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### **BREAKING NEWS**

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### HBCU Newspapers Increase Frequency of Publication

BY DARREN SANDS Black College Wire

The Student Voice at Albany State University -- previously published every two weeks -- began circulating every week this semester. Tennessee State University's the Meter is producing a Thursday online edition. Florida A&M University's the Famuan and the News Argus of Winston-Salem State University also plan to increase their publication frequency.

For these papers at historically black colleges and universities, the benefits of increased publication, in print and online, are clear.

In most cases, it means more advertising revenue and increased relevancy on campus. Putting out a higher volume, of stories makes the student journalists more attractive candidates for summer internships at daily newspa-

A study of college students released over the summer by College Publisher, a company that helps campus papers publish online, said, "Student newspapers are recognized as the most influential and widely read media channel on campus, and more than 500 student newspapers are currently publishing online editions."

It added, "For the second straight year, an overwhelming number of respondents believe that their newspaper's online edition is an important part of their newsroom's ability to reach its readers."

Ashley Hindsman, editorin-chief of the Student Voice, said of her paper's increased publication: "This will put us in the ranking with a lot of other school papers. I know we are ready and our staff is growing."

Tennessee State's the Meter began producing a print edition on Mondays and a Thursday online edition. It is publishing twice a week for the first time in its history. Its Web site -- judged best online newspaper at the 2006 HBCU National Newspaper Conference and Job Fair in February -- boasts an easy-tonavigate design, multimedia presentations and PDF files of its news pages. Top editor Eddie Cole Jr. cites nytimes. com and usatoday.com as examples of excellence in online journalism.

"In order to be the best you have to imitate the best. For us to just sit here and to just throw" news stories "on the Web site, that's defeating the purpose," he said.

The Hilltop of Howard

University -- a pacesetter among newspapers at HBCUs -- saw a smooth leadership transition from Ruth Tisdale, outgoing editor and Student Journalist of the Year of the National Association of Black Journalists, to Howard senior Ayesha Rascoe. Under Tisdale's guidance, the paper became the only daily at an HBCU.

Rascoe said part of her legacy will be to ensure that the Hilltop remains a daily.

"I think that with any newspaper that you have to grow and get better, you don't want to stay stagnant and stay in one place. We've worked to improve the editing, reporting, writing, the photos; it's like an assembly line. Just making sure that each part runs smoothly, and making sure stories get in on time, and that we get it to the printer on

Rascoe said that she hopes her legacy will be that she and her staff "put out the best paper that we possibly could."

"Then I just want to make sure that it remains daily. I want us to lay a foundation that says that we are a daily, and that we're going to stay a daily."

Sidney Wright IV, editor of the Famuan, announced



Photo Courtesy of James Miccolo Johnson - NABJ

Including the expansion from bi-weekly to daily that the Hilltop made in 2005, many other HBCU's have expanded the frequency of their publications in recent years.

plans to include news updates interview. and national and international news around the clock on thefamuanonline.com.

"We chose to include the 24-hour news section because we felt that as a newspaper we had the responsibility to keep our readers informed 24 hours a day," Wright said in an

The changes in format have come at a pivotal time for the Famuan. The paper received both acclaim and criticism from members of the student body for closely following two controversies on campus, one involving Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and the

The poll also found that

young black voters and their

counterparts said candidates

were not speaking enough

about issues relevant to their

demographic. Young voters of

all races wanted to hear more

about health care, job creation,

college affordability, energy

prices and homeland security.

Job creation ranked slightly

higher than college affordability

within the black voting group.

other, the "Marching 100" marching band.

The Famuan reported the band stole items from a Detroit hotel during a road trip to play Delaware State University on Sept. 2. Then on Sept. 11, the paper reported that dozens of

See HBCU, NEWS A2

### **HU Students Use Video** Games as Academic Relaxer

BY DREW COSTLEY Campus Editor

Thomas Blevins, a freshman undecided major is undecided, has a tough decision ahead of him. It's not life altering, but will affect what level he will attain; he has to decide whether or not to continue to playing Grand Theft Auto: Liberty City or begin writing his paper for Freshman Composition.

"I would usually choose my homework in this situation," Blevins said, who spends about three to four hours weekly playing video games and around the same amount of time doing schoolwork.

"Because my video game is going to be there when I'm done with work. Even if I'm too tired to play that night, it will be there the next day."

This is a decision that many male Howard students encounter when they are in their dorm room on a weekday or recovering from the weekend on a Sunday before school.

Blevins admitted that his gaming has interfered with doing his homework before. He said that there were nights during his senior year in high school where he would procrastinate or completely put off homework for a night of electronic bells and whistles.

"Then, I had my mom or dad to come 'slap me upside the head' to get me off my PS2," he said. "There were a couple times, though, when I would fall asleep with a controller in my hand and wake up without my assignment the next day."

Since coming to school, he said, he has been able to keep the problem under control a lot more.

"I always think to myself [now] 'what would my mom do if she saw me in this situation'," he said. "And that usually leads to me putting down the controller and picking up a pen and paper or a book."

Some Howard students do not look at video games as an ultimatum to their homework. Michael Coyle, a thirdyear architecture major, uses video games as a distraction once he encounters a mental block in his schoolwork or when he starts getting restless doing work in general.

"Its always good for me to sit down and take myself out of this world," Coyle said. "It's only after I have actually finished some of my work and made progress that I will sit down for an hour or two and

play video games." Coyle said that there is an added distraction that video games provide because of his

"We engage ourselves spatially a lot of times when we are doing [architecture] projects," Coyle said. "But a lot of times I won't get good ideas until I am looking at a abstract building in a futuristic video game or just in another world completely."

George Gee, junior finance major, devotes time during the work week to playing video games, along with the time he devotes to everything else. Keeping it an institution in his weekly schedule, Gee said, helps him take a break from more than just schoolwork.

"I go on vacation when playing [video games]," Gee said. "I don't do anything else; just relax and have fun with my boys."

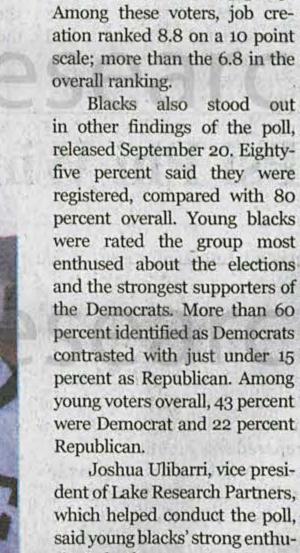
### Domestic Issues Hold Importance to Young Black Voters, According to Poll

BY VANESSA MIZELL Nation & World Editor

Young black voters have placed domestic issues as their top concern, higher than the war in Iraq, according to a poll keyed to the November midterm elections.

The study by Young Voter

Strategies, an organization affiliated with George Washington University, found that employment, the economy and education and its costs weighed heavily for 35 percent of black voters ages 18 to 30. When voters of all races in the age group were counted, 30 percent said the economy was the prime con-



Joshua Ulibarri, vice president of Lake Research Partners, which helped conduct the poll, said young blacks' strong enthusiasm for the upcoming election was rooted in frustration about the direction of the country.

"Young African Americans are the most ready to vote for change," Ulibarri said. "There's a growing frustration with the President and they are the most disappointed in the direction of the country."

Nearly half the young black voters said they were against the Bush administration's handling of the war in Iraq, compared with 30 percent of all voters in that age group.

Ulibarri added that universities have been a main target for campaigning and that voter registration teams were working heavily in black communi-

The findings also foreshadow the war on terror as an Election Day concern for young black voters. The war in Iraq ranked third, and homeland security fifth, as the issue young black voters wanted to hear more about from politicians.

The poll findings may be good news for Democrats like Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. The 2004 Democratic presidential nominee urged Howard University students to become more concerned about national security.

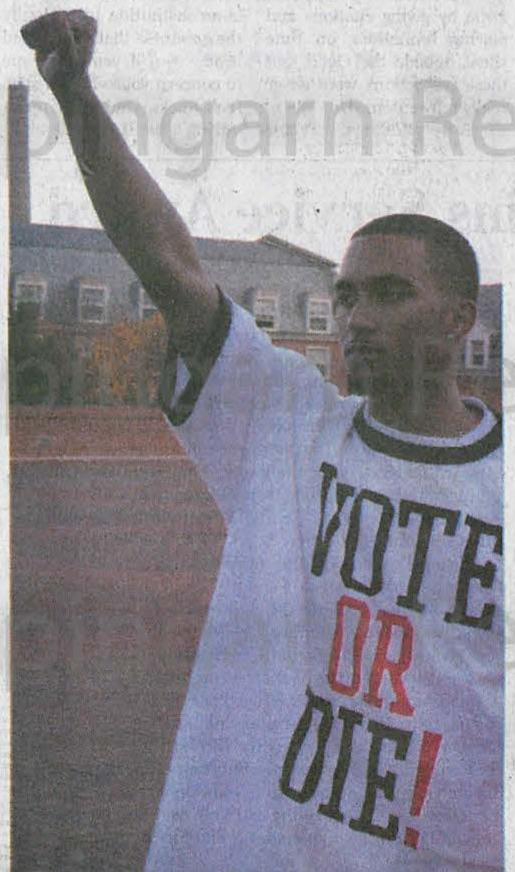
National security "needs to be a concern," Kerry said in an interview after his Sept. 14 speech. "You can't vote the issues one by one. You have to vote all of them." He explained that voting for a candidate supports not just his or her view on domestic issues but on national security as well.

"We need you to go out and connect the dots," Kerry said in the speech. "Join a campaign, talk to a neighbor, defeat the apathy and say, 'I believe in my country'."

The president of Howard's College Democrats, Evan Brunson, said, "I think it's erroneous to think that we should be focused on one issue and not the other," speaking of blacks. "The fight against terrorism is our fight too."

Of the 500 surveyed in the poll, 12 percent were black, reflecting the black American percentage of the population. An additional 75 blacks were surveyed so the firm could "be more confident in the data," according to Ulibarri.

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File Photo According to a poll done by Young Voter Strategies, domestic issues are the most important to young blacks.

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# Alternative Methods of Travel to and Around Campus

BY ADIA BETTS Contributing Writer

Iglehart, a broadcast journalism and history major, brought her car to Howard all the way from Athens, Georgia. Iglehart believes having her car at school was well worth the 11-hour drive. The parking tickets, however, are what give her trouble.

"It is easier to get around, but it can be a hassle because of parking laws," Iglehart said.

She fully understands the downfall of having a car now that she has received her first parking ticket.

"I was basically ambushed by D.C. parking enforcement and given a \$100 ticket for being in front of the Quad for five minutes. There was no sign."

To avoid the problem that Iglehart encountered with tickets while still finding a way to circumvent the usage of campus shuttles, more and

more students have begun to utilize various means of travel around campus.

James Evans, a sophomore English major, began riding his bike from his First and Q St. townhouse to campus at the beginning of this school year.

"One of my pet peeves about freshman year was riding the campus shuttle," Evans said. "It was always unreliable or dropped you off in the least convenient spot to where you had to get."

Evans said that now that he rides his bike to campus, he has become less dependent on the schedule of campus.

"I go and leave campus as I please," Evans said. "I'm not part of that Meridian crowd that is there from the morning to early afternoon or anything like that. I can just come and go elsewhere in between classes."

Sophomore pre-physical therapy major Calvin Divinity said that skateboarding to and from Meridian Hill Hall is an opportunity to both exercise

and to attract the opposite another perk to riding

"You get a little exercise in and it makes you more attractive to the females," he said.

A new mode of transportation that is gaining popularity here at Howard is skateboarding. Some do it to get around, while others consider it a lifestyle. For Divinity, skateboarding is much easier than walking or waiting on the campus shuttle.

"It is way faster than walking and quicker than waiting on the shuttle," he said.

However this is the one way to get around that actually requires some skill. Take precaution when skating because the results of an accident have the potential to be really nasty. Skateboarding is ideal for quick little trips that students constantly have to make.

"If you watch out for the cracks in the street and sidewalk, you should be good," Divinity said.

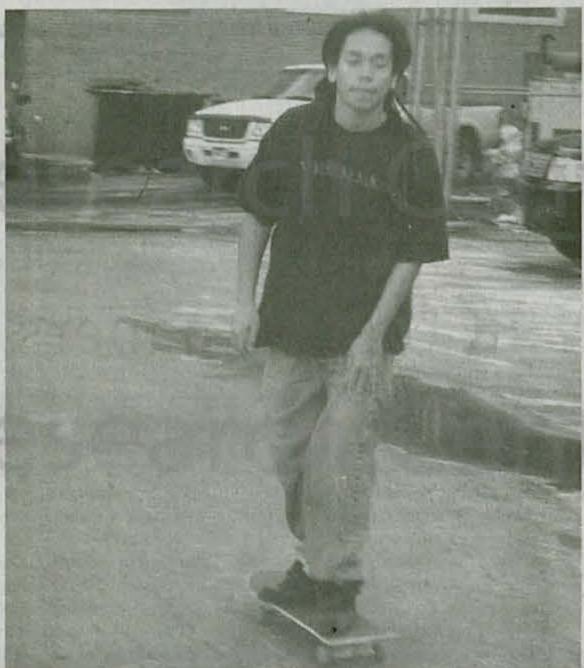
Evans, who only forgoes bike riding when there is inclement weather, said that

his bike all over the city is just that: he gets to see all of the city.

"A lot of Howard students get confined to the area between Gresham (where Drew Hall is) and W Streets," Evans said. "They forget that we are in one of the biggest, most interesting cities in the world."

He said that seeing that there is more to D.C. from just his bike ride to school has triggered him to go to other places in D.C. to find out more about the city.

"This city is so great," said Evans, who admitted his bike won't be his companion in his whole tour of the city. "I won't take my bike everywhere with me, but I do want to see as much of this city as I can before I leave."



Many students have turned to skateboarding and bike riding as alternative method of traveling around campus.

### Freshman Male Students Debate Old Drew Hall Traditions Importance

BY MORGAN LYNCH Contributing Writer

There are many traditions that have deep roots and go back many years at Howard University. Drew Hall has been in the line of fire since the 60s and 70s, when from their halls came the infamous titles of "Drew Rats" (girls who spend way too much time at Drew Residence Hall) and "Booty Wall" (the stone wall that sits outside Tubman Quadrangle where guys often go to socialize and pick up women.)

In an attempt to dispel rumors about Drew, Mr. Marc Lee, Community Director of Drew, and a plethora of young males who live in Drew sat down to discuss its origins and the reasoning behind these long-lasting traditions. These young men were not only helpful and pleasant, but they also had the intelligence to back up their rock-solid defense of Drew.

There has been a call from freshmen men and others to bring an end to these titles. When asked what he thought of these young men and what they were doing, Damien Robinson, a junior Drew Resident Assistant and Psychology major said that they have a different level of respect for the women at Howard.

BY EBONI FARMER

Hilltop Staff Writer

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Jessica DeTiege - Staff Photographer

Many former residents of Drew Hall do not agree with the traditions that come with living in the all male dorm.

Omega Psi Phi Wins Service Award

"I don't think they think they're smarter than everyone. They just have a level of respect for the women here; it should be changed because if you call these women rats, think of where you live. Rats only go to trash," Robinson

The catalyst to this trend is Jarret Payne, a freshman who lives in Drew, who decided to write a perspective to the Hilltop criticizing the stereotyping of Drew.

"Almost every female I associated with had a bad image of Drew," Payne said.

"I was just trying to show

a reception sponsored by the Be Prepared D.C. pro-

gram in conjunction with DC's chapter of the National

Association of Student Services, for their service in the

Washington D.C. community. The reception marked

tion because of their overall service in the community,"

Mr. Walter Mcgill, a consultant with the Be Prepared

D.C. program, said. "The Fraternity was also honored because of their efforts with the organization, which

resulted in pre-registering 500 Howard Students and

people in the community for the Emergency Tabletop

ensure that the people of the D.C. community are pre-

want the people of the community to know what the

plan of evacuation is and also what they need to store in their homes in case of an emergency," said Mr. Mcgill.

on-campus ambassadors for the Be Prepared D.C. pro-

gram at the reception. Be Prepared D.C. will be hosting

an event at Howard on Oct. 19 to give the community

information that will help people to prepare for a disas-

pared in case of a man made or natural disaster.

The mission of the Be Prepared DC program is to

"The District of Columbia is a terror target, so we

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi were named the

"Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was honored at the recep-

the end of Emergency Preparedness month.

people it's a safe place to come, and that they won't be labeled a 'Drew Rat'."

So far, Payne has received many positive responses.

"Someone messaged me (on facebook) saying they were really feeling what I was saying. My English teacher even read my article to the class."

The school tried to dismantle the "Booty Wall" in 2004 by giving citations and placing limitations on time spent outside the Quad, but these restrictions were never really fully enforced.

Eric Eddings, junior

advertising major, said that although it is a tradition, it is one of the negative traditions passed down through Howard generations.

"It's something we've tried to end for a while," Eddings said. "It's a term that carries nothing but negativity. It seems to be just a cycle of upperclassmen spreading this stigma to the underclassmen."

Robinson disagreed with Eddings, saying that these traditions are adopted on a case-by-case basis.

"It takes a level of consciousness. You have to be appreciative of black women first," Robinson said. "Then men and women should dialogue open-mindedly to see what the problem is."

Jeremy Odoffin, a sophomore International Business major, agrees with Robinson, but said that these negative nicknames come from the actions and indiscretions of Howard students.

"Don't put your business out in the street and not expect negative effects to come back," Odoffin said.

He continued, "Howard is an institution to personify the greatness that's embodied inside you. If you have time to concern yourself with such foolishness, you're not maximizing your HU experience."

### More HBCU Newspapers Increase Publication

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band members were academically ineligible. It also aggressively reported hazing charges against five members of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. The trial was to begin Sept. 25, and Wright said the paper would continue to pursue that story.

With several papers increasing their publication frequency, the online editions of others have yet to be published or even updated this semester.

They include the Lincoln (Mo.) Clarion, the Dillard Courtbouillon, Central State's the Gold Torch, the News Argus of Winston-Salem State, Clark Atlanta's the Panther and the Hampton Script.

The Script Web site still has its provocative story about healthcode violations, from April 2004, as its centerpiece revealing that the school had 261 health-code violations in its cafeteria since 2001. When the Script refused to run a letter of response by Acting President JoAnn Haysbert on the front page, administrators responded by confiscating thousands of copies of the newspaper.

Marvin Anderson, editor of the Script, said that while the paper plans to begin publishing weekly, in order to get the online edition up and running, "there are still some things we have to go through.

"After Howard went daily, that was really a wake-up call that we really need to push harder. I know that we can do that, and we can do it better. We have the resources because there are so many talented people on this campus," he said.

Anderson said the Script had a Webmaster and was working to get an online edition up and running. "I would love to see something online before the end of the semester. I seriously just don't know," he said.

Brian Blount, head of the

Mass Communications department at Winston-Salem State, said he would facilitate an increase in the publication frequency of the News Argus from once a month to every two weeks. The department is seeking accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education

Communications. Increasing the publication frequency, he said, is a key part of the process. The accrediting council

in Journalism and

"wanted to make certain that the students are gaining valuable experience meeting deadline and being able to write stories and publish them in a timely manner," Blount said.

Expecting things to be in order for the council's visiting team in the fall of 2007, Blount said the effort to get accreditation requires that students engage in and become familiar with the latest multimedia technology driving the evolution of online journalism.

"Overall, everyone is pretty excited and students have been pretty accommodating to make sure these things happen," he said.

Last February's HBCU Newspaper Conference at North Carolina A&T in Greensboro revealed a number of commonalities among the publications. Staffers spoke of struggling to produce quality journalism while saddled with staffers who were not as dedicated as they were, and of a lack of both finances and administrative support concerning press freedoms.

Colesaid that while he already planned to increase publication of the Meter, the conference reinforced his plans and gave him the opportunity to consult with a number of experts. "It came down to us wanting to improve service to our community." Cole said.

-Derran Sands is a student at Emerson College in Boston



Photo Courtesy of Mike McCray - N.C. A&

Eddie R. Cole (right), editor at Tennessee State's The Meter, talks to one of his inspirations, Chuck Stone.

"After Hurricane Katrina and 9/11, it became very important for people to be prepared. I am from Houston, Texas and I had family affected by Katrina, so I understand how important it is for people to know Howard University's Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was honored on September 28, 2006, at what to do if a major disaster strikes," President of

Omega Psi Phi, Montreal McMorris, said.

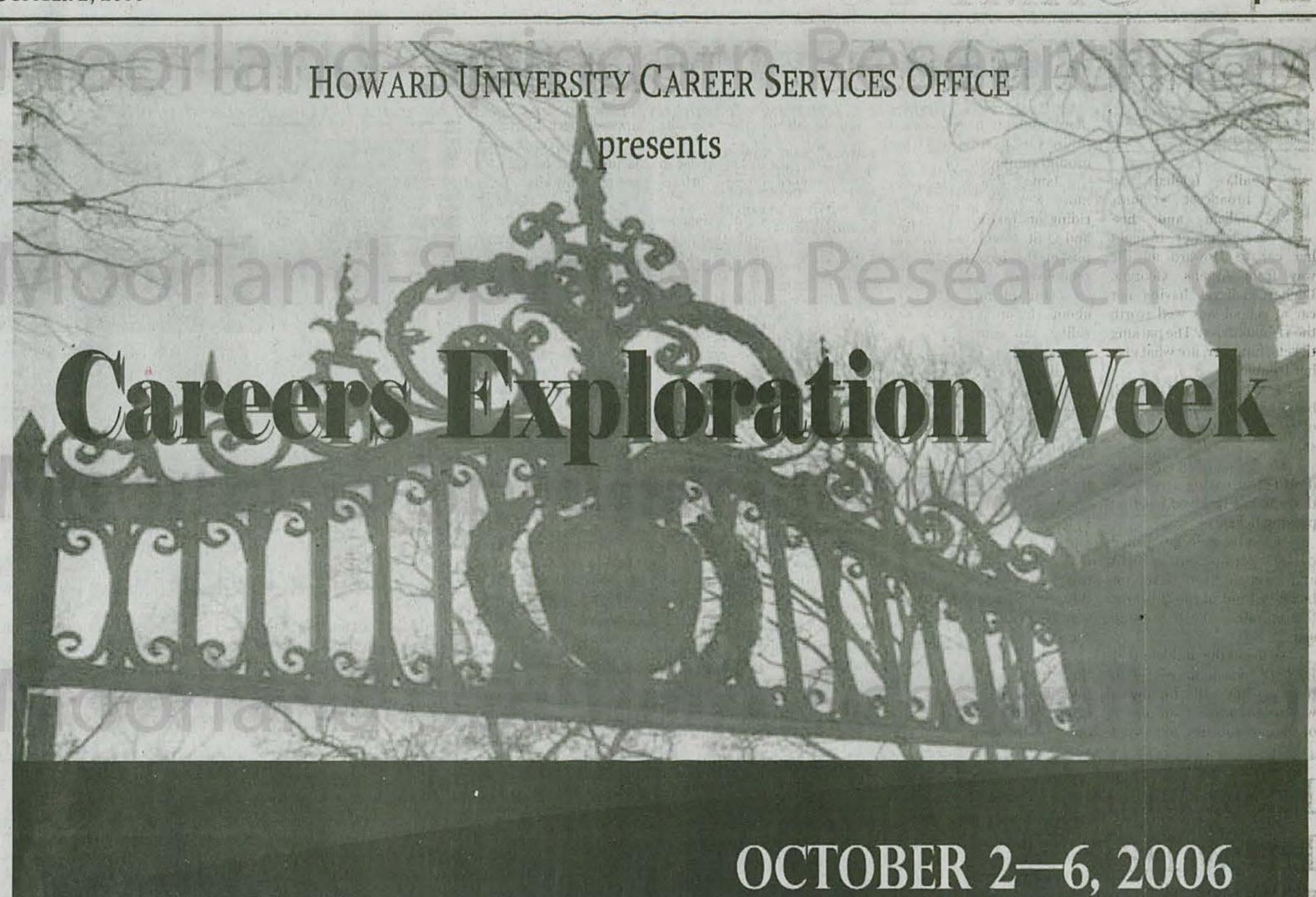
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was up against all the other organizations that perform community service at Howard University for the honor. They were also competing with organizations from Georgetown University, American University, George Washington University and Gallaudet University.

"Being honored at the reception was a great thing. The mission of Omega Psi Phi is to serve the community. Being recognized for our services gives us the initiative to strive for more," McMorris said.

McMorris believes that it is the duty of all Howard University students to serve the community. He said as African Americans we have to expose those who are less fortunate to resources they may not know about.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will continue to strive for excellence and serve the community throughout the school year. The organization will take part in Feeding Families for Thanksgiving as well as Toys for Tots. Omega Psi Phi also sponsors a mentoring program at

local schools. "We have to give back to the community because we are in the position to do so. Omega Psi Phi wants to help give people the same chance of success that students at Howard have. Through community service you never know who you can inspire," McMorris said.



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### Judge Blocks Racially Divisive School District Law

Some Nebraska legislators wanted to "promote a learning community" but the law would have divided Omaha into districts by race

BY TASHIRA WALKER Hilltop Staff Writer

In April 2006, a law was passed that would have split Omaha public schools into three districts by 2008, causing these separate districts to create be divided racially.

Recently, Judge Michael Coffey, of the Douglass County District in Omaha, ordered a temporary injunction to block the implementation of this law. According to the Omaha Board of Education, the law was established with the hope learning community.

Senator Ernie Chambers (D-11) added an amendment that would divide the school districts by location-west, north, and south.

"Geographically speaking, the housing patterns would divide the school districts by race," said Luanne Nelson, director of public information for the Board of Education in Omaha.

Chambers, the only African American in the Nebraska legislative position, is the driving force behind this law also known as LB1024.

"There is no intent to segregation," said Chambers, in an interview with ABC News.

Chambers insists that this bill would give minorities control over their schools because they currently lack the resources needed in the current school system.

Many critics have reacted of forming and promoting a to this proposed law, including Nelson.

> "There were very few parents that wanted this to be done, very few," Nelson said. "We at the School Board [also] didn't want it."

> Although some feel the new law may not be necessary, it should at least be given a

> "I am convinced that we must be ready to try new alter-

natives," said Rev. Jacques DeGraff, political strategist, who has spoken out against the Survivor season that has recently been in the news for separating teams based on race."If I were a parent in Omaha and had the option. I believe that Senator Chambers' plan is worth a trial opportunity." The injunction of this law is in response to a lawsuit filed by the Chicano Awareness Center, along with parents of children in Omaha schools. Those opposing this law feel that it will hurt the integration of Nebraska and is grossly unfair.

A lawsuit was also filed by the NAACP, suggesting that the bill violates the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark 1954 decision outlawing school segregation.

Omaha's public school system is made up of 46 percent white, 31 percent black, 20 percent Hispanic, and 3 percent Asian or American Indian. The



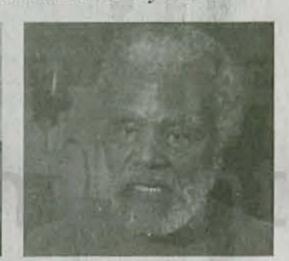
Ron Raikes Nebraska State Senator

"The bill does create three smaller school districts, but it is clear that the statute allows those school districts to be created a number of ways."



Tony Gunter Elementary School Principal

"There's nothing bad about kids going to school with one another who are in the same race, the same color, the same background."



**Ernie Chambers** Nebraska State Senator

"Whenever you give adults, parents, members of the community a stake in the education of the children who represent the future, they take an interest."

Omaha is 46 percent white, 31 percent black and 20 percent Hispanic. Some senators believe the division gives races more ownership over "their own" education. Others see it as racism.

Learning Community Bill proposes to divide these groups into three separate school dis-

"I think he [Chambers] speaks to the frustrations of many in our community about

the state of our public schools," DeGraff said. "Too many [black] children are not receiving an education that prepares them to compete in the 21st century."

whether this bill is unconstitutional.

"Unless it can be proven that this was done deliberately, it is not unconstitutional," said Sherry Johnson, a law profes-Still, questions arise on sor at Cornell School of Law.

### Ford Racing To Be First Southern Black Senator Since Reconstruction

BY MERCIA WILLIAMS-MURRAY ment says the race may be in Hilltop Staff Writer

Congressman Harold E. Ford Jr. (D-Tenn.), who received an honorary degree at Howard University's convocation last fall, may be facing an even bigger honor-becoming the first black senator from the South since Reconstruction.

Ford is currently representing Tennessee's 9th Congressional district, which primarily consists of Memphis. His party's candidate for the Senate seat is currently vacated by a retiring senator, Majority Leader Bill First.

Ford now faces Republican nominee, Bob Corker, the former mayor of Chattanooga, in the race to the Senate. Competition between him and Corker is the closest race in the country right now with Ford holding 48 percent of the state's support and Corker following closely with 45 percent.

Political science professor John Davis, Ph.D., a professor in the political science departFord's favor.

"Ford has a good chance of winning because of the war in Iraq and because of the war on terror," Davis said. "One difficulty seems to come from tradition. The last two elections for Senator [in Tennessee], Republicans won, so winning won't be easy."

A campaign ad that Ford endorsed has struck up a lot of controversy against his campaign. The ad, which was filmed in a church, has drawn a great deal of attention to the campaign and has been criticized from both the left and the right, most recently by atheists. Several critics say the ad seems or attempts to establish Ford as a Christian. Putting religion into politics offends some since it appears to violate the separation of church and state.

Davis, who studied in Memphis and worked for Harold Ford Sr. as an undergraduate said the same people that voted him in office, may not vote for him this term.



If Harold Ford Jr. wins the November election, he will be the first black southern Senator since Reconstruction in U.S. history.

"He's disliked by many blacks in Memphis because he's been hanging on his father's coat tails," Davis said.

As Harold Ford Sr. received his MBA from Howard in 1982, the younger Ford also has ties to the University. Not only did he speak at the 2005 convo-

serves on Howard's House Budget Committee and the House Committee on Financial Services at Howard.

Ford Jr. is well known being the keyspeaknote er for the Democratic National Convention supporting Al Gore for the Democratic Presidential

nomination in 2000. At that time, he was 30 years old and the youngest member of Congress.

Ford has been exposed to the political scene since he was a boy. He was only 13 years old when his father began serving in the position that Ford himself is serving now. He replaced

but his father who was representa- operations. However, educative of the 9th Congressional District from 1983-1997. When Ford Sr. decided not to seek a twelfth term, Ford Jr. easily won the predominately Democratic and black district. However, neither his name nor the demographics of his district may help him to win a seat in the Senate.

Ford is praised for having his own ideas and own way of getting things done.

He's considered a maverick, in the sense that he's stepping away from the Black Caucus and saying 'let's do something different,' but it's a good thing," Davis said.

Davis added, "It isn't clear what he'll do for the black community, He talks about Iraq and the war on terror, changing national security, getting rid of Rumsfeld, etc. But he hasn't really said anything about his domestic policy."

Since 2005, most of Ford's legislation was dominated by military and national security issues such as requiring budgeting for ongoing military

tional issues have remained a strong focus during his term such as increasing funding for programs improving educa-

Although he has not clearly outlined his plans to help the black community, Ford has proposed several ideas to benefit it a great deal. "Ford has consistently

supported an increase in the

minimum wage. He voted for a bill that would have increased the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25," said Ford's chief of staff Robert Sepucha. In regards to healthcare,

Sepucha also said Ford is working to lower the cost of healthcare for all citizens.

Kayla Gardener is freshman administration of justice major from Tennessee and has high hopes for the senator.

"His family doesn't have the most celebrated political history in Tennessee," Gardener said. "But I was very happy that he won....and hope that everybody gets out and votes."

# GOP Highlights Black Candidates

BY BRANDON HAMILTION Contributing Writer

It looked like blacks were done with the GOP. African Americans have voted heavily Democratsince Reconstruction, last year being no exception. Now, however, the Republican Party is moving in a new direction and its message is clear: the black perspective is welcome.

This November, 49 black Republican candidates will be on ballots around the country as the products of a year-long effort to diversify the ranks of the Republican National Committee (RNC) at national highlight social conand state levels.

The man behind this push is Ken Mehlman, chairman of the Republican National Committee. Since speaking on campus last year, Mehlman has worked to increase the party's appeal to potential voters and supporting black candidates is a central part of his strategy.

The Democrats said it themselves, says an RNC spokesperson in reference to Democratic Chairman Howard Dean's remarks: "If we don't get smart about having 'folks' on the ticket that look like the people whose votes we're asking for in meaningful positions of authority, then we're not going to win. And the party that gets to do that first is the truth." party that's going to win."

Amaya Smith of the Democratic National Committee, says Dean's lan-

guage isn't the only thing the RNC is copying. "If you look at the number of black candidates who are Democrats, it far outweighs the number of Republicans. Harold Ford, Keith Ellison....Dems have always taken the lead in terms of elected officials."

History is not so clear-cut. Numerous survevs from the Pew Research Center servatism as a black tradition. In fact, a

survey taken in 2001 found that 70 percent of African-American Protestants take political guidance from their faith. That puts many blacks on the conservative end of the political spectrum on issues like stem-cell

research and gay marriage. Still, 76 percent of black Protestants vote Democrat. And that's not all that hurts conservatives: some of the cultural impressions Republicans have made on blacks are polarizing. Omare Kinsey, a senior African-American studies major explains, "I associate black Republicans with white people, and that's just the

However, different black experiences may be, only 5 percent of black registered voters leaned Republican in June



Photo Courtery of www.bwel.com Kenneth Blackwell (top left) of Ohio, Lynn Swann of Pennsylvania (top right) and Michael Steele of Maryland are all strong contenders in this year's mid-term election.

according to the Pew Research Center. Figures for the previous decade have been just as

It is a legacy the RNC intends to change by offering a choice. The party is convinced that the upcoming election will signal a new hope for blacks unsatisfied by the Democrats' agenda. "The African-American community needs to think beyond party labels and say who will address my issues, who has the plan to improve and what have you done for me lately," says Republican spokeswoman Audra Miller.

The real winner in the November elections just might be black America according to Columbus, Ohio Mayor Michael B. Coleman. Coleman believes that reopening dia-

logue between blacks and the GOP will create political accountability in both parties by giving African-Americans a real choice.

Coleman is on the sidelines of a black Republican race. Kenneth Blackwell is the underdog in his bid for Ohio governor, but he hopes to mobilize black voters by showing them where he stands on the issues. That means talking about lower taxes and his opposition to same-

sex marriage. Though Blackwell is a Republican, he is confident that he can connect to black voters through the values they share. "We have an agenda that can turn our economy around. It is not an extension of the last seven years, it is not an extension of the status quo," Blackwell says.

In November 2003 Michael Steele was just the Lt. Governor of Maryland, a relatively obscure public official swept into office by a more popular running-mate. Now he is Russell Simmons's favorite to win the Maryland race for the U.S. Senate.

Tara Wall, RNC Director of Outreach Communications, sheds light on the situation, "I think its helpful when you have...diversity.'

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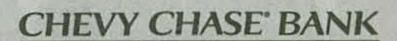
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### Bison Get First Win, Defeat Fort Valley State, 34-19

BY ELLIOTT JONES Sports Editor

At 0-3 in the season, and in the midst of a seven-game losing streak dating back to last season, the Howard football team went into the locker room down 19-6 at halftime to Division II opponent Fort Valley State. At their home field, and with an 0-4 start at stake, the Bison made a decision.

"We made up our mind at halftime to come out and dominate," said quarterback Will Blanden.

In the second half, Howard would do just that, scoring 28 unanswered points and finishing with a 34-19 victory Saturday at Greene Stadium. While the Bison (1-3, 0-2 in the MEAC) turned the game into a one-sided affair in the second half, the story of the first half was the first series of the second half. direct opposite.

Freshman place kicker Dennis Wiehberg, handling the punting duties in place of the suspended Sebry Mahmud Nuru, fumbled his first punt attempt, falling on it at the Howard 25 yard line. The Wildcats took over on downs, and promptly scored in four plays, capped by quarterback Marcus Brooks' one-yard QB sneak seven minutes into the game.

Trailing 7-0, the Bison took their next possession inside the Wildcats' 20 yard line, only for freshman kicker John Mendoza to miss his first career field goal attempt from 26 yards out.

On the first play of the second quarter, Brooks would score again on a 13-yard run, pushing the score to 13-0. Two field goals by Wiehberg would make the score 13-6, until a Blanden pass was intercepted by Derrick Fitzgerald and returned 58 vards for a touchdown with 1:10 left in the first half.

"We played like losers in the first half. We came out down and not ready to play," said Bison head coach Ray Petty. "Sometimes, you put too much pressure on yourself and get tight. Not having a victory for so long, doubt starts to creep in and you question the system, question ourselves."

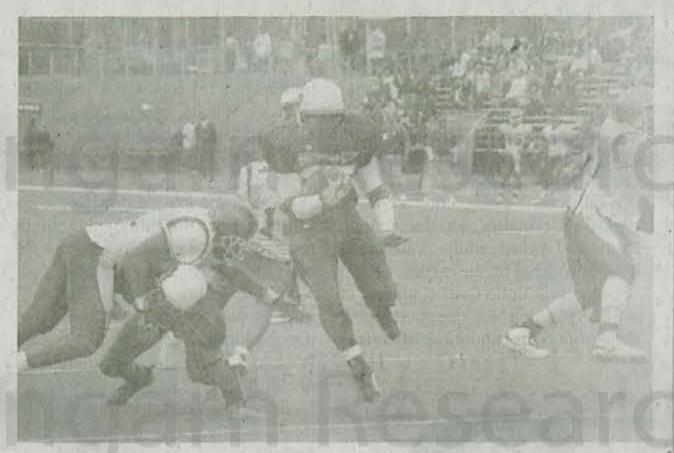
Trailing by 13 to start the second half, Howard wasted little time in getting themselves back into the game. The Bison embarked on a bruising 10 play drive led by the strong running of Blanden and sophomore running back Karlos Whittaker. Whittaker, filling in for the injured Keon Coleman, scored on a 10 yard run, making the score 19-13 on Howard's

The momentum would further shift midway through the third quarter when Fort Valley State wide receiver Wilson Kimble was ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

At that point, Kimble was the Wildcats' main receiving threat, leading the team with four catches for 45 vards.

After the teams traded possessions, senior defensive end Rudy Hardie sacked Brooks, forcing a fumble that was recovered by linebacker Zusi Airhiavbere at the Fort Valley State 30. It would take Howard four plays to score on a 27-yard touchdown pass from Blanden to sophomore Terry Perry giving the Bison a 20-19 lead which would not be surrendered for the rest of the game.

In the fourth quarter, Howard put the game away with a flurry of



Karlos Whittaker runs the ball in for a touchdown in the third quarter as the Bison defeat Fort Valley State for their first win of the season.

Blanden connected with junior Leonard Moore for a 15-yard touchdown pass, making the score 27-19. On the subsequent kickoff, Howard's Danual Pearce forced a fumble from Fort Valley State returner Xavier Glenn, which was recovered by Howard at the 23 yard line.

In one play, the score was 34-19 as Blanden found redshirt freshman Ulysses Alexander on a 23 yard touchdown pass.

After the game, Petty praised his team's ability to bounce back after a rough start.

"In the second half, we came out with a different kind of attitude," Petty said. "The spirit of this team is going to prevail. We're going to play with all our heart and prove that we're not losing hope."

Petty also highlighted the strong

play of Wiehberg, who overcame his early mistake to kick two field goals and punt four times for an average of 32 vards.

"We went all the way to Germany to find a kicker," Petty joked. "He was put in the role of punting and he did a good job of doing that. He made a difference today."

With a win under their belt, the Bison look forward to their next game against Winston-Salem State with a renewed sense of confidence.

"The second half today was Bison football. We needed to send the message that we are here," Hardie said.

"There was a big load on our shoulders," explained Alexander "We finally did what we had to do. now the load is gone."

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### Men's and Women's Soccer Teams Lose to NJIT Highlanders

BY WINNIE CLARK-JENKINS Hilltop Staff Writer

This weekend, the Bison soccer teams played against New Jersey Institute of Technology. Unfortunately for the Bison, both games resulted in a loss.

The men played against the NJIT Highlanders on Saturday away. The game ended in a loss of 2-1, but it was a close game that went into overtime after a tied score.

The Lady Bison played their game against NJIT at home where they hoped for their first win of the season. However, falling 1-3, their game also resulted in a loss.

Saturday's game was the men's second conference game. After a successful win last Wednesday against UMBC, the men were geared up to take home another win on Saturday.

"We played an excellent game," sophomore goalie, Chris Taylor, said.

Even though the Bison did not win, they definitely played a tough game against their opposition.

"We definitely broke the other team down; we just could not get that ball in the

back of the net," Taylor said. . The Bison made the first goal of the game and remained up throughout the first half and into the second until the Highlanders were able to make a penalty kick in the last 10 minutes, tying up the game. NJIT's Greg Spaulding made the game winning goal.

"They were just able to score in overtime," said junior Anton Render.

The men felt that they played a strong game against NJIT despite their loss. Some

of the Bison also thought that they played the game better and have raised their playing level as the season has progressed.

"They were not really good · competition," Taylor said. "They just could not score except for their penalty kick and in overtime, but we have raised our level of play and we played an excellent game."

Taylor had an easier game Saturday as goalie because the NJIT Highlanders were only able to make seven shots on goal, while Howard made eight.

Sunday's game for the women was played against NJIT as well at home in Greene Stadium.

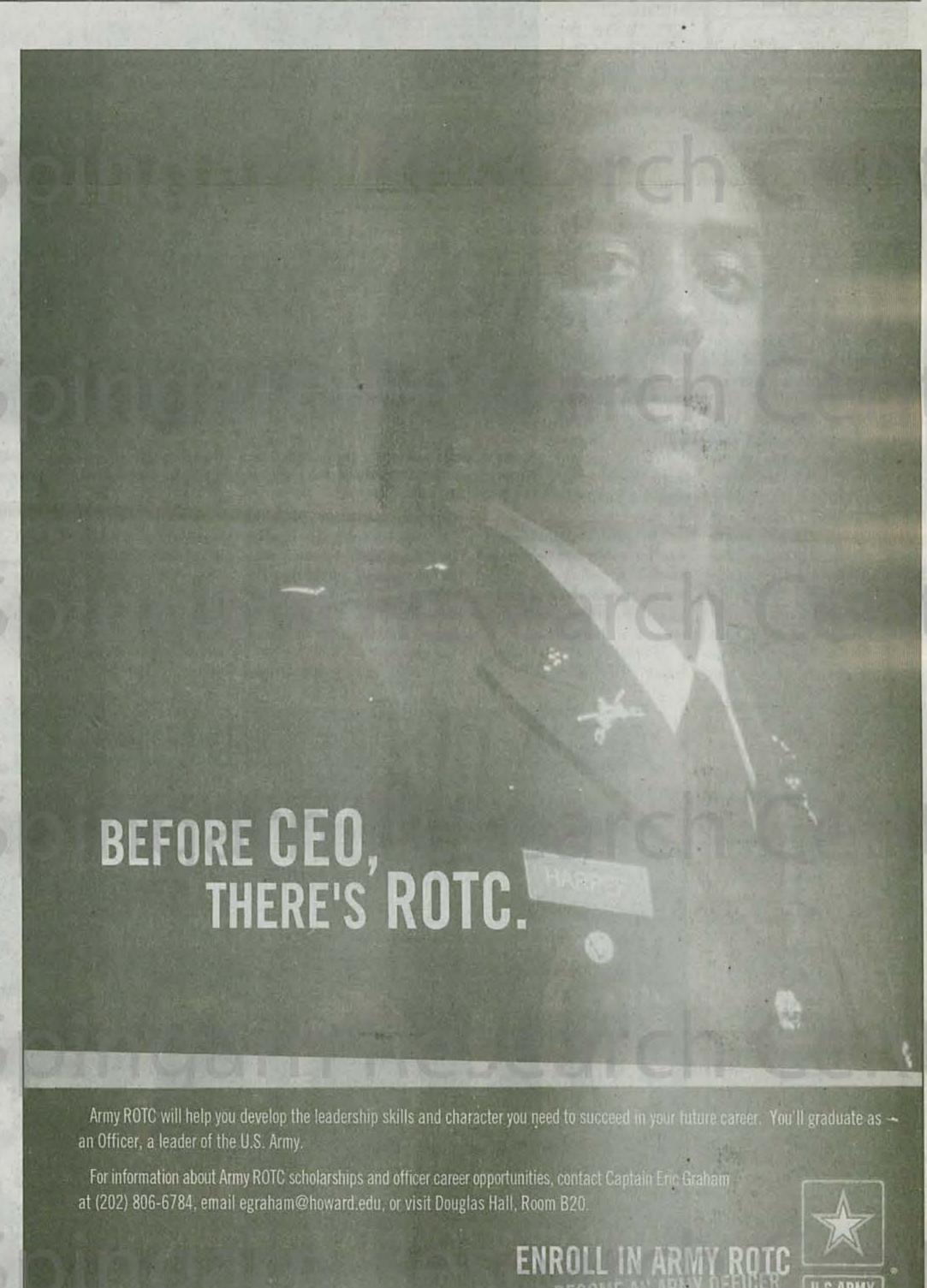
The women hoped to end the season's losing streak with this game, but it too ended in a loss. However the women were able to score a goal at the game. It was the third goal scored by the Lady Bison this season.

The goal was made by sophomore Meghan Nick with an assist from fellow sophomore Lauren White. The Lady Bison also played a tough game against the highlanders making -25 shots during the game, 15 of which were on goal.

The Lady Bison team has been under-manned all season which has attributed to the series of losses they have had.

"All we can do is what we have been doing," said head coach of the women's team Erinn Garner. "And we can only hope something good comes out of it."

The women's team will play Delaware State away on Wednesday and the men's soccer team plays their next game Tuesday at Georgetown.



# Entertainment, Hard News Compete For Spotlight

BY DANIELLE KWATENG Hilltop Staff Writer

While standing in line at a local grocery store, customers are bombarded with news about recent celebrity divorces, pictures of the newest Hollywood baby and bizarre events, such as a Loch Ness monster citing. Tabloids and entertainment magazines are made widely available to consumers who wish to get their weekly dose of gossip.

In today's age, coverage of Hollywood celebrities, music, movies, television and style often takes

precedence in students' lives over factual and real life events in society.

"I love to read about 'celebreality' just because it's interesting," said freshman marketing major Keith Malcolm. "I don't feel any more enlightened or smarter from it, but it keeps me entertained."

Lifestyle and entertainment reporting remains popular among teens and young adults, since it is heavily covered by the media.

Recently Katie Couric, anchor of the CBS Evening News, received much flack from critics about her broadcast

lacking hard news reporting, according to The National Review Online.

"There's nothing wrong with [entertainment reporting]," said Dr. Clint C. Wilson of the department of journalism. "When it overshadows real news, it is a disservice to the community."

Television news shows like Inside Edition and Entertainment Tonight present information in an evening news show format.

"The name [Inside Edition] implies that it is serious news, and it's exploiting the audience," said Wilson, a professor of multicultural media history. "Serious news is not being reported on these shows and by its omission, it makes it seem unimportant."

Wilson also said that the media knows what kinds of topics to exploit, especially involving entertainment. Reporting sensationalized news began with yellow journalism around 1895, in the battle between William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer. Both leaders of two prominent newspapers, Hearst and Pulitzer competed over reporting the "best" and latest news. A circulation war started and journalism began to suffer as reporters started to make up stories. Fraudulent stories with fake interviews and misleading headlines dominated the newspaper industry at the time.

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Today, many television viewers choose entertainment shows, like Flavor of Love, over hard news shows like with factual content.

Edward R. Murrow, the wellrespected television pioneer, revolutionized reporting through honest news broadcasting on CBS in the 1950s. Best remembered for his criticism of the Red Scare and Senator Joseph McCarthy, Murrow presented the facts about daily news stories that affected the country.

"Hard news reporting allows us to gain greater access to the world The "hard news" of journalism around us, and it allows us to become reports the "who, what, where, when, familiar with and create our own though this might sound sad, I'd pick why and how" in a simple, straight- opinions on important issues that up an Elle or Vogue magazine before can affect our everyday lives, our a newspaper any day."

families and our rights," said junior print journalism major Shani Stitt. "I don't see how reporting on which celeb is dating which can compare to hard news."

However, as long as entertainment icons stay in the limelight, reporters and readers will stay tuned into their every move.

"Style is important, especially here at Howard," said sophomore English major Jennifer Ridley. "Even

Edward R. Murrow, an early champion of serious news, was often forced to compete for ratings against comedian Milton Berle.

# Coming From America: Black Americans Visit 'Motherland'

BY DANIELLE KWATENG Hilltop Staff Writer

During the early half of the twentieth century, "Garveyism" was popular throughout the black community. During the 1960s, the idea of "Black Pride" reintroduced the next generation of thinks the leaderblack Americans to embrac- ship in the U.S. ing their past. Malcolm X and Africa is lacktraveled to Ghana in 1964 and came back rejoicing the enormous strides the country made. He encouraged black Americans to go. Blacks felt a deeper connection to Africa in those days because a lot of African aspects were still prominent in black American culture.

As time has past, the amount of people who now reside in major cites on the continent has increased. Celebrities like Stevie Wonder, the Williams's sisters and Afeni Shakur (Tupac's mother) have homes in Africa. The Western world has virtually cities. But with all of this towards its heritage. change, many would assume Sophomore black Americans have gotten major Ricardo Hook said

closer to their rich heritage.

"We've yet to find issues that would bridge the gap," said political science professor, John Davis.

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ing the connection it had previously. Davis added by saying that going to Africa gives blacks "a sense of another culture and [the ability to] appreciate this country. Blacks are able to bond with the people Africans and learn about their own rich history at the same time."

Howard students generally have a good sentiment toward traveling to Africa, taken over with McDonald's but realize the lack of enthuand Pizza Huts in many major siasm of current generations

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Many question whether there remains a strong connection between black Americans and Africans of the continent, while others see Africa as home.

"If it doesn't directly involve us, why should we deal with it." Hook also thinks that the reason blacks have lost their connection is that they no longer have leaders to bridge the gap.

"Back in the '60s African Malcolm made it seem dire to

African Americans feel like Americans were more passionate because they didn't have accessibility to Africa. The mystery behind Africa made it more intriguing and gave people something to hope for in desperate times," Hook said. "Leaders like

you came from, ers, like Jesse Jackson, more focused on internal prob-Iems. Now we have the access, but not the will and motivation to explore Africa."

Some students also think black Americans should have a presence in Africa than they currently do.

"I feel we don't have a strong ence in Africa. It is because we are not really informed and people don't

take the time to understand what's going on there," said freshman actuarial science major Courtney Singleton. "There are a lot of issues in the continent, but a lot of beauty. One day when I am financially able, I would love

go and see where to go," Singleton said.

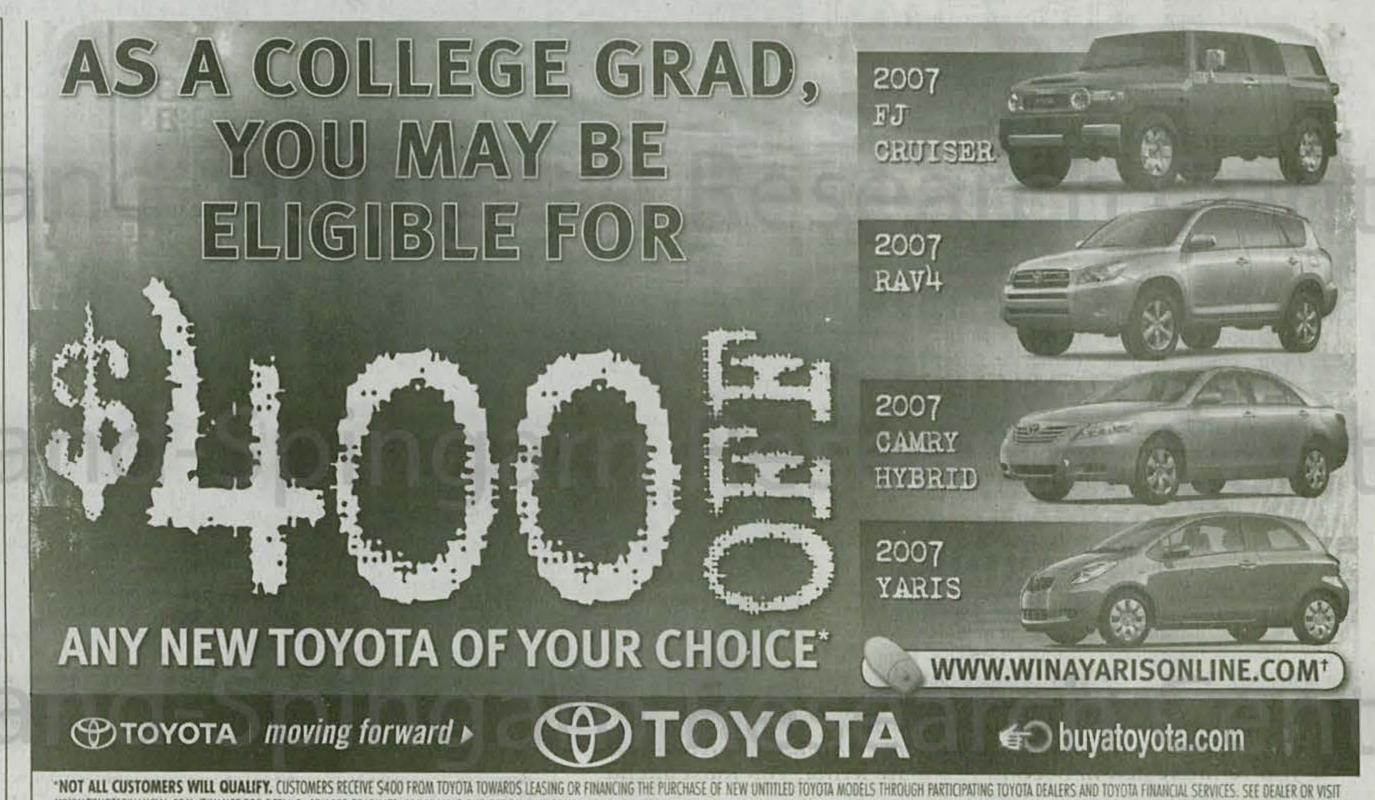
When asked about Africa but today's lead- and the many myths that need to be dispelled, Nigerian native and junior public relations major Faith Ohai said, "Just like any other place, you have the good and the bad." Ohai added, "Two things that people need to realize is: one, Africa is not a country, but a very diverse continent. And secondly, there are poor and sick people in America too."

Ohai said Africans are eager to see their relatives from America. "Africans respond to black American tourists with joy and admiration by saying 'Welcome Home' with open arms, and often identify them by their features as to what tribe they may belong to."

Kayode Oluwola, a senior civil engineering major agreed with Ohai and said the only way to dispel what the media portrays to students is to simply, "ignore it and ask your peers." He also said that, although breaking news is usually correct, it is best to visit Africa, allowing students to appreciate more of their culture.

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### **Homecoming Tickets... Finally**

A few weeks ago, The Hilltop gave students advice on being considerate when buying tickets and realizing life (and classes) go on after Homecoming. However, our

advice maybe should have been to the Homecoming Steering Committee to put tickets on sale in a timely manner.

We pride our University on having a Homecoming like no other, and that should be seen in every aspect of the highly publicized event.

Tickets are finally on sale for the most anticipated events: the Comedy Show, the second Fashion Show, the R&B Concert and the Step Show.

The reality is that no matter when tickets go on sale they will sell out. But, that doesn't make it okay for ticket saless to be delayed.

We understand many students have no problem waking at the crack of dawn to get in the line of all lines. But we aren't the primary buyers.

Howard Homecoming is not just a campus event and

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is arguably not even for students. So for the thousands of alumni and those who just want a sample of a Howard Homecoming, tickets should go on sale in a timely manner.

### **Our View:**

Howard Homecoming is a national event. The committee should have been more considerate about putting tickets on sale for those traveling across the country.

> With hotels and transbooked portation weeks in advance, Homecoming attendees should be able to know what events they will be attending just as early.

The Homecoming Steering Committee spends the entire summer on campus preparing for the October event. We know you guys worked hard to get Steve Harvey to host the comedy show and to bring Hollywood to Howard with Ice Cube as parade marshal, and that same hard work should go to putting tickets on sale responsibly.

One reason we are frustrated by the delay is because Homecoming is by far the campus event of the year, and we at The Hilltop were excited to learn tickets would be on

> sale early in hopes that it would minimize the craziness that naturally comes with an event of this caliber.

With the guaranteed madness of this morning's ticket line, many students (and those who have no other choice) are buying tickets

online.

Since events are happening next week, students should be sure not to have tickets mailed, or you will still be sitting by the mailbox during the step show. And with everyone else now buying tickets online because of the tightness on time, 'Will Call' at all events will be a circus as well.

Howard Homecoming season is here and we all hope the committee makes this year the best year yet!

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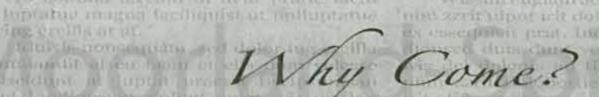
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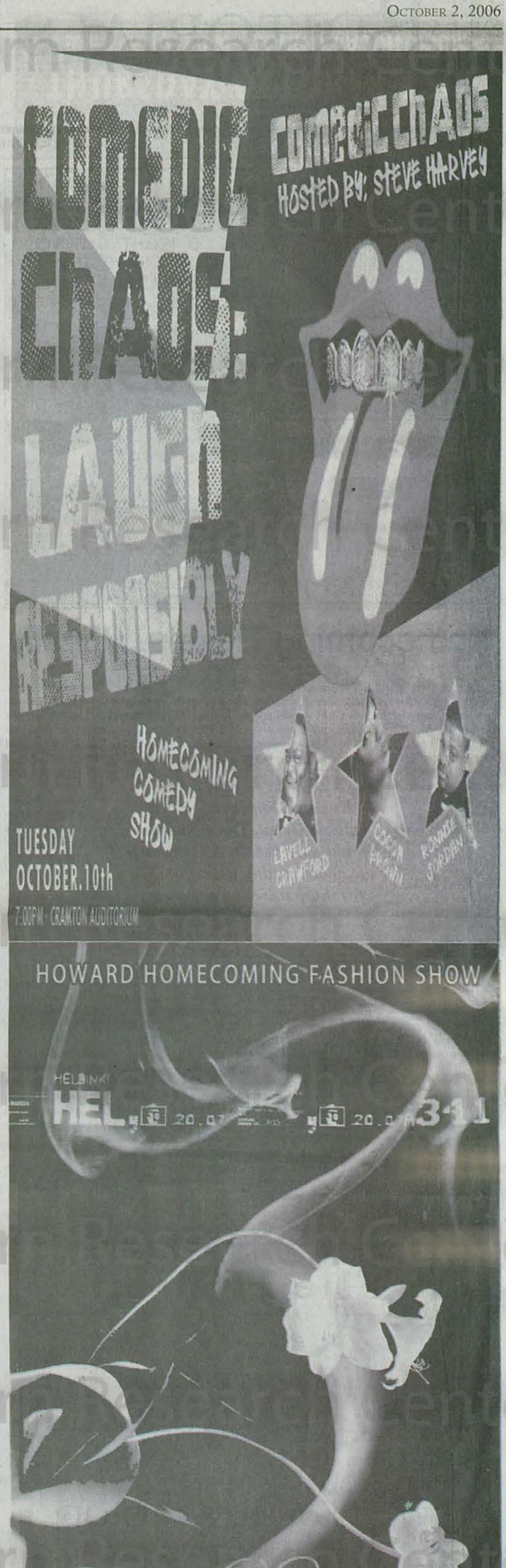
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