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Student Athletic Trainers Continue Strike

BY CARYN GRANT
Sports Editor

The student athletic trainers submitted a notice to the athletic department that they would go on strike Monday.

The letter was given to Athletic Director Dwight Datcher, Vice Provost for Student Affairs Franklin Chambers, Associate Athletic Directors Dexter Harris and Kevin Crittendon, assistant athletic trainers and team physicians.

"We're sick of volunteering with no compensation," said senior pre-physical therapy major and student athletic trainer Kristin Kimble. "We do so much and it's such a time consuming job. We want some form of compensation."

The trainers say they have been offered compensation in the form of sweats, shorts and shoes in the past, and more recently vouchers and assistance with housing and registration.

"Basically, we're tired and frustrated," Kimble said. "We have been promised things in the past and it hasn't happened."

Datcher said that he and the athletic department are taking the matter very seriously.

"What I'm able to gather is that it's an issue of speed," Datcher said. "We want to make changes to quick,

but it can't happen."

Kelsi Davis, also a senior pre-physical therapy major and the representative for the student athletic trainers, said that initially those student trainers that were here last year met with Datcher at that time in order to see what types of things they could receive.

"We followed up with him at the beginning of the semester and it seemed that everything was in the works and in order," Davis said. "From them until now, there has been a whole lot of run around and nothing has happened."

"We were told that we could have these things," she said. "We were told that these things were coming to us, but now they're not here."

Datcher said that he is attempting to give the student trainers "stipends that are unstipulated," but that he prefers to sit down with the student trainers to clarify



Athletic Director Dwight Datcher and athletic trainers will meet today to resolve a strike regarding multiple issues.

what their qualms are and what is the best route to go.

"No other athletic director has opened up as much as I am," said

Datcher, entering into just his eleventh month as Athletic Director at Howard. "You have to stop and think that there's a reason these things haven't happened in the past."

Datcher said that he understands the value that student trainers bring to an athletic program.

"I'm trying to give them respect like that of our varsity teams, but that takes time," he said.

"They have a big value to us as student trainers," Datcher said. "I'm attempting to up their value by giving them compensation, but it also depends on how Howard will allow

this to happen."

The student trainer's complaints also included concern of a vacancy in the position of head athletic trainer.

Datcher said that the department is attempting to fill the void of a head trainer.

"If everything was clear to have a head trainer in September, then we would have done that," he said. "No one's benefiting from us not having a head trainer."

With multiple Howard sports teams still in competition, both parties want to resolve this issue as quickly as possible.

Datcher initially responded to the notice of strike hours after he received it, Kimble said, but the student trainers declined because as outlined in their letter, they would not meet with him until there was a written statement.

A meeting between the two parties has been scheduled for today.

"We enjoy doing what we do, but we have to look out for ourselves right now," Kimble said. "Hopefully we don't have to miss any games, but if that's what it comes down to, we're prepared to do that."

"[The athletic department] would have to do the best we can. That's all we can do," Datcher said of the possibility that teams would have to continue to compete without the services of the student athletic trainers.

"But I think we can work something out, so I won't even put that scenario into play."

Haunted Hilltop: Frights and Delights



Tyrene Clemens - Staff Photographer

Howard University Residence Life sponsored the annual Haunted Hilltop, Tuesday night in Cook Hall. The free event was open to Howard students and the surrounding community.

The spooky attraction featured classic and contemporary horror movie villains such as Jason from the "Friday the 13th" series, Jigsaw from the "Saw" series, and the Cryptkeeper from "Tales From the Crypt."

Crowds began gathering before 6 p.m. for the Halloween event, which also offered free popcorn and cotton candy. The event ended at 11 p.m.

Students and community members alike donned their costumes in celebration, while music and dancing took over the street. Despite lengthy lines, visitors were entertained with the common Halloween performance of the dance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

Tutorial Programs Aid HU Students

BY MERCIA WILLIAMS-MURRAY
Contributing Writer

A student has a plethora of options when it comes to seeking assistance for their academic woes. Almost every school has some sort of tutorial program set up to help students that may be having problems with one or more courses.

Chair of the mathematics department, Dr. Abdul-Aziz Yakubu said, "We do have a tutorial service here in Academic Support Building B. It's on the first floor. The tutorial lab is run almost every day and students can go there to get help," he said. "The lab is run by some grad students and undergrad students as well. Students can always come up to the math department and ask individual professors for help. Tutorial services are just an extra service. HUSA runs one [a tutorial service] in the Engineering Building, another source of help for our students."

Senior mathematics major and tutor in the Center for Academic Reinforcement (CAR), Makeda Murray said, "We require that [students] come in with their textbook and notes. We go through practice questions. I will usually give them a question after the practice questions. If they don't understand, we go through it again."

A living testament to the effectiveness of the service, junior marketing major Shawn Bagat said, "The extra help has been very...helpful."

As a math instructor and assistant director of CAR, Dr. Rackham Goodlett is helping Bagat with implicit differential, a concept found in calculus.

Murray said, "Every hour we have seven to 10 people. When Dr. Goodlett has a test, the lab is packed. It's around 50 people

a day. When it's closer to midterms or finals, we see about a 100 [students] a day."

Most of the students who come to the lab seek help with algebra 1 and 2, pre-calculus, and calculus 1-3. A few come in with questions about linear algebra and statistics.

Goodlett said, "occasionally some of the teachers will drop by and assist. Tutoring doesn't only go in the center. Students can come in my office with various levels of mathematics and get individual help."

Goodlett also praises the director of the program. He said, "Dr. Valerie Lawson is very supportive to students and students can feel free to come at any time to arrange for help. Don't wait until you're in trouble. People are friendly and willing to help."

CAR operates in Academic Support Building B, Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Writing Center is another popular stop for students in need. It is located in Locke Hall, Room 100 and operates on Mondays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Timothy Lyle, a graduate assistant for the English department said, "The Writing Center provides tutoring for undergraduate students in various disciplines. We provide assistance with style, structure and grammar," he said. "Honestly, the students dictate direction of their session based on their specific writing needs. The tutors in the Writing Center empower students to improve their own writing skills rather than providing a copy editing service."

Health Fair Promotes Better Lifestyle

BY EBONI FARMER
Hilltop Staff Writer

In order to create a more health conscious staff, the Universities Office of Total Compensation sponsored a wellness fair yesterday in the Blackburn ballroom.

"This fair was organized to heighten the awareness of the universities staff so that they may have healthier lifestyle," said benefits counselor and Howard alum Bridget Marshall.

Since October was breast cancer awareness month, the fair particularly targeted this issue of breast cancer.

"It is important that all women are aware of their risk of getting breast cancer. Especially, African-

American women because they are dying at higher rates than any other race in the country," said health professor Dennis Waller.

"Eating healthy and exercising are the basic things that everyone should do in order to be healthy it does not matter if you are a student or staff," Waller said.

The fair was also host to a raffle in which prizes related to health such as basketballs, health books and scales were raffled off to participants.

Among the organizations at the event was the Howard University Hospital Diabetes Support Group.

"When I was diagnosed

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Tyrene Clemens - Staff Photographer

A wellness fair hosted in Blackburn spread information about breast cancer and health insurance.

Home For The Holidays Too Short For Certain Howard Students

BY CRYSTAL SCHANETTE
Contributing Writer

Having class during the scheduled time is how the school system works. However many Howard students would prefer if their professors canceled scheduled classes during the holidays.

"Holiday's should be used to be with family," said freshman biology major Brittany Gibbs. Gibbs, a native of Charleston, S.C., believes that she has no time to really relax and enjoy her breaks because of time constraints.

The days allotted off for Thanksgiving break for Howard students are: Thursday Nov. 23 and Friday Nov. 24. Classes resume that Monday Nov. 27.

Some students believe classes on that Wednesday or Monday should be canceled.

"It's like high school all over again," said junior administration of justice major LaQueenia Brown. "In high school I got two days off from school and then the weekend. Although we did at least have half days or early dismissal on that Wednesday," she said.

In order to gain a longer break during the Christmas season, Brown asks her professor at the beginning of the semester when their perspective final will be.

"I'm from Cleveland, so I don't get to go home that often and see my family, and the [airline] tickets aren't cheap," said Brown. Brown plans to study abroad next semester so she will no longer have to worry about vacation time since school does not start until mid January.

"I'm not complaining as much this year cause I'm going to London next semester. But I think it sucks that my friends only get like two weeks off," said Brown.

Standard winter break is two weeks long, depending on when a student's last exam is. The last day for finals is Dec. 21, and classes resume Jan. 4, 2007. Many students are disturbed by this fact.

"If you go to other schools they get a month off for winter break," said junior speech pathology major Diane Byrce. The University of Maryland (UMD) offers mini classes during the month of January.

UMD has final exams Dec. 14-20. The school is closed Dec. 25, 2006- Jan. 1, 2007. The university's winter term begins Jan. 2, 2007 and lasts until Jan 22. Regular classes for spring semester begin the Jan. 24.

In comparison to UMD, it seems Howard's breaks are especially short. However, Howard University closes on all legal holidays. Many universities do not get legal holidays off, such as Columbus Day or Veterans Day.

Still students would prefer longer breaks over long weekends.

"I'm not used to getting legal holidays off," said freshman biology major Michelle Ramos.

Ramos attended Wilmington Friends School, a K-12 school in Delaware. "We got two weeks off for Christmas and Spring break, one week in February, and a five day vacation for Thanksgiving. I am used to long one and two week breaks every so often during the school year," said Ramos.

German Oral Profession and Literature and Society professor Paul Logan understands student's frustration with breaks.

"I see why students would like to know when exactly their exams are. I would imagine booking tickets months in advance is cheaper," Logan said. Logan does not change his cancel class for breaks or change test dates.

Dr. Annette Ivory Dunzo does not cancel classes either. "I think students know who does and who doesn't cancel class. That's not to say students always attend," Dunzo said.

Students have rarely complained or asked Dr. Dunzo to cancel class for breaks because her exams are departmental, and occur the first week of finals.



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While Thanksgiving break is only a few days, it can be longer depending on students' schedules.

"I have more students complain and [who are] absent more during homecoming," Dunzo said.

Dunzo is a facilitator for Spanish 1, 2, and 3 and tells professors not to change exam schedules.

"We are not supposed to change exam schedules, because they are done by the University and they don't want us to," Dunzo said. Dunzo holds class no matter what because she knows some students make the effort to come to class.

"I have never had a class where no students showed up. If they make the effort than I can make the effort," said Dunzo.

Sophomore psychology major Edson Breedy thinks professors should cancel class only if "all the work is done, not just because students want [professors] them too." Breedy is from St. Augustine, Trinidad, and will not be traveling home because of time constraints. Breedy's last final isn't until Dec. 21 and, "it just doesn't make sense to go home."

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Hilltop Staff Writer

Midterm Grades: Mile Marker for Academic Race

BY EBONI FARMER
Hilltop Staff Writer

Professors have submitted students' mid-term grades to Bisonweb. Many students are on the gateway to success whereas others must find an alternate route to get there.

"As of now I have all S's which means I am doing satisfactory in all my classes. In high school, I would get letter grades during mid-terms so I really knew where I stood. For all I know, that 'S' could mean I am barely passing," said freshman sociology major Brittany Murphy.

Math professor Sankar Sitarman said he is not sure what other professor's methods are when it comes to mid-term grades but he has his own way of giving students the U's and S's.

"I give my students either satisfactory or unsatisfactory based on how they have done in the class as of now and what I think they might get on the final exam," he said.

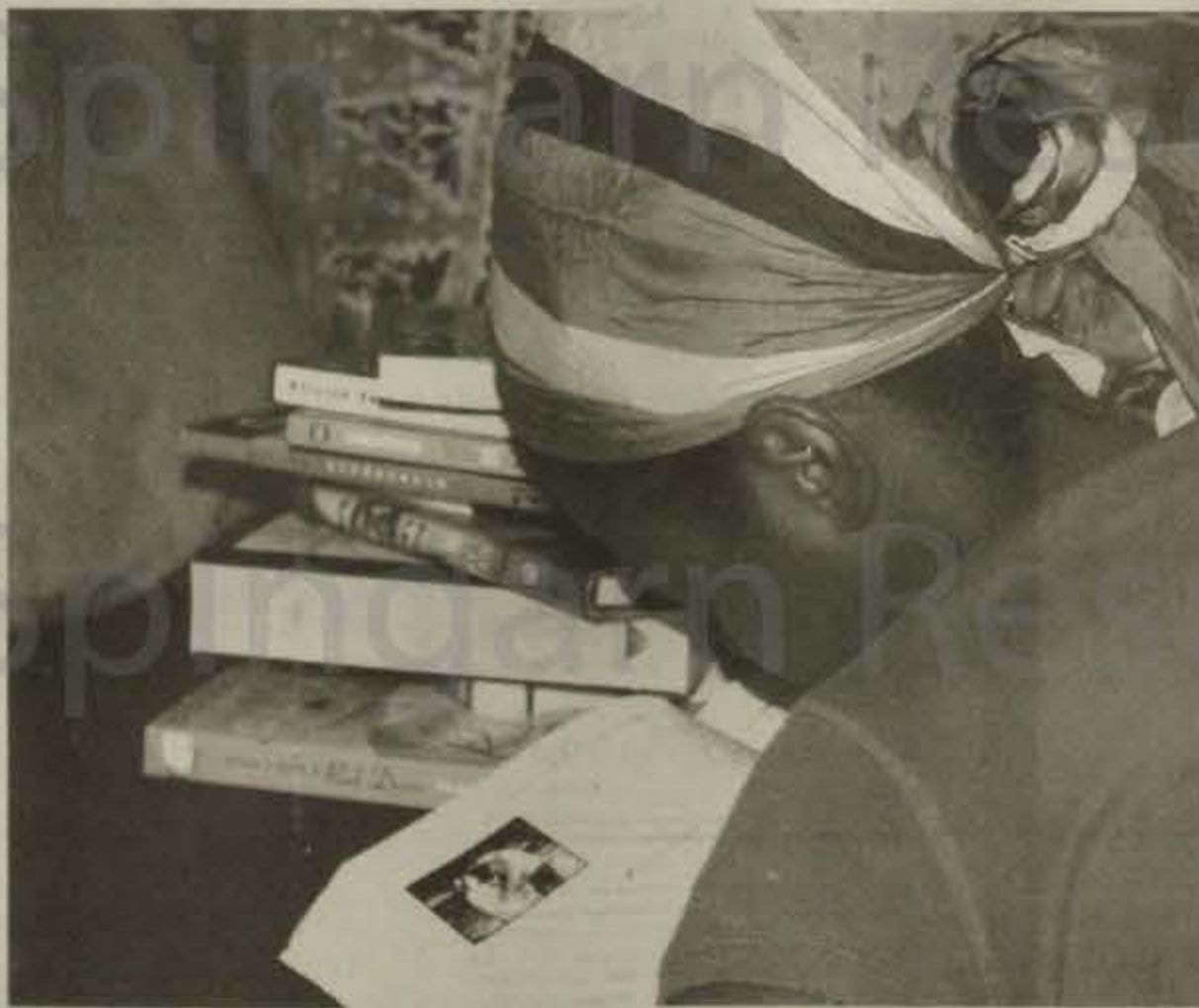
He also said that his mid-term grades are a warning to those students who need to put in more time and effort. It is an encouragement for those who are doing well to keep

up the hard work.

Freshman chemical engineering major Sharde Daniels talked to her calculus professor Kevin Hunter to get advice on how she could improve her grade.

"I got a unsatisfactory in my Calculus I class and it's not because I should not be taking the course. I study and I understand the material but I do poorly on the tests. My professor said that there is still time I just have to work harder so I can get my grade up," she said.

Spanish professor Julia Riviera has had students get unsatisfactory grades in her class but they were able to bring their grade up to an 'A' or 'B' before the semester ended.



File Photo
Many students don't check with professors about their academic progress often so for many, midterms serve as a wake up call.

"If students have an unsatisfactory grade, it's important that they do go and talk to their professor to see what they need to do in order to improve. I give students

still they may do well on the test but attendance is worth 10 percent of their grade in my class," Riviera said.

Sophomore computer science

major Shanese Charles believes that going to class is the easiest assignment any student can be given.

"I actually like it when teachers make attendance a part of the grade percentage. My political science professor counts attendance as a huge part of what our final grade because she does not give tests or quizzes. If attendance is what is bringing your grade down just go to class; it is not that difficult," she said.

Riviera gave these words to students, "for those students who are doing well, keep up the good work and those who are not, work harder and make sure you get you are paying for."

Sitarman said that withdrawal is an option but should be taken with precaution.

"If students are doing so poorly that there is no way their grades can improve they have the option to withdraw but they should be careful. Students on scholarships risk losing them if they withdraw from a course," he said.

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Reading The Hilltop in class is not a good thing.*

*This is a joke. Reading The Hilltop in class is a good thing. It helps you stay on top of campus news and events. It's a great way to stay informed and entertained. So, go ahead and read The Hilltop in class. It's a good thing.

Wellness Fair Educates About Health Issues

FAIR, from A1

with diabetes there were already warning signs that I had it, I just did not know what they were," said member of the support group, Lillian Davis. "Constant thirst, hunger and sleepiness are a few of symptoms I had before I was diagnosed."

Mary Ball, president of the organization, said that if diabetes runs in a family it is important to get checked frequently since the disease is hereditary.

"I was recently at the local Boy's and Girls' Club and I talked to a mother and son who both had diabetes. It is a disease that you have to learn to incorporate into your life and control," she said.

Julia Edwards, a sophomore nursing major, also attended the event.

"I am a diabetic, I have been since I was 10. Which means I always had to be watched by mom because I have to be on a certain diet. Diabetes is something that I have had to learn to live with," she said.

There were also insurance companies at the fair to help people be aware of the importance of insurance before an emergency happens.

"Many times people wait until they are

in the emergency room to think about getting insurance," said Devora Hill, a representative from the Care First/Blue Shield insurance company. "Insurance should be a priority when it comes to health awareness because the insurance company pays the expenses."

Rachael Pope, a recruiter from the National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education program (NMOtte), is a strong advocate for health awareness.

"Learn to be responsible for your own health. No one knows your body like you do so if something is not right do not avoid going to the doctor because it might only make things worse in the end," she said.

The mission of the NMOtte program, which is located at Howard University Hospital, is to first reduce the number of African Americans who need organ and tissue transplants, secondly increase health awareness, and lastly to increase diversity in health care.

"Being healthy is the only way anyone can live a productive life. It is vital that we protect our lives by living healthy so that we can see our grandchildren and their children's, children," said health professor Waller.

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Psychiatrist: There Is A Link

Exploring Whether There Is a Connection Between Priestly Celibacy and Numerous Sexual Abuse Cases of Minors In The Church

BY MIRANDA TEEL
Contributing Writer

While an altar boy at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Lake Wood, Fl., 13-year-old Congressman Mark Foley engaged in a two-year inappropriate sexual relationship with Anthony Mercieca, a Catholic priest. Foley faults this prior molestation for his misconduct with the page boys.

Foley's case, along with Pope Benedict XVI's recent comments about sexual abuse in the church have resurfaced the issue beleaguering the Catholic church.

A Link?

California psychiatrist Dr. Mohan Nair, specializing in sexual disorders and adolescent adult psychiatry, believes there is a link between celibacy in priesthood and the numerous cases of sexual abuses of altar boys.

"The bottom line is, individuals that can't handle their sexual urges are drawn into priesthood as an attempt to mask these feelings, and then in turn act out inappropriate sexual feelings on these boys," Nair said.

In recent times, the subject of celibacy for Catholic priests has again stepped into the forefront of the media.

Father Ashley Madison of Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Raeford, N.C., maintains that "sexual crimes are not caused by celibacy, but poor or incorrect practices in seminary, undercut by inappropriate seminary activity, and a complete loss of faith in Christ and the Church."

While Nair concludes priests choose to have sex with boys because [sex] is more threatening with adults.

"Sex with boys is seen as a better alternative and often the act of fondling or masturbating with these boys is not viewed as sexual, this 'cognitive distortion' results due to a mistaken mind set," Nair said.

The John Jay study, a study conducted by the John

Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, concluded that at least 10,667 people had reported claims of childhood sexual abuse by 4,392 priests or deacons between 1950 and 2002.

This represents 4 percent of the approximately 110,000 diocesan and clergymen who served in the U.S. in those years. Only 2 percent of reported sex abuse resulted in incarceration (3 percent were prosecuted and convicted but, of those, a third will not serve time, or have yet to serve time.)

Initial reporting of sexual abuse by the clergy occurred predominantly from the 1960's to 1980's.

One of the most well-known instances of a clergyman abusing his authority to initiate sex abuse took place in Ireland, where Father Brendan Smyth raped and sexually abused hundreds of boys between 1945 and 1990.

Should the Rules Be Changed?

Noel Tudor, a devotee of Catholicism and freshman biology major at Catholic University agrees that priests should be permitted to engage in sexual relations.

"I think that [priests] should be able to have sex and engage in healthy sexual relationships with women. [Priests] would be better off that way."

Freshman allied health major Carlos Alvarez believes priests should keep the historical vows.

"No, [priests] took a vow of celibacy and since they took that vow, they should follow through with it," Alvarez said.

Father Martin Yina, the Roman Catholic Chaplain of Howard University agrees.

"No one forces individuals into priesthood. The vow of celibacy goes with the territory. If you commit yourself to lead a chaste, unmarried life, this means you should give up sexuality for the sake of the kingdom."



Photo Courtesy of www.washingtonpost.com

Last year in the U.S., 783 new sex abuse claims were made, costing the Roman Catholic Church nearly \$1.5 billion since 1950, figures show. Over the weekend, the Pope said these "egregious crimes" have caused "wounds" that "run deep."

Celibacy vs. Chastity

Clerical celibacy is defined as the assumption of a life of abstinence, this includes refraining from marriage and sexual relations, including masturbation and "impure thoughts," such as sexual visualizations and fantasies, according to the American Society for the Defense of Tradition of Family Property.

This vow of chastity is different from clerical celibacy in that the vow is made to God, while the promise of clerical celibacy is made to the Church. The Church wishes to imitate the life of Jesus in that the Lord surpassed marriage and lived a life of celibacy for the "sake of the people."

Clerical celibacy is also followed by the monastic orders of Hindu and Buddhist traditions in the East.

Celibacy: A Discipline Not A Doctrine

Madison defines celibacy as "a freely elected dynamic state, habitually vowed, that entails a sincere and unrelenting effort to subsist without direct sexual gratification in order to serve others productively for a spiritual motive."

Celibacy for priests is a discipline in the Roman Catholic faith, not a doctrine, according to the Apocalyptic Origin of Priestly Celibacy. Because the rule of celibacy is a law and not a doctrine, it can be changed at leisure of the Pope. Doctrines cannot be changed.

Followers of Catholicism view the act of celibacy as a manifestation of life in heaven, and a means of separation from the material world, which is thought to enhance one's relationship with God.

When entering priesthood in the Roman Catholic faith,

men take a vow of celibacy, this stipulates that after ordination one may not marry or engage in sexual relations.

This obligation of celibacy comes from the biblical reference of Matthew 19:12, where Jesus is quoted as stating "... they have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept this." An "eunuch" in this reference is an individual who has renounced marriage and plans to remain celibate.

Married Priests

Although priest are still obligated to remain abstinent, married Roman Catholic priests do in fact exist. Priests that are part of the Eastern Catholic Churches, also known as the Eastern Rite, in places such as Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and the Ukraine.

These churches under jurisdiction of the Vatican

allow priests to marry.

Married ministers in other Christian denominations exist, typically in the Anglican or Lutheran churches, according to Yina.

The exception to the celibacy rule was created on July 22, 1980 and stipulates if such a priest elects to change to Roman Catholicism, he can apply to a local bishop, who submits a special application to the Pope.

These decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. If approved, [the priest] is not expected to divorce or otherwise separate from his spouse.

Trinity University senior marketing major and Catholic James Smith disagrees with priests that marry.

"To openly allow priest to carry out normal lives would ruin the sanity of the Catholic Church and would not be in the likeness of God. I do not condone these priest having sex with boys however, as priests they should remain celibate."

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Patrick Faces Bradley Effect

BY ALLEN HAYNES
Contributing Writer

The 2006 election cycle has been one of the best in terms of high-profile participation by African Americans. This election season brought about three African Americans contending in well-publicized gubernatorial races.

Former NFL player Lynn Swann is seeking election in Pennsylvania, while Ken Blackwell and Deval Patrick campaign for positions in Ohio and Massachusetts, respectively. Based on polling data, political pundits have given only Patrick any shot at winning their contentious elections.

Both Swann and Blackwell are said to be trailing their opponents by double digits as election day nears. A recent poll conducted by the Rasmussen Report, an electronic publishing firm that specializes in polling, shows Swann trailing by as much as 17 points. According to the same poll Blackwell, Ohio's Secretary of State, is a full 14 points behind his Democratic opponent.

The campaign of Massachusetts businessman and attorney Patrick is in stark contrast to those of Swann and Blackwell. Patrick, who served as Vice Chair of the Massachusetts Judicial Nominating Council, is leading in the polls by 24 percentage points. This is a significant feat, even in a historically Democratic "blue state" like Massachusetts. It might be possible, however, that the polling data is supplying misleading information.

A buzz has been growing about a recent Newsweek article detailing the "Bradley Effect." The term was coined after Tom Bradley, an African-American gubernatorial candidate in California and former mayor of Los Angeles, lost a projected winning bid in 1982 due to deceptive polling data.

The data accurately conveyed what pollsters gathered from the polls -- that the primarily white population would support Bradley's candidacy. The problem was that voters simply didn't follow through and instead, voted for his white opponent.

Many are wondering if the same fate will befall Patrick, the favorite in the Massachusetts race for governor. Patrick consistently polls well among white voters, as did Bradley, but the question remains: Will these voters actually select his name on the ballot?

When asked whether the "Bradley Effect" would have any bearing on Patrick's candidacy, political science professor Michael Frazier, Ph.D., said that one can only

guess. "No one can predict the future," Frazier said. "You can only follow the trends, which are the polls."

Frazier, who also serves as executive editor of the "Government & Politics Journal," said that other factors are at play, besides race. "The 'Bradley Effect' gives too much weight to race and not enough to politics," Frazier said.

Students seemed to agree with Frazier's assessment of any impact the "Bradley Effect" may have on Patrick's campaign. "I doubt that it will make much of a difference," said radio/TV/film major Jordan Costen. "He's pretty far ahead so a few percentage points won't lose the race."

Political science major Shar-Day Smith said, "It's hard to believe that race would be the sole issue to lose an election for him. There would have to be more to it than that."

Frazier made similar sentiments. "We try to make things black and white," he said, "but it's not that sim-



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Deval Patrick could be the second black governor in U.S. history.

Invisibility No Longer a Figment of Imagination

BY SAKITA HOLLEY
Contributing Writer

A team of American and British scientists initiated testing to discover methods of invisibility for public usage in the near future.

The team, based at of Duke University, hopes the project's findings will eventually be available for the convenience of the modern consumer.

In theory, the new technology relies on materials that bend electromagnetic waves, including visible light, around physical objects. This technology works when electromagnetic waves scatter and reflect upon striking an object, and the eye picks up this reflection.

"This cloak guides electromagnetic waves around a central region so that any object at all can be placed in that region and will not disturb the electromagnetic fields," said the project's co-author from Duke University, Dr. David Schurig.

The successful testing of the prototype proved the feasibility of such technology. By hiding objects from microwaves but not from visible light, the human eye can still

see the objects.

The prototype consisted of a cylinder, about five inches across which consisted of 10 fiberglass plates precisely etched with U-shaped copper divots to cancel reflections and shadows from microwaves.

The cloak was made of metamaterials, which are mixtures of metal and circuit board materials such as ceramic, teflon or fiber composite.

Metamaterials, also known as artificial composites, can be engineered to produce a desired change in the direction of electromagnetic waves.

Many Howard University students question the legitimacy of technology allowing a means of invisibility.

"There are three things that I don't believe in, and that's the Boogie man, the Easter bunny and Harry Potters' invisible cloak," said freshman public relations major Shanelle Dennis.

Other students expressed a greater interest in the possible uses of invisibility as opposed the aspects of its technology.

Freshman fashion merchan-



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A team of scientists based at Duke University are testing an imaginary "cloak," using electromagnetic waves and visible light.

dising major Alyse Richardson said that she would use such technology to be "nosey," while sophomore telecommunications major Carla Durandisse said that she would use the technology to "go to the mall

and stock up on new clothes, shoes and everything else."

Scientists see many possibilities for the technology of the cloak. Though it's imperfect in its current state, researchers believe that the

device could still be used to render an object invisible to radar or to improve cell phone receptions by rerouting signals around obstructions. It might also be used to protect people from penetrating and harmful radiation.

Although its use remains a concern for the public, researchers are focused on building a better model. At press time, the team of researchers was attempting to create a cloak that works in three dimensions to perfect the cloaking effect.

The possibility of abuse still looms large over the project in the eyes of Howard students.

Richardson said that it could be used for illegal activity. Durandisse agrees, "If the cloak were released to the general public, there would have to be certain laws or amendments [created] to regulate the use of the device."

Stanford professors and members from the original research team were unavailable for comments with the Hilltop.

Big Biz @ HU: The Society for Advancement in Management

BY BRITTANY HUTSON
Biz & Tech Editor

For students who have noticed a void in the area of management on campus, prepare for the Society for the Advancement in Management (SAM) to fill that void. SAM has a mission to "reach out to students at Howard and educate them on opportunities that can help them within their careers."

A newly established organization on campus, SAM consists of: senior management majors Saul Camara, who is vice president of membership and recruits, president Kristin Bridges, vice president of fund raising Kevin Horton, Nuru West for vice president of programs and sophomore management major Brian Louis serves as vice president of publicity. These five students have all joined together due to the "gap" that exists in the School of Business for those interested in management.

"I saw the gap between what management majors needed from corporate recruiters and what [management majors] had," Horton said. "I wanted to be apart of bridging that gap. I figure that if I could establish something meaningful within the School of Business then I could come back and help out and say I was apart of bringing this to Howard."

Louis explained that as an underclassman, he was concerned about the lack of organizations directed toward his major.

"As a sophomore, there were really no organizations geared toward my major," he said. "SAM fit for what I wanted to do because it focused on teaching management in all areas."

SAM was on campus years before, but was not as well known as the executive board members intend to make it this year. To assert themselves as a valid organization on campus, the e-board members had to go through HUSA to fill out a census form, recruit 10 interested students and

write a constitution.

SAM is an international organization with another local chapter at George Mason University. The national SAM chapter is located in Texas.

"It's set up so that we develop into professionals," Horton said. "A lot of the contacts we get for our programs we have to seek out ourselves, so the independence is geared towards our growth as people and for the organization."

Bridges said that their intent is to educate and provide awareness for students. SAM stresses that with management, one can enter the entertainment field, attend law school, medical school or graduate school.

SAM plans to present professionals with experience in management outside and within the corporate business world during programs. From these models, SAM would like to focus on the skills that are needed in the world for one's future initiatives. They welcome working with successful business minorities to share their experiences and working with other local SAM chapters.

SAM stresses the importance of participation in the society, which will give students the opportunity to interact with executive board members and groom them as future board members.

"I think as e-board members we have a leg up in the experience we're getting," Horton said. "From working with each other, to networking, we want to solicit an opportunity for people to participate and become e-board and committee members."

West said, "We need different majors in SAM, like accountants. We welcome people to bring their own knowledge and expertise to the organization."

To learn more about SAM, refer to their group on Facebook or attend the second general body meeting held tonight at 7 p.m. in the School of Business room 567.

Lawsuits Attempt to Stifle Downloading

BY CORTNEY CLEVELAND
Contributing Writer

The music industry recently launched 8,000 new lawsuits against music file sharers around the globe in its latest attempt to deter illegal music downloading. However, the industry's efforts may be unsuccessful.

Junior television production major Alexis Taylor believes lawsuits are not an effective way to discourage music listeners from downloading music files.

"The lawsuits are too sporadic," she said. "As long as there is a chance people won't get caught, they will continue to do it. I can't say it's unfair [to sue downloaders] because it is stealing. But I've downloaded music and I wouldn't want to be targeted."

Many students feel the lack of empathy towards the purpose of the lawsuits contributes to the industry's lack of success in deterring illegal downloading.

"It's outlandish [for large corporations to target individuals]," said junior biology major Ciku Mwangi. "[The lawsuits] are not about protecting the artist's interests, it's about money. It's a case of the rich getting richer. If it was truly about the artist it would be a different story."

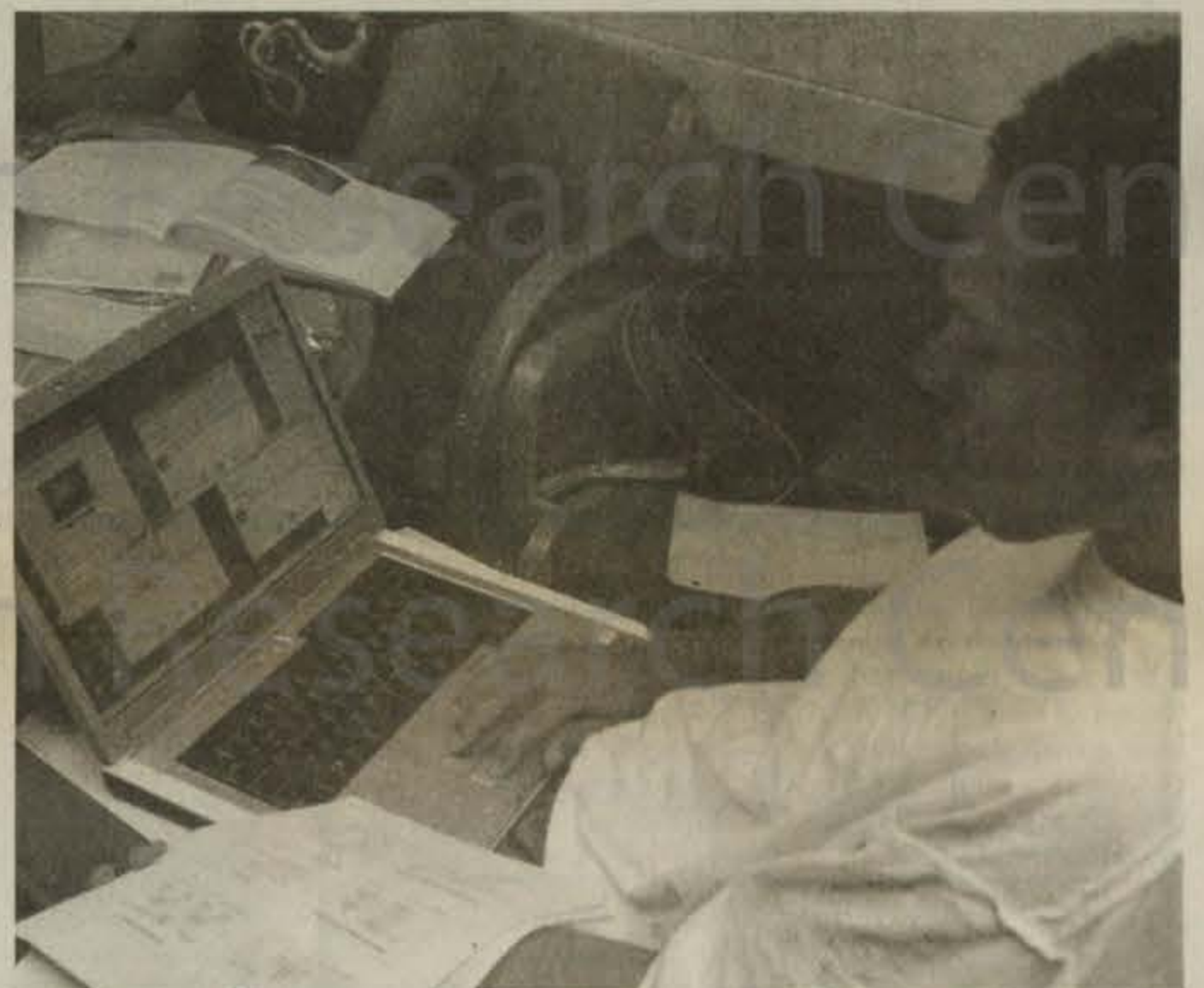
The recent lawsuits have deterred some downloaders, including sophomore legal communications major Jamisha Purdy.

"I remember during the lawsuit against [free music downloading service] Kazaa a few years ago, they posted the actual names of people who were downloading," she said. "I didn't know they could do that and find out who is actually using the sites. I don't really download anymore."

Sophomore audio production major and aspiring musician Joshua Mitchell sympathizes with the music industry's predicament.

"The music industry is simply trying to keep their jobs," he said. "With all the downloading, the industry is losing a lot of money. It's a way to keep some of the money for the artist. It could help record sales and restore order in the music world financially."

It seems the general sentiment of



File Photo

Some students have been not discouraged from downloading music, but others have taken precautions after offenders where forced to pay fines.

file sharers toward the lawsuits is one of indifference.

Since the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) announced its joint initiative with the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI) to launch copy infringement lawsuits across the world in 1999, the number of music files downloaded illegally has increased.

According to IFPI reports, nearly 20 billion songs were illegally swapped and downloaded in 2005, compared to 1 billion files in 1999.

IFPI, which represents the world's music companies in legal proceedings, stated that cases were filed in 17 countries. Brazil, Mexico, Poland, Greece, China and Indonesia were among the targeted countries.

The industry has now filed about 18,000 lawsuits in the U.S., the largest market for music sales, and 13,000 throughout the rest of the world.

The legal proceedings include criminal and civil cases that target "uploaders," individuals who put copyrighted

material on file-sharing networks without the consent of artists. The parents of children who have taken part in file sharing constitute the majority of those affected by the lawsuits.

Teachers, postal workers, scientists and even a minister in Germany have all been forced to pay music companies as a result of these lawsuits. Over 2,300 people have settled the cases thus far. The average payout has been approximately \$3,034.

IFPI advocates that the lawsuits are a reluctant attempt by the music industry to protect the interests of music artists, songwriters, and record producers.

Chairman and chief executive of IFPI John Kennedy issued a warning to music downloaders.

"There is no excuse," he said. "People should understand that they can be caught, whatever network they are using. The next time a series of lawsuits are announced you could be on the receiving end if you are an illegal file-sharer."

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--Eastman Kodak Co., is scrambling to spin larger profits from digital photography as its fabled film business erodes. It recently said its two straight years of quarterly losses narrowed in the July-September period as digital earnings surged above \$100 million.

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Inside Facebook Gives Insight to Website

BY VANESSA ROZIER
Contributing Writer

According to Times Online, the popular website Facebook.com is the seventh most visited website in the U.S., and currently has a growing membership of that has neared 10 million.

With the site's great notoriety and success, the former senior engineer for Facebook, Karel Baloun, decided to write and publish "Inside Facebook: Life, Work, and Visions of Greatness," discussing this phenomenon, what he did to obtain such success and how others can produce similar success in their own endeavors.

Baloun said Facebook has captured the loyalty of so many people because it has "enabled college students to interact with their only natural college communities." This comfort of interacting with fellow college students cannot necessarily be replicated on MySpace, Bebo, or Xanga, where anyone can be any figment of personal imagination.

Baloun's book states that Facebook's official intent is "to improve the flow and quality of information between people, to actually improve communication and relationships."

"Of the 10 million Facebook members, over two-thirds typically visit the site every day. Over 90 percent of users who have ever signed up continue to use the site today," Baloun writes.

For junior English major Karen Lawrence, Facebook proves to be useful in different ways, ranging from allowing her to contact friends, reminding them of upcoming events and finding out what's happening on campus, to meeting new people and, with the new notes feature, express her thoughts.

"If there were no Facebook," Lawrence said, "no one would celebrate another person's birthday."

Sophomore English major, Gresham Harkless uses Facebook to "see other people's profiles and to keep up with extra curricular activities." Without Facebook, he "would probably be cut off from friends from high school."

Sophomore anthropology major Kameron Arnett added, "I wouldn't keep in touch with friends on campus. It would be like taking away my cell phone."

Facebook has proven to be so useful in college that it can become addictive, as many students have already experienced.

Hip-Hop artist Nsami Aaron's song, "Facebook Livin,'" depicts the addictive nature of the website in his lyrics. "Facebook is like a drug in the community/All I do is think about it/ What did it do to me?"

The book ranges in topics from money management, to achieving goals through detailed visions and how Facebook came to be. Baloun directed his book to

Facebook users and young technological entrepreneurs who want to achieve their desired career goals. He details what Facebook was, is and might become.

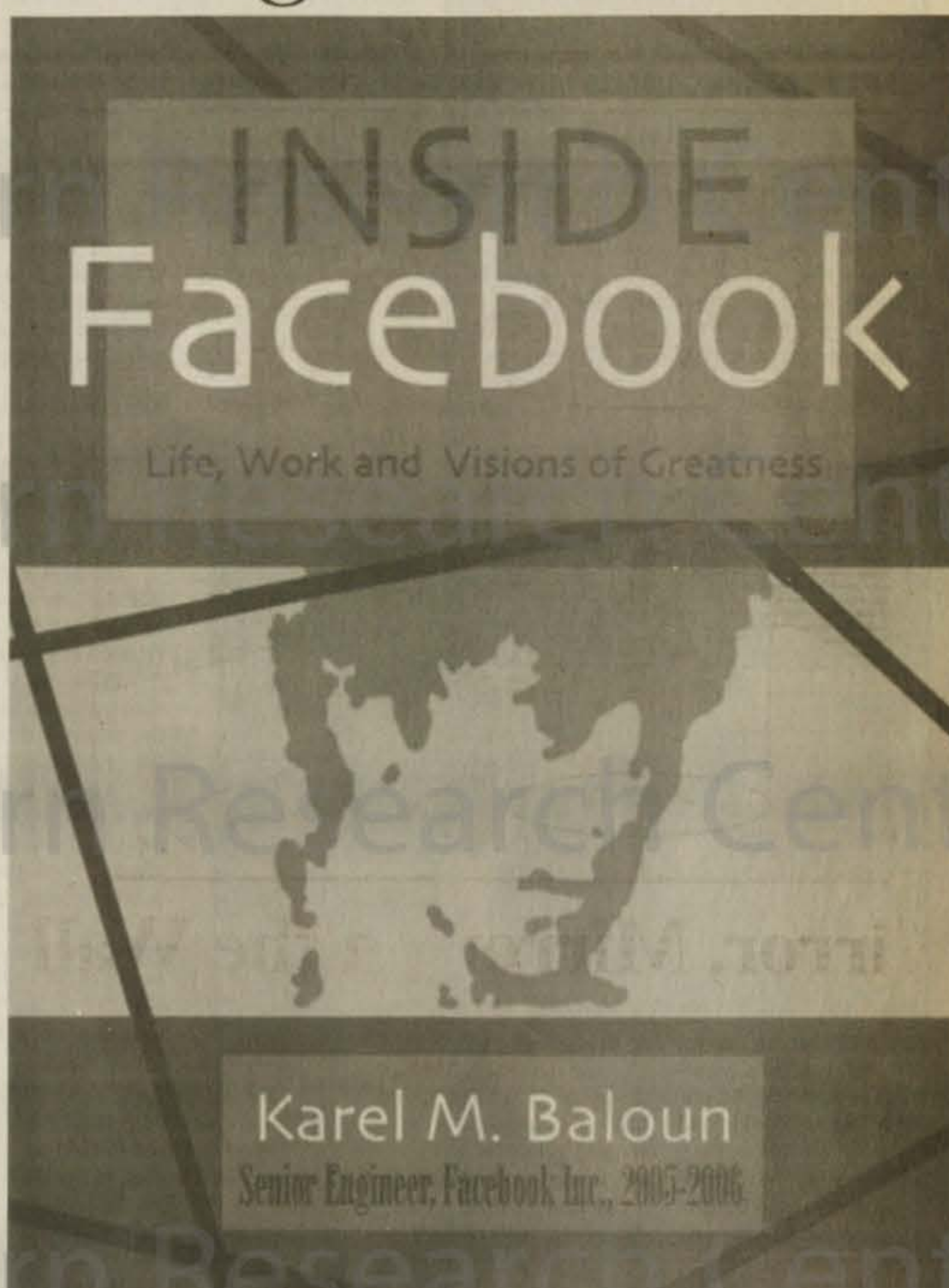
Baloun advises his readers that, "For every success, there are hundreds with the same or similar idea who gave up, couldn't find or keep the passion to succeed."

He continues to share that, "Anything great is overwhelming, so seeing it as small steps helps... keep focus and passion on a single, even if complex, vision... visions take time, so be patient, but remember that you won't get far ahead without one."

Along with advice, Baloun wrote about the inner-workings of Facebook, why people use it so frequently and how it has acquired such devoted followers.

Facebook has found its niche in the ever-expanding World Wide Web: inter-collegiate communication. Baloun elaborates on why he believes Facebook is important and what it does for a college campus.

"In college, Facebook lets you know your peers to a depth and breadth which was otherwise impossible... if I had Facebook, I could've stayed genuine to myself, and communicated that coherently to all of my friends. Unlike the Facebook generation, I'm having a heck of a time tracking down my important college friends."



Facebook Engineer Karel M. Baloun has written a book, "Inside Facebook," which chronicles the birth, running and expansion of the popular college website.

Cobalt Leads Car List



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In looking for the most practical vehicles, Consumer Reports has graded those deemed best student values.

BY DANIELLE KWATENG
Hilltop Staff Writer

"My dream car is a Cadillac Escalade because it's durable, has a V8 engine and, not to mention, it's an American car," said junior history major Gary Johnson. "But I would not recommend that for a college student; maybe a Honda or something small," Johnson said.

For college students choosing a car, there are a couple of factors that should be taken into consideration. The most obvious for students is price. Other suggestions are safety, gas mileage and longevity.

Consumer Reports is a helpful nonprofit independent group that tests the safety and quality of automobiles and other products. On the website, students can see what cars have been rated and compare the vehicles. Also students can check JD Power and Associates website to see which automobiles consumers ranked the highest.

According to Forbes Magazine, high-end flashy cars are not necessarily the best for college students. After reviewing several models and makes, the magazine came up with four top cars for students. Forbes eliminated cars with below-average rat-

ings from Consumer Reports for predicted reliability, or "fair" or "poor" scores for accident-avoidance technology to ensure cars on the list offer the highest level of safety. All the cars were \$20,000 and under to accommodate students' budgets.

Chevrolet Cobalt was the first on the list at \$13,590. The 2007 Cobalts come in two models, Coupe and Sedan. Traction control, driver information system and a one-year OnStar plan come standard with the car.

The next car was the Ford Escape SUV at \$19,780. The Escape is the most spacious of the cars and comes with a five year 60,000-mile warranty. For those who plan to upgrade one day, Ford also produces more high luxury cars like the Jaguar and the Aston Martin. The third car and most popular is the Honda Civic at \$14,560. The 2007 Civic Coupe is very sleek and classy looking, but still has the durability that Civics are known for.

Lastly was the Hyundai Sonata Sedan at \$17,195, because it received Consumer Reports' highest possible score for accident-avoidance.

For college students, price is a large deciding factor in purchasing a car. Most experts agree that buying the

most expensive car is not necessarily the "best" idea. Forbes found that the safest, most reliable, most affordable cars models also tend to generate good fuel economy and are ideal for students.

Insurance rates are another important issue for college students to consider. Sports cars have higher insurance rates because of the probability of having an accident in a car designed to go fast. Males cost more to insure than females, and age is factored in as well. Senior music business major Sam Buck knows exactly what he wants to be riding in when he gets older, but he also understands that college students have limited options.

"My dream car would have to be a Rolls Royce, something I wouldn't have to drive, but would be [driven] around in. But for a college student, something more durable with easy maintenance would be better, since we're away from home. American cars are usually more durable," Buck said.

Buck also thinks that there is a difference in an ideal car for a girl and a guy. "An Impala 2000 is good for guys and a Honda Civic is perfect for girls, and they last a long time," Buck said.

Consultant for Geico Auto Insurance Marshall Bradley thinks there are a lot of things that go into creating policies for cars.

"Newer cars are not necessarily always more [expensive] to insure. Some models are more expensive. Like an older Mercedes' parts are more than a new Honda. It just varies," Bradley said.

Bradley also believes students should look for gas efficiency when purchasing a car, and consult car experts about which brand of car to get.

"Catch a Fire" Illuminates Struggle Against Apartheid

BY DANIELLE KWATENG
Hilltop Staff Writer

While many students were relaxing this weekend watching a scary man in a mask, others were learning about apartheid. "Catch a Fire," written by Shawn Slovo, is the true story of Patrick "Hotstuff" Chamusso, a South African oil refinery worker. After being accused of terrorism, he develops into a freedom fighter and catalyst for change in South Africa.

Filmed in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Mozambique and Switzerland, this movie takes no shortcuts in having real life scenery.

The two main characters of the film are the most recognizable for American audiences. Chamusso is played by Derek Luke, who is widely known as the title character in the biographical film, "Antwone Fisher."

Nic Vos, the terrorist investigator who creates the majority of tension and suspense in the movie is played by Tim Robbins. Both men have interesting chemistry in the film and play well off each other. The other cast members include Mncedisi Shabangu, Bonnie Henna and Terry Pheto who also starred in "Tsotsi."

During apartheid, 25 million South Africans were under the control of the white minority, who subse-

quently owned 80 percent of the land. The National Party, voted into office in 1948, created apartheid, which means "separate" in Afrikaans. This system divided the races and gave the people rules to govern their lives. The laws created prevented native South Africans from living freely, and thus several groups arose to take back the country. The most influential of these groups was the African National Congress (ANC), whose motto was "South Africa belongs to all who live in it, black and white."

Chamusso was a blue collar husband and father of two. He wasn't into politics, revolutions or anything that deviated from his simple world. After explosions went off in the plant where he worked, things completely changed for him. He was then accused of having something to do with the explosion. Unfortunately, his alibi was thrown when the times of where he was fail to match up. Consequently he's thrown in jail and tortured. After his wife was tortured as well he falsely confesses and is released when they realize he's not the culprit. And this is when things become interesting.

Chamusso realizes that his passiveness is detrimental to his family as well as his country. He joins

the ANC in Mozambique and then continues on to Angola to train to become a revolutionary fighter. After training and creating a plan, he sets into motion a way to get revenge for the injustices done to him.

The most interesting aspect of this film is that there is no clear right or wrong side. Slovo, who wrote the script, is the daughter of white anti-apartheid activists. The film depicts both Chamusso and Vos as having similar lives and being dedicated to providing for their families. Throughout the movie, several analogies are made between the two men's lives to show how race dictated their different paths. It's vital to note that if the script had been written by any other type of South African, the perspective would have been completely different.

The movie, which spans from 1980 to today, is a wonderful depiction of how a leader is born.

Its only drawback is that it is lacking in authenticity when compared to other recent African films. The brutality of certain situations were often hidden by camera angles or not shown at all. Being a PG-13 movie, this was probably done to allow a wider audience to see the film and take away more than just guts and gore.

"Catch A Fire" shows the disparities of apartheid and shows how passiveness to injustices created by a government affect everyone. Chamusso was a law-abiding family man and suddenly he was forced to step up and become a leader for his people. Not only is his story inspiring, but should be a lesson to us all.

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Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

It's ironic that in a country with such a high percentage of citizens overweight, our standard of beauty is skin and bones.

For years we have tried to say the pressure to be thin has been a problem felt mostly by white women, but like all problems in mainstream America, it has made its way to the black community.

Just last week Nicole Richie fainted in a club and now has a team of doctors trying to determine why she can't gain weight. Though we wish her best, we wonder how someone who was healthy before losing so much weight, has such a hard time putting on a few pounds (and maybe even secretly wish we had the problem of gaining weight.)

Though Richie may not be your typical black woman. Having so much attention showered on you for losing weight can make any woman want to keep on losing. The press is cruel to those starlets who do pack on just a few pounds and praises those who do tone up.

To keep telling young Hollywood stars they look great as they get closer to stick-figure status is not only detrimental to them but to the millions of young girls around the country who idolize them — many with faces like ours.

It's sad that top super-model Kate Moss has stayed

so thin by being a drug-addict. The fact that she can return to the spotlight so quickly after a brief stint in rehab shows the warped priorities of our society. Being in Washington, D.C. a city that was hit so hard by drugs, we don't make light of

Our View:

Body image issues in Hollywood will make their way to every neighborhood if women and men and don't take a stand.

the issue.

The fact is that many who make the decisions and set the trends in fashion are gay men. Though we won't go as far as some to say that an affinity for youthful looking men plays a part in female models looking less like developed women and more like androgynous 14-year-olds, it is pretty accurate that someone not interested in women may not be as appreciative of womanly curves.

Women of color have been somewhat spared of the harsher body image critiques as our men are known to appreciate a woman with a little more to love.

Our bodies are made differently and we must continue to embrace that. It's tough watching our women, like a black girl on the recent Dallas Cowboy's Cheerleaders documentary or Anchal on America's Next Top Model, be

called out for having different body shapes.

For many staff members it was interesting watching Tyra Banks call out the Indian Anchal for backing it up on Fabio on the show last week, yet not being afraid to shake her own—more voluptuous—body on her TV show. Banks hasn't lost any love from the public for gaining weight after retiring from modeling.

Even if you don't like Tyra, it's great to see a black woman be sexy and curvy in mainstream America. We wish the same would have remained with Beyoncé. Though we know she slimmed down for the role in 'Dreamgirls,' she had already lost some of that "bootyliciousness" that made her a household name before taping the film.

Hollywood saying 'you can never be too thin' is a lie and women need to fight back against a waistline equating self-worth or beauty.

We applaud countries like Spain that have put their foot down as models were passing out and went as far as putting in place regulations prohibiting those too thin from modeling. In a country where the average size is a double digit, we need similar rules for our starlets to promote both physical and mental health in young women.

conferences, or address social topics. I hope that the next article aimed at young women in relationships springs from higher (and more Afro or Afro-Americancentric) minded advice than a 'freakum' dress.

Peace,
Sharron Muhammad

Perspective: Freakum Dress, No Thank You

Dear Hilltop editors,

I usually like the articles that you print; however, the 'freakum' dress article was too shallow a topic for a campus like Howard. No, I'm not a snob, and yes, I am a much older student. However, our University has produced greats in literature, arts, medicine

and law.

Great social organizations have started on this campus, and politicians and activists who've made global impacts got their foundations at Howard. Even if too many fellow students use the 'n,' 'mf,' and 'b' words regularly, other students put on academic

Perspective: Geography Error

An interesting point arose from yesterday's paper.

On the very same page that stated U.S. test scores are down in areas such as math, science, reading...etc, an error was made as The Hilltop obviously forgot to mention geog-

raphy. There was an error in the quiz to the left. Maybe I missed a news briefing or my Canada geography failed me...but when has Hezbollah become a country?

Amir Kazim

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THE BROTHERS OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC. ALPHA CHAPTER AND THE LADIES OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. ALPHA CHAPTER PRESENT: BLUE AND WHITE WEEK:

"CONSTITUTIONAL BONDZ"

10/29 CALL TO CHAPEL CRAMTON AUDITORIUM 11:00 A.M.

10/30 "COLOR ME HEALTHY" DOUGLASS HALL ROOM 116 7:20 P.M.

10/31 TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF GEORGETOWN AREA AND HOWARD COMMUNITY 5 P.M.-9 P.M.

11/1 "SEXUAL AWARENESS" BLACKBURN READING LOUNGE 7:14 P.M.

11/2 "DIABETES AND AFRICAN AMERICANS" TRUTH HALL LOUNGE 7:20 P.M.

11/3 BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL: A NIGHT OUT TBA

2007 HOMECOMING STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR AND TREASURER APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE!!!!!!

PICK-UP APPLICATIONS IN THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES, BLACKBURN CENTER, SUITE 117 APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH AT 5:00 PM IN THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (202) 806-7000

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH 1PM - 6PM GREENE STADIUM

PICK-UP REGISTRATION PACKETS IN BURR GYMNASIUM, Rm. G-13

VOTE FOR HOWARD TEXT HWU TO 825890 TO VOTE FOR GERALD & EVITA IN "LIVIN' LARGE AVEO" CONTEST OR VISIT WWW.AVEOLIVIN-LARGE.COM

THE AFRICAN STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION PRESENTS ... MASQUE!! THE PREMIER MR. & MS. AFRICA PAGEANT ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3RD, 2006 IN CRAMTON AUDITORIUM @ 7:00 PM. TICKETS AVAILABLE @ CRAMTON

Individual Yearbook Pictures Monday - Friday 10am - 6:00pm Oct 30th - Nov 17th

Undergraduate and Faculty - FREE Graduating Students - \$20

GO NOW!!!! AVOID THE LINES LATER!!!! GO NOW!!!!

JOIN THE UNIVERSITY FASHION COUNCIL FOR OUR FIRST AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL MEET AND GREET WHEN: TONIGHT 11/1/06 @ 7:50PM (SHOW STARTS @ 8PM) WHERE: TRUTH HALL LOUNGE IN THE QUAD ADMISSION: \$1 (INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS AND AUTOMATIC ENTRY INTO A RAFFLE FOR CAROL'S DAUGHTER PRIZES) CONTACT US @ HOWARD UNIVERSITY FASHION COUNCIL @GMAIL.COM

Join Us In the Punchout Friday at 12:30 for a DJ, Giveaways, and Much More!!!

WHBC & UGSA Present...

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FREE!!! FREE!!! FREE!!!

HU's **HOTTEST** Freestyle Battle

Got Skills??? Stop by the WHBC Office in the Basement of the School of Communications or the UGSA Office in Blackburn to Sign Up!

Friday, November 3 @ 7PM In the Blackburn Ballroom

Call Us: (202) 865-8698 Myspace: www.myspace.com/whbc830amchannel51

