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Bison Men Win 2nd All-Black Lacrosse Series

BY KAEALYN MAXEY
Contributing Writer

The pride that lives in Greene Stadium was reflected beautifully in the performance that the Howard University Men's Lacrosse Club showed as they played in the Second Annual All-Black Lacrosse game yesterday afternoon.

The team showed a great amount of skill and heart, pulling together and fighting hard for their 9-8 overtime win against Morgan State University. Both teams played their hardest in hopes of taking the win but in the end it was the Bison who came through with the win.

Although the Bison did not walk away with the win last year, taking a 14-9 loss to the Bears, the contest was a momentous occasion for both universities.

Howard and Morgan State are not recognized teams, but are lacrosse clubs. However, they still were able to make lacrosse history last year as the first lacrosse game played between two historically



The men's lacrosse club huddled up before beating Morgan State in yesterday's All-Black lacrosse game.

black universities; from that, the two universities have spawned a new tradition.

This year's game was very different from the year before since both teams had some idea of what the other team was like in competition.

The game became a nail-biting event when the last moments of the game came to play themselves out. The Bison "treated

this like another regular game," said first-year pharmacy student Andrew Watts after winning the game.

Throughout the entire event, the Howard men kept their heads in the game and stayed focused.

The Bison men scored seconds into the beginning of the game, but the Bears quickly retaliated with three unanswered goals.

Howard had a strong

second quarter, going into halftime tied at four.

During halftime, two teams of middle-school aged children played their own game of lacrosse.

Winners Lacrosse, a D.C. program for inner-city youth faced off against the South Jersey youth league from Baltimore. In the spirit of camaraderie, the score was not kept.

A back-and-forth battle between the Bison

and the Bears ensued in the second half, eventually sending the game into overtime with each team having eight points.

The Bison scored a goal in the "sudden death" round, giving them the victory.

"We practiced more and were more dedicated to achieving the goal of winning," said Asa-Jeard, a senior political science major.

Jeard attributes the team's victory to their fluid movement and ball handling.

"Clearing the ball and ground balls were some of the things that hurt my team," said Simon Benjamin of Morgan State.

The flood of Howard players that took over the field when the winning goal was scored was truly a grand sight for Howard spectators as they applauded their team's victory.

The Howard University Men's Lacrosse Team is not a recognized team nor do we desire to be," said head coach Duane Milton. "I am very proud of my sons, they played their hearts out," said Milton after the game ended.

"They had another year under their belt to understand the game of lacrosse. They have grown tremendously in the last year," he said.

In only its second year, this rivalry has a bright future as both teams are looking forward to future match-ups.

Black British Symposium Bridges the Pond

BY ERICA NZEI
Contributing Writer

Panelists from all over the UK filled the Blackburn Forum, Saturday April 8, for a symposium of enlightenment on Black British Aesthetics of Today.

The Symposium started bright and early at 8:30 in the morning and didn't close until almost the last panel at 10 in the evening, covering a wide range of topics including the politics of black British arts.

After a warm welcome from the coordinator of the event, Professor Victoria Arana of the English department at Howard,

the symposium opened up with the tradition of black British literature.

"It's quite informative," Professor of English and Principles of Reasoning, Jude Chudi Okapala, Ph.D. said. "It's an amalgamation of British writers and critics and the American scholars."

Okapala also served as a panelist on "The Limits of Postcolonial Aesthetics."

"Postcolonial theory is limited in how it looks at postcolonial literature," Okapala said. "Postcolonial critics mainly look at those novels that serve the purpose of postcolonialism in the west."

Shortly after Okapala and several others panelists

on tradition and innovation spoke, Tony Medina, Ph.D. of the English Department at Howard moderated a panel on black British poetry.

"I thought it was quite interesting and it gave us an inside look on what black poets have to deal with in England," Medina said.

After Medina's introduction, poet SuAndi opened the room up with laughter and humor and delivered a presentation that focused on the arts and the political effects racism has on the arts and culture in Britain.

"We are just two countries separated by one language: English," SuAndi said causing a collective

chuckle to spread throughout the room.

In between reciting her poems, SuAndi spoke on the difficulties of black British poets getting published and the importance of performance poetry which earned an universal affirmation throughout the forum room.

"Performance poetry is really important," Valerie Mason-John, novelist from the UK and panelist on black British writers said. "It's not something we invented as black people."

However, SuAndi implied through her presentation that it had become the last resort for most black British poets. Despite the wealth of

"We are just two countries, separated by one language: English."

-SuAndi, poet

information available in the forum room, the audience only seemed to consist of panelists yet to present their topics and visiting professors. Although there were no representatives from the undergraduate student body, the symposium contained a lot of information that would otherwise rarely be known.

"I can't speak for other students for why they didn't attend, but I didn't know anything about it," said Ashley Hagans, junior accounting major. "It would be interesting to attend, however, had there not been a symposium, not very many students would likely be aware of the politics of black British aesthetics."

Professors Prefer Face Time to Using Blogs

BY TIANA ALLEN
Contributing Writer

Howard University students spend hours in front of their computers using instant messenger, checking email and updating personal websites, but what they may have a hard time finding online is their professors' blogs.

While the technology is being embraced around the country at other institutions, Howard professors appear leery and too busy to utilize what could be an extension of their classes.

Finding opportunities to interact with students outside of class is a balancing act for many professors at Howard. With the demands of research and publishing, hosting or attending conferences, engaging students through blogs is not an easy option says political science lecturer John Davis, Ph.D.

"I don't have the time and can barely check my email," Davis said. Between talking to students or writing their recommendations, maintaining a blog would be a distraction, said Davis, who prefers face time with his students.

While Blackboard is a current option for professors, and office hours are mandatory, some students would like a looser format to exchange ideas with faculty. Tjani Elabur, senior chemical engineering major, would visit his professor's blogs if they had one. "We're in the information age and new technology should be encouraged by the university. We don't want to be left behind," Elabur said.

Elabur was not alone in his desire to see professors use blogs. Senior accounting major Chris Blake thinks blogs would give students opportunities to get to know instructors better. "It would be a good idea to see how they think outside of class and to share it with us," Blake said.

A recent report by George Washington University Law professor Daniel Solove reported more than 180 law professors maintain blogs as a means to share opinions with students and professional colleagues.

With recent firestorm at the University of Louisiana where a professor expressed disdain for his students on his blog, Howard professors are reluctant to

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Despite the ease of use provided on websites like www.blogger.com (pictured above) and www.xanga.com, most professors seem to be opting out of the weblog revolution.

embrace blogs. English professor R. Victoria Arana cautioned professors who do not use discretion in any interactive forum.

"There is a difference between freedom of speech and professional responsibility," said Arana, who said she was also concerned about professors who would maintain their blogs on Howard's network.

Students echoed Prof. Arana's concern in the use of blogs as an outlet to bash students.

"I think it's really unprofessional to put comments about students on a blog. If it's used as

an extension of a lecture then its fine," said Paige Fenn, freshman public relations major.

Howard does not have an explicit policy against blogging, but it falls under the Academic Freedom Policy in the faculty handbook. The policy cautions professors in their representation of the University regardless of the platform.

"They are licensed to use it for their job," said Sharon Banks, senior associate general counsel for the university. Though Banks understands students' interest in professors using blogs she is con-

cerned that the platform is too new.

Most professors cite heavy course loads and students' reluctance to use Blackboard as reasons why they have yet to embrace blogs in the classroom. Jiang Li, assistant computer science professor, said he thinks most professors do not have the time to maintain a blog and use a personal website for students to download course materials. "There's no time to update a blog everyday and they aren't that different from message boards," Li said.

Chapel Speaker Urges Congregation to Find 'Special Calling'

BY MEGAN SCHLEY
Contributing Writer

The congregation gathered in for Chapel Sunday was immediately greeted with the high energy given off by Dr. James H. Cone.

"Today, I will not give you the regular Palm Sunday sermon, on how Jesus Christ our Lord died on the cross so we can have everlasting life," Cone said.

Instead, Cone said he would talk about vocation. According to Cone, God has put every one on earth for a reason, and each person has a special calling.

"It is our job to work with the Lord, to find our calling and when doing so, it is then our job to share this special talent with the world," Cone said.

Cone stressed to his audience that God has a plan for all of his children.

Using his childhood as an example, Cone illustrated how as a youth growing up in a small town

in Arkansas, God was able to help him find his calling: the ability to spread the word of God.

"The more I learned about the Bible and the God that I serve, the more I wanted to know, the more I wanted to share and teach."

Cone encouraged his audience not to worry about the opinions of others, and said that when God helps people find their calling it is his will for them to spread the good news, telling everyone it is possible through the strength of Christ.

"We have to stop being afraid of standing up and speaking out for what is right," Cone said. "It should not matter if everyone is telling you not to speak out for what you believe in. When you hear that little voice within your head, you have no choice but to follow it, for it is the Lord illustrating what your 'special calling' is."

Several students said overall

they felt Cone's message was very encouraging.

"I was surely inspired by his message," said Sharna Smith, a sophomore child development major. "I think that he really had strong points, and really encouraged me to get out here and find my 'special calling' so I can start sharing it with the world."

Like Smith, Charde Miles was moved by Cone's message.

"I enjoyed the service because it was very inspirational. He reminded me that God loves me, and with him anything is possible," said Miles, a sophomore broadcast journalism major.

Michael Craighead, a sophomore art major, was also pleased with Cone's sermon.

"Today's sermon was great. I really enjoyed his style of deliverance, and he was really energetic while preaching the word of the Lord," Craighead said.

Cone ended his sermon with a

simple question: "I have found my special calling. Have you?"

A theologian, prophet, champion of the poor and speaker of the painful truths of the African-American experience, Cone is known for his honest and insightful work on such critical topics as theology, issues of violence and religion. Cone currently serves as the Charles A. Briggs Distinguished Professor of Systematic Theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

He attended Shorter College from 1954 to 1956, holds a bachelor's degree from Garrett Theological Seminary, and later earned an M.A. and Ph.D. from Northwestern University. Cone is the author of 21 books and more than 150 articles. He is best known for his groundbreaking works, "Black Power" (1969) and "Martin and Malcolm and America: A Dream or a Nightmare?" (1991).



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Campus Briefs



N.C. Central Rallies in Support of Rape Victim

James H. Ammons, President of North Carolina Central University, is creating a fund for the escort who was brutally raped by the lacrosse team at Duke University.

With the help of the students, Ammons is trying to create a fund for the 26-year-old mother of two so she can continue her academic career with the university.

A student organization named Voices of NCCU, or VOX, which is dedicated to prevention of domestic violence, is planning on holding a candlelight vigil for the victim in April. President Ammons stated that they have a strong stance against domestic violence and racial discrimination.



Hampton University Dress Code Questioned

At Hampton University, Dean Sid Creedle was recently placed under intense scrutiny for his strict code for hairstyles of the business students.

However, most of the negative attention has been coming from people outside of the university. Dean Creedle said he does not mind the recent attention because it gives exposure to the school and progression in the business program.

Critics of the hair code say it's making students acculturate to Caucasian standards.

"To categorically deny males the right to wear dreads or braids smacks of cultural suffocation," columnist Jenice Armstrong wrote in the Philadelphia Daily News.

But some students that are a part of the program feel that the strict code does not hinder them, but will only help them in the long run.



Grease Fire Displaces University of Maryland Students

Several students were forced to leave the University of Maryland dormitory where they were residing after their rooms were flooded by sprinklers in response to a kitchen grease fire.

University police spokesperson, Maj. Cathy Atwell, said no injuries were caused by the fire. Atwell said the fire started in the South Campus Commons dorm after a student on the third floor put a pan of oil on the stove to heat up and left the room.

"When he came back, it had ignited," she said.

Trisha Wells, general manager of South Campus Commons, said there was little smoke damage because the sprinklers went off. She said about six apartments on the first, second and third floors were damaged by the sprinkler system.

Compiled by Lindsey Woods
Contributing Writer

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White House Chief of Staff Card Resigns as Bolten is Promoted

BY MONIQUE HOLMES
Contributing writer

On March 18, President Bush announced Andrew Card's resignation from his position as chief of staff. His resignation will take effect April 14. Joshua Bolten, former director of Office of Management and Budget, was promoted to the position.

For weeks news has been circulating that there would be a major White House staff change. The Washington Times reported that press secretary, Scott McClellan, referred to rumors as "inside Washington babble."

President Bush, along with other government officials, does not see the change as major. In an interview with PBS' Online News Hour, John Podesta, chief of staff for three years during President Clinton's second term, said, "It's very much a move of continuity, as I think the President likes to do. He feels comfortable with the people very close around him."

Card held the position of chief of staff for five-and-a-half years, which is the longest serving chief of staff in forty-six years. The average term of service of a White House chief of staff is approximately two-and-a-half years.

If he would have stayed until October, he would have earned the title of the longest serving chief of staff in history. John Steelman, Harry Truman's chief of staff, currently holds that record with a service of six years.

During the press conference, President Bush said, "Andy Card has served me and our country in historic times, on a terrible day when America was attacked, during economic recession and recovery, through storms of unpredictable destructive power, in peace and in war."

Professor of political science, John Davis, believed it was simply time for Card to move on because he held the office for so long.

"Often, when this occurs, it's said that the

chief of staff is either being too protective of the President or is not allowing him to see all his best interest. One way to change that is to bring in a brand new chief of staff [and] they can get somebody who can speak to the presidency but also to the party's wishes. That's why the person from the communications department is now in the position," Professor Davis said.

There are mixed views about the satisfactory performance of Bolten as the new chief of staff.

"I think Josh Bolten knows his way around Washington. He's a good inside player. He's a good 'policy guy.' I think he'll serve the President in that role and do it with honesty and integrity," Podesta said.

Bolten helped lead Bush's failed attempt to overhaul social security using private investment accounts. He is used to dealing with politics, budget and the economy, but his political skills have not been weighed on such a large scale.

Bolten is not expected to push for any changes within the Iraq war policy. A former Republican U.S. Representative from Minnesota, Vin Weber, also contributed during Online News Hour when he said, "I don't think that he is going to drive a change on Iraq policy, first of all, because we think that we have a policy that is going to succeed first and, second, because, if the White House needs to do anything different on Iraq, it is a better job of communicating what its own position is."

Card was very dedicated to his job. He would wake up around four in the morning and, on most nights, wouldn't leave the office until ten. The chief of staff position is labeled as the worst White House position to hold. The nature of the job is stressful and demanding. According to a March 29 Boston Globe article, Andrew Nastasio, administrator for the US Agency for International Development, said that Card "has been under enormous stress for five years. He handles stress better than any person I know, but no matter how good you are... there is a limit."



After five-and-a-half years of service, White House Chief of Staff, Andrew Card, will resign. Card has been the longest serving chief of staff in 46 years.

Bolten is entering a challenging position during a challenging time, going into the White House while the President's approval ratings are as low as 30 percent.

"Eckstein, reminds us that there are differ-

ent seasons, and there is a new season," said Card during the press conference, "and John Bolten is the right person for that season."

NY Bouncer Charged in Murder of John Jay Graduate Student



George Washington alumnae Imette St. Guillen was found dead in early February. Charges have been made against Darryl Littlejohn, a club bouncer in New York.

BY KENISHIA WHITE
Contributing writer

Imette St. Guillen, a John Jay College graduate student found dead in early February under two months ago in an isolated area in Brooklyn, N.Y., has been remembered by the student government at her college. Fifty thousand dollars has been donated in her name for a scholarship.

St. Guillen also attended George Washington University as an undergraduate student.

St. Guillen was last seen leaving The Falls, a popular bar in New York's SoHo area around 4 a.m. in February. Her mangled body was found approximately 17 hours later in an isolated area in Brooklyn about 14 miles from the bar.

Darryl Littlejohn, a club bouncer, has been charged with the murder of the twenty-four-year-old graduate student.

Littlejohn is pleading not guilty and has been indicted for kidnapping, rape and murder. He is currently being held at Rikers Island on a probation violation.

Investigators said Littlejohn's DNA was found on the floor around St. Guillen's hands

giving the police the "transfer of evidence" they were counting on in finding the killer.

In an interview with WCRB-TV reporter Scott Weinberger, Littlejohn said that he did not kill St. Guillen and that "the police had the wrong man."

Littlejohn also said in the interview that he gave his full cooperation to the police and that he was willing to give them the DNA samples. He said that she was a brilliant person and he was truly sorry, but he is innocent of this crime.

This case has been questioned by Howard students.

"Where were her friends?" said Jessica Prith, a sophomore nursing major.

There have been other similar cases, such as the Guillen case, where friends would go out for a good time whether being at home or on vacation and they somehow separate and one of them is missing or murdered.

A similar case occurred when teenager Natalie Holloway disappeared while she and some friends were on vacation in Aruba. She was last seen leaving a night club with three young men. In many of these murder and missing cases, there is also-

hol involved.

"When you are drinking or just out with friends in an unfamiliar area, it's important that everyone sticks together," Frith said.

Others feel that the alcohol level of the victim does not matter.

"It's sad," said Lindsay Murray, a political science major at George Washington University. "It's like wearing a short skirt is you asking to be raped. Just because she had a few drinks doesn't mean she was asking to be killed," she said.

"It's all about responsibility. She shouldn't have left with someone she doesn't know, period," said Jennifer Shaw, a sophomore political science major.

According to the New York Daily World, Littlejohn is also suspected of at least three other sexual attacks in Nassau and Queens County. No charges have been filed against him in those cases.

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Six Flags of America Comes To D.C. Metro Area

BY WHITNEY BUGGS
Contributing Writer

As warm weather and summer vacation swiftly approach, many Howard students are searching for entertainment around the Washington metropolitan area. Six Flags of America opened last week in Largo, Md., offering students an adventure of a lifetime for reasonable prices.

Just off the beltway, the amusement park offers some of the most thrilling, throat wrenching, heart dropping roller coasters there are on the east coast.

The most popular and feared coaster in the entire park is a 200-foot ride of steel and terror. While towering higher than any other ride, the Superman Ride of Steel starts with an adrenaline-pumping 198-foot first drop and ends with screams of excitement. Following close behind is the park's sleek, smooth flying coaster, which places riders in a superhero-like flying position while soaring above the ground.

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Six Flags of America is the latest amusement park offering in the metro area. Located in Largo, Md., Six Flags offers diversion.

The Batwing is one of the park's most current additions and guarantees a ride to remember. Two of the Caped Crusader's archenemies have their own Six Flags of America thrill machines. The Joker's Jinx is a magnetically launched coaster that accelerates riders from 0 to 60 mph straight up and flies down the

first hill. With spins, curves and spiraled loops, the Joker's Jinx has become one of the park's most body jerking intimidators.

Then there is the Two-Face: a villain roller coaster that leaves riders' feet dangling as it slowly creeps up one of the park's largest hills and boomerangs riders backwards at over 55 mph.

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Six Flags of America features more than 100 thrilling rides, slides, shows and attractions including state of the art

thrill rides, eight fast and furious coasters and the newly expanded Hurricane Harbor Water Park.

Most Howard students are aware that Six Flags is just minutes away and plan to make a trip this summer.

"It would be fun to get away from campus this summer and just enjoy my break," said sophomore

nursing major Joy Adickum. "I've always wanted to go to Six Flags, but I never had the time. I'll most likely go there this summer."

Junior biology major Ishmael Basim confessed that he didn't even know Maryland had a Six Flags.

"I hope they have decent admission prices because a lot of theme parks are overpriced," Basim said.

Save money and plan your trip soon. Six Flags opened on April 8 and has a special rate of \$39.99 for customers who purchase their tickets on-line. Regular price is \$49.99. While only 15 minutes east of Washington, D.C., Six Flags of America is easy to find. From D.C., students should take I-495 to exit 15A, Central Avenue East. Six Flags of America will be located approximately 3 miles on the left. If driving is not an option then hop on the train and take the Blue line to Adams Road Station. From there, take Metrobus C21 or 22 to the park's entrance.

For additional information on season passes and group specials visit www.sixflags.com.

Blogging on Campus: A Mix of Expression, Self-Censorship

BY JACQUELINE COOK
Contributing Writer

Blogs, or weblogs, are quickly becoming the most popular form of electronic self-expression. Many students have turned to blogs as a creative way to voice their opinions and relieve the stresses of their everyday lives.

"People express things in different ways," said Asia David, a sophomore fashion merchandising major and blogger. "You can say things that you may be too scared to say out loud."

Sophomore film produc-

tion major and fellow blogger Vincent Hunter agreed.

"It's a place to vent, let people know what I am thinking and, also, a good way to keep a record of my thoughts," Hunter said.

Hunter said blogging is not very popular on Howard's campus, but there are a significant number of people that partake in this online activity.

Some professors believe blogging may be a useful tool for their students.

"Anything that gets students to write is good," said William Harrell, an English professor.

Harrell said blogging is a helpful way to learn how to write down and organize thoughts. Despite some benefits, Harrell believes "most writing on the internet won't help with grammar."

Although there are currently no federal laws or regulations concerning blog content, their potential for controversy has not gone unnoticed.

Harrell even noted that students might utilize blogs "as a tool for political protest."

Last month, the Federal Election Commission ruled that blogs including elections related political commen-

tary are "exempt from regulation under the new individual Internet exemptions."

The FEC also decided that a blogger or blog might qualify for the media exemption.

While this ruling only affects a small fraction of blogs on the Internet, the precedent set by it indicates that the government will not get involved in blog censorship.

"I don't think they should," David said. "They already pretty much invade other areas of privacy."

While the government has chosen to keep their hands out of the blogging world,

some other institutions have not. Many companies, such as Microsoft and Delta Air Lines, have announced that blogs of their current and prospective employees may be under surveillance.

"Weblogs are [often] seen mostly as innocent places, but they also have a darker side where people use them to complain about employers, schools and [other institutions]," said Harrell, an English professor.

According to the Associated Press, one former Google employee, Mark Jen, was fired in January because of his blog about life at the company.

Blogger.com, a blog hosting website, has even included in their "Help" section an article titled "How Not to Get Fired Because of Your Blog."

Many bloggers are forced to impose self-censorship because of fear in losing their jobs, not being hired, or being expelled from school.

"Just like any other form of expression, you have the choice to make entries public or private," David said.

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"Howard University: A Symbol of Global Leadership, Innovation, Imagination and Vision"

The Howard University Global Community Week Planning Committee will host the annual celebration of cultural diversity within the H.U. Community. Through exploring our theme for the week, *Howard University: A Symbol of Global Leadership, Innovation, Imagination and Vision*, we hope to increase the level of awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the diverse cultures represented on our campus. Everyone is welcome to attend Global Community Week events.

The Schedule Of Events Is as Follows:

April 9 – 15, 2006

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

11:00am to 1:00pm

Call to Chapel

Location: Cramton Auditorium

Speaker: Dr. Benjamin K. Watts

Senior Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

1:00pm to 7:00pm

Global Community Week Sports Day

Location: Greene Stadium

[FREE]

MONDAY, APRIL 10

6:00pm to 10:00pm

Game Night: Jeopardy

Location: Blackburn University Center Auditorium

[FREE]

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Global Political and Business Forum

Location: School of Business Auditorium

2nd Floor, School of Business

Topic: "The Influence of South Asia on the United States"

[FREE]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

6:00pm to 8:30pm

Immigration Town Hall Meeting

Location: Blackburn University Center Auditorium

A Community Forum: Facilitated by a panel of lawyers and immigration officials, who will discuss U.S. Immigration laws and regulations.
[FREE]

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

6:30pm to 10:00pm

Cultural Diversity Awareness Awards Dinner

Location: Blackburn University Ballroom

Featuring: Indian Performers from Rushhi Entertainment Inc.

(TICKETS REQUIRED) - Available at Cramton Auditorium Box Office

Friday, April 14

6:00pm to 10:00pm

International Film Festival

Location: Blackburn University Center Auditorium

Featuring: Indian Movies/ "Bollywood" Films
[FREE]

Saturday, April 15

Event: To Be Announced

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Duke University's Dilemma

By now, many people are aware of the allegations of a rape incident against members of Duke's lacrosse team. The incident allegedly occurred at a private party where an African-American exotic dancer and student at North Carolina Central University told police she was beaten, choked and raped, according to the Associated Press. Investigation is underway and as of April 8, no charges have been filed, according to the article.

Duke is a school known for academic excellence, athletic powerhouse appeal and being the training grounds for major athletic stars. However, as of

late, the school has also been associated with some negative press, scandals and incidents to taint their image.

Duke officials cancelled the lacrosse season and accepted the resignation of the team coach after the release of an internal

work, but also the athletes need to be disciplined and face consequences for their actions.

On most campuses, athletes receive special treatment and avoid the same academic and social requirements other students adhere to. When enticing

prospective teammates many schools, throw big parties with groupies and liquor to make sure the potentials have a good time.

Sometimes the team spirit and camaraderie elevate to inappropriate levels. Athletes do have sex appeal on many campuses, but they need not abuse their privileges or violate any innocent people. We hope this investigation pans out the right way and justice is served. We also hope Duke gets it together sooner than later.

Our View:

The recent incident at Duke exemplifies athletes taking their 'superhuman' status much too far.

team e-mail that talked about the killing and skinning of strippers in a dorm room, according to TheDepaulia.com.

The Princeton Review recently ranked Duke fifth worst in the nation in town-gown relations, and sixth-worst for race and class interaction. This not only makes it clear that race relations at school need some

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 TBCU involvement in educating African leaders and their role in the subsequent development of Africa and the role of those who 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 scientists, public and business administrators 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 1940s. The role of Howard University as 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 where terms are essential for the growth of American economics 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 the WWII.

For example, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and Kamuzu Banda 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.

4/9/06 FAMILY REUNION: And don't forget 80 Down by Sally F. Swin, edited by Stanley Newman

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Matt White: A Hot New Singer-Songwriter to Watch

BY CIARA FAMBLE
Life & Style Editor

Who's the newest singing sensation? It isn't another blue-eyed blonde Jessica Simpson clone, and it isn't another snap-rap group waiting to catch beef with. It's Matt White, an artist who reminds listeners of a time when singers sang, and not just yelled or relied on catchy beats to draw in listeners.

Although White does have the requisite catchy tunes, the lyrics, not vocal or guitar tricks, remain the star of the album "Do You Believe". With the importance of the instrumentals receding into the background, White, who was recently named one of Rolling Stone magazine's "Top 10 to Watch", focuses on lyrics that are at once provocative and a combination of humor and reality, making listeners wonder about the truth of his lyrics. The album is, in fact, somewhat autobiographical. "They're stories," White said in a recent press release, "but they're autobiographical. In a way, it's like keeping a diary."

Still, White does not rely completely on his songwriting skills. His instrumental skills also have

their time to shine. White, who plays the guitar and the piano, uses imaginative riffs and melodies that catch the listeners' attention. Songs like "Miracles" and "New York Girls", which sound like songs that would be on a soundtrack to a romantic comedy (the song "Love" was featured in the 2005 film *Little Manhattan*), are lovable rather than loathing simply because of the lyricism. If the melodies are the hook and the line, the lyrics are the sinker.

The New York City-based singer/songwriter was born into a musical family: his parents played the violin and the piano, while his grandmother was one of the first female jazz orchestra leaders of the 1930s. White was something of a prodigy, studying music at the Manhattan School of Music from the age of 9. He studied classical performance, music theory and, in the footsteps of his grandmother, jazz improvisation. At age 11, White penned an opera that saw him winning the Metropolitan Opera competition.

White learned how to play his second instrument, the guitar, while he attended the University of Wisconsin, mostly because "I couldn't fit a piano in my college room," White said. When he

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Matt White

returned to New York, he began playing with local bands and indulging his love for live performance at Washington Square Park. After filling clubs like Joe's Pub and the Living Room, and building a 20,000 person following via Internet site MySpace, he went to Los Angeles, where he was soon signed to Geffen Records.

He has recently made available for download "Bleaker Street Stories", which features three songs from his album, "Do You Believe", which shows itself to be the culmination of all his efforts from his early classical training to his hippie days playing music in the park all the way to the influence of super-producers Thom Panunzio (who has worked with rock legends Bruce Springsteen and Iggy Pop) and Jack Joseph Puig (who has worked with contemporary stars like Sheryl Crow and John Mayer).

Their influence is obvious in nearly every song, from the

upbeat "Anybody Else" to the first single "Best Days". White's songs are lined with White's superior acoustic guitar playing and intimate lyrics that are something of an aural version of his memoirs; they tell a story of love, loss, and disappointment that is universal and still unique to him in a style that is at once intimate and conversational. The only downside to his music is that it somewhat mirrors the stylings of other intelligent alt-rock singers Maroon 5 and Jack Johnson with its catchy, radio-friendly tunes. You can easily see White as the next Adam Levine, thoughtfully bohemian in a music video next to the king of controversy, Kanye West. Still, that such a bad thing?

Grade: A

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NCAA Tournament Creates Madness for NBA Draft Position

BY JOSEPH GRAY
Contributing Writer

College basketball and the month of March are synonymous with one word: MADNESS. This word can also be associated with the deed of selecting the right college basketball player to improve your NBA franchise.

The 2006 NCAA Men's Tournament dropped in ratings among the viewing public, but surely did not among the

NBA.

NBA Commissioner David Stern announced last year that after the 2005 season, an age limit of 19 would be implemented, forcing future prospects to play at least one year in college. This year, more than ever, agents were engaged in finding the next young superstar.

The Florida Gators won the national championship and their sophomore center Joakim Noah took the moment to shine and ensure himself a great profit for this summer.

While Noah has not declared if he will enter the draft, NBA experts believe that if he chooses to, he will be no lower than the third player selected. The 7-foot center played his best under the big lights, as he set tournament records for blocks and was crowned the tournament's most outstanding player.

"Noah will go lottery without question—top three as a matter of fact," said junior public relations major Alphonsus Tindall. "He is 7 foot, can shoot and he dominates defensively. You would not have to ask me twice if I would take him on my team."

The LSU Tigers upset Duke and Texas in this year's tournament, and in the process, freshman forward Tyrus Thomas and sophomore center Glen "Big Baby" Davis have emerged as lottery picks if they choose to declare.

Thomas had dominant performances against Duke and Texas, and several scouts heralded the 19-year-old as the number one prospect. He has the size, skill and natural ability to go to the next level.

"Tyrus Thomas out of LSU is a freakishly good athlete with a lot of potential," said junior political science major Jason Rodriguez.

"He is a beast on the boards, blocks a lot of shots and is a huge defensive match up for any team. However, he still has a lot of holes in his game such as his poor jump shot. I believe that he should remain in college and work on his game," he said.

Thomas' teammate, Glen "Big Baby" Davis, at 6'9" and 330 pounds, showed skills at the center position that the LSU faithful have not seen since Shaquille O'Neal donned the purple and gold. He dominated during the team's tournament run, and as a sophomore has many NBA teams ready to take a chance.

"Big Baby, if he decides to come out, is going to be a star," said junior legal communications major Danye Johnson. "I look forward to watching for years to come. His size, strength and agility are unprecedented. I look forward to seeing him with an NBA jersey on."

These players made extreme leaps in draft position during the tournament while others have been projected as high picks long before March.

The scoring race between Gonzaga junior forward Adam Morrison and Duke senior guard J.J. Redick captivated fans throughout the season. Morrison would go on to take the scoring title while J.J. Redick would break several all-time scoring records and be named National Player of the Year.

Adam Morrison, should he declare, is thought by many to be a guaranteed top five selection. At 6'8" he has a diverse game that many NBA scouts have compared to hall-of-famer Larry Bird.

J.J. Redick has one of the purest jump shots seen in some time, but many feel that he is one-dimensional, and for that reason may not have such an easy transfer to the NBA ranks.

"J.J. Redick is the top pick, hands down," said junior radio, television and film major Chris Flowers.

Several players will be taken off the board quickly this June.

Underclassmen to look for if they declare include Texas sophomore center LeMarcus Aldridge, Connecticut sophomore forward Rudy Gay and his junior teammate Marcus Williams.



LSU's Tyrus Thomas boosted his rank in the NBA draft with his performance in the NCAA tournament.

Seniors to look for include Washington guard Brandon Roy, Villanova senior guard Randy Foye, Duke center Shelden Williams and Memphis forward Rodney Carney.



Sophomore Joakim Noah's draft position sky rocketed as he led Florida to a national championship.

Team Dream Uses Football to Teach Lifelong Lesson

BY KAEALYN MAXEY
Contributing Writer

Although some unfortunately get the lesson much later than others, respect for women is a lesson that every young man must learn at some point in his life.

Team Dream, Howard's women's flag football team, found the field and found the unforgettable terms to get through to the younger male generation.

They bet a group of local boys that they could beat them in a game of two-hand touch football. The contest took place yesterday morning at Greene Stadium.

The stipulations of the game, however, were much more valuable than bragging rights.

If the ladies lost they would graciously buy the boys pizza. But if they won, the boys would have to learn to respect women and do it without question.

Both teams went into the game with much confidence. The boys were very sure that

they would have no problem beating Team Dream.

"We are going to win because we have skills and it doesn't matter how many people you all have," said Anthony Evans, a fourteen-year-old who led the boys team. This attitude before the game began quickly changed when he realized that these girls knew how to play some serious football.

Maranda York, the team captain and a junior sociology and criminal justice major, works with a group of boys in the Hillcrest Youth Center's Young Eagle after school program. Through interaction with the boys, she found that they needed a lesson in respect and her team was the one to give it to them.

Team Dream does a community service act or event every year and this year they decided to help the neighborhood youth.

The game was to help the boys in a way that made them open and more willing to change things for themselves and their future. It was something positive



Members of Team Dream, the women's flag football team, pose with boys from Hillcrest Youth Center's after school program after they faced-off in a game of two-hand touch football.

that was fun not just for them, but for both parties involved.

Freshman Journalism major

Virginia Kirby, a player for Team Dream, played with the young

Eagles team of boys 12-15 years

old because of the lack of Eagle players.

"This is a great opportunity

for the boys," Kirby said. "It keeps them off the street and doing something positive."

With players from both teams missing, the event began with a little trouble, but eventually the game started with a four-on-four match-up. Both teams screamed plays and taunted each other in a very entertaining manner that kept the small but very vocal crowd fixed on the game.

The boys struggled throughout the game as the ladies proceeded in teaching them a well-deserved lesson in respect.

The game ended with a 49-0 victory for Team Dream. Anthony accepted the loss and kept to his word, but demanded a rematch.

Both teams agreed, but York and the rest of her team ensure the Young Eagle boys that they will lose yet again so why not go "double or nothing."

No date has been set for a rematch, but both squads are looking forward to it.

Black Coaches Design Play for Future

BY KENTRY KINARD
Contributing Writer

Members of the Black Coaches Association gathered in Indianapolis, Ind. April 1-2 for general membership meetings and reception. The national convention for both the men's and women's National Association of Basketball Coaches also took place during this time.

Among the topics of discussion were diversity, collaboration and the expansion of the BCA membership. The meeting provided a forum for the coaching community to express their concerns regarding recruitment, sanctions and the influence of minority coaches at the collegiate level.

Guest speakers and panel

ists included Eugene Marshall, BCA president, Floyd Keith, BCA executive director, Paul Hewitt, head coach at Georgia Institute of Technology, Dave Leitao, head



coach of the University of Virginia, and Perry Clark, former head basketball coach at the University of Miami (Fla.).

Among the over 250 coaches who attended were Howard's own men's basketball head coach Gil Jackson and assistant James Wilhelm. Howard also had three coaches from its women's basketball program, as well as the Business/Compliance Director in attendance at the

BCA Indianapolis Convention.

Women's basketball assistant coach Felicia Kemp said, "The discussion that most stands out in my mind, was the Academic Performance Rate (APR) and what effect it would have on recruitment of athletes."

The meeting also focused on reaching out to African Americans as well as other ethnic minorities in their quest for an expanded membership.

"We need to be together... and we need to work together

to correct the things that aren't right," said BCA executive director Floyd Keith.

"We need to drive BCA membership to new heights as we are only as strong as our membership," he said.

According to the NCAA, BCA membership has increased 400 percent in the last three years to make its current membership base over 3,000 people.

The organization's membership includes coaches of all levels, sports and corporate officials, high school administrators, principals, athletic directors, trainers and college professors.

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