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Towers Room Blazed: Who's to Blame?

West Towers residents were awakened early Monday morning after a suspicious fire caught in 8th-floor room.

According to Williams, Dodds and his girlfriend became friends after meeting two years ago in a legal internalexchange program. Williams worked at a law firm in Houston. He has a history of depression and anxiety.

When the fire alarm went off at approximately 4:30 a.m., Williams said he went to the first Towers with students who were staying in the room.

Williams said his friend Dodds was upset that police have not arrested Williams, because he thinks Williams tried to light a McDonald's straw with his car for not inviting him to hang out near his room.

The Daily Student Voice of Howard University

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DC Election Season Heats Up; HUSA to Hold Voter Registration Drive

BY MATTHEW COOPER

The election season is in full swing in the District of Columbia as local, state, and federal elections are becoming more and more prominent.

The Howard University Student Association (HUSA) is working hard throughout the day to make sure Howard students are being involved in the process.

HUSA is sponsoring a voter registration drive on Tuesday, September 5, the deadline to register to vote. This will take place in the Blackburn Center, though due to the inclement weather, it may be moved inside.

The drive will take place at the entrance of the Blackburn Center, from 12 to 4 p.m. Because many students of Howard are from out of town, D.C. students can use this opportunity to register within the 30 days. Although students may register in their home state, they may choose to register in Washington, D.C., if they want.

Patton, who is the Director of Programs for HUSA and oversees the registration drive, encourages HUSA members to help students fill out the necessary paperwork to register for the election.

"Student need to be active not only on campus, but in politics," said Patton, a senior sociology major. "Every student should be involved in local, national and world affairs.

Many students at Howard from other states registered in D.C. inter alia, says Patton. "If we thought it was only for D.C., then it wouldn't have been a registration drive.

"It was either I vote here or I don't vote at all," said Merri Ardena, a senior television production major who missed the deadline in her home state to vote.

Crystal Ginneste, a junior music business major, had the same issue in her voter registration in Virginia if they want.

"I had to register here because I'm going to register in Richmond," she said.

"You have some students who are heavily involved in the D.C. election, and even if they're not, they still should be informed on what's going on," Patton said.

"It's an individual decision as to what they want to impact their vote," said Patton. "Where is S Fireplace when they plan to live. Do they want to impact the nation?

Patton says that students should be aware of local and surrounding issues that effect the registration process.

"There are new boundaries this year," Patton said.

"It's incredibly important to know who you're voting for, because it's not just D.C. law that affects us," said Raina Rorie, a sophomore psychology major and member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

After the voting, students and members of Omega Psi Phi animal songs and wearing Hawaiian shirts, which has now been turned into the student account office to clear it up.

"I have mixed emotions, I'm happy to see all the money made," Patton said.

"I do plan to take it off the student account," Patton said. "I'm not worried about it anymore.

Torture's issue is one with the Office of Student Accounts frequently sees each year.

Some students fail to realize that a financial aid package, in some cases, is not enough to cover their cost of attendance for a given academic year. Students also fail to realize that there are other ways to secure financial validation. Students also may run into problems with validation by filling out the necessary paperwork for non-payment.

"Telling a student that they have to keep the class because their name is not on the list is not the easiest thing to do because most students usually know what that means," said Anthony Hendricks, a senior speech communication major.

But suggests that students who fail to fill out paperwork would result in the automatic removal of classes. Registered students who do not plan to continue their studies must complete a Total Withdrawal Form online.

Students can visit the Student Accounts office in the Office of Student Accounts regarding validation of spring classes by emailing RainaRorie@Howard.edu. Electronic requests for assistance may be submitted through HUSA's "Student Financial Validation Status" and completing the form in the online inquiry request form.

All inquiries will be responded to within 24 hours of submission. The form will be transmitted to the student's Howard University email address.

First Friday was held in the Blackburn Center on the weather Friday.

BY NICHOLE ALABI

Rain and wind did nothing to dampen the Howard spirit as students flocked to the Blackburn Center on an inclement Friday.

First Friday, the first Friday of the academic year, is an event held on the Friday of the month thereafter, is a staple at Howard University that allows campus organizations and students alike to cater to the entire academic community.

Despite the weather, First Friday goes on.

The Armour J. Blackburn Center

BY JOULIANA SPANN

The Armour J. Blackburn Center, though, is a place where students can meet with their friends, learn about the University.

The Blackburn Center, which opened April 27, 2006, is home to campus dining and the Tobacco Cafe and the Punch Out. The building also houses a multi-purpose conference room, a computer lab, a ballroom, an auditorium, and a bar and older women prefer to have their dinners in the Blackburn Center, though, it was unable to see his registered this year.

The name, "the Blackburn Center," was named after Dr. Howard University's concept of Blackburn, the center is designed to be a part of the community.

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The Movement Still Looking for Changes

MOVEMENT, from NEWS I3

The Movement, from campus cleanups to town hall meetings to create solutions for different problems. Through preparation, they are ready to face complications that arise, step up to the forefront, and advocate for students. However, the efforts to date have not been entirely futile. Several Movement concerns, such as 3,000 beds to accommodate 11,000 students, may have been implicitly addressed by the administration.

"You don't ever have to say anything to me, but if you fix every one of those problems, we're good," Scott said in response to the display in the Blackburn that reveals plans for a new male dormitory. He believes there are concrete signs of progress...within the administration. Howard ranks among the top 50 colleges and universities with monetary respects, and in the top 100 for inclusive value, meaning the university is a diverse place.

"And that's what our goal is," Scott said. "To help in the gradual progression of Howard.

The Movement is committed to making Howard better as well as student participation in the effort. If you want to get involved, just let us know," Scott said. He points out that Trey, who is a freshman, email themenvement@shutdowmthebuilding.com. "Know that there is a group of students who will advocate for your cause," Phelps said. This came will depend on a mention that will soon be backed by the freshmen class, both Scott and Phelps predict.

"As each class comes in with situations they may not like, they are going to step up," Phelps said. Phelps, who spoke not solely of The Movement, added Howard will go on. But Scott has an alternate plan.

"If you sit with students and talk, the majority of students will say 'I'm not giving a dime back to Howard,'" Scott said. "And that's a problem." The Movement will continue to support the diverse student's role to preserve the school many have inevitably grown to love.

"We are the future of Howard," Scott said. "And if you ignore your future, you risk losing the legacy that people have spent over a hundred plus years building.

The Movement will continue its contest for student advocacy, and to preserve the school many have inevitably grown to love.

-- Scott

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We want your best, most creative, most original ideas (bake sales and car washes prohibited!) to raise dollars and awareness for HIV/AIDS prevention and LIFEbeat — the music industry's charitable organization dedicated to reaching America's youth with the prevention message. To enter, visit the house of www.thelifebeat.org or www.lifebeat.org by October 15, 2006 for a chance to win a private performance by Columbia recording artist Teddy Geiger. The winner will be announced on World AIDS Day—December 1, 2006.

For HIV/AIDS prevention information, visit www.lifebeat.org.

Safe & Sexy. Show your Support!

The Hilltop is proud to be hosting a Health Professions Schlorship Program $15 will be an entrance will be accepted 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Student Senate Room. We will have small refreshments and a raffle will be given away at the event. Please join us and bring your friends.

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THE HILLTOP
Your Guide to the Metro

Doctor Aids Hurricane Katrina Victims

ST. JAMEL JOLENY
Metro Staff

This is the second installment in a four-part series about a doctor who worked through Hurricane Katrina and later relocated to the metro D.C. area.

Gabor Mendy had to evacuate Charity Hospital in New Orleans for six days while Hurricane Katrina devastated the land and the people. Mendy delivered the babies for one of the doctors at Charity, but in the end he found himself caring for those displaced from New Orleans.

"I was just happy to be able to help them," said Mendy.

However, Mendy had to leave New Orleans and later relocated to D.C. as a Medical Director at a center in Baltimore called Healthcare Maggiano's, a mall that includes several surrounding plazas.

"I came to D.C. to find a new home," said Mendy. "New Orleans was not the place for me."

Mendy said that he was able to find a new home in D.C. and that he has been happy since arriving.

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Student Registration for unclaimed AY 2006-2007 parking permits is schedule for Wednesday, September 6, 2006 from 9:00 AM until exhausted. Registration will be conducted online via the Bison Web on a first come, first server basis. In order to be eligible for participation in the Student Registration:

- All outstanding citations must be paid prior to registration.
- Students must be validated for fall 2006.
- Students that are chosen for the 9th & V lot must be commuter students.
- For additional information contact the Office of Parking & Shuttle Operations at 202-806-2000.

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Pearce Looks to Go Home, Come Away With Victory

BY CHRISTOPHER WEAVER

Norfolk native Daniel Pearce talks about travelling to Hampton to play in the Real Hampton Classic.Tournament.

Norfolk, Va native Daniel Pearce talks about travelling to Hampton to play in the Real Hampton Classic. The tournament began on Wednesday, September 9, and the final match was held on Sunday, September 13.

Q: How does it feel to be returning home to Virginia, especially in such a critical game, and what is the atmosphere surrounding these games?

A: "I love it. It's always good to play at home. It's a home court and Hampton is a great community. We have a lot of friends and family here and it's always special to play in front of them."

Q: Coming out of Hampton, how did you feel about playing in this tournament?

A: "I was really excited. Hampton is a great basketball program and I knew this would be a big opportunity for me."

Q: How has being recruited by Hampton, and being from the area, influenced your decisions to play basketball at Hampton?

A: "Hampton was a great fit for me. They have a strong tradition and a great community. Playing in front of friends and family is always special."

Q: What's your message to the other HU?

A: "We're really excited to play and we're looking forward to coming out with a win."

Norfolk native Daniel Pearce will travel with the football team back to Virginia to face rival Hampton University on Saturday.
Ahb... football season. For me it brings about a delicious emotion. There is the overwhelming feeling of joy for the upcoming season. No other sport offers the deep storyline, the intense action, and the true emotion of competition, quite American football. The game of football is not only great because of the spectacle of the contest but the lessons it teaches and the stories it tells. Ideas like teamwork, accountability, perseverance, and sportsmanship are essentially being taught to us through the gridiron. For me it brings about a dichotomy of emotions. There is a deep rivalry, the intense preparation, the stories it tells. Ideals like teamwork, accountability, and productive citizen. All of these principles can be learned and colored on the gridiron.

Then there are the great expectations that we get from a team in my school. The ever present story of the underdog who rose up against all odds and prove the critics wrong. Dogs who rise up against all deep rivalries, the intense competition. No other sport offers the true life Cinderella story. Then there are the great expectations that we get from a team in my school. The ever present story of the underdog who rose up against all odds and prove the critics wrong. Dogs who rise up against all deep rivalries, the intense competition. No other sport offers the true life Cinderella story.

Frankly, most of the trash on the gridiron jungle is, unfortunately, fanatics. But one thing that we can get from the game is a chance to enjoy it. Properly trained and well executed, the sport can be a joy. Even for those who don't understand the rules, the game can be a source of entertainment. Expand your relationship by enjoying the game together. Not first, learn something about the sport. Holly Robinson-Peret, an actress, NFL wife, and football fan, wrote a book, 'One Blue One Brown Eyes: The Warning of the Game.' A woman's guide to living Pro Football that explains the basics of the game and how to enjoy it.

Chillin' With The Hilltop

The Hilltop is everywhere! We have readers all over the country and internationally. This is your opportunity to send in pictures of people indulging in the student voice of Howard University wherever they are, whatever they're doing. Submit your pictures of people reading The Hilltop to hilltopjana@gmail.com.

Overheard @ The Mecca

The Definition of a Lie

Overheard in Starbucks on Georgia Avenue

Girl: So I called him and told him I was pregnant.
Friend: Ohhhhhhhhhh! NICE Congratulations!!
Girl: No I'm not, I just told him that.
Friend: Wait-what? So you lied?
Girl: Yeah, I just told him what I wanted to.
Friend: So you lied...
Girl: NO EDDONT. I just didn't tell him what was necessarily true.
You think he'll be mad?
Friend: Well, what did he say?
Girl: (gaze) He was really excited. He bought me a Tiffany's baby rattle.
Friend: Then yeah, he might be a bit perturbed.

What If...?

This feature poses a situation to the readers and allows them to predict what might happen. For instance, What if...?

...Romans found out that Juliet is a transsexual?
Romeo: Ahhh, Juliet. Let me bang this hand to. Why, what's this? Ahhh! Ugh! Unh, un. Let's just get more into this and find out what's happening. This has been a few of stickery. My servant says, "Juliet is the sun," meaning not the sun (the sun) but something like the "solar". Yes, truly indulging "CROSSED" by the perfection of its dethronement. It's all in the midst of all. Nay, misunderstood me not. I bit nothing. I re ase none another name may not as well be necessary in sense and a man by the name of women dont the same. Too early seen unknown and known late too.

Next Week's Scenario: What If The Harlem Globetrotters were in the land of OZ?

Please send any responses to the soon to be renamed page, including potential names, "He Said... She Said" topics, 'Chillin' With The Hilltop' photos, things you've overheard @ The Mecca, or What If...? responses to hilltopjana@gmail.com.
Ring The Alarm!

Two fires in the Howard Plaza Towers in the first week of school is a major wake-up call for fire safety on this campus.

Even scarier is that many students didn’t wake up at all during the fire. Sunday night, that organized, on-sites music students so that when real harm is present, students don’t do as necessary. Unfortunately, the false alarms that plague many dorms, including one in Foster Hall going off from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. downtown, students so that when real harm is present, students don’t do as necessary.

Our Views: Howard needs more effective systems for fire safety in all the dorms.

Students have to be vigilant and realize their decisions affect everyone around them.

No matter what, if some of these Duke athletes are indeed guilty of rape, they will never face the death penalty, thanks to the Martinsville Seven. By the way, three of the Seven are women. Twenty-five of us won’t forget their names and we will hold the Seven in Martinsville, Va. for the recent, the trial story of the Seven has never been told. Thanks for listening and may God bless and protect our children and students everywhere.

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Dear Editor,

After realizing the many problems and issues about the alleged rape of a student’s former college student and another of two by Duke Lacrosse players, I was compelled to write and say that there were always stories of the Martinsville Seven.

In 1949, in Martinsville, Va., seven black men were accused of raping a 32-year-old white woman. Within 30 hours of the alleged rape, all six were arrested, and sentenced to death by all seven were tried, convicted and sentenced to death by all seven were tried, convicted and sentenced to death by all seven were tried, convicted and sentenced to death by all seven were tried, convicted and sentenced to death by all seven were tried, convicted and sentenced to death by all seven were tried, convicted and sentenced to death by all seven were tried, convicted and sentenced to death.

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Hilltop wishes to read what you have to say. Submit a 500 word perspective to www.thehilltoponline.com.
Students Explore Dominican Sa-

BY NICOLE ALARD
Contributing Writer

Dominican hair salons have become popular in Washington, D.C. and in surrounding areas. Their signature "blow-out" way of styling has caused many young women with various hair lengths and textures too seek the services of these salons.

The "blow-out," a technique made popular in the northeastern region of the United States is gaining popularity all over the country. The technique involves little-to-no products to attain a shiny, sleek look. As Howard students have become familiar with the various styles and styles-experience the technique, free from charging their regular hair-care routines and prancing the gospel to their friends. Kristen Bridges, a senior management major has been going to Giovanni’s Hair, a popular Dominican salon in Adams Morgan, for almost a year.

"I heard about their new freshman and after a couple of years I decided I wanted to get my hair done here so I tried it," Bridges said.

Bridges, like other Howard women, loves the blow out style for its weightless, any appearance.

"At home I used to get more updo's or things, like an updo, or even a weave. I could look in a book and have it done, but it was more expensive, I couldn't do both.

New York City, the one dimensional looks I get."

The blow out technique involves wetting hair in rollers where the size of rollers depends on the length of the hair. How moist or straight the client wants it, depends on the length of the hair. There are no newstyle and flat irons do not set, it doesn't affect your pores and hair shaft,"

Wilcox also recommends it for those interested in the healthy growth of their hair.

"Depending on how the hair is, she can range from $5 to $55 to get a blow out in Washington, D.C. and surrounding areas like Silver Spring, Md. Amari McFarlane, a junior marketing major from New Jersey, has been getting her hair blown out regularly since the seventh grade said she notices the hair in products in the DC area.

"The prices are high here only because there aren't as many places, there are a lot of places in New York City where you can get it done for $40 to $50 on a Tuesday, but regularly it's around $10 or 20 dollars," she said.

"The blow out is expensive; Dominican salons not only because they are required to make the transition from traditional African-American hair, but also for the well service provided."

"It was like a factory," McFarlane said of a Dominican salon she went to previously. "There were 10 hair dryers, eight girls and they would be like 'next, next, no conversations, undresses, and get in line'."

Tina Chase also appreciates the service offered at Dominican salons.

"They are so much faster. I've spent up to six hours in a black salon and the most I've ever spent in a Dominican salon was two and a half hours," Chase said.

Some students however, have not embraced the trend. Many cite the language barrier for discouraging them from making the transition from traditional African-American salons, which have served as pillars in the black community for black women to relax, get a blow out style for its weightless style, and be among friends, to stylish assortment... you're in and you're happy."