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## Duke Lacrosse Team Investigated

Player sends email to team following rape incident



Photo courtesy of www.duke.edu

A recent development in the Duke lacrosse team rape case unveiled a new, disturbing document that was written by a player.

According to CNN.com, an unidentified player sent an email on March 14 just before 2 a.m. saying that he wanted "to kill and skin more strippers."

"I plan on killing the b\*\*\*\*s as soon as they walk in and proceeding to cut their skin off." He also commented that an act like this would be "sexually satisfy-

ing." Howard University lacrosse team member Ed Carter commented on the newly discovered email.

"That's ridiculous. I'm shocked that someone would want to treat a woman that way and it hurts even more that it was a racial incident. [The comment] is an embarrassment to the team as well as to the sport as a whole."

According to CNN.com, it is not certain if the email was a joke, but the lawyer of the player who

wrote the email defends his client's intentions as a CNN writer said "the content suggests his client is innocent."

Also, according to reports on CNN.com, Robert Ekstrand, an attorney involved with the case said that the email "demonstrates that its writer is completely unaware that any act or even remotely similar to what has been alleged ever occurred."

There have been no charges filed in the case as of yet.

## Alpha Nu Omega Brings Christ to Campus Through Forum

BY AKEYLA BROWN

Parish Staff Writer

Last night in the Drew Hall lounge, Alpha Nu Omega Christian Fraternity and sorority educated students on the dangers smoking can have on the soul, mind and body.

"It is Alpha Nu Omega Fraternity and Sorority week," said the Regional Director and senior graduate supply chain management major, John Mullen. "This week, we are hosting a series of events addressing smoking on campus."

After receiving a grant from the Congressional Black Caucus, Alpha Nu Omega has decided to minister to students about smoking through bible study.

"Through a bible study we plan to discover and address the root issues behind smoking," Mullen said. "We hope to raise awareness and teach the students about the affects and dangers of smoking."

Last night, students discussed pressing issues and dug deeper to tackle the various demons that have lead students to drinking, smoking and promiscuity.

"We are a ministry of imperfect people striving to be better and make our campus better," said Kofi Adenuse, a junior philosophy major. "We are not here to fabricate that we are more than a fraternity pressing toward a mark, by any means necessary."

His colleague, Mullen agreed, "I am still learning, we are all still learning and hopefully we can reflect that image of God so that people follow in our footsteps."

Setting themselves apart from the rest of the

fraternities and sororities on Howard's campus, Alpha Nu Omega prides themselves on their commitment to serve God.

"How we differ from other fraternities is that we are centered explicitly on Christ," Mullen added, "other organizations may have Christian values, but the drive of our organization is Christ."

Parish Bradley, a spectator, said that he was glad that he attended the intimate gathering of eight students.

"I am really happy that I came," said the sophomore finance marketing major. "There was a lot of really good discussion and it was nice to see that there is a group of students that are on campus that really care about their peers, enough that they want to help them in any way that they can."

Bradley said, "So often, adults make generalizations about our generation and how indifferent we are, and they are prime examples about how wrong those narrow minded adults are."

Adenuse hopes most of all that through this collection of events and the existence of Alpha Nu Omega on the Howard university campus students will be inspired to learn more about God.

"We are an organization that proclaims our faith in Jesus' name loudly, we are not trying to shove religion down anyone's throats," He said. "We just hope to bring forth God's name on this campus."

## Lady Bison Sweep Softball Double Header



Photo courtesy of Lady Bison

Saturday, the Lady Bison defeated Bowie State in both games of a softball double header.

BY JULIANNE HANCKEL

Contributing Writer

As the Lady Bison prepared to take on Bowie State's Lady Bulldogs, the wind blew with the scent of a winning day. Batting first against pitcher Dale McNeal, Randi Willey of Bowie State became McNeal's first strikeout of the game.

The game then went through a inning and a half scoring drought, as both teams traded strikeouts. Semplecia Scott hit the

Bison's first homerun of the game, scoring herself and Contreras as well bringing the score to 2-0.

With the first two batters earning an out, the Bison had fared well since the beginning of the game. The Bulldogs did not have a runner on base until Bulldog Tiffany Toney reached base. After yet another strike out by McNeal, the Bulldogs left one of their own stranded on the bases.

McNeal's first walk of the game was to

Bulldog Heather Enders who was moved to second on a single by hitter Christina Rzepki.

Semplecia Scott came up, in the bottom of the fourth, hitting with a single to center field, but it was Tracy Javier with a double that moved Scott to third, putting runners in scoring position for junior Lark Pickett. On a Pickett double to left field, Javier and Scott both scored. Then, while Pickett attempted to steal third, the Bulldog catcher overthrew the ball at third base, scoring Pickett from second with another run for the Lady Bison, bringing the score to 5-0 at the bottom of the fourth.

With two outs and one "man" on base, Tiffany Toney came through with a hit in the gap. The Bulldogs now had two runners in scoring position for senior second baseman Bianca Luna, who grounded out after a short hit to McNeal to bring the Bison up to bat. Freshman Sandra Jones bunted and sprinted down the baseline, but to no avail was called out after a close play at first. Anee Macatangay drew a walk from Willey on one out, and then successfully stole second base. Macatangay attempted to steal third, but was thrown out by Bulldog catcher Christina Rzepki. With two outs, Bison Lark Pickett singled into center field bringing Fallon Jones up to bat. It was clear that the Bison were in the mood to play base running games, as Pickett stole second base on a called hit and run play by Jones.

With the Bison ahead by five, it was the last inning for the Bulldogs to tie the game up, but with McNeal's pitching and the Bison defense, it seemed that

little could be done. Then, a short bunt by Randi Willey would bring her to first base after an error on Sandra Jones who failed to come up with the catch from third baseman Sakai Contreras who received the bunt. Bulldog Christina Rzepki hit a single to left field, putting runners on first and second for Heather Enders, who fled out to Sandra Jones to end the inning. The Bison won the first game against the Bulldogs 5-0. Coach Tonya Braxton stated that, "We moved the ball well, we played solid defense," and that "they have a better team this year and it's good for us to see that because we have to be ready for tournament and out of conference play."

See **SOFTBALL**, SPORTS 10

"They have a better team this year and it's good for us to see that because we have to be ready."

-Coach Tonya Braxton

# Degree vs. Certificate: Which Is Better For One's Future?



Some high school graduates opt to earn certificates in trades such as mechanics, instead of attending college. Commentators on which is better say that is not the question, but that it depends on the person.

BY ASHLEY WILSON  
Contributing Writer

Twelve to 14 years of school leads to the day when a person walks across the stage to receive a certificate of high school completion. But after the whistles are blown and the congratulations are received, what's next?

Some choose nothing. Others choose to enter the job force right away. And still, there are those who choose to further their education in an attempt to secure a career. They take one of two paths: a trade program or a college or university.

Trades are more straight and narrow; they give a student the opportunity to master a skill and work more efficiently to become a expert in one specific area.

"I don't think there is anything wrong with getting a certificate versus a college degree. However, I think it is important that a student does the research on their career to be sure," said sophomore public relations major Ebony Jackson.

On the other hand, some believe that a trade cripples a person from being able to achieve higher goals because they are confined to one area.

"It is more beneficial to receive a college degree. It allows students to be well grounded in research, and the reputation of the school gives the student a chance to be a better candidate in the world," said Reverend Dr. Unnia Pettus, adjunct for the department of journalism.

There are numerous benefits in whatever path a student chooses. The choice depends solely on the individual.

"Some people are not fit for degrees, others are gifted in trade. Some are intellectuals; we need these kind of people. It is sad

without these people who play an important role. In fact, trades should be available at high school level rather than assume that college is for everyone," said Dr. Lawrence Kargova.

A previous poll of the D.C. metropolitan area found that different regions chose a federal job or opted to work for the local government. To attend a university or take up a trade was either third or fourth on the list.

"To gain a federal job after high school was to be prepared for life," said Sandra Gaines, School of Communications counselor.

A trade degree can range from cosmetology to auto mechanics. Trade schools are located throughout the country and around the world, each with their own specialties. While some schools offer associate business programs, others have arts programs.

The debate over which is better is brought up in all arenas, and the internet is no different. Numerous forums have touched on the subject.

"Being able to turn a wrench figures into a lot of careers," said K. Whyman on rate-mail.com. "If a student shows aptitude, why not encourage that, instead of blindly steering them towards academia. Some thing for the other side. We need all types of workers to make the US economy work right. School should be about helping people get better at what they are good at, and helping them understand the other side of the coin, too. A well-rounded education leads to a well-rounded graduate, and onward to a well-rounded worker in the field they choose to pursue."

# Howard Fights Obesity Through Classes and Programs

BY ASHLEY WILSON  
Contributing Writer

April flowers are in full-effect, and clothing and fabric are soon to get shorter a little thinner. This fashionable attire ranges in size, but the clothing does not have to get bigger, despite the current generation being more and more overweight. As an alternative to larger clothes sizes, institutions are beginning to help reverse the average size back towards the smaller half.

Howard has been taking action for several years. Many students around the university often complain about how their graduation scheme forces them to take a certain number of gym credits. Years ago, it began with the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences wanting students to be more health-oriented and aware. From there, it was a domino affect with all the other colleges in the university.

Today, the College of Arts and Sciences requires one swim, two active, and one health class. Other colleges are more lenient; the students have to take gym, but the requirements are based solely on what the student chooses to take if the course fulfills the correct number of credits. Although some graduation schemes require a certain amount of credits inside and outside of a student's college, the number of credits that were dedicated towards health courses are now sacrificed for other courses in order which satisfy the set four year graduation requirement.

Sophomore marketing major Tiarra Wade said, "Students are required to take gym classes, but I don't know if they are effective because people find

ways around it. Instead, they should hold forums that make people more aware."

The forum could inform students about the side effects caused by the lack of exercising.

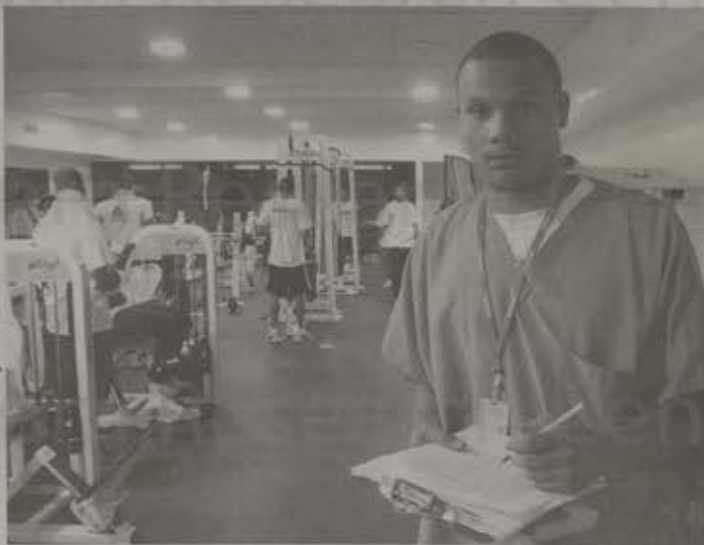
According to Dr. Mamie C. Montague, professor for the graduate nursing program, an inaccurate amount of exercise can cause diabetes, brittle bones, arthritis, breathing problems and a host of other health problems.

Another possible outlet to ease the increase in obesity is to begin attacking the issue in the pre-school stage. In return, students will automatically make exercise a vital part of their of their daily routine whether exercise is enforced or not.

Ms. Johnson, physical education professor, has done a lot to assist with the obesity problem. She has renovated pulse (the workout room in Burr gymnasium) and the cardio area. She also has a lecture on obesity in her slimnastics courses.

Another medium that helps the obesity problem is the Biggest Loser contest hosted by the College of Nursing and Allied Health. The college has this event to recognize national nutrition month. The contest will last until April 24. The sessions take place on Mondays between 11-12. The people who attend are weighed and an informational session is held.

Different schools within the region are implementing different programs to recognize the obesity issues that are prevalent in society. Virginia, for example, is putting a bill forward to make public schools help with the obesity problems with their students.



Howard is battling the rising obesity rates by providing students and faculty with a gymnasium, and requiring health classes be taken by all students. In addition, the College of Nursing and Allied Health and Residence Life are sponsoring weight loss programs for their staff.

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## Shooting At Roosevelt High School

Two Students Left Injured, One in Critical Condition



D. C. Police reported that two teenage students at Roosevelt High School in Northwest were shot just outside of the school Wednesday morning. D.C. Public Schools spokeswoman Roxanne Evans told NBC 4 that a 19-year-old male student was shot in the back around 9:15 a.m. and a second 18-year-old victim was grazed by the bullet in the shoulder. The first victim was taken to the hospital with serious injuries. After the shooting, Roosevelt and nearby MacFarland Middle Schools were placed on lockdown. Officials from D.C. Public Schools said that grief counselors were dispatched to Roosevelt to speak with students.

## Metro Briefs

Future MLK Memorial Receives  
Million-Dollar Donation



State Farm Insurance donated one million dollars toward the completion of the National Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. State Farm Insurance is also encouraging other businesses to lend their financial support to the memorial. The four-acre memorial will cost in total \$100 million dollars. The

for \$50 million dollars has been raised for the project. Officials of the project say that the recent deaths of Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King have led to more contributions. The designers of the memorial are scheduled to present to the National Capital Planning Commission in the coming days.

D.C. Council To Get Stricter on  
Littering



D.C. Councilmember Kwame Brown recently introduced legislation that would target littering in the streets of D.C. Under current law, littering carries civil penalties. The first offense brings a fine of \$25, dollars or eight hours of community service.

The penalties increase with each offense, but officials say enforcement of the law is lacking. Under legislation introduced by Brown, police would have the authority to issue tickets for littering.

Police Want to Crackdown on Drug  
Paraphernalia



Police are attempting to stop the sale of drug paraphernalia at gas stations. The thin, inch-long tubes usually contain a fake coin, and they're called "nose-buds" or "stems" on the streets. However, police think the glass tubes are disguised crack pipes. Thus

far, 200 stores have agreed to stop selling them, and store owners can be charged with drug paraphernalia sales if police can prove they are knowingly selling them. Members of the D.C. city council are working on legislation that would strengthen those laws.

Inner Loop Beltway Accident Leaves  
Man Dead



Wednesday morning's commute on Interstate 495 was disrupted by a fatal accident just before 6 a.m. Maryland State Police say that a motorist got out of his car to pick up an appliance box that had fallen off his vehicle into the roadway, and he was struck and killed

by another vehicle. The name of the victim has not been released. After the accident, only one southbound lane of the Interstate was open for nearly two hours. Investigators finished their initial work at the scene by 8 a.m.



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## The Bubbling Immigration Pot

By now most people are familiar with the debate over the proposed "guest worker" legislation that would result in a wide-scale crackdown on immigration into the United States. There have even been talks of putting up actual fencing. People and professionals assisting undocumented immigrants would face criminal consequences.

People living illegally in this country will be criminalized. Some have protested and others have simply joined the bandwagon without becoming fully knowledgeable about what is at stake. The issue has trickled down to Colorado's Shaw Heights Middle School, where patriotic attire as well as American flags and camouflage have been banned to diffuse tension, according to MTV.com.

The issue of immigration is one that often makes Americans feel like their rights are being threatened in some way. People living in border communities complain about the influxes in their neighborhoods.

Minorities and whites on the lower socioeconomic rungs often feel like immigrants are intruders taking away their opportunities and jobs. In reality, this is a myth because the jobs are ones we'd likely frozen upon because wages are below standard, and wouldn't suffice. It is clear to see the government's intent in the "guest worker" concept, which seemingly makes it acceptable to use workers from another coun-

illegal immigrants could also be deported back although they are supposed to have instant citizenship. It is also unfair because people tend to associate immigrants with Mexico when there are Europeans and Canadians pointing in who can evade the same discrimination. We feel the burden should be placed on the employers who are mistreating workers they aren't being taxed on. Aren't these employers the

primary reason that many people come to America? The salary may not be attractive to us, but it is to a sea of immigrants. Why should they be abused and treated as less than human when we are profiting off of them?

As people of color, we need to be conscious and compassionate about these issues, though we have many of our own. Immigrants come in all shades including brown.

**Our View:**  
*Let's not let the pending legislation cloud our judgment, divide us as minorities or remove our "human" from human beings.*

try, and then send them back without granting them the privilege of full citizenship. This is truly an example of capitalism at work and the U.S. flexing their muscles.

When we look at some of the issues, it is clear that human rights are being neglected. Children born in the U.S. to

## The New African Affairs Office

Ahmed A. Moen

On its Metro Briefs, the Hilltop published the news about the establishment of the D.C. New Office of African Affairs, which was established in response to active participation of Howard University faculty members and African Community Leaders in the District. One of the community leaders was Mr. Abdulaziz Quins, who played a large role as a liaison between the community and Howard University.

Dr. Suleyman Nyang, Professor of African Studies and myself, Dr. Ahmed A. Moen, Associate Professor, Allied Health Education and Management and Master of Public Health Program in the College of Medicine, were invited as witnesses before the Committee on Government Affairs of the District of Columbia. We were given one hour of testimony when the hearing was opened.

The gist of the testimonies focused on the importance of the office and the historical lineage of Howard University and other community based African civil and religious organizations in the history of African liberation and subsequent independence. Dr. Nyang reviewed

the history of the early African American arrivals to the United States, their heritages and roots in ancient Africa. He also demonstrated how Dubois' contributions to the Pan-African Movement and the emergence of African nationalists who led the continent to freedom.

The physical and intellectual contacts between African-Americans and Africans on the continent were one of the reasons for this eternal link between many generations of Africans in the world. I described the pre and post WWII patterns of migration and flow of Africans to the United States for education and services. The role of the New African immigrants has underscored the inseparable destiny of African-Americans regardless of their origins on the continent of Africa and the arrival period to the United States. I then traced back the history of TRUC involvement in educating African leaders, and their role in the subsequent development of Africa and the role of those who were left behind in the United States in continuing the tradition of African American involvement in the future.

The testimony then emphasized the role of Howard University in educating a legion of African physicians, dentists, pharmacists, political sci-

entists, public and business administration and allied health professionals of all specialties. The first African language department was established at Howard University to teach Amharic, one of the Ethiopian languages in the 1940s. The role of Howard University as a beacon of knowledge and its leadership in global development was evidence that the District of Columbia is the seat of diverse higher education with global impacts.

The transfer of technology among the nations in software and hardware terms are essential for the growth of American economies, and the presence of Africans will lubricate the engine of community development in the District of Columbia.

There are African-American higher education institutions that collaborate to produce the best and most important leaders for after WWII. For example, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and Kwame Ninsin, the Presidents of Ghana and Malawi during the struggle for liberation from colonial rules in Africa, were graduates of Lincoln University and Mehari Medical College respectively. It is important to note the contributions of schools like Howard University in the advancement of Diasporan people.

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# Frugal Fa\$hion\$: Getting The Look for Less

BY JANA HOMES  
Senior Staff Writer

The Style Network's "The Look For Less" has hit the nail on the head. Consumers trying to get that "designer feel" on a less than designer budget is now one of the most common games in the sport of shopping.

"There are some more expensive brands that I like, but they're not as attainable at this stage in life," said junior mathematics major Cherryn Wilder, who may be speaking for a lot of Howard students who cover the high-end look, but don't want to pay the high prices.

Items include some of the layered styles, nautical themes and vintage feels that have started to become more popular on runways and in magazines, among other places.

"We get a lot of people asking for the different jean styles and spaghetti strap tank tops and some t-shirts," said Ebony Day, manager of Forever 21's Pentagon City store. "We get people asking for certain shirts that have the cute little slogans."

But some students aren't against all pricey purchases. Junior biology major Alexandria Sutton said that she does enjoy a splurge every so often.

"Sometimes, I do go and get a pricey piece, but there's nothing wrong with taking that one piece and pairing it with something you got at a good price. I think that's much more respectable than buying an expensive pair of jeans and then degrading them by putting them on with a pair of fake Coach print shoes," Sutton said.

So, how does one manage not to hold on to their dollars, while not letting go of the idea of a noteworthy wardrobe? Some feel that with a little work, students can produce a product to be proud of.

"You have to be creative," said Wilder, advising students to take advantage of the deconstruction trend. As a member of Vision Performance Team, often complimented on their edgy and innovative style, Wilder has been a designer style created with a pinch of creativity, a bit of paint and a pair of scissors.

"Lots of expensive stuff you could find the basics of in your own wardrobe," Wilder said. "And since a lot of stuff is borrowing from decades



Clothing stores like Forever 21, H&M and Target offer trendy clothes at affordable prices. Some students also find fashionable items at consignment shops and thrift stores.

before us, you could find this stuff in thrift stores or consignment shops. Even in your parents' closets, you could get really great stuff."

And these ideas aren't only held by Howard's female population. Some of The Mecca's men also stock their wardrobes with fashionable items that don't empty their pockets.

"I'm not going to go out and pay someone a fistful of money just so I can wear their name on my chest and advertise for them, so that someone else wants to go out and do the same," said senior psychology major Kevin Quail. "I do, however, have a wealth of stylish family members, who sometimes choose to bestow their past purchases upon me. And who am I to refuse them the benefits of benevolence?"

Outside of one's own modified pieces or those acquired second hand, there are also some local

and accessible retailers that offer just what some students want.

"Some of the places that I like to go are Forever 21 and H&M, because they've got a lot of the basics, but they're also starting to get more of the trends. And in terms of everyday fashion, they're starting to get some, too. There are always imitations of stuff in these regular stores like Target," Wilder said.

"I think we do accommodate them because we have various styles from various perspectives. If you're more dressy, we're gonna have it and if you're more casual we're definitely gonna have it," Day said.

She even mentioned that she appreciates the affordability of the stores' products on a personal level.

"I love it myself. You don't have to go and

spend a \$400 or \$500 on a button up shirt, when you can come in here and get the pants to match. Everyone has a budget and you can't always afford to go out and spend," Day said, addressing something that many struggle to deal with on a regular basis.

She advises students to do their homework on which stores are carrying which looks. While Forever 21 is featured in some magazines, she believes that if they were to produce their own publication, like H&M has recently done, it would help customers to keep better track of what's in store and what will soon be available.

But for those students looking to replicate what they are seeing on television and in magazines, there is one thing they should try to remember, Wilder summed it up, saying,

"Stuff can have the same style without the name brand. Don't be a slave to the label. If you add your own flare and style, then it's still fashionable."

## Hot Spots to Find The Look for Less:

Forever 21  
H&M  
Target  
Kohl's  
Local Shops  
Thrift Stores  
Consignment Shops  
Personal Closets

## Debt and The Student



Debt remains a problem that many college students face.

BY LINDSEY WILLIAMS  
Contributing Writer

Apart from maintaining good grades, balancing a healthy and active social life and participating in school activities, many college students have something else on their minds: "How do I pay for all of this?"

According to a 2004 study entitled

"Undergraduate Students and Credit Cards: An Analysis of Usage Rates and Trends" in Nellie Mae, 76 percent of undergraduate college students have at least one credit card, which is actually a decline from previous years. Although students know that credit cards can lead to serious debt, they see having one as being necessary to maintain their lifestyles.

Many college students use credit cards, not just to splurge on outings to the mall or social gatherings, but also to buy the essentials necessary for subsistence. Buying groceries and paying bills becomes much easier with plastic in hand. Some even find that charging huge items, for instance fixing a car or buying a new computer is more convenient (especially if the cash is not available).

Credit cards are a quick

solution for financing unforeseen "emergencies." However, many students find themselves struggling to keep the credit card balances at a minimum. Jennifer Crawford, a junior international business major, describes credit cards as "The devil," she said that it is so easy to get carried away with buying things on credit, and in the long run, you end up paying more for your purchases.

"Once I had a credit card, that I used to pay in part for school, my housing deposit and books, but mostly I would use it to shop, buy clothes and shoes, and other sundry items at department stores such as Target," Jennifer said. Needless to say, her experience with the credit card was not a very good one.

For these students who may be thinking about getting a credit card to build their credit, Jennifer advises that they should think twice about it, and possibly get a Gas Card instead. That way they won't get carried away with their purchases.

After realizing how easy it is to run her credit by owning a credit card, Jennifer paid hers off and put it up, and would advise other college students to

do the same. She notes that a bad credit score can not only affect you later on in life, when trying to buy a house or a car, but also, employers now are not only checking applicants' past work experiences and references, but they also check their credit ratings.

Sophomore communications major, Khashiffa Roberts admits to having come close to being in debt due to excessive use of a credit card. She says that if she did not exercise self-control, having a credit card could get her in trouble. "Now I basically use my credit card to get the points to build my credit," she says. "If I have the money to pay it back, then I will use it, if not, I will do without." She also mentioned that sometimes, because of incorrect information on her bank's website, she has had the problem of overdraft fees, because she uses the credit feature of her bankcard as well.

On the website youngmoney.com there are some tips to help college students get out and stay out of debt. Some of them include making a budget and sticking to it, spending less than you make, and trying to pay off larger debts with higher interest rates before those with lower balances and lower interest rates. I came across an example on Nellie Mae's website, that one credit advisor used to try to get college students to understand the consequences of credit card misuse. A \$1,000 spring break trip, charged to a credit card at a 25.4 percent interest rate, making only minimum payments, will take 15.5 years to pay off, and with the interest, the \$1,000 trip, will end up costing the student \$2,320—more than twice the amount that the trip originally cost.

Though credit cards are important in building credit and in case of emergencies, they should be used wisely and in moderation. If not, you may end up spending the rest of your life paying off debts that incurred in four years.

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## Talk is Costley



One for the Homers

BY DREW COSTLEY  
Sports Editor

For all of those area sports fans that think men's sports are the only ones that are worth watching, I've got three words for you: FEAR THE TURTLE.

It's ok to admit that you're sports snoot. I once was until I decided to give women's basketball a chance.

And, luckily, I decided to at the perfect time.

Tuesday night, the Maryland Terrapins won the school's first women's national championship. But did anyone notice?

And besides the fact that their win marked the first major sporting event I correctly predicted over Caryn, there was a lot that people should have taken notice of, to say the least. The VERY least.

Just like the George Mason Patriots that all of America, outside of Florida, Louisiana and California, so "patriotically" put on their back, the Terps weren't supposed to go the Final Four either.

The difference is that they took their defense of critics and fans alike two steps further than the tired old Patriots could.

Their run through the tournament is even bigger than Mason's in a women's game in which the same five teams, UConn, Duke, Tennessee, North Carolina and LSU are perennially favored to win the tournament.

The women's tournament isn't actually a venue for Cinderella stories, but the Terps made it one this year.

And the clock didn't strike at zero for the Terps; they gave us a national championship worth watching when the game went into overtime.

In the midst of men's basketball fans' "cheap vodka" hangover from the basketball men's national championship, the Terps-Duke final not only gave us an ACC final, but an ACC final that went into overtime. Could a college basketball fan ask for anything more?

And even better than Justin Noah's coming of age in this year's tournament was the performance of Terps freshman guard Kristi Toliver.

Toliver, who had no prior tournament experience, carried the Terps on her bedding shell throughout the tournament.

"We were on the bench... and we knew we were going to Kristi Toliver and we knew she wanted to take the shot," head coach Brenda Freese said about her freshman guard.

What head coach can honestly say that they expected a freshman to take the final shot in a national championship game?

No one has done this in all of college basketball since John Calipari and DaJuan Wagner, and that is only because the rest of the team was lacking the rest of that season.

The Terps' history making thrill ride through the tournament was ignored by sports fans who are still clamoring over that David Geist of a men's Final Four.

And I agree with everyone else that the men's final four was worse than an episode of MTV's new show *Yo Mama*. But the women's Final Four was excitement enough for two tournaments.

So I, Drew Costley, officially turn in my "Why This Is" membership card. And the rest of us cave-men AND women should too.

## Bison Softball Keeps the Bulldogs on a Leash

With the Help of Johnson, Base Running, Bison Win Second Game of Doubleheader

SOFTBALL, from Campus A1

Sophomore Jillian Johnson started the second game pitching for the lady Bison, retiring the Bulldogs' Randi Willey for the first time out of the game. Tiffany Toney started the second game pitching for the Bulldogs as her first strikeout was Blinn Tracy Javier.

Bulldog Cassie Williams grounded out to third baseman Sokai Contreras, bringing up hard hitter Toney, who had a soft hit to pitcher Jillian Johnson who then fielded her out. Johnson struck out Bulldog Jessica Minor for the last out of the inning. Nayrobi Nicholas came up with a single in the bottom of the second, bringing up freshman Christina Cordova to the plate. Nicholas stole second and third base setting the table for Cordova, who had enough power to bring Nicholas home to tie the game. Cordova grounded out, but on the throw from shortstop to first base Nicholas scored, tying the game to 1-1. Lane Pickett was walked on a wild pitch from Toney and Jillian Johnson struck out for the second time in both games.

A caught line drive by Bianca Luna to a stunned Blinn-Anne at first base proved to be the first out of the third inning. After a bogus call from the umpire, a steal attempt by Randi Willey was called safe after a perfect throw from catcher Kristina Cordova to Nayrobi Nicholas. After some quaint base running antics by the Bulldogs, they advanced runners to second and third base. Then a deep gutter to the center field fence by Bulldog Heather Enders, scored the runners on bases, bringing the score to 4-1.

By walking Tracy Javier at the bottom of the third, the Bison looked to put pressure on the Bulldog defense. With Cassie Williams hit by a pitch, there were now runners on second and first base with no outs. With Rishelle Charles up to bat and a wild pitch from Toney, the runners advance two bases. With runners now in perfect scoring opportunity Charles hit a fly ball to left field, and with Javier tagging on third, scored a run to push the score up to 4-2.

Tatum advanced to third on a passed ball from a pitch to Nayrobi Nicholas, who in return answered with a ball hit into center field, scoring Tatum. With one out, the Bison were catching up with the Bulldogs with a score of 4-3. Freshman Kristina Cordova then clobbered her first homerun of the season with a ball over the fence to give the lady Bison the lead by one run. With the score now 4-4 in the top of the fourth inning, Bowie realized that it would not be easy to hold



Despite a neck-and-neck battle with Bowie Saturday, the Bison softball team was not swayed by the persistent Bulldogs. The Bison improved their record to 18-15 with this 6-7 win.

the Bison down.

To come back immediately, Bulldog Cassie Williams clobbered a ball into right field for a Bowie State double. Williams scored on a single hit by Tiffany Toney, becoming neck and neck with Howard at 5-4. Jillian Johnson reached first on a single, bringing in pinch runner Aimee Macatangay. Debbie Lee hunted to move Macatangay to second and Tracy Javier hunted as well to move Macatangay to third base. It seems that this strategy worked for the lady Bison, and it was somewhat planned as the next batter was Semplela Scott who scored a homerun in their first game against the Bulldogs. Scott came through with a clutch hit to left field resulting in a double and scoring Macatangay from third base, upping the anti to 5-6. The inning ended with a ground out by Rishelle Charles with the Bison in the lead by one.

Just as the Bulldogs seemed to be losing steam, Bison second baseman Candice Tatum misjudged a ball, and the runner on base advanced to second. Then

on Tatum's throw to home, the runner crashed into Bison catcher Kristina Cordova, knocking the ball out of her hands, making the score 6-6 on two outs.

With the score too close for comfort for Bison Coach Braxton who said, "we failed to protect runners, get bunts down and make plays. We made a bone-head base running mistake." She also said "against key teams, we can not make those mistakes. That is the difference between being 14-14 and 21-6 on the season."

Sandra Jones hunted in order to move McNeal to second, but was thrown out. With two outs in the sixth inning Tracy Javier was walked, which brought up Candice Tatum who hit a triple scoring Javier, upping the score to 6-7. In the seventh inning Dale McNeal returned to close out the game and ended up striking out Bulldog Christina Raspeki, walking Heather Enders and with Sokai Contreras throwing out Cassie Williams on a grounder, ending the inning. The Bison won the second game 6-7. Howard's record improves to 18-15 and they leave for South Carolina on Friday to play in the MEAC Round-up Tournament.

## Griffey, Jr. Surpasses Mantle, DiMaggio



Cincinnati Reds outfielder Ken Griffey, Jr. surpassed Mickey Mantle to widely claim sixth on the all-time home run list yesterday.

Griffey, Jr. launched his 537th homer at the top of the fifth inning of the Reds 8-6 win over the Chicago Cubs.

The Reds star also hit his 1,578 RBI to surpass Joe DiMaggio for 31st on that all-time list.

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