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## BREAKING NEWS

### IRAN TO BECOME FULLY NUCLEAR SOON

THE PRESIDENT OF IRAN, MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD, ANNOUNCED THAT HE PLANS FOR IRAN TO HAVE ITS URANIUM ENRICHMENT PROGRAM READY BY FEBRUARY, ACCORDING TO THE IRANIAN NATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

## NATION & WORLD

### DEMOCRATS TAKE OVER CONGRESS

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# Moving Documentary Gets Students Talking About Rape

BY EBONI FRAMER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The screening of the documentary "No!" was presented to a crowd of 400 Howard students last night in Cramton Auditorium. Presented by the DC Rape Crisis Center, the screening was a huge success.

The documentary was produced, written and directed by one woman, Aishah Shahidah Simmons, with a powerful message to deliver.

Before the screening went underway, freshman English major Candace Merrit knew she was going to be viewing something that would be enriching.

"I came out to view the documentary just because of the powerful title 'No!' That one word sums up what it means to be raped or sexually assaulted," said Merrit.

"I know it's going to be a great documentary," said Georgetown student Kayla Salerno. "Aishah Simmons is an award winning filmmaker. I have seen her documentary Broken.... Silence, and it was amazing."

"No!" told the personal stories of black women who have survived being sexually assaulted. Historians, professors and civil rights organizations were also featured in the documentary.

"One of the stories that touched

me the most was the woman, Salamaisha Tillet, who was raped as a college student by a frat guy she dated," said senior political science major Maurice Jones. "She was innocent."

"I think a lot of college women do not realize some of the risk they take when they go to parties and drink because they do not believe it can happen to them," said Jones.

Elaine Brown, a former Black Panther Party chairwoman, discussed the silence within the black community and how it further victimizes the black woman.

"During the movement, black women were forced into silence. Before I became chairwoman, I saw and ignored it because I was told it was unimportant and that we had bigger issues," said Brown.

One woman discussed her sexual assault encounter with one of the highest-ranking professionals at her university who invited her to his apartment.

She related her experience to Mike Tyson's rape conviction when Desiree Washington went into his room. Many people asked, "What was she doing in his room?" as if that was the reason she was raped.

Men Stopping Violence Inc., an organization that gathers men who commit these crimes and forces them

to take responsibility, was featured in the documentary.

A representative of Men Stopping Violence Inc., Ulester Davis was featured in the documentary. He believes that black men need to be held accountable for protecting women.

"We are the ones who commit the crimes. We force our women to be afraid and feel like they have nowhere to turn. Is it so hard to love our women? It is ultimately up to us to protect them," said Davis.

Dr. Aaronette M. White, a Pennsylvania State University professor, voiced that black women are not given justice when it comes to sexual assault. She said that white women are given more justice when it comes to sexual assault than black women and that is an issue.

After the screening the audience participated in a panel discussion that featured Simmons, White and author Lori Robinson.

Robinson, author of "I Will Survive: The African-American Guide to Healing from Sexual Assault and Abuse," was in tears as she was discussed Simmons' dedication and strength after being a survivor of incest and rape.

An audience member brought up the fact that so many women internalize incidents of abuse to the point that they become angry at them-



Jessica De Tiege - Staff Photographer

Filmmaker Aishah Simmons, Dr. Aaronette White and author Lori Robinson opened up to students about rape in the black community.

selves. Victims often believe they are to blame regardless of whether the abuse happened when they were a child or defenseless to stop it.

"It is important to get into a group or individual therapeutic session. From these sessions, other help can be gained through those sessions," White said.

"This was great for an issue as important as it is to be addressed. I never knew that it was this deep," said. "Our community has issues that aren't being given care. I feel it's important that we take care of each other so that things like rape don't happen."

# Celebrity Blogs Become News Source

BY STACY A. ANDERSON  
Copy Chief

As newspaper and magazine readership continue to decline, students have turned to the Internet for news. Now an alternative in the form of blogs has beat Web sites to the punch line for breaking news.

Within the past two years, black celebrity blogs have also joined the realms of frequently visited entertainment sites like AllHipHop.com and MTVnews.com.

Concrete Loop, which celebrated its one-year anniversary earlier this month, has 60,000 unique hits per day. The creator, who goes by Angel La, started the blog after noticing the void of black celebrities in entertainment blogs.

"We need our voice out there too. We have the same things they do, people just choose not to post about it. Blacks have events, we have drama and there's another side to it," said the 22-year old junior college student in Jacksonville, N.C. "People want news right now. They don't want to wait a month, a week or day."

Angel La said she collects her information from industry insiders, emails from readers and surfing the Internet.

"Everything is in the net, you just need to know the right people and sites."

Angel La credits one of the first black entertainment blogs, Crunk and Disorderly, as an inspiration. She added that although many black entertainment blogs post similar information, it's all in the way each presents it.

Natasha Eubanks, 24, also started a black entertainment blog last summer titled Young, Black and Fabulous. Eubanks, a law student who recently relocated to metro Washington, D.C., said about 99 percent of the information she posts is simply from researching the Internet out of her own curiosity and interest.

Young, Black and Fabulous, which was coined "a blog to watch" by Newsweek has accumulated 6 million users since starting



Photo courtesy of www.concreteloop.com

Blogs such as Young, Black and Fabulous and Concrete Loop, pictured above, serve as resources for urban news in the the hip-hop community.

last July, Eubanks said.

Eubanks, who often consulted her law professors, has run into some legal issues like most other blog creators along the way.

"Anything on the Internet is pretty much for use, even if it is copyrighted. I never cut and paste people's words; that's just not cool. Its no need to copy from other people."

She has complied with corporations in the past, such as taking down leaked pictures of R&B singer Mya, as well as a song by Jennifer Hudson for the upcoming "Dream Girl" movie.

Angel La said she was once concerned after posting exclusive photos of singer Ne-Yo with his back-up dancer on Concrete Loop. She said the crooner later e-mailed her and assured he would not take any legal action since the photos were allegedly stolen from his Sidekick.

Critics often question the credibility and newsworthiness of some web logs, since it can be virtually created by any user with a blog host.

Robert L. Asher, a member of the journalism faculty and an editorial writer for The Washington Post, said, "I'm not sure that most people do rely more on blogs and Web sites than TV or radio. I hope not," he said. "Anybody with a computer can babble a blog or put anything on a Web site with no proof whatsoever. Maybe some people think the blogs and sites are more personal, but it's like believing anything any stranger tells you."

Tracy Scott, a producer at BET Interactive said the human touch is some-

times necessary, in addition to hard-hitting news. "People want more context with their news facts," she said. "Blogs have a tendency to give that human perspective and impact that hard news reports sometimes neglect either because of time, space limitations or dedication to objectivity."

Both blog creators agreed that some sites have posted untrue stories to spike daily hits, but are often viable for a short time since accurate blogs prevail.

Although the job entails countless hours of research and fact checking, the blogging industry can be lucrative. Angel La said Hollywood blogger Perez Hilton reportedly makes at least six figures.

Eubanks said blogging has opened doors for her career as well. As a result of running her own blog, Eubanks recently began to blog for King Magazine's Web site and Sohh.com, a hip-hop weekly news site.

Angel La said the impact of blogs on subculture would only continue over time. She added that reader feedback is key in successful blogging.

"Industry people want to know what the fans know. Feedback is like 80 percent of the site. If it wasn't for visitors, we wouldn't have a site."

Shari Hinds, a senior pre-physical therapy major, said she visits blogs on a regular basis. "Everything is there. I don't have to visit each individual Web site to get information," she said. "Concrete Loop reviews new music and has random pictures, and show how award shows play out. It's easy access and up to date. I tell everybody about it."

# Winner of Nobel Prize Coming to Howard

BY CHARLOTTE YOUNG  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Ivar Giaever, recipient of the 1973 Nobel Prize, will visit Howard University this morning from 10-11 a.m. in the School of Business auditorium. He will lead numerous sessions with undergraduate and graduate students as a part of the Honeywell Lecture Series.

The Honeywell Lecture Series is the center of the Honeywell-Noble Lecture Initiative, a global science effort geared to connecting college students with recipients of the Nobel Prize. It is a three-year series that will reach students from around the world. Howard is one of 11 schools worldwide that has been selected to host the lecture series.

Of particular note, the Middle School of Mathematics and Science students on Howard's campus will also host Giaever for a special session. They will have the opportunity to learn from the accomplished scientist. This program, specifically for middle school students, is created to help give them a better understanding of science and investigate career possibilities in the sciences.

Born in Bergen, Norway on April 5, 1929, Giaever is the second of three children. In 1948, he entered the Norwegian Institute of Technology. In 1952, he graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering.

After immigrating to Canada in 1954, Giaever became an architect's aide for a short period of time. He then joined the Canadian General Electric's Advanced

Engineering Program. In 1956, Giaever immigrated to the United States. He joined the General Electric Research and Development Center in 1958. While working with the General Electric Research and Development Center, Giaever began his study of physics at Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute, where he obtained a Ph.D.

From 1958 to 1969, Giaever worked in the fields of superconductivity, thin films and electron tunneling. Because of his outstanding work in these fields, he was awarded the Oliver E. Buckley Prize for groundbreaking work combining tunneling and superconductivity. He received the 1973 Nobel Prize in Physics for his discovery of the tunneling phenomenon in solids. In the same year, Giaever was also elected a Coolidge fellow at General Electric; he left in 1988.

He became an Institute Professor at Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute and is also concurrently a Professor at the University of Oslo, Norway. Currently, he works in the field of biophysics where he applies the approaches and methods of physics to solving biological problems.

Giaever also holds many prestigious positions. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the Biophysical Society and a Fellow of the American Physical Society. He has served on committees for several international conferences. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Solid State division in the American Physical Society.



# Students Cope With the Pros and Woes of Withdrawal

BY KENDRA WOODS  
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Since professors have submitted students' midterm grades on BisonWeb, the time for spring 2007 registration has finally come. At this time many students have realized that the official date to withdraw from a course is Friday, Nov. 17.

The date chosen to withdraw from a course is indicated through a guideline pamphlet directed at calendar development and used for all schools and colleges.

According to Carol McKinnon, head of University registrar/records, "The last day to withdraw from a course shall be no later than four weeks prior to the end of the semester."

Sophomore marketing major Lagina Lewis believes that the date to withdraw from a course is significant because a student has the opportunity to determine whether they are passing or failing a course.

"I think that the withdrawal date is perfect because at this time students should be able to base their decision on whether or not they will remain in the course," she said. "The semester ends in one month so based on the outcome of your previous assignments and midterm grades that should be your basis from there," Lewis said.

Spanish professor Dr. Matilde Holte-Jacobs said that the date assigned for students to withdraw from a course is just right because to

some extent, the midterm grades give the student an idea of where they stand in the course.

She added that students always have the opportunity to ask their professors how they are doing in their courses since they issue points toward a student's grade from attendance, quizzes, homework and projects.

"This date is sufficient for me, and it does not affect me in terms of grading because if the student has a feeling that he or she is not doing well in my course, it is their responsibility to discuss with me what they can do in terms of passing the course without having to withdraw," Holte-Jacobs said.

Sophomore public relations major Tiffany Williams-Coe agrees with her Spanish professor because she believes from personal experience that once midterm grades are posted on BisonWeb, students should be able to make a final decision.

"The 17<sup>th</sup> is a perfect date because at this period we have one full month until the semester ends and before then this should give a student enough time," she said.

"I feel the date gives sufficient time for students to determine whether or not they will drop the course because usually midterms are given two weeks before the withdrawal," sophomore biology major Kia Elliot said.

Elliot said that she always keeps in contact with her professors after she receives an exam. Leading up

to midterms, it helps her determine whether or not she will stay in her course.

However, some students believe the chosen withdrawal date is far from perfect. Because the date is late in the semester, students that are required to take follow-up courses with prerequisites based on their major are sometimes put at a disadvantage.

"On one hand, the date is an inconvenience because students always have to register for spring semester courses before the withdrawal date," sophomore pre-pharmacy major Chioma Njoku said.

"If they don't pass the prerequisites, they cannot take the following course. Therefore, it makes the decision hard for the student who may be borderline based on their grades," she said.

Sophomore actuarial science major Courtney Singleton said that withdrawing from a course is a risk. She believes students should be fully aware and knowledgeable of their performance in the course before making the decision.

"The withdrawal date is perfect, but if a student has strong knowledge that they are doing badly in the course then they should withdraw," she said. "But if they know they are doing well, then they should convince themselves to continue the course and strive to pass."



Tyrone Clemens - Staff Photographer

As Friday nears, students are forced to make a tough decision: deciding whether to drop a difficult course or to continue on.

# Foreign Language Department Prepares to Expand

BY JOSHUA MITCHELL  
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The department of modern languages and literatures is expanding to offer two new foreign language courses for the spring 2007 semester.

Beginning in January, students will have the option of taking courses in Chinese and Korean as a way to fulfill their foreign language requirements.

The department of modern languages and literatures, which currently offers major and minor programs in French, Spanish, German and Russian, will offer Chinese I and Korean I courses for the first time next semester. Though classes have not yet begun, many students believe this is a move forward for both the department and the University.

"I think it's definitely a step towards where they should be," sophomore Jessica Ortiz said.

"I used to speak Chinese, but when I first came [here] I found out that it was not offered so [this] is a good thing," Ortiz said.

Sophomore business major Andrea Dorsey agreed that the courses are a good addition.

"It's about time," she said. "It is nice to see that Howard is expanding its horizons and offering more languages to the students during the actual school year."

Although this is the first time Chinese and Korean will be offered during the school year, it is not the first time they have been taught at Howard.

This past summer, the department held its Summer Critical Institute, in which foreign language majors were invited to spend the summer learning one of the so-called critical languages: Japanese, Arabic, Chinese, Korean or Swahili.

Due to the success of the JACKS program at the Summer Critical Institute and receiving a \$1 million grant this summer to teach the critical languages, the heads of the department decided to offer the program.

"One major cause [for offering the new programs] was a desire to broaden the number of languages that we offer at Howard University," said Dr. James J. Davis, chair of the department of modern languages and literatures.

Davis believes that by expanding the amount of languages offered to the students at Howard University, especially the "critical languages," students will be better prepared and more competitive when they graduate.

"We would like to see our African-American students broaden the languages that they study," Davis said. "The need for these languages is coming fast and we want to prepare stu-

dents to be competitive."

Like many of the non-major foreign language courses offered at Howard, the department plans to add sections of both Chinese and Korean at least up to level four. This will enable students to use both Chinese and Korean as languages to fulfill the foreign language requirements of their respective schools within the University.

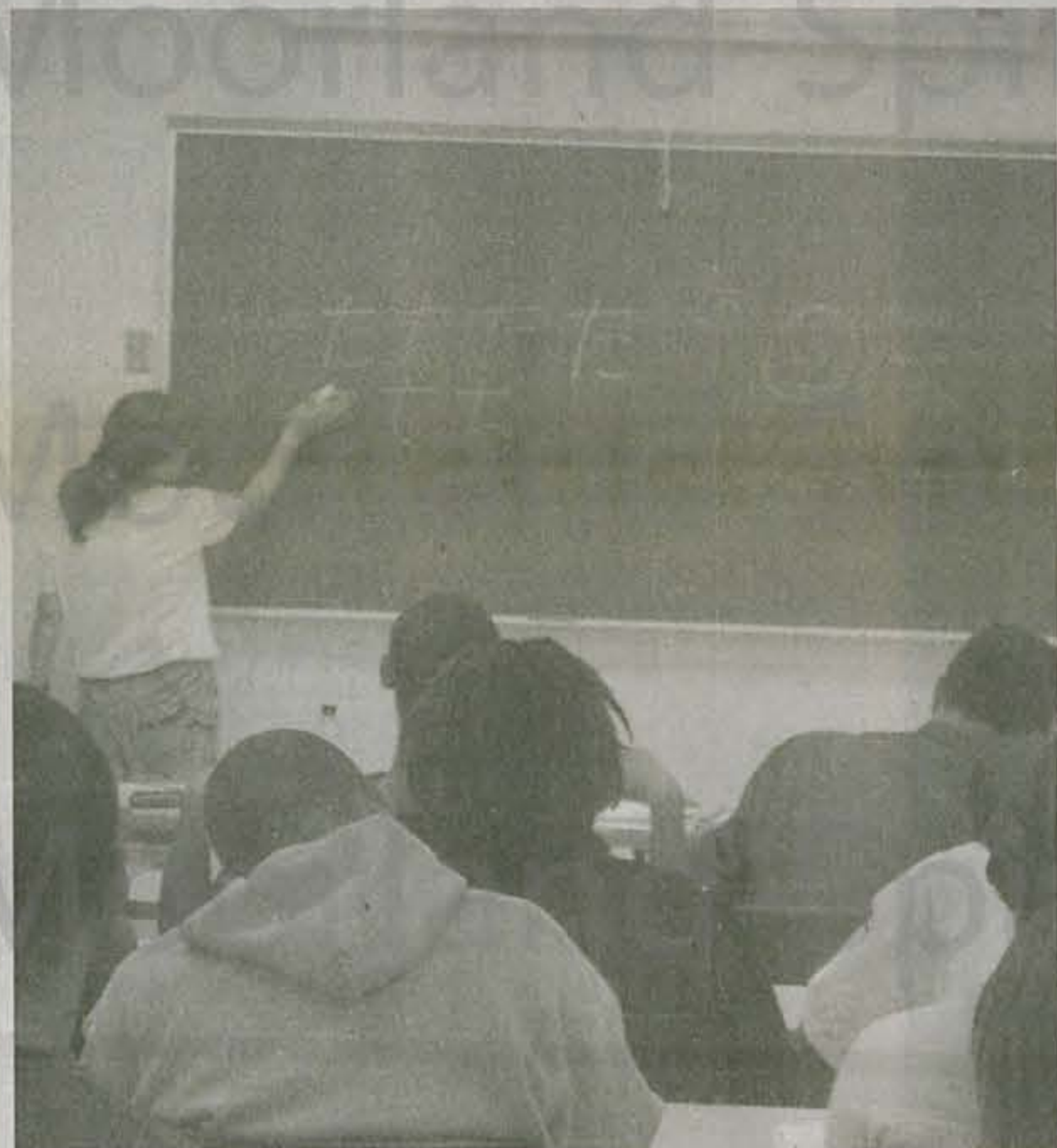
Though the addition of the Chinese and Korean classes is a major step for the department, Davis said there is much more in store for the department, possibly within the near future. Among these plans are initiatives to increase staff and reduce class sizes for the very popular Spanish department.

"There is a need for more Spanish professors to cut down on class sizes," he said. The department hopes to be able to reduce class sizes to no more than 20 students per section.

"It is important because Spanish is being spoken so widely across the country and city."

Davis also hopes to add courses in other African languages as well, but believes that expansion will be gradual.

Students can now register on BisonWeb for the Chinese I and Korean I courses for the spring semester.



Tyrone Clemens - Staff Photographer

Realizing the need for a broader spectrum of languages available for students to study, the department of modern languages and literatures will add Chinese and Korean courses to its curriculum.

# Organization Presents Women In Entertainment

BY MERCIA WILLIAMS-MURRAY  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University's Endustry Power Players (EPP) will host The Women Behind It All, a lecture series founded by 2006 alumnus Kevin Madden, this evening at 7 p.m. in Cramton Auditorium. Tickets will be free and available at Cramton's box office.

The lecture series strives to expose students to professionals in the entertainment industry, and it will be an interactive event where students can ask questions.

The Women Behind It All is a follow-up to last year's Behind It All; which featured Kevin Liles, former president of Def Jam and current executive at Warner Bros. Music Group.

EPP's president, Britney Davis, said that after having male representation from the entertainment industry, EPP wanted to reach out to the female population on campus by having women in the industry come to speak.

The panelists will include Laurie Ann Gibson, choreogra-

pher from MTV's "Making the Band," Joi Brown, vice-president of marketing at Atlantic Records; Deidre Graham, former Def Jam executive and CEO of Deja Star Productions; Genevieve Nixon, supervising producer of BET's "Bobby Jones Gospel Show;" and Claudine Joseph, artist manager at Violator Management. Both Nixon and Brown are alumnae of Howard University.

Davis said that the panelists will speak about how they landed the positions they are in and the truth about the industry as they perceive it behind the scenes.

According to Gibson's assistant, Danielle Lugo, Gibson will focus on how she started in the business and reflect on the obstacles she had to overcome to get where she is in the industry.

She will also be speaking about how long Gibson has been in the business, fulfilling her dreams and advice for other women on how to achieve their goals in life.

Gibson, who attended the Alvin Ailey Dance Co., is a former Fly Girl from the highly

successful comedy sketch show, "In Living Color."

Nixon, reflecting on her alma mater, said, "My experiences at Howard were truly the best years of my life. I cultivated friendships and a business network that is priceless. I was able to hone in on the morals and values that were taught to me when I was young."

Nixon added that her professors at Howard not only taught her the curriculum, "but also the responsibility I have as an African-American and to realize I portray us in all that I do."

Nixon will speak about her life experiences and hardships. She said she had to seriously hustle by working ever channel, connection, avenue and opportunity that was given to her.

"I had to be prepared," she said. "It's harder for African-Americans and women."

Nixon explains to others that focus, discipline, being on "your grind" and expecting nothing but excellence from oneself is key.

In reference to the pressure of releasing material and music that displays African-Americans

in a less than positive light, she said, "You have to maintain your self-worth and your people's self-worth...You can't sell out because the money is good. You have to do what's right for you."

Joseph will speak about how she started in the industry and how she realized later that she wanted to be in the music industry. Different things led her to her position at Violator, where she has been for the past seven years.

"A lot of people don't know all of the work that goes into the position of music manager," she said.

She believes that people see the artists and glamour, but do not know all of the steps that go into it.

"It's a detail-oriented job," she said. "It's tough being black and a woman in this industry because it is a male-dominated industry. I'm very happy and looking forward to telling my story. I just want to give people information on my profession and the music industry period."



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EPP will host a panel of successful women in the entertainment industry, including Laurie Ann Gibson (above).



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# Blacks Rise to Prominent Leadership in U.S. House

BY ALLEN HAYNES  
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Leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives is generally viewed in terms of committee chairmanship.

Committees within the House are where many key policy decisions are made.

In order to become chairman of one of these influential committees, a representative must be the longest-serving member of the given committee. In addition, he or she must be a member of the party in control of the House.

As recently as October of this year, it would have been safe to state that leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives consisted mainly of white males. That safe assumption could be attributed to the Republican Party's control of the House.

However, with the Democratic Party now in control of the House, black representatives are preparing for a brand new day.

Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Chair Rep. Melvin L. Watt (D-N.C.) said this new day will include substantial black representation in House leadership.

"We expect the new committee leadership in Congress to include several members of the CBC," Watt said in a

press release.

That leadership is set to include Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) as Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee; Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) as Chair of the House Judiciary Committee; Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.) as Chair of the House Intelligence Committee; Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) as Chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security; and Rep. Juanita Millender McDonald (D-Calif.) as Chair of the House Administration Committee.

In addition, Rep. James Clyburn (D-S.C.) is expected to become the House Majority Whip, the third highest ranking position in the U.S. House of Representatives. Clyburn would be only the second black member to ever hold this position.

This is a substantial change for black leaders. In the previous 12 years that the Republican Party controlled the House, few blacks have served in leadership positions.

This can be ascribed to the reality that during that period, only two blacks were members of the majority party. Since all others were Democrats, they were precluded from seeking leadership positions.

When the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is



(Clockwise from top right) Rep. Juanita Millender McDonald (D-Calif.), Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.), Rep. James Clyburn (D-S.C.), Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) and Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.).

sworn in in January 2007, black House leaders will hold roughly 25 percent of all House Committee chairmanships.

With black leaders now holding such substantial positions of influence, many black citizens are expecting equally substantial changes to be made. Shar-day Smith,

a junior political science major, is one of them.

"It's nice to have more [black] people in powerful positions, but I would like to see what they produce," Smith said.

Some individuals, like junior political science major Erica Spell, are somewhat

cautious with their expectations of black leadership.

"I think we can definitely expect change from the shift in power, but we cannot expect those in power to save the black community overnight," Spell said.

Watt believes that the new leadership must go

beyond "black and white" to be inclusive in their goals. He believes that these goals should include working for all citizens, regardless of race.

"The CBC will continue to be leaders in making America work for all Americans," Watt said.

## Residents Respond To Shift In Power On Hill

BY MESSIAH RAMIKISSOON  
Contributing Writer

The results of the recent elections and the Democrats becoming the dominant force in the U.S. House of Representatives mark a serious evolution in political power. One of the major events during this election was solidifying the first female speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi.

Many citizens are anxious to see the benefits of this outcome and particularly how it affects the American population. "We need more solidarity in the party," said senior political science major Paul McGehee. "There were a lot of Democrats who voted for the war in Iraq. They need a solid platform that they all agree on."

Sophomore public relations major Alexandria McGaughey believes students shouldn't be apathetic.

"You have to fight to get your point out regardless of who's elected," McGaughey said. "This is not a time to get comfortable."

While one may argue that this is true, there is a significant Democratic agenda in place that targets several issues. Many initiatives are set to be pursued in the upcoming term. They range from employment and health care to Homeland Security and Iraq.

The electoral results prove a conflict of interest, particularly as it relates to the war in Iraq and many other policies that have been enforced by the Bush administration. One of the primary focuses within the new Democratic reform agenda is to deploy the troops who have been assigned to Iraq.



Photo courtesy of www.foxnews.com

Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), set to become Speaker of the House, is strategizing with Democrats on a new policy for Iraq.

These differences have caused great controversy between the conservative Republicans and the Democrats in power.

However, there have been talks between President Bush and Pelosi to create a bipartisan effort in the attempt to adjust this platform.

According to her official Web site, Pelosi said during her first news conference after the election that Democrats are willing to work with Republicans.

"The American people spoke out for a return to civility to the Capitol in Washington and how Congress conducts its work," she said. "And Democrats pledge civility and bipartisanship in the conduct of the work here, and we pledge partnerships with the Republicans in Congress and the president, not partisanship."

Sinclair Skinner, campaign manager for Adrian Fenty, the Democrat mayor of Washington, D.C., told *The Hilltop* of his expectation of political mobility with the new House.

"For the District of Columbia, it will be beneficial because the Democrats have historically supported

our rights and representation in Congress. The Democrats are also committed to reform through maximizing multiple facets of government which has not been met by the previous gatekeepers."

A six-point plan has been strategically formed for implementation by the Democratic Party, detailing the goals for the new term. The themes are Honest Leadership and Open Government, Real Security, Energy Independence, Economic Prosperity and Educational Excellence, A Healthcare System that Works for Everyone and Retirement Security.

The Democrats, who managed to lead the House by 11 seats and the Senate by two, are now being challenged to actualize their promises.

While many Republicans view the transition as a risk to nationwide safety as it relates to Homeland Security issues, many citizens are anxiously awaiting the effects of this progression. This will be the first change in the House since the previous Congressional elections in 2000.

## Discontent Costly to GOP

BY CHRISTOPHER OLIVER  
Contributing Writer

Republicans couldn't recover in time for the 2006 midterm elections. With much of the nation displeased with the progress in Iraq and the policy regarding immigration, there was too much damage to be controlled.

In the weeks leading up to the election, a few events offered hope for the Republicans. Saddam Hussein was found guilty in court and sentenced to death, and gas prices remained relatively low. The convenient timing of these events could have been the GOP's saving grace if not for the abundance of skeletons in the party's closet.

The Democrats took advantage of these misdeeds just in time for the midterm elections. Republican Rep. Mark Foley's communication with an underage page was traced back as far as 2003, yet did not surface until a couple months before the election.

In addition, Rep. Bob Ney pleaded guilty to taking bribes from former lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

Brittany Washington, a sophomore political science major, had some suspicions about the timing of these events becoming public. Although she doesn't "tend to give conspiracies serious thought," she says she wouldn't put it past lawmakers to "conveniently leak scandalous information close to election time."

With such great obstacles, the Republican Party failed to keep six Senate seats and 15 House seats on Nov. 7.

Even with lower gas prices and the guilty verdict reached in the Saddam Hussein case, many Americans were dissatisfied with the Republican-controlled Congress. A CNN poll at the end of last month showed that 64 percent of adults did not favor the war in Iraq.

Carroll Doherty, asso-

ciate director for the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, believes that the war in Iraq greatly influenced the results of the midterm elections.

"Because of the great number of casualties and the President not having an effective plan, most of the nation was upset about the Iraq war," Doherty said. "They showed their disgust at the polls."

The Iraq war was not the only issue of concern for Americans. The failure to create a reasonable policy on immigration contributed to the discontent of citizens. Regardless of which side Americans took in the immigration debate, it can be said that most were unhappy with how it was being handled.

Eric Gutierrez, attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, said, "With the increase of legislation regarding immigration being brought before

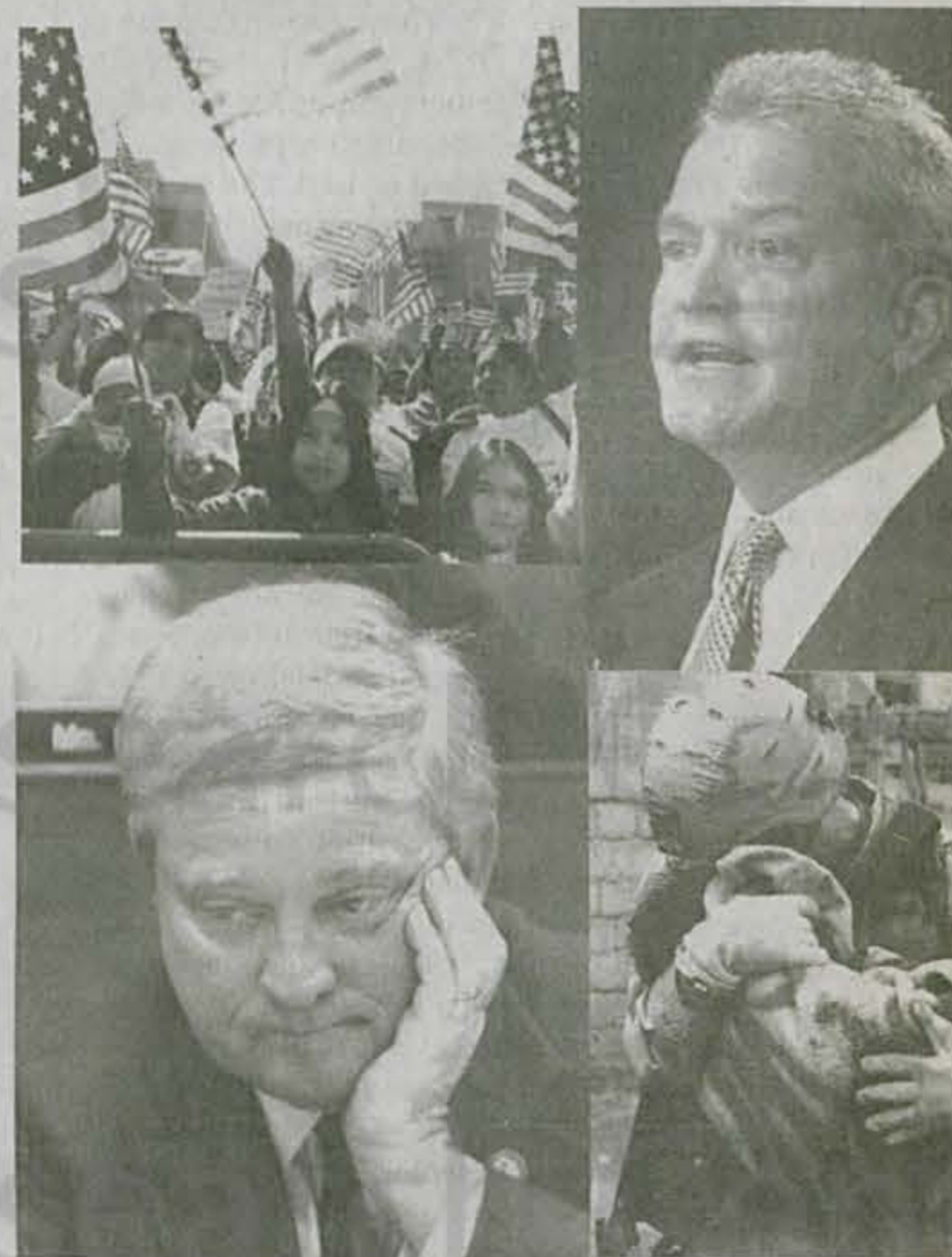
Congress, along with the dissatisfaction of the current lawmakers in government, many immigrants started to take the necessary steps in order to register to vote for the upcoming elections."

With the Democrats now regaining control of Congress after 12 years in the minority, many changes are expected.

Due to political pressure, Donald Rumsfeld has resigned from his post as the Secretary of Defense, satisfying the requests of many military officials and American citizens.

For the first time in history, a woman, Nancy Pelosi, is expected to be named Speaker of the House.

It is evident that Americans are fed up with how the government has conducted itself domestically and globally. Many Americans still wonder what the Democrats will do to effect the necessary change now that they have regained power.



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From controversial immigration policy to the Rep. Mark Foley and Rep. Bob Ney scandals to the war in Iraq, Republicans faced an uphill battle during the elections.



## PayPal Entices Online Shoppers with Holiday Rebates

BY JUSTIN CHARLES  
Contributing Writer

PayPal, the online transaction and payment company, announced plans to initiate an online shopping program for the holiday season valued at up to \$100 million.

From Nov. 23, 2006 to May 15, 2007, U.S. and Canadian PayPal customers who register for this offer and carry out transactions with qualifying U.S. merchants such as ebay.com will receive up to \$20 worth of rebates.

The rebate will be deposited into the customer's PayPal.com account within six to eight weeks after the initial transaction. In addition to the rebates, customers conducting business with participating online merchants using their PayPal.com accounts will be offered free shipping for the span of the program.

The PayPal promotion follows speculation earlier this month that Google Inc. was preparing to offer its own rival Checkout payment service to merchants for free during the year-end holiday season in a move to grab market share. Stifel Nicolaus analyst Scott Devitt said in a note to investors that PayPal.com's move was designed

to increase the use of PayPal by merchants beyond Ebay's marketplace, while preempting moves by Google to undercut it.

Founded in 1998, PayPal.com allows anyone with an e-mail address to perform monetary transactions online using a bank account, credit card or stored Paypal.com balance. The service lets customers shop online without revealing their financial information to online merchants, ensuring relative safety and privacy.

In the midst of fierce competition between the business of Ebay Inc. and Google Inc., PayPal.com is currently Ebay's fastest growing business, and is pitted against Google's Google



PayPal.com is giving registered users a cash rebate and free shipping for using their online shopping program during the holiday season.

Checkout, a similar online service that launched in June of this year. On Nov. 8, in response to PayPal's promotion, Google announced that online merchants who signed up with its service would receive free online

ing things online. I honestly think that this new plan of theirs will definitely attract more customers. I also plan on buying some more things this Christmas."

Sophomore human development

payment services until Dec. 31, 2006.

Sophomore biology major Kenneth Connell frequently uses PayPal.com for its variety of services such as buying cell phones and cell phone accessories, and paying membership dues to the Caribbean Students' Association.

"I'm very interested in this offer. PayPal is a convenient and easy-to-use means of buying things online. I honestly think that this new plan of theirs will definitely attract more customers. I also plan on buying some more things this Christmas."

major Brittany Mitchell, however, is skeptical about online shopping in general. "I really want to buy an iPod online, but one of my friends had a bad experience using Ebay, so I wanted to avoid using sites like those and go through the official Apple site."

However, Mitchell says that the concept of rebates and free shipping does appeal to her. "I may choose to use PayPal, but I'd have to do some research on the site first."

Kevin Macintyre, a sophomore sports medicine major, is also enthusiastic about PayPal's offer. "I use Ebay through PayPal to buy clothes and phone cards often, even though I still bought some things at the brand source's website."

Macintyre, a frequent user of the site, also said that he plans to purchase Christmas presents for family members using PayPal. He believes that students in particular will be drawn to do their online transactions through PayPal.

"As a college student we all know that money is tight, so rebates are extremely good incentives," he said.

## Big Biz @ HU: Bara Business Solutions

BY RHONDA CRICHLAW  
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Less than a five-minute walk from the School of Business, Bara Business Solutions is filling the void that Howard Copy left after its recent closing. Bara Business Solutions offers the students, faculty and staff who are searching for a new alternative to get homework, posters, business cards and other items photocopied or printed.

"We have gotten more students coming into the store recently. We still need to do more, however, to let them, as well as others [at Howard], know about the business," Tosha Link, the company's owner and manager said. "We provide a nice environment and competitive prices, and we are willing to work with students, professors and others at Howard to meet their needs. We are here to fill whatever gaps there are so that our customers don't have to go too far for these services."

Located at 2851 Georgia Avenue, N.W., the company was known as Uptown Business before Link, a Howard graduate, bought it two years ago. The small business, with less than five employees, has produced jobs for organizations on campus and schools such as the College of Arts and Sciences.

Jobs of any size are produced and rush work can be negotiated. Apart from cash, American Express, VISA and MasterCard are all suitable methods of payment. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, but Link said that adjustments can be made in certain instances. "It's done on a case by case basis...we've been accommodating sometimes after hours and on Sundays."

A popular service offered is photocopying, one that many students had previously utilized at Howard Copy. Whether it is high-speed, black and white or colored, Link identified this as one of the major needs of students who visit the store.

"I usually do require photocopy services, especially since I am taking organic chemistry labs and we need to photocopy our

results every week. I would be interested in visiting the store for this purpose," said junior biology major LaToya Luces.

The company also does photocopying for professors who, according to Link, have the option of emailing the work to be copied for students to collect later. The company also offers binding, lamination and faxing services, among many others. Link said that a passport photo service may be added by the beginning of next year.

There are some services that go beyond those once offered at Howard Copy. Bara Business Solutions has FedEx, UPS and USPS affiliations. Their mailing and shipping service can also act as a supplement to the University's own postal service since the University only accepts items to be shipped during the week while this company opens its doors on Saturdays. The company sells international and domestic phone cards as well as prepaid cellular minutes for Cingular and Verizon. Link said that 10 percent student discounts are offered on all services excluding mailing and shipping, phone cards and cellular minutes.

There is a computer center in the store that customers can utilize for a fee, depending on the length of time it is used. The Internet and programs such as Microsoft Word are available, and students can even create PowerPoint presentations.

Computer and business supplies are sold by the company as well. Link said that any items customers need that are not in stock at the store can be ordered, shipped and delivered within a day or two. A notary public service is provided, which Link said can be completed within minutes provided all is in order with the documents to be notarized.

Some students who have already visited the store on Georgia Avenue have had pleasant experiences. Hakeem Harmon, a senior audio production major said, "They have good customer service and reasonable prices. I especially like their paper and color quality."

## Collegiate Cheating Still Prevalent

BY BRITTANY ELLIS  
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Though corporate ethics appear throughout collegiate business curriculums, recent studies indicate that an increasing number of students enrolled in undergraduate, graduate and masters of business administration programs are cheaters.

A survey of 5,331 students at 32 graduate schools throughout the U.S. and Canada revealed that 56 percent of graduate students cheat, particularly in MBA programs. For the study, cheating was classified as copying others' work, bringing prohibited materials into an exam and plagiarizing.

Despite the numbers, officials of Wharton College at University of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania State University do believe in the strength of their Code of Academic Integrity. When asked about student's tendency to cheat, Ed George, a statistics professor at Wharton College, said that he has not had previous "knowledge of such activity."

However, Linda Trevino, a professor at Pennsylvania State University, acknowledges that cheating does exist in higher education. Trevino has found in personal research that students partake in collaborative cheating, most commonly assisting each other on projects meant to be completed by individuals. Trevino also points to advanced technology, which she cites as reason for the increase in plagiarism and cheating.

Howard University has strict regulations prohibiting misconduct such as cheating and plagiarism, both of which can result in expulsion from the University. Howard University's School of Business allots time for the proper instruction and application of the code of ethics and academic integrity.

The School of Business hosts sessions for incoming and current students devoted to Howard University's standards of academic integrity and ethical behavior.

"This is a subject that we are very concerned about. However, we stress the code of ethics and teach it to the best of our ability," Dean Paschall, the associate dean of the School of Business said. "We can only hope the students are listening."

Though Howard University students adhere to rules governing ethics, they are



File Photo

Recent studies indicate that while many universities uphold a strict code of ethics, plagiarism and cheating amongst students is still a major concern.

not unaware of cheating practices that occur.

"If a professor hands out an exam and then leaves the room, a majority of the students will use that opportunity to their advantage, whether they are MBA students or not," junior business management major Aundrea Mack said.

Second year MBA student Ayesha Mansukhani believes that undergraduates cheat more than MBA students. Because most major business schools have a non-disclosure policy barring employers from seeing MBA grades, Mansukhani said that

Mansukhani is included in the last Wharton MBA class whose grades will be kept private to potential employers. Incoming students' grades will be based on the original letter grading scale used for undergraduates.

"No matter how much a professor will stress cheating in school, people are still going to do it," Kendra Oates, a sophomore accounting major said. "But in the corporate world, if you're being paid for a job, it would be wrong to reap the rewards of someone else's work."

## You Might Want to Know

--Retail Sales Fall for Second Consecutive Month

Retail sales dropped for a second consecutive month in October, reflecting in part big declines in the price of gasoline. The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that retail sales fell by 0.2 percent last month after a revised decline of 0.8 percent in September.

--Target Profits Increase

Target Corp. reported a larger-than-expected 16 percent rise in quarterly profits on Tuesday, boosted by strong sales and hefty returns from its credit cards. The discount retailer, which competes with larger rival Wal-Mart Stores Inc., earned \$506 million, or 59 cents per share, in the third quarter ending on Oct. 28, up from \$435 million, or 49 cents per share, a year earlier.

--Google Closes YouTube Deal

Web search leader Google Inc. said on Tuesday that it closed its \$1.65 billion acquisition of top online video sharing site YouTube, setting a new record in the valuation for user-generated media sites.

--TiVo to Expand Internet-Based Content

In its ongoing bid to be a central conduit of media, TiVo Inc. plans to broaden its digital video recording service later this year so users of its set-top boxes can download videos from the Internet and watch them from their television sets.

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# Lady Bison Have High Hopes for New Season

BY JESSICA NWOKOCHA  
Contributing Writer

For the Howard University women's basketball team, winning a Mid Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championship is at the top of the to do list for the upcoming season.

"Every year, the number one goal for us is to

win a MEAC championship, but also to try to build on the last year," said junior shooting guard Christina Aden. "Wherever we were at the end of the season, we just want to build on that and keep the momentum going."

Head Coach Cathy Parson is relying on key players—Melloni Benson, Christina Aden, Shannon

Carlisle, Courtney Smiley and Sequoya Moore—to be her "nucleus of players" who will propel the team towards its goal.

With the loss of three key seniors, but the full recovery of Carlisle and Aden from injuries suffered two seasons ago, the Lady Bison are looking at a strong starting five to cover all positions from the backcourt to the post.

New additions to the team include freshmen Charae Baulkman, JaDawn Holler, Lacey Banks and Simone Berry, as well as junior Reyna Gross.

"Charae Baulkman and Reyna Gross will probably be the two newcomers that will be most effective right away," Parson said. "Baulkman on the boards and Gross because she is a point guard."

Parson is emphasizing defense as a major component of Lady Bison basketball for this season. "For our team to be competitive, our pressure defense has to be effective," she said.

According to Carlisle, the team's point guard and leading scorer last season, keeping up team intensity on

and off the court, along with team unification, is central to the team's success in the 2006-2007 season.

"There were times last season when we did play with intensity for the whole game," said Carlisle, a senior physical education major who showed no signs of pain from her knee surgery suffered in the 2004-2005 season.

"And we need to be more unified as a team if we are to be successful," he said.

Benson, a senior exercise physiology major and basketball forward who was named to the preseason All-MEAC first team, is looking to contribute in any way she can.

"If it's scoring, helping out on defense or grabbing rebounds, I'm just trying to give it my all," Benson said.

Benson is one of the most versatile players in the MEAC as she is just as comfortable making a drop-step post move down low as she is stepping outside to knock down a 3-pointer. Benson averaged 12.2 points per game.

"The season is a journey, and there are always

things that need to be improved upon: little skills, little things that just make everything run smoothly," Aden said. "As we keep working, that stuff is going to happen. If we just listen to our coaches and follow their instruction, we'll be fine."

Last season, Howard had a 10-8 record in the MEAC, winning seven of those games at home, with a team average of 73.3 points per game. Yet the Lady Bison were disappointed at the lack of student support.

"Everybody complains at Howard that none of the teams win, but they have a team that actually wins and they don't support them," Aden said. "So if people want to see a winning team, then they should be at our games."

The Lady Bison opened the season Nov. 12 against Virginia Tech in the LSU Tournament, and they play their first home game against George Mason Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. in Burr Gymnasium.

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Women's Basketball

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### TODAY'S GAMES

None



Senior forward Melloni Benson is expected to be key for the Lady Bison, averaging 12.2 points per game last year.

## TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY...

On November 15, 1950, Arthur Dorrington became the first black man to sign a contract with a professional hockey team, signing for the New York Rangers' farm team in Atlantic City, N.J.



### Nationals Name Former Mets Third Base Coach Acta New Manager

The Washington Nationals named Manny Acta as their new manager in a press conference on Tuesday after speculation last week that he would take the job. Acta, 37, will become the youngest manager in Major League Baseball after previously serving as third base coach for the New York Mets.

Acta was the third base coach for the franchise from 2002-2004, when the team was still known as the Montreal Expos. He replaces Hall of Famer Frank Robinson, whom he worked under for during those three seasons.

"Frank was more of an old-school guy. We're going to have to wait and see how it's going to be with Manny," catcher Brian Schneider told reporters yesterday. Schneider played for the Expos during Acta's prior coaching stint with the team.

At this past summer's World Baseball Classic, Acta managed the Dominican Republic, a team that featured stars such as Vladimir Guerrero, David Ortiz and current National Alfonso Soriano.

### Duquesne Basketball Wins First Game Since Shooting Incident

The Duquesne University men's basketball team won for the first time this season, defeating Youngstown State 81-75 in its first contest after five of its members were shot this past September.

Freshman guard/forward Scott Grote led the Dukes with 23 points in his college debut. Sophomore guard Aaron Jackson, the only team member who was involved in the shootings to return to the court, turned in a strong 12-point, 11-rebound performance.

The team was inspired by the presence of junior forward Sam Ashaolu, who made his first public appearance since being shot at the game in a private box. Ashaolu was one of the most seriously injured among the Duquesne players, with gunshot wounds to the head.

Duquesne, a team that finished 3-24 one season ago, fielded the youngest lineup in school history, playing three freshmen, two sophomores and a junior college transfer, all of whom were under 6-6.

Last year, Youngstown State defeated the Dukes by 21 points.

-Compiled by Elliott Jones, Sports Editor

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## NATURALLY BEAUTIFUL

## Home Beauty Remedies Work as Well as the Spa

BY DANIELLE KWATENG  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Homemade beauty recipes have been around for years, allowing ordinary items found in the kitchen to bring out the fresh-from-the-spa look in everyone.

With modern technology available to solve almost every type of beauty problem, though, it seems that the old remedies of mothers, grandmothers and aunts have been close to forgotten.

Yet today's generation still know that a grocery store or a pharmacy can be just as beneficial to a daily beauty regimen as a trip to the spa. Although many of these remedies are not medically approved, they can still provide solutions to some of beauty's most toughest problems.

"My granny always told me that Vaseline works for your skin," said sophomore management major Channin Griffin. "She told me to wash my face, then put the Vaseline all over my face, rinse off with water and your skin stays soft." Griffin said.

Common remedies for repair and growth of the body are found in natural substances. Minerva Mastacaneanu, a local Romanian aesthetician, has her own shop off Connecticut Avenue and is a fan of all-natural products.

"I do my own customized facials from a mixture of fruits," Mastacaneanu said. "I first look at what kind of skin you have and then form recipes based on what your skin needs."

Mastacaneanu uses a wide-range of products in order to heal many of her clients' beauty ailments.

"I also use a line of products by Christine Valmy, a known aesthetician and my former teacher. All of her products are made from plants, like her skin bleaching lotions [which



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Coconut, tea tree, olive and carrot oils, as well as brown sugar, baking soda and oatmeal are popular ingredients in many daily homemade beauty remedies and regimens.

have] sage, lemon and chamomile in it."

Mastacaneanu says students need to know when to use natural products and when not to. "It works to have a combination," she said. "I mostly do customized facials, but I do recommend exfoliation with a chemical peel."

"I think it's better for students to go to professionals," she advises. "You need to know your type of skin and what it needs. You can infect oily skin if you use certain natural recipes. So I suggest for people with skin issues to come to a professional."

There are many common natural homemade remedies for skin. For facials, a mixture of oatmeal and egg yolks can be used. For exfoliation, natural brown sugar and coconut oils work wonderfully to remove dead skin.

Equal amounts of baking soda and water correct pimples and tea tree oil helps heal the scarring. To smooth one's skin complexion, olive oil is an inexpensive and easy remedy. But out of every remedy mentioned, the most vital solution for glowing skin is exercise, water and oxygen.

Tiara Brown, a sophomore television production major, uses more simple methods to keep her skin clear.

"My mother used to say everything you eat comes out somewhere. If I ate pizza, three hours later, she'd pat down my face for oil," Brown said. "I wear no makeup, no eye shadow, no nothing, but I do use a prescription cleanser from my dermatologist, who's actually a Howard [graduate.] And I also use an Aveeno

daily moisturizer that has sunscreen in it."

Although teen magazines such as Seventeen and Teen Vogue are fun to read, their hair care tips are usually catered to white people. For the most part, people of color have completely different hair textures and, thus, have other hair care needs.

Some ethnic hair needs to be moisturized and conditioned constantly. Applying mayonnaise as a conditioner after shampooing gives hair a healthy look. For moisture, rubbing coconut oil on the scalp is a solution. If growing hair out naturally is a goal, aloe vera and multivitamins are good conditioners to use during the growth process.

Some students have not had any beauty tips passed down to them, but still know how to manage their beauty needs.

"My mom didn't show me anything" said Bolanle Salaam, a freshman mathematics major. "We used to have natural hair and when we permed it, it was very straight, but then it fell out because we didn't know how to take care of it. I just had to do trial and error, asking girls with shiny hair where they got it done and what oils they used."

"Now, when my hair needs grease, I use something called Sunflower carrot oil," Salaam said. "It's a natural extract that can be used in your hair and body and you only need a drop of it. Most girls are a fan of olive oil, both natural and chemical spray. But when your hair starts to break, you need to switch to carrot oil."

A user on Seventeen's blog said that rubbing a damp hot towel against her lips before applying lipstick made her lips look fuller.

Other little known remedies for nails are eating yogurt and rubbing vitamin E oil on cuticles for nail growth.

## New Swiss Chocolate Bar Fights Acne

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Chocolate is one of the most popular flavors in the world. It is the main ingredient in sweets such as chocolate candy, ice cream, cookies, pies and desserts.

Many chocolate eaters believe the sweet treat results in acne, the term for clogged pores that cause blackheads, whiteheads and pimples.

Teenagers, and even some adults, have experienced acne and the trauma it can cause. Everyone seems to have a remedy for this problem, from using Clearasil to Proactiv.

For decades, it has been believed that chocolate is the cause of many acne problems. But is it really?

Numerous studies show that chocolate being the cause of acne is just a myth. However,

chocolate is now being used to prevent and treat acne, thanks to Scott Vincent Borba.

Borba, a manufacturer of cosmetics and skin care products, came up with a digestible alternative, the "Chocolate Clarifying Bar."

The Swiss chocolate bar is made with his "Skin Balance Clarifying Aqua-Less Crystalline Powder" to remove toxins, improve skin clarity, prevent breakouts and reduce redness and irritation associated with acne.

The powder contains a cultivated bio-vitamin complex of walnut-hush extract, pomegranate extract and green tea extract, which helps the skin regenerate its natural support system.

Kendra Houston, a sophomore actuarial science major, believes while the chocolate bar will make a profit, the out-

come of using the bar won't be as expected.

"The acne isn't going to go away by just eating one chocolate bar," Houston said. "A person would have to eat it continuously for it to take effect."

"So even if it prevents acne from forming, it might cause cavities," she added. "So is it really worth it? I don't think so. You're basically trading in one problem for another."

Such a tempting candy comes with a heavy price tag. This bar can be purchased exclusively online at Nordstrom.com for \$8.00.

"I like his idea of it and I would try it, but \$8.00 for one bar is way too much," said Milea Pickett, a sophomore history major. As a college student, I don't have that kind of money to be spending on candy bars."

"I will just have to stick to drinking lots of water," Pickett said, "and using other less expensive products to prevent acne."

Borba's chocolate bar has been all over the media lately, not just for turning a supposedly acne-causing food into an acne preventative measure, but also for turning pimple prevention from something unpleasant to a task more fun and tasty.

"The only way of knowing if it works is by trying it out," nurse Vanessa Manns said. "It might not be the remedy for everyone, but it won't hurt to try."

According to Borba's Web site, independent testers of the acne-preventing chocolate bar had a 52 percent reduction of blemishes in 28 days.

He also stated on the site that people can gain skin clar-



Photo courtesy of www.borba.com

Scott Vincent Borba has created a chocolate bar that is said to fight pimples, break-outs and skin problems.

ity by eating the chocolate bar and using his other skin care products.

Adrianna Jordan, a sophomore political science major, is not a chocolate eater, but says that if she were one, she would try the candy bar regardless of the price.

"It's not just candy anymore; it's a health product,"

Jordan said.

Borba also has acne treating jelly boosters (beans) and gummy boosters (bears) that sell for \$25 per pound. These items can be purchased on his Web site, www.borba.net.

Some may find this candy bar a sweet and pleasant treat solution to a bitter and sour situation.



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## Racist Parties on the Rise

We were excited to see Cramton Auditorium packed last night with students learning how they could help fight for affirmative action. For anyone who wonders why affirmative action is so important, just look at John Hopkins University, less than an hour away.

Less than two weeks ago, Halloween took an offensive turn for black students at the school as a fraternity on campus hosted a party with the theme "Halloween in the Hood" that featured a fake body hanging outside.

It is disheartening to see a school located in such an urban area act so disrespectfully toward the city and black students on campus. And if black students were not on campus, the world might have never known about the blatantly racist acts taking place.

The Baltimore NBC station reported that the fraternity sent an email urging people to come in their best "bling, bling, ice, ice" in the "HIV pit" a reference to Baltimore.

The fact that students could think nothing is wrong with throwing a party that had people dressed as enslaved blacks and that included such a negative depiction of the "hood" is scary and as racist as it gets.

We applaud students at John Hopkins for standing up. And as we realize our own power as students and come into our own social activism, we hope a revival is underway for all black students. The fraternity has since been sus-

pended from the campus.

It is baffling that students could be so clueless in a city like Baltimore that needs as much help as it can get and that has received enough controversy from programs like "The Wire."

Unfortunately the incident at John Hopkins is not so rare, as numerous college parties have been thrown around the country with racist themes in recent years. The Facebook

face and wore actual Omega Psi Phi shirts to mock the black fraternity. We at Howard take special offense to this as the organization was founded on our campus.

It is even more disturbing to see the media's treatment of events like this as they carefully word articles to say "protestors allege racism" instead of calling the events racist.

To make fun of the impoverished is disrespectful on a level all its own, especially if you are in the neighborhood and could possibly help. Dressing as slaves and drug addicts is a complete slap in the face to all black people.

The reality is even if we tried the same thing—to come in trailer park attire here at Howard—black people don't have enough power even to discriminate effectively. White people are allowed to be individuals, so dressing up as one person could never define the race.

Witnessing events like this reminds us to appreciate Howard more, and it also reiterates how important affirmative action is. As Shanta Driver, a leader for By Any Means Necessary, said in Cramton Auditorium last night, the conversation is different when one black person is in the room and so something has to be done to make sure those doors stay open.

We stand with those minority students at traditionally white institutions who must deal with such racism and will continue to join together and fight back.

## Our View:

*It is offensive to witness racist parties depicted as being fun, and we unite with those students who take a stand against them.*

group "Students Against Racially Themed Parties" seeks to bring together students who have been victims of these parties and alert those who may not understand the seriousness of these racist parties.

The list of parties and the accompanying pictures are mind-blowing, and the white students who are responsible don't see the racism in their antics.

Past parties on the list include "Big Booty Hoes & Ghetto Bros" and "Tacos & Tequila" at the University of Illinois, "Straight Thuggin'" at the University of Chicago, the "Republican BlackFace Party" at Penn State and, even more disheartening, the "Ghetto Fabulous" party hosted by law students at the University of Texas who hope to one day practice law.

Pictures include one party where members were in black

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Monday @ 7 p.m.

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**TONIGHT**  
NOVEMBER 15, 2006  
7:00 PM  
CRAMTON AUDITORIUM  
\*\*FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE IN CRAMTON\*\*

COME FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK WITH THE HOTTEST ARTISTS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY.

**COME OUT TO "DOUGHNUTS AND DEVOTIONS" FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM 7-8AM IN TRUTH LOUNGE - THE QUAD**  
ENJOY FREE MILK, ORANGE JUICE AND KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERACTIVE STUDY OF SCRIPTURE.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS:  
"SPRINGING FORWARD: AN INTROSPECTIVE COUNCIL EVALUATION"  
NOVEMBER 16TH 2006 PHYSICS AUDITORIUM 7:00 PM  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

THE GENTLEMEN OF PI KAPPA ALPHA PRESENT:  
PIKE WEEK 2006 14TH - 16TH NOVEMBER  
TUESDAY 7:00PM  
"MIND AND THOUGHT PURES"  
PANEL DISCUSSION: INTERCULTURAL DIVERSITY - IS IT POSSIBLE? AND THE 3 WEEKENDS  
"POLICE MENTIONS THE YOUNG BLACK MALE AND THE POLICE"  
DREW HALL LOUNGE 8:00PM  
THURSDAY  
"THE BASICS OF STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS"  
DUN 304, 7:00PM  
FRIDAY  
GAME NIGHT! BLACKBURN RECEPTION CENTRE 7:00PM

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"MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS"  
HOWARD UNIVERSITY IS YOUR BUSINESS SO MIND IT! THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2006 7-8:30PM  
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HEY MAN FRIEND!!!

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS: "ASSC IN YOUR AREA ... TUBMAN QUAD" NOVEMBER 20TH, 2006 TUBMAN QUAD 7:00PM  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

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