grow and reach students at other HBCUs around the country.

## NCAA Champions



(Above) Maryland's Crystal Langhorne, rear, hugs teammate Marissa Coleman. The Terps beat Duke in the women's NCAA championship game on Tuesday. (Below) The Maryland team holds the trophy after beating Duke 78-75 in overtime to win the NCAA women's basketball championship game Tuesday, April 4, 2006, in Boston.





## A Day in the Life of...

## a Currently Unsatisfactory Student

BY MORGAN NEVILLES-MOORE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

For confidentiality purposes, the name of the student mentioned in the following article will not be revealed in its entirety.

It's that time of the year when most students are busy trying to step it up in their classes, looking for extra credit and hoping to hand in past due assignments. But for some students, the midterms given a couple weeks ago on BlackWeb is just that, a grade.

"I really don't see what the big deal is about," said C. Price, a junior psychology major. "I mean, we take tests and hand in assignments all the time, so why should this one be so important? It's a grade like everything else."

Price received all unsatisfactory marks for midterms grades on BlackWeb. This didn't come as a surprise at all to him.

"I'm not a slacker," he said. "I keep up with my work, so I know what I have done and what I haven't. Almost every semester I start off with U's and by the time final grades come around

I'm good. I would never just disregard my GPA like that."

Like a number of Blacks, Price has decided to take on numerous responsibilities, while also attempting to maintain an outstanding grade point average. He attributes the fact that each semester starts off on the wrong foot because of all the extra activities he is doing.

"I've got a lot going on with me right now," Price said. "I work almost 40 hours a week. I'm taking 16 credit hours, I'm trying to get my own little business venture started, and,

most importantly, I'm getting ready to become a daddy."

Preparing himself to become a father is what keeps Price motivated. As he talks about his girlfriend of three years who is now seven months pregnant, his whole face lightens up as if nothing else in the world matters at that moment but her and their baby.

"It's crazy you know, I never saw myself as a father type but now that's it happening, I'm more excited than I've ever been about anything and my girl is what keeps me grounded," he said. "Whenever I feel like it's all too

much and I want to quit she steps in and that's when I know I'm going to be alright."

With all the above rotating and floating through his mind, the "infamous U's," as Price likes to refer to them, is far from being at the top of his to-do list.

"Like I said I would never mess my GPA up," he said. "It's something I'm proud of, but I just don't get worked up over a couple of U's. All it means is that I know what I need to do now. So for the next couple weeks I'm going to be on my grind; every paper and test

## Campus Briefs



## Tennessee State Tennis Player Dismissed for Attending Conference

Melany Whiting, a junior mass communications major, was dismissed from the Tennessee State University tennis team after she missed three days of practice to attend the HBCU National Newspaper Conference, which took place Feb. 8-11 in Greensboro, N.C.

Whiting said she requested to be excused from practice for the conference, which she said was "fully funded, supported, and excused" by the university. According to Whiting, her coach refused her request.

Administrators at Tennessee State defended their decision to remove Whiting from the team and to not renew her scholarship for the 2006-2007 school year. Athletic director Teresa Phillips said at first Whiting was only suspended, but that further actions from Whiting led to her dismissal.



## Harvard Expands Financial Aid Program

Harvard administrators have announced that parents with an annual income of less than \$60,000 will not have to contribute financially to their child's education at Harvard.

This new program is a 50 percent increase over the previous threshold. Harvard also expanded its financial aid packages for families with income between \$60,000 and \$80,000.

Currently, two-thirds of Harvard students receive financial aid. The average grant for the next academic year is expected to be more than \$33,000, which is about 70 percent of the nearly \$42,000 it costs annually to attend Harvard.

"There is no more important mission for Harvard and higher education than promoting equality of opportunity for all," President Lawrence H. Summers said in a statement.



## University of Maryland Enacts New Riot Policy

The University Senate of the University of Maryland unanimously approved a new riot policy that would allow the school to expel or suspend students for riotous behavior off campus, even if they have not been convicted in a criminal court.

This new policy would only require written police reports documenting a riot-related offense to punish a student. Before going to the Board of Regents for approval, the university's president, Dan Mote, must sign off on the new rules.

The campus riot policy differs from other regulations because in the past a criminal conviction was necessary for the university to discipline a student for off campus misconduct.



## Purdue Engineer Team Wins National Competition

The 18 person Purdue Society of Professional Engineers from Purdue University won the first place for the fourth consecutive time at the 18th National Babe Goldberg Machine Contest.

They devised a machine that used 215 steps to accomplish this year's task, which was getting the machine to individually cutting or shredding five sheets of paper.

"It was a nail-biter because we had a problem during the second round due to a glitch in the machine," said Robert Mann, assistant leader of the team and a junior religious studies major.

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## French Protests Arise As New Labor Law Passes



Protests have broken out in France after the passing of a new labor law, which may make it easier for employers to fire new employees under the age of 26.

BY RUTH AUGUSTE  
Contributing Writer

French students along with teachers, workers and labor union leaders have joined forces to form the largest nationwide protest. The protest came as a reaction to a new labor law.

The law, also known as the First Employment Contract, is scheduled to take effect in April. It will give employers the power to fire new employees under the age of 26, without explanation or cause for two years.

According to the Associated Press, the demonstrations started three weeks ago and "have spread to more than 150 cities and towns throughout France." An estimated 1.5 million people joined the effort last week.

Workers who remain employed for at least two years will then switch to a long-term contract that offers a much

stronger protection against firing. Those laid off within the two-year period will receive eight percent of the salary earned since the beginning of the contract.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin feels that this new implementation will help ease the disaster of a persistent high unemployment rate, especially among poor youth.

Opponents see the law as a step toward disregarding the long treasured employment rights and benefits. They also feel that the new law is unconstitutional because it discriminates against young people.

Adding to the outrage of protesters is Villepin passing the law onto Parliament without first consulting the public, including union leaders.

Sophomore chemistry major Lesley Edwards agrees that the protesting of this new law is something worth speaking out

against. "It would be more sensible if the prime minister gave the public's voice, something that has such a huge impact on them," Edwards said.

The demonstrations turned violent in Paris on Tuesday, with more than one million people in the streets, the largest since the protests began last month.

According to a New York Times Article, the protests disrupted aspects of daily life from transportation to services.

Many of the country's schools, post offices, banks and government offices were either closed or operating slower than usual. The Eiffel Tower was forced to shut down and a few domestic flights were also cancelled.

The riots have escalated to the point where the attacks are moving past property attacks, to attacks on people.

Shana Richardson, a junior

broadcast journalism major, feels that the violence was unnecessary. "There's no need to use the protests as a means of endangering the lives of innocent people, stealing cell phones, knocking people down. That's inexcusable."

In an article, the Times reported that "most of the vandalism and violence causing the displacement of the protests is largely due to young men, from tough underprivileged suburbs, who roam in groups."

"I would protest too, but I wouldn't go as far as to cause blockages and disturb the country's basic functions, it's not going to resolve anything," said Jessica Catchings senior TV production major.

Retired Foreign Service officer Howard W. Hardy, who also lived and served in France, has a special connection with the country. "I can't say if the riots are justified or not, but I can say that the French citizenry has certain expectations, they're looking for the guarantees that previous French governments have provided."

Demonstrators vow to continue protesting until the law is dismissed. However, the Constitutional Council voted the new law constitutional Thursday. This law is definitely unconstitutional. "Age should not be the sole basis for keeping your job, that's crazy," said Suzanne Francoia, a junior psychology major.

According to the Associated Press, the only chance left for resolving the catastrophe is for President Jacques Chirac to send the law back to Parliament.

Villepin is said to be willing to talk about improvements but has refused to disregard the new law.

## What's Going On in Our Nation and World?



Mohamed El-Muray

An Alexandria federal jury found al Qaeda conspirator Mohamed El-Muray eligible Monday for execution because of his connection with the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The jury decided that he was one of the 19 people who caused at least one death out of 5,000 people killed in the nation's worst terrorist attack. El-Muray is the only person in face charges for the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and will begin the second phase of the sentencing trial on Thursday that will include testimony from families of victims of 9/11 and experts that will say that he was schizophrenic due to a poor childhood and racial oppression because of his Moroccan heritage in France.



Warren Wright in Capitol, Seattle

U.S. Capitol Police requested an arrest warrant Monday for Rep. Cynthia McKinney, 51, after confusion between her and a uniformed officer last week, according to the Associated Press. Although neither the U.S. Attorney Kenneth E. Walker nor the police would comment on the case, the Capitol Police said it "has referred its investigative findings to the U.S. attorney," which is the first step in obtaining a arrest warrant. According to anonymous officials, the Democratic representative for Atlanta in the uniformed officer after he placed his hand on her to stop her from entering a House office building since she did not have on her identifying legal pin and did not stop when asked three times. McKinney issued a statement that she was regretful for the incident but was a victim of inappropriate touching and racism.

### Virgin Mobile Accepts \$1.6-B NTL Offer

The Virgin Mobile Holdings PLC will now offer broadband internet, home telephone and mobile, and television under its brand after accepting a \$1.6 billion offer (12.5% of the company) from NTL, a British cable TV and telephone company. Keeping the Virgin Mobile brand based in Britain, the deal has a 30-year exclusive license with Virgin Enterprises Ltd. and helps to boost the NTL reputation from "bad management and bad customer service," according to analyst David Thomson with Blyth Burner & Co. in London. NTL plans to re-brand all of its television and internet services as Virgin.



British Lawyers Build Case Against Wigs

According to the Washington Post, growing criticism has risen against the requirement for trial lawyers to wear lace-trimmed wigs in British courtrooms. Lawyer John Balfour held up his handpiece in court last week and said, "Some people think it gives them more authority, but most of us just think they're silly." Although the wigs have long been out of style with the public, those in support of wig-wearing lawyers say that it gives them an "air of solemnity, impartiality, and anonymity." Critics feel the wigs are over the top, ridiculous and outdated.

Compiled by Danielle Hadaway  
Hilltop Staff Writer

## From Mayor to Corporate Cheerleader

New Allegations have been launched at Civil Rights Leader Andrew Young

BY DEMARIO J. GREENE  
Contributing Writer

In a recent Wal-Mart discount store opening in an Atlanta suburb, civil rights activist Andrew Young, 74, was at the forefront, dancing with store clerks, hopping to the tune, "We Are Family."

Young, the former mayor of Atlanta and U.N. Ambassador, was also presented with a \$1 million donation from the Wal-Mart company for the planned Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial to be built on the National Mall.

Young's participation in the festivities is part of his new position as the corporate cheerleader for the company, a move which has drawn great fire from an increasingly vocal group of well-established African-American leaders.

One civil rights activist that has spoken out about the issue is, Rev. Joseph Lowery, who is known to many as the dean of the civil rights movement. Lowery said that Young was a "lone wolf" in his association with Wal-Mart.

In a statement, Lowery said, "Maybe he knows something that otherwise advocates economic justice. Maybe we will see this corporate giant be torn again and become a good corporate citizen."

Wal-Mart has faced long standing allegations of being stingy with labor wages and benefits, forcing employees to work unpaid overtime, sex discrimination, disability discrimination, undocumented workers, illegally contracting foreign workers, halting any organization of employee labor groups, poor worker safety, poor healthcare plans and attempting to muscle out small business competition.

Young, who has been involved with business since the civil rights era, hopes that in working with Wal-Mart, he will be able to help establish more opportunities for minorities to be hired and promoted.

Despite what others are saying, Young expressed that his motives were still in line with the beliefs of the civil rights movement. "Civil rights leaders are involved in helping poor people...It's what I've been doing my whole life."

Young, during his two-terms as Atlanta mayor in the 1980s, claims to have attracted over a million jobs and \$70 billion in private investments to the area.

Young was recently interviewed on WAOK-AM radio, an Atlanta based station,



Civil rights leader Andrew Young has been under recent fire after becoming Wal-Mart's new "corporate cheerleader." Young is the former mayor of Atlanta and UN Ambassador.

and was given an opportunity to clarify his new relationship with Wal-Mart. The listeners that called in were confused and disappointed in Andrew Young's current actions.

Wal-Mart hired GoodWorks International, a company that Young heads, to make public appearances, and give interviews on their behalf, according to Kevin Sheridan, the spokesperson for Working Families for Wal-Mart.

Some Howard students feel that Young's new position as a spokesperson for Wal-Mart may not be such a bad idea.

"Hiring Young to be a spokesman for the company is a very smart move for the company. [He] will bring a positive image to the company," said Jamie Wallace, junior public relations major.

One Howard political science professor feels that there may be more than what meets the eye in Young's new position. "One could take [Young] at face value...He puts a friendly face on questionable labor practices

for the Wal-Mart giant. That's what's problematic," said Daryl B. Harris, Ph.D., associate professor of political science.

The terms of the deal between Wal-Mart and GoodWorks International have not been made public as of yet.

In a February 2004 report by Congressman George Miller (D-CA), he said, "There's no question that Wal-Mart imposes a huge, often hidden, cost on its workers, our communities, and U.S. taxpayers. And Wal-Mart is in the driver's seat in the global race to the bottom, suppressing wage levels, workplace protections, and labor laws."

"Wal-Mart is the largest employer in the United States. It's one thing to provide jobs for them, but you have to ensure their access to health care. The quality of the job has to match the standard of living in the society. They have a social obligation," said Cyril E. Hunt, Ph.D., professor of Economics.



# eBay Auction Patent Under Fire

BY DUSTIN J. GAVIN  
Contributing Writer

**D**ue to their recent run-in with patent laws, eBay may have a little more difficulty providing whatever it is that students, faculty and online shoppers in general want and need.

## The Case

Since 2001, eBay has been undergoing a patent lawsuit by a small Virginia business called MercExchange. The small auction software company sued eBay for patent infringement related to eBay's "Buy It Now" feature—this feature allows sellers to set fixed prices for items and complete the transaction immediately, rather than have clients participate in an auction.

The case is now trying to distinguish the difference between the two companies' separate ideas for each business. MercExchange's founder, patent lawyer Thomas Woolston, came up with the idea of using an electronic network of delivery stores that would ensure legitimacy of sales by taking possession of goods being offered.

eBay's system allowed its buyers and sellers to deal with each other directly. The case has been taken to two lower courts in which eBay was proven guilty for violating patent laws.

As of March 28, the case has been taken to the Supreme Court to decide if eBay will be proven guilty once and for all.

## The Effect on Students

With eBay being one of Howard University students' many online venues for books, clothes, electronics and many other varied items, some are beginning to wonder how the ruling of the case will affect them.

"I often use eBay to shop for books to avoid the prices in the bookstore," said sophomore public relations major



eBay is the latest company to undergo a day in court over patent infringement.

Keneishia White. "Although there are many other online companies that I could give my business to, it would be a bit of an inconvenience if eBay was removed."

## Consequences for eBay

Dennis Crouch, a patent attorney at the law firm of McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP in Chicago and the author of the blog "Patently-O," believes that the case will not end in the closing of eBay.

"The eBay case will likely sway the legal pendulum—but not by much. Rather, I expect that the Supreme Court will hold that a court should weigh the pros and cons of an injunction before shutting down an infringer."

## Patent Trolls

Patent laws have been a rising concern for many business holders. Apple iTunes, BlackBerry, and even BarnesandNoble.com have all recently faced adversity over patent infringement.

Many critics believe "patent trolls," such as MercExchange, attempt to hoard patents for products they never truly develop.

"I think most of the companies suing over these patents just see another company's success with a similar idea from their own, and lash after them," White said. "In the end, it's really all about the money."

Although eBay has not been given a final verdict, they still have very high hopes for the future.

If they do lose their case in court, they plan to pay-off the suit and continue selling goods online, according to ENETNews.com.

# Organizational Profile: Society of Woman Engineers

BY DUSTIN J. GAVIN  
Contributing Writer

There is only one group on campus that motivates people, puts on fashion shows, chases academic excellence and whose members could tell consumers what they'll be driving in the fast lane in the year 2025: the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

"Engineering is very difficult, and at times you get discouraged," said Jeneil Stephens, a sophomore systems & computer sciences major and co-secretary of the society. "It's really nice to belong to a group that encourages you and helps you cope during those hard times." The bond these women share is sure to stay in fact since the group hosts many outings to interact socially, such as "Ladies Night Out," an annual event Stephens said takes the ladies away from the stress of their demanding classes.

This group not only attempts to motivate each other, but also devotes time to giving back to the community. In their most recent community service venture, they visited a local middle school and spoke to young ladies about the engineering field.

"We wanted to impress upon these young women the prevalence of women in the engineering field and inform them about the various engineering professions available," Stephens said. "We also wanted to impress upon the kids how fun engineering is."

They practice what they preach. Most recently they incorporated their "fun" side and put on a fashion show entitled Tech

Couture, which Evelynnni Akinsammi, a junior electrical engineering major and head of the show, considered a great success.

"Next year we want to do even more," said Abisola Oladapo, president of SWE and junior electrical engineering major. "I not only want to make a larger impact with the Howard community, but also in the metro area."

The group is now creating a website for their chapter so people will be able to see what they are doing to provide scholarships, introduce new outreach programs and open the doors for males who wish to join.

"Many people don't realize it, but the Society of Women Engineers has always been open to males," Oladapo said. "I guess many are probably just a little hesitant about joining due to the name."

Sophomore chemical engineering major Rayshawna Richardson said, "I really never considered joining, but even now, knowing it's open to males, I still wouldn't join because I would feel uncomfortable."

According to the Division of Science Resource Studies, there is a smaller percent of women in the engineering field compared to men. SWE is hoping to one day shorten the gap between the sexes.

Their mission is to "stimulate women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders, expand the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life and to demonstrate the value of diversity."

# Sprint Nextel Offers Navigation Service

BY CHRISTIA RAVENELL  
Contributing Writer

**S**print Nextel and InfoSpace Inc., a mobile media leader, have joined forces to create Find It!, a "comprehensive subscription-based location enabled search product that allows consumers to easily and quickly find everything," according to a Nextel press release. It further stated InfoSpace Find It! "is like having a concierge in your pocket."

The \$2.99 a month product is available on more than 20 Sprint and Nextel phones, which accounts for 70 percent of the service providers 48 million subscribers' phones.

Omaré Jacobs, a junior mathematics major, who has a Nextel i863 said, "I would definitely [use the service], as often as I get lost in D.C. It will be standard pretty soon, like caller ID."

Jacobs added the cost was reasonable for the navigation service. "You save on all the gas you would have spent if you were lost."

Adversely, sophomore legal communications major Alexandria Murph said the service is not needed.

"Once someone gives me directions I know how to get there. I make sure I know where I'm going before I leave the house or I go back home rather than search."

Murph, who owns an i730, said the service was similar to other assisted locator services such as TomTom and OnStar.

While Murph might not use the service, analysts project that the U.S. market for mobile directory assistance is more than \$3 billion in 2006, according to the press release.

Users can pinpoint their locations with automated GPS or location systems, or use zip codes, addresses or intersections.

U.S. operators have required cell phone providers by law to put positioning technology in their phones. These laws allow police to identify caller's locations in an emergency. The technology is just now being used to offer commercial services.

M-Metrics analyst, Mark Donovan, said that consumers are more likely to find information with their cell phones if they do not have to type in location details, according to Reuters.

The Find It! feature also offers searching capability for local quick links, finding people and numbers, what's nearby, and more.

Sprint and InfoSpace are currently not charging businesses for being listed in the directory, but are expected to garner advertising revenue in the near future.



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Sprint Nextel now offers a navigation service on more than 20 phone models called Find It! The service allows users to find names, numbers, locations, quick links and more.

"I would definitely [use the service], as often as I get lost in D.C."

—Mary Sunshine

InfoSpace's agreement with Sprint is not exclusive and Find It! may become available to several other mobile service providers soon.

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## A.J. Speaks Out Against 106 and Park's Videos

For many successful media moguls, if it doesn't make dollars...it doesn't make sense. Extended and improved contracts replace old ones as benefits and perks skyrocket. The job title of hosting a show on a major network is an appealing one that many people would love to have. However, some jobs that look glamorous have implications behind closed doors that we don't understand. Ethical and moral judgments have to be made on all levels. Former 106 and Park host and Howard alum A.J. Calloway is now speaking out against what he considered destructive messages in most of the show's videos.

People were confused when Marie Wright, commonly known as Free, disappeared from the show and Calloway soon followed. The abrupt end to a five-year stint left fans longing for

the old days. The new faces of the show are much younger and have a different energy than Wright and Calloway brought to the show. As the show has progressed whole, it has developed into something slightly unfamiliar and a bit more com-

doing," he said.

The point Calloway was trying to make is that the younger generation is being exposed to some inappropriate material. *The Hilltop* can agree because we have all been around kids who seemed to know a little

too much a little too early and have imitated videos they've seen. "Pick your five favorite songs," Calloway said. "Write down every word that's in your favorite

songs. Read it back to yourself and think about what that has put into your head," he said in the article.

When we all enter the working world, our superiors may want to manipulate us to do things we are not comfortable with. We will do things that may help or hurt the black community and that is an inevitable dilemma in many fields.

### Our View:

*Rather than supporting BET's graphic videos, we appreciate A.J. accepting some social responsibility.*

mercialized.

People may argue that the videos have been that way the whole time, and A.J. is simply making the network look bad. However, he has the right to voice his opinion over a decision he made. "I couldn't watch my own show with my niece on my lap," he said in the Associated Press article. "I felt like I was hurting us by doing what I was

### Correction on Ghostface Album Review

Stephen Radhead

Hello. I'm the writer of both of the articles in the Life & Style section on Thursday. There were a lot of typographical and grammatical errors in the published versions. I can't name them all, but what I can point out is the Ghostface article mentions a track called "Trailblazer". The actual song is called "The

Champ", and the word "trailblazer" is part of a lyric in the song, and not actually the title. I clearly noted "The Champ" in the draft that was emailed to the staff. The draft that was sent to you contained this quote:

"Ghostface continues to bring the flare that he's known for on songs such as 'The Champ', as he attacks the Just Blaze produced track with 'Trailblazer, stay ballin' with

vengeance/ My arts is crafty darts while you stuck on Laffy Taffy/ wondering how did y'all [sneakers] get past me/ I've been doing this before Nas dropped the 'nasty'.

That's all I wanted to say, so as to not cause confusion with my readers that are looking for a track called "Trailblazer" which doesn't exist.

### CORRECTION

To correct an article that ran earlier this week, *Wings over Washington* is owned by Howard Alumni Chris Tucker and Suzanne Johnson Tinker. Chamee Hanes is a shift leader and not a Howard alumna. Delivery is a minimum charge of \$7, not \$5.

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# No Checks, No Credit, Ray Drops 'Cash' Only

BY JOSHUA THOMAS  
Staff Life & Style Editor

Cleveland and hip-hop don't really seem like two terms that go hand-in-hand, well, not since the mid-nineties when Bone Thugs-N-Harmony were in their prime. That's all about to change with Ray Cash's "C.O.D. (Cash On Delivery)" which drops nationwide June 6.

You may be familiar with the "pimp in my own mind" from Cash's first single "Sex Appeal," or his current single "Bumpin' My Music."

The current track is a real-life tale of Cash riding in an "old school '84 Delta 88" while "Bumpin'" his favorite artists. The song gave Cash the opportunity to pay homage to some of his favorites and some of those who inspired him. He pays his respect to artists across the board from 2Pac and Dr. Dre to the D.O.D. to Usher and Mary J. Blige, as well as the legendary Scarface, who lends his talents to the track.

However, Cash discloses that the song didn't always feature this living legend. "I already did the single and it had somebody else on it. Face heard it and loved it. My man told me that and I was like 'Get the f--- outta here!'"

Ray Cash is a proud representative of Cleveland and holds it down for the home team on his track entitled "Payback." This is

one track that Cash revealed was particularly close to him. It's his answer to critics "saying" [rappers] from Cleveland can't rap and don't belong.

Cash sees himself as the leader of the Cleveland movement and the emergence of "swagg" music. Cash defined this fresh sub-genre of hip-hop. "Swagg, it's a lot about ya swagga (swagger). You swag to it. Showin' ya leather guts (car interior), showin' ya flip down television screens. It's about that swagga, that get money music."

Supporting Cash in this movement are other Cleveland acts such as 216, Fat Al and Ronny Rome. "I'd sign my name to all of 'em," said Cash in ensuring his confidence of fellow Cleveland artists.

Unfortunately you won't see any collaborations with the other big name in Cleveland, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, on this upcoming record, but Cash declared that they will be

on the next album which is already a work-in-progress. Cash also said that he is close with the members of Bone, and attends their parties and events while they do the same. "I was chillin' with Laydie [Bone] the other day," Cash said.

Although Bone is not to be expected on "C.O.D.", other prominent rappers worked on the project. "I did tracks with Beanie Sigel, Bun B, and Scarface," said Cash of the all-star appearances. "All those [collaborations] are close to me."

Cash, who has been signed to Sony BMG for about a year and a half, wants his record to have an impact and to accurately portray who he is. "I'm a real n---ga, I don't put on airs for nobody," began Cash. "[I'm] official like a ref with a whistle."

He is on the lookout for Ray Cash's debut album, "C.O.D. (Cash On Delivery)" when it hits stores Tuesday, June 6, 2006.



Cash

Rapper Cash hopes new album "C.O.D." will put his home town, Cleveland, on the map.

"I don't put on airs for nobody. [I'm] official like a ref with a whistle."



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# International Student-Athletes Continue Legacy in Bison Sports

BY PERIS KIHARA  
Contributing Writer

Walking through campus you can not help but notice the diversity that is Howard University. In the yard, you will find a mix of different cultures from all over the world.

People come from different ends of the spectrum to attend a prestigious University not only for the academics, but for the athletics as well.

Howard University sports teams are comprised of students from all over the globe, from Trinidad to India all the way back to Barbados, and across the ocean to England. Howard's coaches travel across the nation looking for new talent to make part of the team.

"It's part of the recruiting process," men's soccer head coach Curtis Landy said. "There is a lot of talent over seas."

International business major Rebo Kamara-Taylor from London England plays men's soccer for Howard.

"I did some research on Howard before attending. I heard it was a good school," Kamara-Taylor said.

"It is different playing soccer in America.

Back home we have a lot more passion for the sport. People live and breathe soccer in England."

"However, I still wanted to be a part of the legacy of Howard soccer, the only black school to be NCAA Division I National Champions," he said.

While at Howard, Rebo has played with athletes such as Idris Ughovbe who was selected in the fourth round of MLS 2006 supplemental draft by the Chicago Fire.

Faron Carter, a junior civil engineering major from Barbados, plays men's tennis for Howard. He plays the number two spot in singles and the number one spot in doubles.

"I chose to play for Howard University because Coach Strickland was the most proactive in recruiting," he said. "And Howard has a reputation in Barbados of being the black Harvard."

Carter says that while playing in Barbados he had a lot of exposure because they played international teams.

"When I came to Howard I was surprised because we play a lot of the same teams, so I know what to expect," he said.

Carter has contributed a lot to the team's

team with a record of 3-14 in singles and 5-8 in doubles.

Carter currently resides in Barbados, and says that the transition was hard but well worth it.

Another international asset to the men's tennis team is Othman Gamma, a sophomore pre-physical therapy major from Morocco who, in addition to speaking four different languages, has a singles record of 6-12.

"I decided to play for Howard because of a guy who used to play here by the name of Kenny Callender," Gamma said.

"He talked to me about Howard's tennis program as well as Coach Strickland. I was interested so I came."

"It is completely different playing here at Howard then playing in Morocco because in Morocco we play on clay courts," he said.

Gamma plays the third spot in singles and the second spot in doubles with his partner Neilabh Avasthi, who is also an international athlete from India.

"I actually asked Coach if I can come to Howard," Avasthi said.

"I wanted to come to Howard because I heard it was a good school. Coach did not have too much recruiting with me; I had already decided on Howard."

Although this year's Howard football and Howard's basketball teams both do not have any international athletes, coaches from both teams still consider international students as potential candidates to play for Howard.

Howard University has a great reputation not only in the states but overseas as well. Hundreds of student athletes leave their country in order to attend Howard and be part of the growing legacy.



There are many diverse Howard teams, such as the soccer team, composed of players from all over the world.

"...Back home we have a lot more passion for the sport. People live and breathe soccer in England."

- Peris Kamara-Taylor



## Around the Sports World

### Green Wave Returns to Home Field

The Green Wave football team of Tulane University worked out on their home practice field Monday for the first time since Aug. 27, 2005, which was just one day prior to evacuating campus in preparation for Hurricane Katrina.



"We're very excited about being back home and getting started on the field," Tulane coach Chris Scellio told the Associated Press.

The team competed in 11 games at 11 different stadiums in 2005, but were stationed at Louisiana Tech.

### Hall of Famer Wooden to be Released

Legendary Hall of Famer UCLA coach John Wooden could be released from the hospital as early as today.

The 95-year-old was admitted to the hospital on Sunday for diverticulitis, an inflammation of the area around the colon.

Wooden retired from UCLA in 1975 after winning 10 national titles with the Bruins.

He watched the Bruins fall to Florida Monday night in the national championship.

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## Bison Sports Lineup

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