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MON, 9/11:
PARTLY
CLOUDY
HIGH: 72, LOW: 58

TUES, 9/12:
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HIGH: 74, LOW: 60

Where Were You The Day America Changed Forever?

Five years later, students reflect on where they were when terrorists crashed planes into the World Trade Center.

BY MELISSA L. TYLER
Hilltop Staff Writer

The principal of Michael Benjamin's Queens, New York high school reported over the intercom:

"A plane has just run into the World Trade Center." Knowing that his principal was a bit of a prankster, Benjamin thought the loud speaker announcement was merely a joke, but the reality of the announcement on September 11, 2001, soon hit him as he sat in his third period freshman science class.

Benjamin began to grasp the magnitude of what actually happened that day in 2001 on his long journey home. Many of the buses that usually transported him to his house were not operating, so Benjamin, along with his friend Harrison, ended up having to walk most of the way from his school to his house. Vivid images and reports on the 4 o'clock news confirmed the degree of seriousness of the terrorist attack for Benjamin.

"I was shocked that something like this could happen," he said.

Benjamin, now a sophomore English major, observed

several of his friends and schoolmates getting picked up from school early by parents and relatives, but since both of his parents were still at work he remained at school throughout the day.

Benjamin admits that he was not really nervous or scared about the events that took place at first because he did not read the newspaper and he was more occupied with things other than current events.

"At that time, I was more interested in what was going on and girls," he said.

He began to worry about whether his father was in Manhattan at the moment of the attack once he heard other students talking about their parents and family that worked in the World Trade Center. Benjamin's father is a social worker and often had to travel to Manhattan to meet with clients.

Viewing the clouds of black smoke in Manhattan from the roof of his five floor high school in Flushing, Queens only increased his fears concerning his father. Fortunately, Benjamin's father did not travel to Manhattan that day, but his father's friend, who worked

in the first tower that was struck, did go to work that day and has not been found since. Benjamin remembers being present at his family friend's memorial service held five months later at his church.

"I always think about how many people were affected by 9/11, but I don't live in fear," Benjamin said. "I'm enjoying life one day at a time."

Junior pre-physical therapy major and Washington DC native, Muwira Cook, also remembers that morning in high school on 9/11 when her teacher informed her and her fellow classmates that a plane went through one of the World Trade Center Towers and turned on the TV for the class to watch the tragic events unfold.

"It didn't seem real at first, but after the pentagon was struck it hit close to home," Cook said.

Cook's high school was across from Walter Reed Army Medical Center, a potential terrorist target. Students were not allowed to leave her school without a parent there to take them. Luckily, since Cook's father worked at the school, she was able to get away from

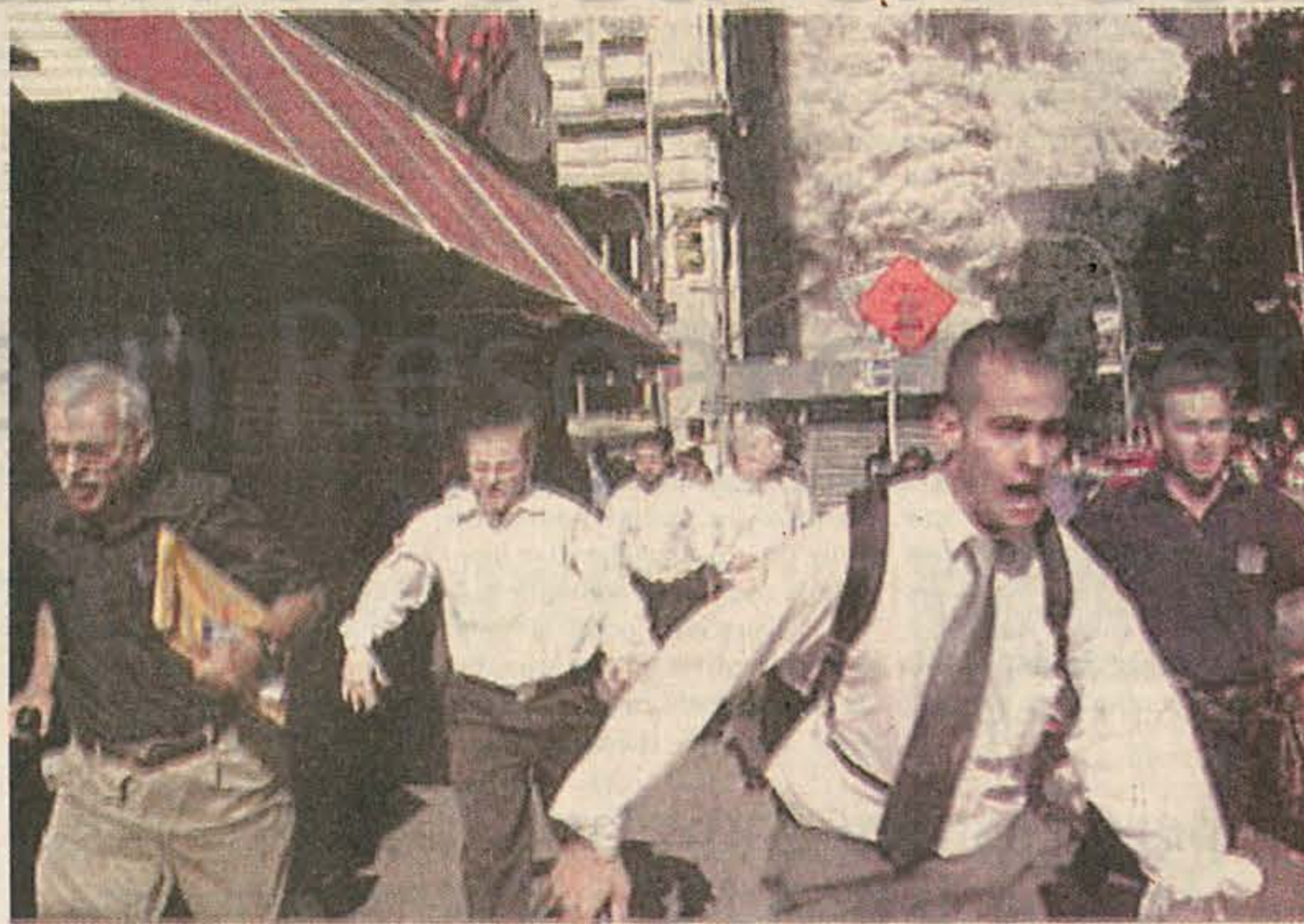


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In the same way many of our parents remember the assassinations of John F. Kennedy or Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., HU students hold memories of 9/11 that will last a lifetime.

the mass confusion in her school and into the comfort of her own home.

While Cook was affected by 9/11 in D.C., her sister was being affected in New York. Due to transportation difficulties Cook's sister, who worked in Manhattan, like many oth-

ers had to walk from work to her home in Brooklyn. It was not until several hours later that Cook and her family were able to get in contact with her sister.

"Everyone was in such disbelief," Cook added. "You don't usually expect events like 9/11

to happen."

Cook feels that since the 9/11 attack Americans live on their toes.

"After September 11, I don't take anything as a joke."

NCNW Hosts 21st Annual Black Family Reunion

BY MERCIA WILLIAMS-MURRAY
Contributing Writer

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) hosted its 21st Annual Black Family Reunion (BFR) over the weekend.

The festival, which is a two-day event held in September on the National Mall, started in 1986 with guests such as Betty Shabazz, Coretta Scott King, The O'Jays, Lou Rawls, and Alex Haley in attendance.

The purpose of the Family Reunion is to celebrate the strengths and values of African-American families and to address the problems and issues facing African Americans today. Recognized as the largest, most significant family event in the nation, the BFR showcases black businesses in dozens of pavilions spread out on the park behind the Washington Monument.

The NCNW was founded by Mary McLeod-Bethune in 1935. Bethune, who saw the need for harnessing the power and extending the leadership of African-American women through a national organization, created the organization with the mission to advance the opportunities and the quality of life for African-American women, their families and communities. More than seventy years later, Joanne Blount, president of the greater Elizabeth, New Jersey area chapter of NCNW and her fellow NCNW member, Evelda Miller, made their rounds to different tents, feasting artists Lil' Mo and Fantasia.

"The performance was great and the ladies sung beautifully," Miller said. Blount added that she "couldn't wait for the gospel concert." Dottie Peoples was expected to be the main performer that night.

Universal Sisters Health operated one of the main tents where corporate and Wal-Mart gave out heart-friendly granola bars and snacks, diet sodas, hair care products, socks to exercise in, and most popularly, free heart screenings. Every table had a friendly face waiting and loads of pamphlets with tips to maintain good health. At another health pavilion, GlaxoSmithKline had physicians on site waiting eagerly to administer physical exams and answer any questions that people had regarding the results of the free

glucose, respiratory/lung, blood pressure, and bone density tests that various GSK employees were giving. Other issues that greatly affect African Americans such as asthma, depression, type-2 diabetes, and enlarged prostates were addressed in even more pamphlets which were neatly displayed on tables.

In addition to monitoring their health, festival-goers could go into tents which focused on the family. There were pavilions that focused on obtaining and maintaining good credit and internet safety for children. Other tents featured speakers from The DC Rape Crisis Center, the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, Teenchoice, and Family & Child which had tables set up for anyone who wanted to talk or pick up some reading material about their organizations.

The U.S. Department of Education provided high-school and college students interested in interning or working for the USDA or NASA with applications and forms describing what opportunities these government-run departments have to offer. Howard University's own WHUR 96.3 was housed under a tent along with books from popular African-American authors such as Zane. Vendors lined along the side of the Mall marketed traditional black cuisine, food from the Caribbean, and ice cold lemonade.

One of the most popular pavilions was the Traveling Exhibit of Great Blacks in Wax. The famous museum, which is based in Baltimore, Maryland, provided the festival with the wax likenesses of influential African Americans such as Ben Carson, Shirley Chisholm, and Team FUBU. Center-stage was the likeness of the Black Family Reunion's creator, Dorothy Irene Height. Height has received over 50 prestigious awards including the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest civilian honor there is.

Not only is she responsible for starting the BFR but she also has strong ties to the YWCA. A traveling exhibition for the Great Blacks in Wax speaking exhibition said that the 94-year-old social activist visited the event on Saturday and upon seeing her wax likeness became "very emotional."

Bethea Debuts In NFL

BY KIMBERLY JOHNSON
Contributing Writer

The buzz within the Howard football program last week was not limited to the annual highly anticipated Howard versus Hampton game, but also included former Bison and 2006 Indianapolis Colts sixth round draft pick Antoinette Bethea.

Bethea, a former Howard University football player made his National Football League debut Sunday night against the New York Giants, as the starting defensive back for the Indianapolis Colts.

Bethea completed six tackles (four solos, two assists) in the Colts' 26-21 win.

A three-year starter and standout while at Howard, Bethea earned respect and admiration from his coaches and former teammates through his hard work on and off the field as an administration of justice

major.

Head coach Rayford T. Petty calls Bethea an "outstanding individual" and expressed his well wishes and high expectations for Bethea's NFL career.

For many, including both coaches and players, the recent exposure Bethea, football has been receiving makes

for more notoriety and better recruiting, especially at the defensive back position. Ronald Bartell, Jr., another former Bison DB, was drafted in 2005 by the St. Louis Rams.

Both Bartell and Bethea were under the watchful eye of DB coach Ronald Bolton. Bolton expressed his views on Bethea, saying that he was "very proud and pleased, and always thought [Bethea] had the talent and drive to do so," referring to Bethea making it into the NFL. Similar to Petty, Bolton expressed how great of a player Bethea was, and his diehard work ethic.

The dominance that Bethea had in the MEAC is something that both Bolton and former teammate Joseph Claiborne, now a junior DB, believe will carry him even further in the league.



File Photo

Journalist-Turned-Humanitarian Speaks on Afghan Civil Disorder

BY VANESSA MIZELL
Nations & World Editor

When Sarah Chayes was 10-years-old, she used to sleep with the windows open during the winter in her Cambridge, Massachusetts house. To add to the discomfort, she chose the floor instead of the bed.

"It's a personal thing, but I think I'm uncomfortable with the idea of comfort," said

the former NPR war correspondent now living in what used to be a Taliban hotbed.

In the months following the Sept. 11 attacks, while the U.S. claimed victory in Afghanistan after the Taliban lost their last foothold in Kandahar, the NPR reporter made a decision in which many Afghans would rest their hope.

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D.I.V.A. Inc. plans to raise consciousness on 9/11

A Range of Artistic Elements Help Us to Reflect on the Events Leading up to and Following this Tragedy

BY MELISSA L. TYLER
Hilltop Staff Writer

D.I.V.A. Incorporated and the D.I.V.A. Brothers organization are putting on an offensively thought provoking production entitled *Red, White and Raw: A Different Kind of Tribute* today, September 11, the five year anniversary of 9/11. The two shows are, one at 7 p.m. and the other at 9 p.m., held in the Environmental Theatre Space in the Fine Arts building.

This 21 scene production, under the direction of Professor Timothy James, has a range of comedic, dramatic and satirical elements.

"The true beings of these young adults are stripped down and their core essence is exposed as they explore the complexity, confusion and irony they and the public face as a result of 9/11," James said in the productions' press release.

The members of the organization thought that now would be a great time to reflect on what happened five years ago on 9/11 and evaluate the direction that America has gone and continues to go since then.

"I encourage people to have an open mind and be prepared to get actively involved in the show," Brittany N. Williams musical theatre major said.

The organization is certain that people will be entertained as well as engaged by the mix of acting, dancing, singing and improvisation within the show. Howard students and faculty are expected to attend this free event. In addition the Shakespeare and Studio local theatres have also been invited.

Story Time with G.W.B., What is Love, Complacency, and "Profane" Conversations on the Street Corner are a few of the titles of the 21 scenes that will be performed by eleven members of D.I.V.A. Incorporated and D.I.V.A. Brothers.

The name of the production says it all. *Raw*, meaning nothing will be held back and that there will be no censors. The production is recommended for mature audiences only due to its suggestive language and sexual content.

"Everyone's point of view will be confronted and brought to light," Anthony L. Sanford, Jr., musical theatre major



D.I.V.A Incorporated and D.I.V.A Brothers will be sponsoring "Red, White, and Raw: A Different Type of Tribute" - a stage play that will commemorate the the fifth year anniversary of 9/11 this evening through acting, singing, and dancing.

said. Anthony L. Sanford, Jr., believes for everybody because it addresses topics that will make

people think about the events that led up to 9/11 and the events that followed. People who are less knowledgeable about the subject matter are

guaranteed to be informed by the time they leave the production, Sanford added. "Red, White and Raw: A Different Kind of Tribute will

be interesting," Sanford said. "It's entertaining plus educational."

Upperclassmen Showcase Takes an Artistic Approach to Address Controversial

BY JOSHUA THOMAS
Deputy Managing Editor

The audience of more than a hundred filled the seats of the Environmental Theatre Space in Lu Lu Veres Childers Hall, surpassing the maximum capacity in anticipation of the Upperclassmen Showcase 2006, "Behind Closed Doors," which was presented by the Howard Players.

The annual production is intended to showcase the talent of the Division of Fine Arts to incoming freshmen. The show was comprised of a plethora of different types of acts including dancers, vocalists, monologues, and even mime.

The title, "Behind Closed Doors," was telling, yet coincidental for most of the acts. Shamirrah Hardin, the director of the showcase, noticed a common theme throughout the auditions.

Many acts were centered around rape, molestation, and "things not being the way they seem," Hardin said. "I feel it was my calling to minister through the arts," she said

of this year's theme which brought taboo issues to the forefront.

Junior speech communication major R'Kheim Young, who has attended every showcase since freshman year, commended the show for "bringing [controversial issues] to light."

One of the most controversial acts of the night was Cheala Phillips' performance of a monologue from "Gutta Beautiful." The monologue depicted a girl and her yearn to fulfill her sexual infatuation.

"That's the type of conversation that girls have. It was very raw, nothing sugar coated, nothing covered up," sophomore business management major Alexis Flakes said of the performance.

The piece even surprised some cast members. "I was shocked. My mouth hung open, literally," said Brittany A. Williams, who performed a monologue from the "Slide Show."

"I couldn't even focus on the message because I was so shocked," Williams said. The ensemble presenta-

tion of "What Would I Do If I Could Feel" from "The Wiz" by Randall Halloway, Lydia John and Deyena Walker also resonated with audience members.

"I didn't know he could sing like that," Young said of the standout performance.

Hardin was personally touched by "I Need You Now," the collaboration of Lanette Proctor and Maricia Herron. "That personally made me cry every time I saw it."

Despite the same program, the "energy" changed from the 7 p.m. show to the later 9 p.m. showtime, according to Williams.

Regardless of the showtime, audience members and cast alike came away with the same overall sentiment:

"A very well produced and put together display of premium Howard entertainment," Flakes said. "I would pay money to see them again."

Howard Players next production will be "This Story" which will be directed by Professor Eric Ruffin and will run from Dec. 1-3.

CHAPEL RECAP: SEPT. 10, 2006 Willie Jolley Speaks Straight to the Heart

BY JATASHA JOHNSON
Contributing Writer

World-renowned 'inspirational' speaker, singer and author, Willie Jolley delivered a message to remember at this week's Chapel service.

Those who attended Chapel service on Sunday were witness to the Howard Gospel Choir's performance that opened the service. The choir, lead by Clifton Ross III, were praised by the Dean of the Chapel, Dr. Bernard L. Richardson.

"I'm very proud of them this morning," Richardson said. "God calls choirs to minister and they have indeed ministered to us."

Richardson proceeded to introduce celebrity motivational speaker, Willie Jolley. "It is indeed a privilege for me to introduce to you one of our own," he said. "He is a very active member in the community of DC, Mr. Willie Jolley is a man on a mission."

Jolley started his sermon by giving a summary of the life of Jesus Christ and proceeded to thank Dean Richardson and the chapel for inviting him to speak.

"I am honored and I'm always impressed with what Dean Richardson has done," Jolley said.

Jolley asked everyone to open their bibles to II Corinthians. In chapter 4 and further explained the subject of God's love.

"We've been surrounded and battered by troubles," Jolley said. "We've been spiritually terrorized but God has not left our side."

Jolley shared his belief that while some are going through the worst, they will soon overcome.

"My message for you is very simple," he said. "The best is yet to come."

Jolley said that when he started speaking he was



Samara Pearson - Contributing photographer
Willie Jolley (above) told his audience that "the best is yet to come."

put in the motivational category, but his speaking is really 'inspirational.' He said he believes 'motivation' deals with your head and inspiration deals with your heart.

Jolley asked the audience how many of them had experienced more than a few challenges in their life and nearly all of the audience rose their hand in confirmation. Jolley responded by saying that sometimes it's God that shakes up lives to give people some direction and introspection.

"It's a struggle when we go through those experiences but struggle is a part of growth," Jolley said.

Jolley encouraged his audience to go through their struggle with faith to become the best that they could be.

"Life and flight are in the struggle," he said. "You must struggle if you are going to grow."

In 2005, the National Speakers Association bestowed Jolley with their highest honor, the Council of Peers Award for Excellence. Some of his international best-selling books include "It Only Takes a Minute to Change

Your Life!" and "A Setback is a Setup for a Comeback." Jolley is heard daily on many radio stations across America including the ABD Rejoice Musical Soul-Food Radio Network and the Radio One Praise network.

Students' reactions about Jolley's message were positive.

"He was a powerful speaker who held my attention with the message," said junior film production major Mark Pearson II.

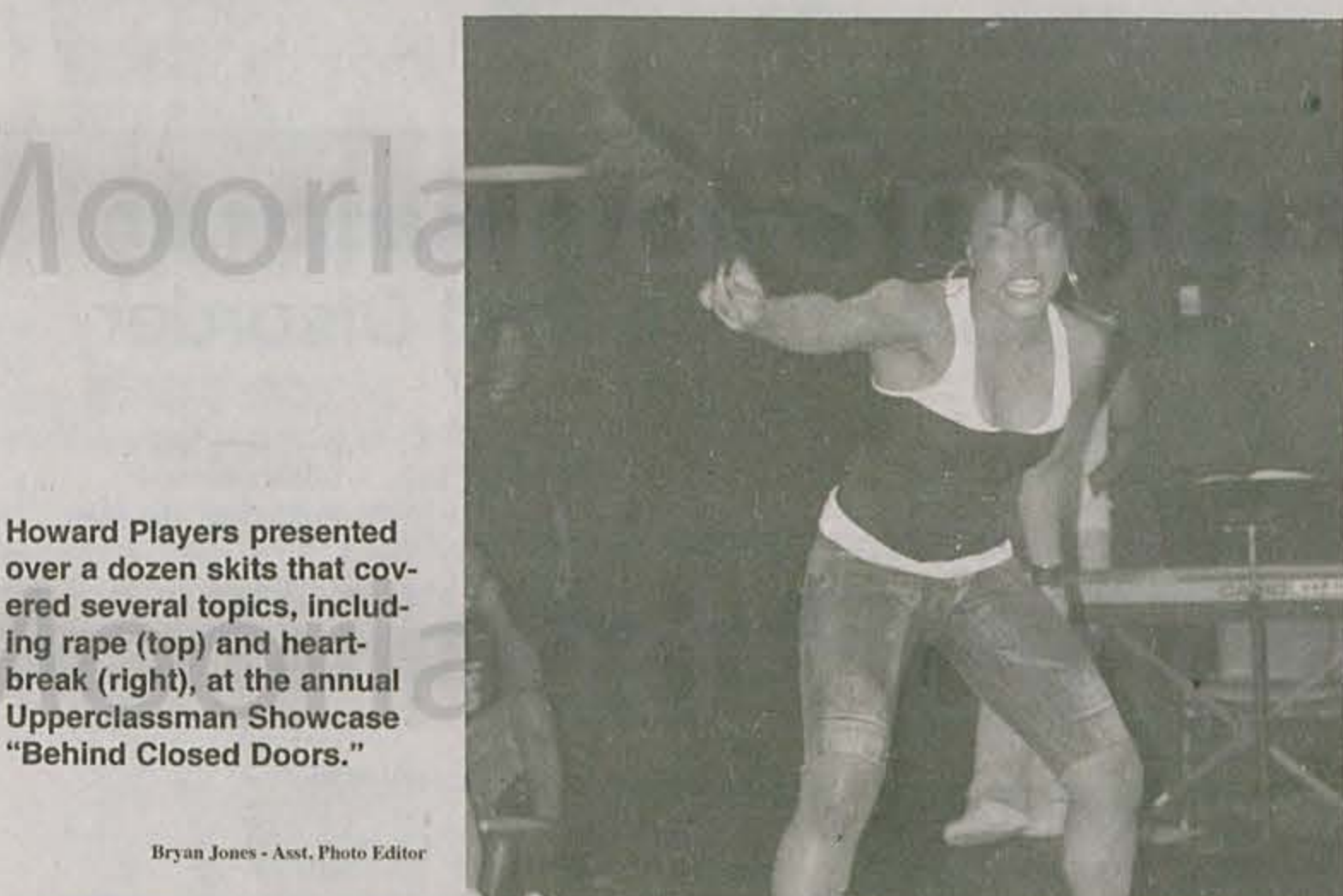
Junior political science major Calvin Hadley also enjoyed Jolley's message.

"He created a perfect balance between passion and substance," Hadley said.

Public administration major Monique Williams said, "He was a very inspirational source of encouragement."

Jolley said he wanted to leave his audience with the three things he believes can lead to the best life.

"Abide by faith, hope and love," Jolley added, "We must trust God steadily, we must have hope that is unending, and love extravagantly."



Howard Players presented over a dozen skits that covered several topics, including rape (top) and heart-break (right), at the annual Upperclassman Showcase "Behind Closed Doors."

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Chayes Recalls Horrors of Nation

CHAYES, from NEWS A1

Reporting on assignment in Kandahar and working closely with President Hamid Karzai's uncle and brother, Chayes decided to quit her job to launch humanitarian efforts for war-torn Afghanistan.

"My experience was typical because I never had experience in humanitarian NGOs (nongovernmental organizations)," said Chayes. "I now had to speak out on matters of policy and not this guy versus that guy."

Chayes spoke at a forum hosted by the DC International Connection, a cultural hospitality organization that seeks to connect those outside the American mainstream. More than a hundred representing Norway, Bulgaria, Liberia, Egypt, Argentina, the Howard International Pals and other countries gathered at the Fireplace Chayes in Northwest D.C. to hear Chayes speak on the precariousness of current Afghan life. Much

of her experience from living in an Afghan home is documented in her latest book, "The Punishment of Virtue: Inside Afghanistan After the Taliban."

Chayes came to understand that what the Afghan people are dealing with now is a resurgence of Pakistani-backed Taliban seeking opposition to once U.S.-backed warlords and an uncontrolled opium production. And the two entities are "duking it out through the civilians." She said that the Taliban prey on them at night and the government preys on them in the day.

During the forum, Chayes recounted horrifying events that left indelible marks on her life, one of which was being surrounded by gunmen; another, the murder of her best friend and Chief of Police in Kandahar. His death highlights much of his duty of a peace movement in the region.

Responding to a question in the audience of what the U.S. can do to abate insurgency and ameliorate the country's infrastructure, she sighed.

"I feel like we may have arrived on some tipping points."

Chayes explained that, from her experience, the people in the Kandahar region don't want warlordism for security reasons.

She spoke candidly about whether the U.S. was justified in instituting democracy through orchestrating elections and making contracts with certain Afghan public officials.

"The Afghans want from their government what we want from ours which are things like public health and education," said Chayes. "What they got from us instead was warlord rule, a government that exploits their citizens for cash and elections that were totally rigged."

She believes that the U.S.

was justified in expanding the war to Afghanistan but that it should've had more knowledge on the sociopolitical complexities of the society before rushing to impose any sort of foreign policy.

Tony Young, event coordinator, said his goal for the night was for people to learn and understand what it's like to live in a forgotten world like Afghanistan.

Attendees, Lazarina ToDorova from Bulgaria, were grateful for the insight shared. "Most journalists report but don't move in and actually experience it," ToDorova said. "She's a real doer."

Sarah Chayes reported overseas for NPR from 1997 to 2002 where she covered stories in Paris, the Balkans and Algeria. She earned the 1999 Foreign Press Club Sigma Delta Chia award for her work during the Kosovo crisis. Currently, she is running Arghand, a company that manufactures handcraft products from Kandahar.

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Living With Terrorism In the Backyard

TERROR, from NEWS A1

his bicycle and a soldier impudently shot him in the leg and took the bicycle.

"Everyday there's something," said Chayes, author of "The Punishment of Virtue: Inside Afghanistan After The Taliban." "A lot of time is taken up psychologically digesting the conditions. Every morning we're metabolizing what happened the night before."

Of the Afghans, Chayes said, "they're afraid."

Fatima Haroun, a Darfuri refugee, uttered these exact words when

describing the people of Darfur, Sudan, who for the last 3 years have been under genocidal attack by Janjaweed Arab-militia, killing roughly 400,000.

Now a U.S. citizen and member of the Darfur Rehabilitation Project, she lectures and speaks out against the horror in the Sudan.

"You have no life," she said through a thick accent sustained by a fragile projection. "It's not safe. They are under threat everyday."

She recounted her recent memories of trips back to Darfur seeing people living in

camp where not even 2 miles away is the prospect of rape, torture or death.

"You have to be like in jail," said Haroun. "There's no freedom of thinking, of moving about; no future. All you have is fear."

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, America has had 7 accounts of terrorist incidents, 4 of which were subdued, according to a wikipedia report. The other 3 amounted to 12 deaths and 9 injuries.

Israel, on the other hand, has had 22, Russia, 16 and India, 13. Each country has lost hundreds of lives to the

fulmination of a bomb or the barrel of a gun.

People from countries with an exorbitant number of terrorist events have acquiesced to death's calling, whereas Americans, embracing individualism and materialism, have a more recalcitrant yet fearful response, according to Pakistani-American Nouman Bashir, studying dentistry at Howard University.

"We're not afraid of death in Pakistan," said Bashir, whose father grew up with no electricity and walked 2 miles to get to school. "We're too worried about education, food

and clothing. Americans are worried about the latest iPod and cell phone."

Tihm, who is a Muslim, said that his incident in the plane had nothing to do with religion. "That's just life and death," he said matter-of-factly. "But the coping with the day-to-day, that is religion."

Haroun, Darfur refugee would agree.

"All I have is my deep faith," she said under a mauve, sequenced head scarf and a "Send The U.N." rally t-shirt. "That's the only way."

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COPING WITH TERRORISM

The International Community Speaks On What It's Like To Live A Life Where Terrorism Is Not Out Of The Ordinary...

BY VANESSA MIZELL
Nation and World Editor

It would be the first day that his Moroccan feet would greet American soil thanks to a Fulbright program with the University of Denver, but 22-year-old Youness Tihm hadn't even reached his Colorado destination when the plane hit an air pocket.

As the plane jolted through the skies and the lights began to flicker, panic ensued. Passengers were screaming including a white woman that was sitting next to him on the plane.

"I didn't shake or scream," Tihm recounts, a year later.

After the turbulence subsided, the woman turned and queried Tihm's composure.

"If it is my destiny to die, I will die," Tihm said. He then queried the prevailing fear of most of the passengers.

In a welcome-to-America tone, the woman responded, "this is the world Americans live in after 9/11."

Tihm also remembers another incident where two men boarded a train on DC Metro. He said by their dress and headwrap, "they looked Arab." In an almost reflexive motion, Tihm said, "90 percent of the people left the train." He stayed onboard.

Tihm's fellow passengers could be the quintessential American, especially according to a recent CNN poll that showed 55 percent of Americans feeling less safe since the war in Iraq began.

However, contrary opinion merely relegates Tihm's fellow passengers to the quintessential American traveler, especially in comparing their anxiety to the type of fear haunting regions of the world where terrorism is as live as an airborne virus.

Take the Afghans living in a caldron of two warring bodies: warlords and the Taliban.

"Look at the Vietnam vets who experienced post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from the war," said former NPR reporter Sarah Chayes who now lives in Kandahar, Afghanistan. "Now imagine a whole country with PTSD, and there you have the Afghans."

She said one Afghan told her that his cousin was riding
See TERROR, NEWS A3



From the U.S., to Darfur, to Afghanistan, the prospect of an imminent terrorist strike is a haunting thought. In countries like India, Israel and Russia it's an expected reality.

Terrorism Around The World Since 9/11



2001

Sept. 11, 2001
A series of four hijacked airplanes killed 2,997 when two crashed into the World Trade Centers, one into the Pentagon building and the other in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. (America)



2002

Oct. 2-24, 2002
Two snipers terrorized the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area. John Allen Muhammed and Lee Boyd Malvo conducted the killings of 10 people. (America)



2003

November 15 and November 20, 2003
Truck bombs go off at two synagogues, the British Consulate, and the HSBC Bank in Istanbul, Turkey, killing 57 and wounding 700 in the 2003 Istanbul Bombings. (Turkey)



2004

March 11, 2004
Coordinated bombing of commuter trains in Madrid, Spain, kills 191 people and injures more than 1,500. (Spain)



2005

July 7, 2005
Suicide bombers explode on one double-decker bus and three London Underground trains, killing 56 people and injuring over 700. (England)



2006

February 23, 2006
Holy Shia Al-Askari Mosque in Iraq is bombed. Over 100 dead bodies with bullet holes were found the next day, and at least 165 people are thought to have been killed. (Iraq)

Sept. 18, 2001
Letters with anthrax bacteria were sent to the offices the U.S. Congress, New York State Government, and television networks. It killed five people and sickened 17 others. (America)

October 12, 2002
Bali bombing kills 202 people, mostly Western tourists and local hospital staff. (India)

August 24, 2004
Russian aircraft bombings kill 90 (Russia)

September 1 - 3, 2004
Beslan school hostage crisis in North Ossetia, Russia, results in 344 dead, 186 of them children. (Russia)

June 25, 2006
Eliyahu Asheri, an Israeli citizen, was kidnapped and murdered by a Palestinian terrorist group. (Israel)

Most Terrorism Attacks Worldwide Since the Sept. 11

Israel-22- Many were bombs and suicide bombers on buses, restaurants and hotels

Russia-16- Many were bombs exploding at festivities, government buildings, and on trains; others were hostages and car/truck bombs.

India-13- Many were derailment of or bombings on trains; others were bombs exploding at holy sites and government buildings

Iraq- 12- Most were suicide attacks

Pakistan-9- Many were kidnappings, bus attacks, car bombs and suicide attacks

For America, A Handkerchief, For Black America, Antibiotics

How The September 11 Attacks And The War On Terror Affected The Black Community

BY VANESSA MIZELL
Nation and World Editor

Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery, founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, once said: "When America catches a cold, black Americans catch pneumonia."

Political analysts may well agree in the case of the Sept. 11 aftermath's aftermath.

Socially, the Sept. 11 attacks and the war on terror has "intensified the suspicion of 'the other,'" said Dr. Rodney Green, executive director for the Center for Urban Progress and economic professor. He added that from a Western perspective, the war on terror's "other" are Arabs, however in America, the "other" has historically always been blacks

and Sept. 11 made callous those idiosyncrasies.

"With regard to speaking out against the war in Iraq, when African-Americans take a stand," Green said, "they are associated with terrorists."

Blacks have advanced into higher officer ranks in the military. There are more black officers than black executives now. And though blacks have a death risk about 30 to 40 percent lower than that of non-blacks because of their representation in low risk categories, many African-American soldiers lost their lives at war.

The economic ramifications of the Sept. 11 attacks and the war on terror are most pervasive among the black community.

In a 2005 report, "The

Economic Costs of the Iraq War" by Linda Bilmes of Harvard University and Joseph Stiglitz of Columbia University, the authors reached the conclusion that the total cost was between \$750 billion to \$2 trillion. It stated that the U.S. was spending 6 billion per month for Iraq operations, with today's U.S. GDP at nearly \$12 trillion.

Weapons are built and destruction is produced, thus creating a "distortion of economy," Green said. The Office of Management and Budget reported the eradication of 90 government programs this year, many of which African-Americans were largely a beneficiary because of disproportionate poverty rates.

These included health care, food stamps, vocational

education, housing benefits, Pell grants and loan programs. More than 50 other programs' funding were scaled back. In the same spending plan, the Department of Defense got the biggest funding increase, asking for \$439.3 billion.

Green also said that there is a significant "job distortion" created by the war economy. The industries directly affiliated with the war, such as aircraft manufacturers, have increased their labor, however have a low percentage of African-American workers.

"There's more jobs where you're spending the money," Green said. "Spending billions on bombs and aircrafts instead of washing machines and food is going to create a disparity."

Those particular compa-

nies, he said, have low numbers of African-Americans because of the location of their factories and other

For many black businesses, limited loaning opportunities and competitors absorbing the market shares and funds caused red ink from corporate ledgers. This is due largely in part to the war and the recession. However, automotive and technology black businesses have grown.

The Hurricane Katrina aftermath proved itself a barometer for race relations in a post-9/11 America.

"It seems likely that the resources that could've been available in the Gulf were occupied by the war," said Green, "so much so that, even if the government wanted to help,

they couldn't."

African studies and political science professor Alem Ifailu found that through its harsh effects on the black community, Sept. 11 brought an element of solidarity in Americans across all racial lines.

"Disaster united blacks with Americans," Ifailu said. "They felt that they were on the same ship and so they were inculcated with a sense of wanting to do something."

However, Green believed that spirit did exist but only for a moment's time. He deemed the American zeitgeist of immediate post 9/11 "superficial" and "fragile."

"The increasing racism already existent in our country was only taken to higher levels after 9/11," he said.

Why Should A Howard Student Vote For You For Mayor?



Vincent B. Orange

This is precisely the reason I am running for mayor: to connect the Three E's. By connecting Education to Employment to Economic development, the successful future of

the District of Columbia is directly tied to its citizen's prosperity. Statistics show that a significant percentage of people settle where they finish college, and DC should have the employment opportunities to keep its best and brightest in the District. Meaningful employment combined with housing that the graduating students can afford will help grow the tax base and lead to the addressing of social needs such as public safety, homelessness and accessible health care for all.



Marie C. Johns

Howard students should vote for me because I will work hard for them. I am on Howard's Board of Trustees. I'm also on the board of Howard's Middle School of Math and Science. In the Johns

Administration, I would create a more educated city. I know that Howard is a tremendous resource to our city and I will partner with the University in the areas of education and healthcare. As mayor, I will engage the University to design the best healthcare system possible, particularly with residents on the east side of the city. I will also implement a true community police model and ensure that all people across the city can feel safe. I'll work hard to make sure the entire city feels safe, making sure students have the freedom to move about the city. I'll work with the metropolitan police department and the HU security force, making sure information is shared and relationships are built. I look forward to working with the University to see its overall progress. I'm number 6 on the ballot!



Adrian Fenty

My energy, focus and hands-on leadership will be my major assets as my administration improves our city agencies. As a two-term Councilmember, I've served on the board of

directors of an \$8 billion organization - the District. I've exercised oversight of struggling city agencies and worked with citizens to find solutions. I will recruit very good people, get the best advice and adopt best practices from across the country. As mayor, I will take an aggressively active role in public education. I detail in my Vision for Education policy paper how I'll support the public schools by appointing a Deputy Mayor for Education, modernizing and maintaining our schools, and making strategic use of community and city resources to build excellent public education. I will hold public schools accountable for acceptable academic performance and increased graduation rates. I'll work closely with the city's universities, both to benefit from their advice and support them in carrying out their academic mission.



Linda Cropp

I ask Howard University students to vote for me because I will bring vision, passion and experience to the job of mayor. While other candidates talk about getting things done, I have the

record to prove it. My record of accomplishment shows I am the only candidate prepared to be mayor and to make District government better serve its people. I've spent my entire career bringing people together to solve problems. As Chairman of the Council, I helped lead the city back from bankruptcy and restore fiscal responsibility. With a strong financial foundation, we have the resources to invest in our people and improve the quality of life for all of us. We've come a long way, but we still have much more to do. My first job after graduating from Howard was as a social studies teacher at Eastern High School and I sent my own children to D.C. public schools. I am committed to fixing our school system. I am running for mayor to build on the progress we have made so it touches every neighborhood and benefits all our people.

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Airline Industry Suffers Effects of Terrorism

BY BRITTANY HUTSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Today marks the fifth year anniversary of the infamous September 11th terrorism attacks, and following the recent foiled British plot to blow up trans-Atlantic jetliners, the issue of terror in the sky is still fresh on the agenda for the airline industry.

The airline industry has experienced a devastating decline in business as a result of the September 11th terrorism attacks. According to an article from Yahoo! News, recently there has been approximately \$40 billion in losses and the disappearance of 150,000+ jobs. In comparison to August 2001, there are 155,000 fewer full-time employees industry wide and six of the nation's largest airlines took 816 planes out of service.

An additional outcome of the attacks was the formation of the Transportation Security Administration as a division of the Department of Homeland

Security.

Fast forward five years, approximately a month before the fifth year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a plot to blow up trans-Atlantic jetliners traveling from London to the U.S. was exposed by British security. British authorities revealed that they believe the suspects were planning to ignite liquid explosives aboard the flights. For travelers at British and U.S. airports, it has resulted in tighter security regulations for carrying hand luggage and liquids aboard flights.

As ordered by the Transportation Security Administration, new security screening has gone into effect due to the foiled British terror attacks. The primary restriction is the carrying-on of liquids or gels including beverages, shampoos, sun lotions, toothpaste and hair gel. Passengers are permitted to have baby formula and/or breast milk, prescription medicine with a name matching

that of the traveler, and non-prescription medicines. Any beverages purchased past the security checkpoint must be consumed prior to boarding any aircraft.

While students agree in unison that they understand why these regulations have been in place, they do have diverse opinions about them. For example, junior English major Teresa Hines believes that authorities are overreacting with the new security regulations.

"I understand the fact that they are trying to regulate security and diminish the threat of terror attacks, but are they really trying to imply that there will be a bomb in a liquid?"

There are students who oppose this view on restrictions against carrying liquids on board flights.

"I don't think there is a problem," said sophomore public relations major Tyria Stona. "You don't necessarily



Airline customers go through even more rigorous security checks since 9/11.

need those things on the plane because they will provide you with drinks; I feel if it's for safety, then why not?"

Despite these daunting circumstances, the airline industry has been recovering and may even be in better condition than pre-September 11th.

"Five years later what we have is a much different industry, and I think a stronger one in some sense," said US Airways CEO Douglas Parker in a Yahoo! News article.

Philip Fanara, Jr., Ph.D., CFA, from the department of finance, insurance, and international business, expresses

his view that airlines may lose some customers due to the new regulations being an inconvenience.

"It may affect travel in the short run but in the long run it will not hurt the industry because people will become adjusted to them," he said.

"The airline industry has

Students React to Coca-Cola's Coffee Brand

BY SESOO M. IGBAZUA
Biz & Tech Editor

Last week the Coca-Cola Co. (NYSE: KO) unveiled its new coffee and tea brands. These include "Far Coast", its high-end premium coffee and tea beverages and the "Chaqwa" line which will be available in convenience stores and restaurants. The company intends to start these products in Canada before it reaches other markets. These new releases have been met with a variety of reactions.

Some Howard Students feel quite pleased with this development. Sophomore finance major Vikrant Arya weighs in "Coke is a trusted brand name so I will definitely give it a try." Freshman biology major Megan Williams agrees for some unique reasons "I will give their tea a try. I have a history with the

company because I attended Camp Coca-Cola so I'm a big supporter of Coca-Cola."

Others are not as comfortable with the new brands. Students used to getting their coffee from a variety of sources contemplate this new possibility. Junior international business major Ify Egbunike says, "I think Coca-Cola making coffee and tea is rather weird sounding. I usually get my coffee from Starbucks." Egbunike's views are shared by a good number of students who feel uncomfortable with Coca-Cola's new venture. According to junior finance major, Damilola Olu-Ayeni, "I will only patronize it if the quality is exceptional because I don't see Coca-Cola making coffee."

Contrary to these opinions, the Coca-Cola Company has a wide range of brands,



Coca-Cola is enjoyed by many, including Kenya Downs

Since its incorporation in 1892, the company has expanded its brand base to respond to the changing market. Although the company is popular for its "sodas", it is also behind brands like Minute Maid, Dasani, Five Alive and Full Throttle.

Coca-Cola Co. has been quite successful in most of its businesses. Its primary brand, Coke, has had record sales and has been dubbed "the most popular thing on earth." With net operating revenues in 2005 of more than \$23 billion, the company is a dominant player in the beverage industry. Coca-Cola's venture into the coffee and tea business will increase competition with other beverage companies. A key player in the coffee business is Seattle based coffee giant Starbucks Corp. (NASDAQ: SBUX) which is also a partner with another of Coca-Cola's main competitors, PepsiCo (NYSE: PEP).

Starbucks' coffee has dominated the coffee market in the US and is

advancing internationally. The Coffee giant raked in \$6.4 billion in sales for 2005.

Tony Harris is the manager of the Starbucks coffee shop by the Howard University Bookstore on Georgia Avenue. He is quite confident that Coca-Cola does not pose much of a threat to his business. He explains "Coca-Cola customers are Coca-Cola customers, and Starbucks customers are Starbucks customers. We have a very loyal customer base." Harris Believes Starbucks has more to offer its customers. He continues, "It's about the experience we provide and the quality of service we offer to our customers."

The Coca-Cola Company has invested heavily in this project since 2001, acquiring some patents for the machinery developed to brew these new products.

Coca-Cola Co. representatives were unavailable to comment on how soon these products might reach U.S. consumers.

Facebook Apologizes

BY SESOO M. IGBAZUA
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On Friday, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg released an open letter to his website's patrons apologizing for the discomfort caused by the website's new "news feed" and "mini-feed" features. The "news feed" and "mini-feed" features were introduced according to Zuckerberg, to "... provide you with a stream of information about your social world."

The news feed feature introduced by Facebook allows users to view streams of information regarding actions by other users in their network. With this feature, a user can know when his or her friend writes on another person's wall, becomes friends with another user, joins a group etc. The "mini-feed" is a smaller version of the news feed that is available on each user's profile page.

Unfortunately, the features have met with much protest and dissatisfaction.

"There's definitely such a thing as too much information. There are some things people just don't need, or want, to know about each other," said senior accounting major Ashayla Patterson.

Others had different opinions as to why they were uncomfortable with the additions.

"It's hilarious that everybody's business is now out there, but that doesn't bother me because I have nothing to hide," said junior chemical engineering major Abdul Mancel-Igala. "I just don't like the clutter. It's hard to find what I want to see on my page now."

The uproar has been quite substantial with groups like "Facebook Sucks Now!"

and "Against Facebook Stalker Edition" popping up to show users' disdain for the new version of the service.

In response to the mass outcry, Zuckerberg tried to quell the dissatisfaction that the features have caused. His letter is an attempt to address the various concerns that have been raised by users.

"We really messed this one up...I'd like to correct those errors right now," Zuckersberg goes on to say, "We have been coding non-stop for two days to get you better privacy controls." He also says "This new privacy page will allow you to choose which types of stories go into your mini-feed and your friends' news feeds, and it also lists the type of actions Facebook will never let any other person know about."

In reaction to the letter and the promised privacy settings, some students were delighted.

Freshman architecture major Arthur Johnson said, "That's a lot better, they should have done that in the first place."

The letter also thanked users for expressing their feelings regarding the matter

In light of this open door policy, senior electrical engineering major Chukwunonso Ogbonna had this to say: "Constructive [criticism] is always good. I like the fact that they are open to it since it will give them a better understanding of what we want."

Zuckerberg also created a group on Facebook called "Free Flow of Information on the Internet" to discuss his company's motives and principles with its users. The complete letter can be viewed at: www.facebook.com.

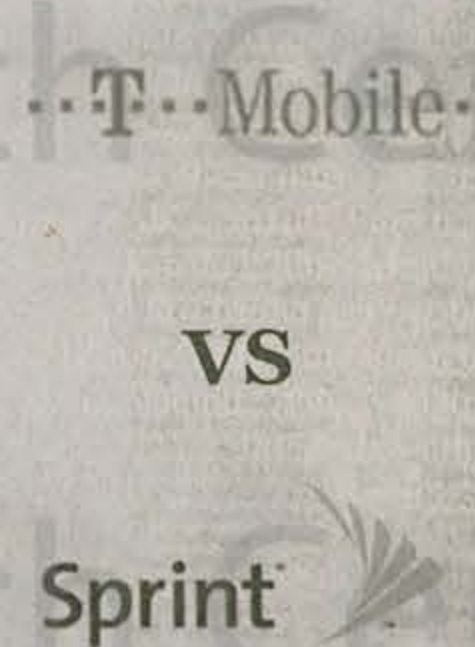


Binyam Mulunem, left, and Laila Kassa, right, drink Starbucks.

Brand Battle: Sprint vs. T-Mobile

They both claim to be superior, but what do their consumers think?

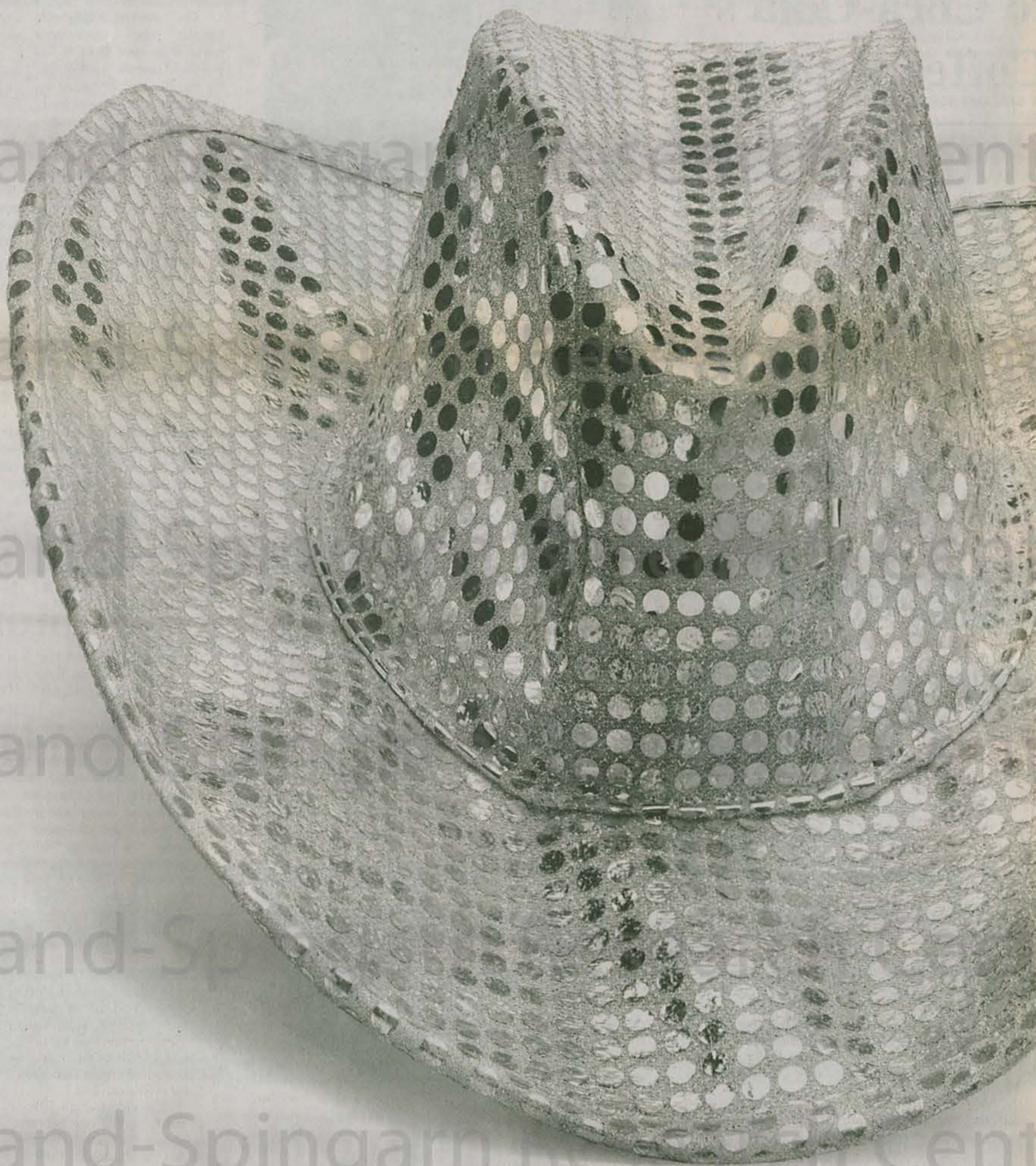
	Service	Plans	Price	Phones
Aneesa Toliver, junior psychology major	"I don't like the service with T-Mobile. It drops calls alot"	"T-Mobile plans are cost effective so I like that"	"The (T-Mobile) prices are affordable"	"I don't care much about the type of phones offered as long as they work"
Maseke Kane, junior economics major	"I've always had T-Mobile but sometimes I'm frustrated with the service especially when I ride the Metro"	"Sometimes the number of minutes don't fulfill my everyday needs"	"My sister pays for it so I'm not sure about that"	"I love the fact that T-Mobile uses SIM cards"
Jason Stepter, freshman psychology major	"Sprint service is almost perfect"	"Annoying, never enough minutes"	"Too expensive compared to T-Mobile"	"The (Sprint) phones are ok"




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Pirates Plunder Bison in Battle of the Real HU

BY CARYN GRANT
Sports Editor

The Bison football team had quite a challenge in front of them as they faced the No. 1-ranked Hampton Pirates in their season opener on enemy territory Saturday.

The test proved to be too great for the Bison, as they fell, 46-7, to last year's MEAC and Black College National champions.

The Pirates, coming off of last week's come-from-behind, overtime victory over Grambling State, looked poised from the kickoff.

"The fact that Hampton had a game in made a huge difference," explained Bison head coach Ray Petty following the game. "They were able to correct a lot of mistakes between their first game and this game. That's where experience comes in."

Experience was key in the Howard loss at the Battle of the Real HU.

In addition to the team having not played last week, the Bison also were trying out new offensive sets from first-year offensive coordinator Linwood Ferguson, including a three-quarterback system of senior William Bladen, and sophomores Floyd Haigler and Martin Decembert.

"We were playing with quarterbacks with no college experience, and it showed," Petty said. "None of them had taken a snap before this game. We gave up a lot of big plays and they backed us up a lot into poor field position."

Bladen, Haigler and Decembert combined for 125 passing yards on 29 attempts, equaling only half of Hampton's starting QB, senior Prince Shepherd's 250 yards on 17-23 pass-

ing. Decembert did, however, connect with junior wide receiver Stephane Assoumou on a 33-yard touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter.

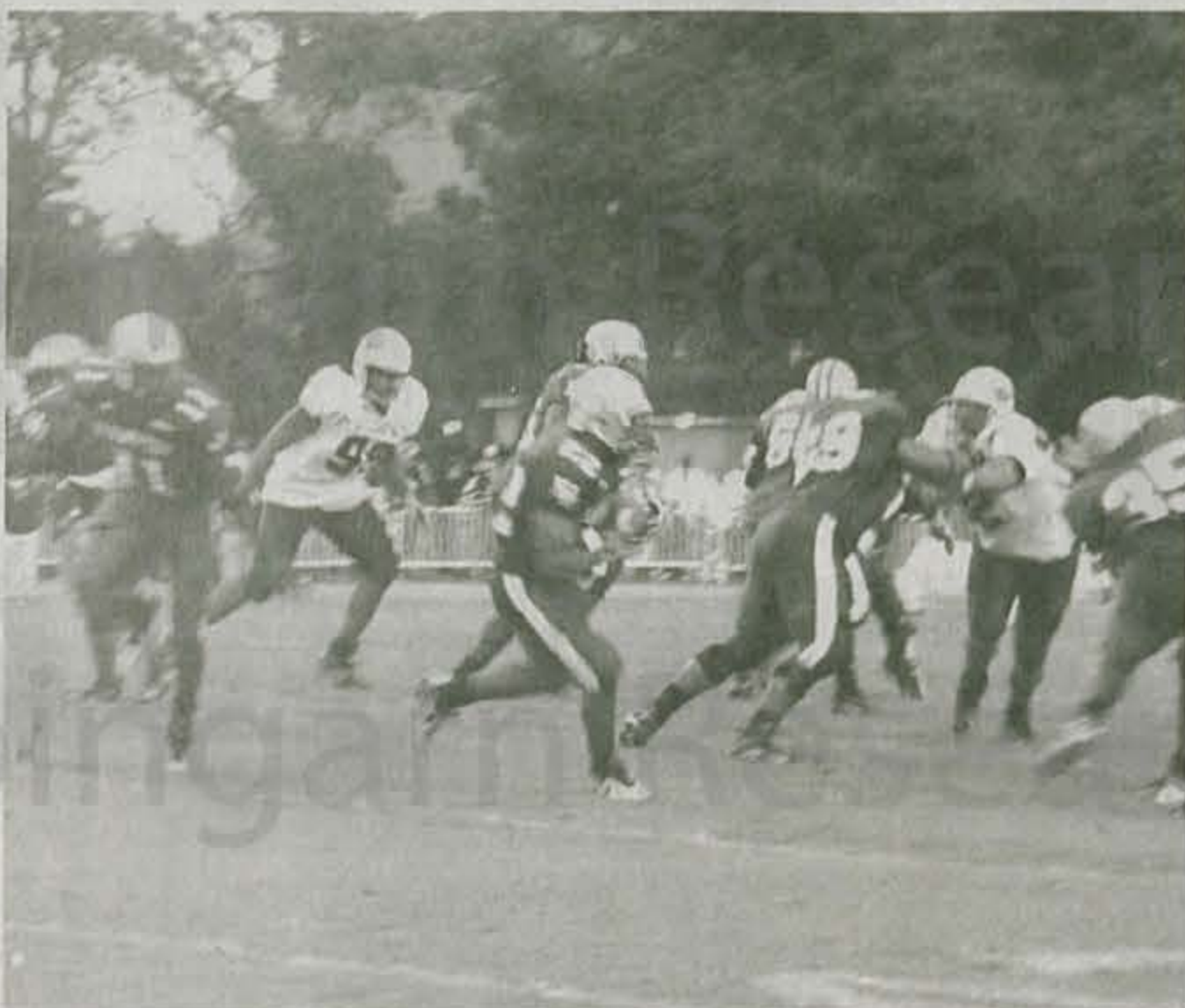
"We thought they [Howard] would throw the ball, but they ended up running more than we anticipated," Hampton coach Joe Taylor said.

However, the Pirates defense was able to adjust and Assoumou's touchdown was not enough to affect the outcome of the game.

The Bison kept the game within reach early on, as they forced the Pirates to two fourth and seven situations, which the home team converted into two field goals.

They failed to do the same in the second period, as the game began to slip away. The Pirates offensive tandem of seniors, running back Alonzo Coleman and wide receiver Marquay McDaniel, scored on two consecutive possessions, bringing the score to 20-0 before halftime. This one-two-punch under the leadership of QB Shepherd would lead Hampton to a balanced attack of 287 rushing yards and 286 passing yards for the game. Howard would rush for 204 yards, led by Blanden's 56 on seven carries.

In the beginning of the third, Coleman would rush for another touchdown. Seconds later, Howard showed a glimpse of promise as junior running back Frank Berchie broke past the Hampton defense and



Hampton running back Alonzo Coleman looks for space in the backfield in the first half. Coleman finished the night with 172 yards and 3 TD's.

rushed for 46 yards. As he approached the Pirates' 30 yard-line, however, he was stripped by Hampton cornerback Travarous Bain, forcing a fumble which the Pirates recovered.

Hampton would score once in the third period, putting the game out of reach.

"We had a lot of miscues," said offensive coordinator Linwood Ferguson. "When we got something going [they] would just break down."

Hampton's Coleman continued

to dominate the game as he ran in his third touchdown of the game with 12:06 left in the fourth. His performance against the Bison would be a record-breaking one, as he brought his career totals to 55 touchdowns and 3,840 yards rushing, breaking both former school records held by Montrell Coley who played for the Pirates from 1997-2000.

The Bison look to recover from this loss as they face Florida A&M in their home opener Saturday at 1 p.m.

Don't Blink... Results

Monarchs 75
Shock 80
Detroit wins WNBA Finals, 3-2

Cowboys 17
Jaguars 24

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY...

On Sept. 11, 2001, in observance of the tragedies to hit the nation, major sporting events were cancelled.

Volleyball Team Drops Two of Three, But Picks Up First Win

BY JULIANNE HANCKEL
Hilltop Staff Writer

This past weekend the Lady Bison Volleyball team played in the Georgetown Classic, their second tournament of the season, at Georgetown University.

This time around things were a bit different for the Bison who were competing against three other teams, the Georgetown Hoyas, the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers and the Campbell University Camels.

For the first time since the beginning of their season one week ago, the Bison won their first match of the tournament against Coastal Carolina.

The Bison won the first two games against the Chanticleers, but dropped the third, forcing a fourth game. Coastal Carolina came out with the win in the fourth game, which sent the match to a fifth game in order to determine a winner.

"The win was good for team morale," said senior setter Shannon Grant. "It was good to have a win before conference play starts up this week because we have a lot of MEAC teams to play, and starting the season off with a win is great."

The second and third games of the tournament were played on Saturday afternoon with the Bison facing Georgetown at 1 p.m.

With the Georgetown Bulldog mascot sitting in the stands cheering on the Hoyas, they appeared to have some very strong defense as well as offense going for them this season.

Junior outside hitter Jessica Buffum leads the

Hoyas in kills with 104 over 23 games for a 4.52 per game average. During the match against Georgetown, the Bison seemed to be a bit slow in the beginning to catch up, but they began to wake up toward the end of the first game, but not in enough time before the Hoyas could take the win 30-15. During games two and three of the match the Bison continued to lag behind Georgetown in game two, but during Game Three the Bison began to find themselves again in order to catch up with the Hoyas (30-22) who took the win for the match, bringing the Bison record to 1-5.

"Our biggest thing to practice this past week was passing and defense," Grant said. "These games were just a matter of perfecting our passing and defensive skills which will come with time."

The Campbell University Camels had the challenge of competing against the Bison after their previous game

against Georgetown. The game began around 5:00 p.m. on Saturday with Campbell taking a strong lead in the beginning of games one and two, but during the third game it looked like the Bison could pull out with a win.

They would lead by as much as 10 points ahead of the Camels at times, but they managed to stay ahead and pull out with a win. With Game Four on the line, the Camels took complete advantage of a second chance and won the game 30-20, giving the Bison a record of 1-2 for the weekend, and 1-6 overall.

The Bison are scheduled to play their first home game Tuesday, September 12 against Coppin State University. However, because of the renovations to Burr Gymnasium, the location of the game is tentatively scheduled for Trinity College at 7 p.m.



After a win against Coastal Carolina Friday, the Bison women start MEAC play with a high morale.



More Than Just a Howard-Hampton Thing

Rivalries between HBCU's go far back into history.

BY ALESHA C. JOHNSON
Contributing Writer

Anyone who attended the "Battle of the Real HU" this past weekend can tell you that college rivalries are something serious. It seems that when two schools of the same caliber and in the same relative area compete, the outcome is more than just a good game.

Which other historically black colleges and universities share the same, strong feelings of competition that we have?

The biggest rivalry among colleges in the state of Florida is the famous Florida Classic where Florida A&M University faces off with Bethune-Cookman College.

"It was a big deal," says Trina Anderson, a BCC alumnae. "It was the one game you went to, if nothing else. You could miss any game, but not that game."

Only once every 12 months do alumni, students and spectators gather around the field to see which band's summer long practices paid off and which football team can pull a win.

Less commonly known is the rivalry between Texas Southern University and Prairie View A & M University. Known as "The

Labor Day Classic," this contest had previously proved to be disappointing for Prairie View. Texas Southern led in the Classic for a number of years but in the past two years the Prairie View Panthers have been victorious. This year the pressure is on TSU to step their game up.

Then, in the "Tar Heel State" of North Carolina, there is the historical Aggie-Eagle Football Classic. It is the largest HBCU football game in the state of North Carolina and the 16th largest in the country. This rivalry extends farther than the field, with a Battle of the Bands in the capital city, a step show and even a carnival.

The oldest of all HBCU rivalries is the one between Johnson C. Smith University and Livingstone College. Their first match was in 1892 and because of a last minute touchdown by the JCSU Golden Bulls, the two teams have been rivaling for over a century.

To Samira Summers, a freshman at Johnson C. Smith University, it's all just a "silly game." She says her college's rivalry doesn't run that deep for her.

Perhaps the most famous rivalry in the Southeast is the ongoing showdown

between the Grambling State University Tigers and the Southern University Jaguars, otherwise known as the "Bayou Classic." Fans from all over flock to Louisiana to see these schools compete each year.

This rivalry dates back to the early seventies, when the teams first battled at Tulane Stadium. Since then, the teams have gone back and forth claiming the winner's title. This year, however, the record is tied, and the anticipation is intense.

One New Orleans native says that, "Most New Orleans natives go for Southern, everybody not from the N.O. goes for Grambling."

A sophomore at Georgia Southern University also says that growing up around that type of environment was "crazy, but fun."

The history of a lot of these rivalries is quite interesting. Some schools are just in competition for support since they're in the same area. Others are enemies simply because that's the way it's always been.

Either way, it seems that at the heart of each rivalry is just healthy competition, and there's nothing wrong with that.

SCOREBOARD & SCHEDULE

WEEKEND SCORES

Friday

Women's Soccer

Radford 3
Howard 1

Men's Soccer

Howard 2
LaSalle 1

Volleyball

Howard 3
Coastal Carolina 2

Saturday

Football

Howard 7
Hampton 46

Volleyball

Howard 0
Georgetown 3

Howard 1
Campbell 3

Sunday

Women's Soccer

Howard 0
Quinnipiac 4

Men's Soccer

Howard 0
Drexel 1

TODAY'S GAMES

N/A

THE SURVIVOR RACE GETS RACIAL

BY CORTNEY CLEVELAND
Hilltop Staff Writer

The hit CBS reality show "Survivor" is pulling the "race card" to win ratings.

Last month, the show announced its plans to separate contestants into "tribes" based on race for its upcoming season.

If you think this is a sensational attempt to boost ratings for the show, you're mistaken. At least that's the message Jeff Probst, the host of the Survivor, is preaching.

According to Probst, the show's producers are attempting to perform "a social experiment" and add another layer to the show.



The cast of "Survivor: Cook Islands" (pictured above) will be separated into "tribes" based on race in an effort for the show's producers to highlight its "ethnic diversity."

bringing diversity to the show remains questionable.

For the past two seasons, the magnitude of the program's following has been on the decline. The last season, "Panama is the Island," garnered only 16.8 million viewers compared to the 20 million viewers the show has attracted in past years.

The inclusion of a hot button topic such as racial segregation and competition might just give Survivor the boost it needs to regain lost viewers.

Regardless of whether Survivor is

attempting to bring diversity to reality television or exploit race for ratings, the question of the moment seems to be: why is it a big deal in any way?

In previous seasons tribes have been divided by age and gender and neither separation garnered any controversy.

Jules Harrel, Ph.D. Chair of the Psychology Department, speculates that the uproar is largely due to America's denial concerning the country's issues with race.

"When it comes to racism, the United States puts its head in the sand...no one deals with it directly," Harrel said. "It makes people uncomfortable...we want to pretend that race doesn't exist in America, but it does. Survivor has the potential to bring issues to America's living room that America doesn't necessarily want to deal with and this potential is what producers hope will make

great television."

The response to the show's new format has been mixed. Meghan Nick, a sophomore public relations major, isn't intrigued by the newly segregated season.

When asked if she would tune in to the show she responded that, "Survivor [separating teams by race] is just crazy...I wouldn't watch."

Apparently, several advertisers share this sentiment. Johnson & Johnson, Coca-Cola, Home Depot, Campbell Soup as well as a bevy of smaller endorsers have all pulled their advertising from the show following the news of the programs racial plot.

Business administration major, Nathaniel Harris doesn't see anything wrong with the show's attempt to gain more viewers.

"I don't think the show is trying to make a huge social statement. They just want ratings and money," he said.

Dr. Rochelle Ford, a public relations professor at Howard, stated that although she would never second guess any of the advertisers' statements about leaving the show, "it [would be] wise for an organization not to advertise with a show that doesn't support whatever diversity program they have."

Whether or not the producers of Survivor will lure or turn off viewers is yet to be seen.

The first episode of Survivor: Cook Islands, airs Thursday, September 21 at 8 p.m. on CBS.

A Party and a Purpose: CBC Weekend Good for Business

BY SIMONE PRINGLE
Contributing Writer

With its networking and job fair, the Congressional Black Caucus' annual convention weekend is also known for its parties. The tickets for them are in high demand and this poses the question: Do people attend the Caucus just for its parties?

The Congressional Black Caucus convention brings together hundreds of successful black businesses and professionals.

The Caucus, which ended this Saturday night with a gala, featured leaders such as Senator Barack Obama, state representative Sharpton and the Reverend Al Sharpton.

With such prominent figures attending, the Caucus becomes an opportunity to network, especially among newcomers looking to advance their careers.

Nathan Masson, a junior office administration major at the University of D.C., admits he went to a Caucus party Thursday at H2O nightclub.

"My main purpose is to interact with people, get ideas and insight on self-improvement, and to influence public policy for the disabled," Masson said.

Howard University freshman political science major Amber Rudd went to fulfill a class requirement

and left with a positive outlook.

"It's informative, and you'll learn a lot. I think all freshmen should be required to go, not just students taking freshman seminar [class]."

Carlton Eley, an environmental protection specialist for the EPA, came to hear the illustrious speakers.

"As a civil servant, it's my duty to come. I look forward to hearing great leaders talk about substantial topics, be it smart growth or the African Diaspora. This is a chance for some of our brightest minds to offer thoughts on policy and actions that benefit the entire nation, a chance to see a broad spectrum of who we are as African Americans and see the diversity of us working in different sectors, such as entertainment."

Eley also came to help State Representative Julia Carver have a positive session and to get the word out about pressing environmental issues.

"Should it be mandatory? No, but it is an enriching experience. It's right here in DC. You get skills



In addition to networking, the Congressional Black Caucus convention also hosts soirees at Washington, D.C. clubs such as Love and H2O.

to serve you for a lifetime; networking skills, how to ask questions in order to get the answers you want, etc. I couldn't put a value on it," Eley said.

Volunteers, like Monica Pleasant, say that while the parties are nice, the purpose of the Caucus is greater.

"The Caucus is an important cause, a significant part of history, and I can say I was a part of it," Pleasant said.

Several come to support cru-

cial causes. Milton T. Dorsey, president, CEO and founder of Star Light Records, a gospel record, video and concert production company based in D.C., came to share his thoughts with the distinguished leaders of Congress.

"My objective is not to fraternize at parties. I'm looking to indirectly help and expand Star Light Records by influencing government officials to create more legislation to aid Hurricane Katrina victims," Dorsey said. "More money needs to

go to the southern states that were affected, so I'm here to speak with anyone who can help."

Radio station giveaways are one of the easiest ways to get tickets to these parties.

Renee Nash, public affairs director of WHUR 96.3, disagrees with the myth that people come just for the parties.

"I think the CBC is an opportunity to show young people what they can do, to see many successful movers and shakers in the African-American community. People are serious about their business. To me, it's not for partying, it's for networking and meeting some of today's successful professionals."

Marty Martin agreed, and said that WHUR didn't give away tickets this year and hasn't recently in the past.

"We strongly encourage people to participate in this historical event," Martin said.

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A Moment of Silence

For our parents it was the deaths of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and President John F. Kennedy. For our generation it is the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 that defined tragedy and left us knowing exactly where we were when we heard the news.

Now five years later, a tragedy that took down New York's World Trade Center, hit the Pentagon and killed 2,973 people is mostly discussed when its anniversary arrives. However, the September 11th impact continues to grow. Before the attacks, many Americans enjoyed a certain comfort in the country's status as the "King of the World." But just as the buildings crumbled, so did the unwavering faith in this country's security.

We remember the lives that were lost and the many who still deal with those losses - some right here at Howard. That's why movies like "World Trade Center" are out way too soon. Some moms are just now answering the tough

question of 'Where is Daddy?' from children who lost their fathers in attacks in 2001.

Movies that depict the low points of history are necessary, but timing is everything. You can make a movie on Pearl Harbor, it happened decades ago. But we have not

Our View:

We remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. As their families still cope five years later, it is too soon for movies to be made about the event.

even changed presidents since September 11, 2001. That is a strong indication that major motion pictures on the terrorist attacks should not be released yet.

Even more inconsiderate is the fact that viewers, some who lost close relatives, paid money to see one film only to have to sit through previews of World Trade Center the movie.

Also, the accuracy of these films causes unnecessary controversy. The new ABC film on the attacks includes parts pur-

porting that the government had an opportunity to assassinate Osama Bin Laden but the Clinton Administration's preoccupation with the Monica Lewinsky controversy prevented that - something the government says never happened. The movie also depicts a white

hero when the real hero is, in fact a black man. This shows Hollywood's preoccupation with making a movie and not getting the major facts correct.

In 2006 the War on Terrorism rages on as the summer saw the U.S. terror alert move even higher. With new restrictions that prohibit liquids on planes, we are left wondering what next will we have to give up to feel safe.

Five years later we remember those who lost their lives and hope for the continued healing of those who mourn.

We hope the next five years sees a return of faith in national security.

during quiet hours.

The student assistant from the 4th floor along with another gentleman, who are not even residents of the 8th floor, were the ones banging so adamantly at every suite door until a resident responded. Had it not been for their efforts, I, who have slept through hurricanes, would have remained asleep.

Certain SAs and RAs risked their own health in inhaling the smoke for such an extended period of time to ensure the safety of the residents.

I could not care any less about who is to blame in causing the fire, but the SAs as well as other employees at the Howard Plaza Towers are to be commended for a job well done. Thank you for coming through at the time that you were most needed!

Evette Lang

They Came Through for Us

Early Monday morning, after having slept for nearly two hours, I woke to the sound of people banging on doors leading to the main hallway. Thinking that someone was simply playing in the halls, I rolled over and welcomed sleep again.

Fortunately, my roommate, who had initially had the same thoughts, went to the suite door to verify the situation. She was greeted by a veil of grey smoke which quickly entered the suite. With much speed and after several attempts, she succeeded in arousing our other roommate and me from our sleep. We hurriedly dressed and rushed to the nearby stairwell, all the while struggling to inhale clean air.

In the stairwell, no one said a word. We must have made it from the eighth floor

and out of the front door in less than 30 seconds. We were the first out of the building, and as we were exiting, the resident of the room that was on fire was entering the dormitory unaware of the state of his room.

In the following minutes, others emerged from the building until the courtyard of the West Tower was full. Considering the fact that the evacuation did not occur as if there really was a fire, those people in immediate danger still made it out safely.

While The Hilltop has made it a point to figure out the who in the causation of the fire, I would like to commend those people who went above and beyond their duty to ensure that the residents of the 8th floor were evacuated. The alarm initially sounds only on the floor where the fire is situated, and since the alarm is in the hallway, it is difficult and nearly impossible to hear even

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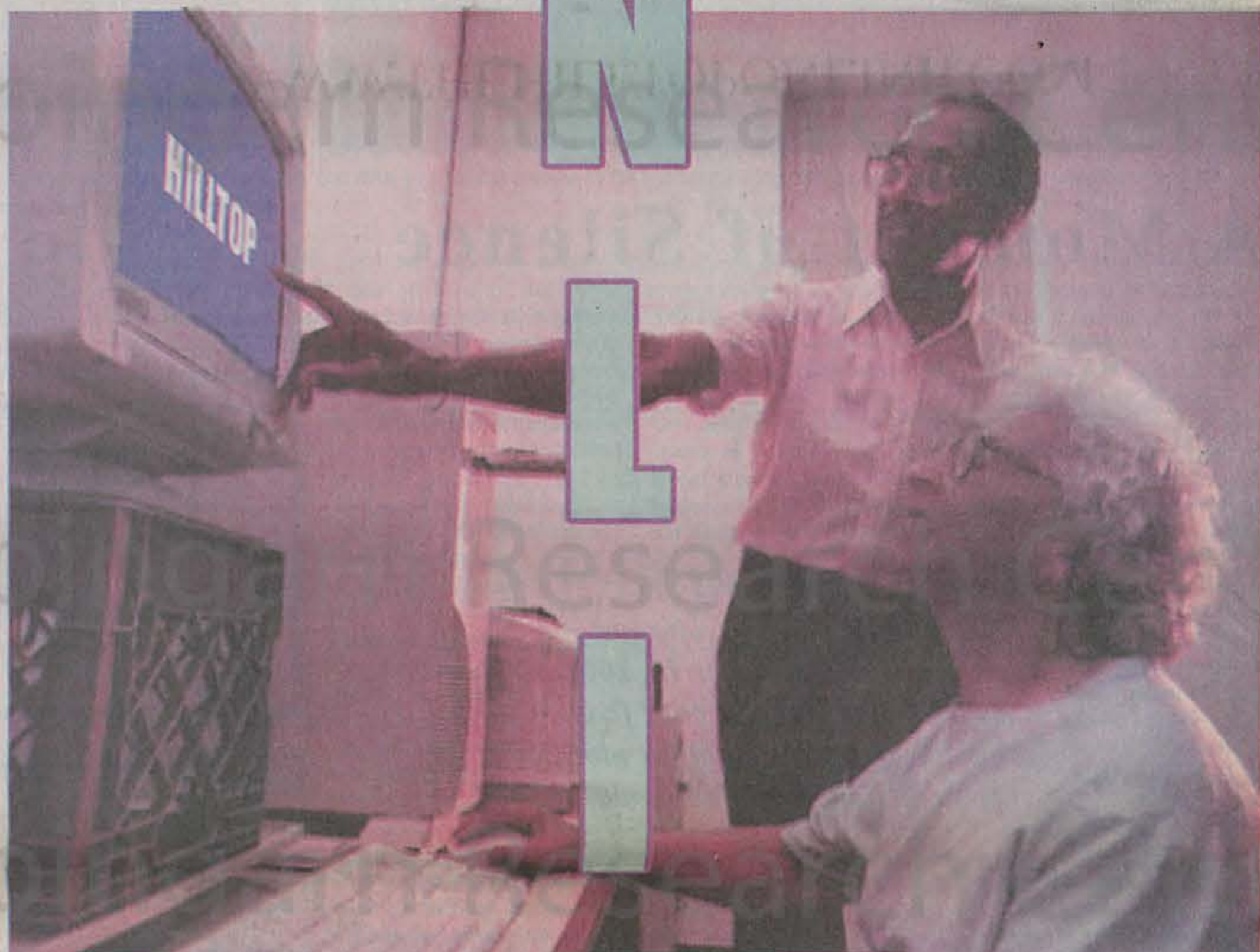
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