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BY SHANAE HARRIS

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Financial Aid Attainable for Drug Offenders

BY KITA NICOLE BRADLEY
Contributing Writer

In recent years, the government added a new question to the FAFSA: Is the borrower under 24 years of age and attending school who received taxpayer backing when convicted for drug offenses?

...when it was just blacks, it was not a mainstream concern because it was not affecting senators and their children.

- Malora Tibbs, freshmen

Of the 175,000 students from receiving aid, according to the Department of Education, 6.5% of those arrested were white, 32.9% were black, 65.8% were Asian or Pacific Islander, and 6% were American Indians. Of those students, 38% were male, 62% female.

Since the introduction of a new policy, led by the federal government, claims that the change plainly illustrated how Congress reckoned the law to be unfair, especially to minorities. Mark Souder, R-Ind., chairman of the House subcommittee that oversees drug policy, stated that he did not think the same accountability should be implemented for people that are convicted of DWIs. "I don't hold that to the same accountability as adults. In addition to this restriction, convicted drug offenders who are ineligible for federal taxpayer dollars also can't receive grants and loans or serve in the military. It is expected that this transition to a new policy on convicted students will be more lucrative to older students who finished college before being convicted and now wish to go back. Youthful drug offenses do not hinder students from receiving federal aid. Loanmakers can also recoup eligibility by completing drug treatment programs. According to the Office of National Drug Control Policy there were a total of 175,742 late with federal student loan debt, 6.5% of those were white, 32.9% were black, 65.8% were Asian or Pacific Islander, and 6% were American Indians. Of those students, 38% were male, 62% female.

Drug offenders have prevented at least 17,500 students from receiving aid, according to Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP). A new study reports that more than twenty-four states are following the information led by the federal government.

"I think some institutionalized students will benefit from the past criminal record, but unfortunately 60% of thousands of students will be left behind without the ability to pay for school," campaign director for the group Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Tom Angell, said.

The law suspending federal financial assistance to students convicted of drug crimes applies to those who are eighteen or younger and younger students who were tried as adults. In addition to this restriction, convicted drug offenders who are ineligible for federal taxpayer dollars also can't receive grants and loans or serve in the military.

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A Day in the Life of...

a Valentine-less Student

BY MORGAN NEVILLES-MOORE
Hilltop Staff Writer

Walking through the Yard with her iPod in tow, she hopes that the shuffle feature will play a song to lift her spirits. She is greeted by so many people's faces, "I haven't always felt so much dislike about someone," Blake said. "But unless you're just ignoring this, but then I go to pick up my things. It's ridiculous." Blake doesn't want others to think that she is just a bitter female who hates anything and everything that has to do with love, "You're just not going to know someone. I'm happy for you," Blake said. "But unless it's V-day for you every day, then it's just not necessary to give so much public attention to your relationship for one day out of the year.

Kappas Auction Men and Women at Fashion Show

Last night, Kappa Chi chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi and Entertainment, Media, Sports, and Leisure Club of Howard University put on the "Krazy In Love in Kegel's Lounge," a fashion show, and male and female auction to celebrate Valentine's Day. The most expensive sale was a male for $20,000.

Compiled By Morgan Nevilles-Moore
Hilltop Staff Writer

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Boys Choir of Harlem Evicted From Choir Academy

Although the Boys Choir of Harlem, pictured above, has been helping inner-city youth, controversy has caused the choir's eviction.

It was revealed that the choir was $5 million in debt. Turnbull was then denounced to Artistic Director after the accusations were confirmed.

Turnbull was turned away from the school when he tried to return on Wednesday February 8. Supporters, parents and former students that have been constant contri­utors throughout the scandal, acompañied Turnbull.

"The choir is not disbanded", we will continue to rehearse and continue to honor our contractual obligations because we are paid for every performance," Turnbull said about the choir's future.

Alumni of the Boys Choir of Harlem have expressed their concern for the longevity of the choir.

"I think the community is losing a key figure and reflection of the community, we as minority individuals should rally around Dr. Turnbull and his benefactor Freddy Guerrer, a former member of The Boys Choir of Harlem.

Former members of the choir are not the only ones that are appalled at the course of events. "I have the utmost respect for a quality organization like the Harlem Boys Choir, and as a New Yorker, I feel totally dis­appointed in what we are losing in our city," said Howard University student.

The Boys Choir of Harlem prepares young men for the future and they have done so for only 32 percent of males in New York graduate from high school, the choir academy has a 95 per­cent graduation rate.

Performing around the world, exposure to cultures and singing in several different lan­guages are among the accom­plishments of the Boys Choir of Harlem.

The choir has sung for for­mer presidents and many dig­nitaries, recently, they sang on Kanye West's "Jams Woes" soundtrack, and they have trav­eled internationally to Europe, Asia and Israel.

The Boys Choir of Harlem, known for the breadth of performances and constant contri­butions to the community, has reportedly been evicted from the Choir Academy of Harlem.

The Choir Academy of Harlem, which facilitates the Boys Choir of Harlem, has had a core choir, arts, with the school through since 1992, however, the program has been underfunded and choir off­cials voiced concern for the school by the end of this month.

The school is one of Harlem's only, not only broader minority youth's horizons but is also an outlet for some of the neighborhood's most promising young men. The choir has proven itself to be a leader in arts and education for minority individuals.

Controversy began when Walter J. Turnbull, founder and director of the choir, failed to pay an employee who sexu­ally abused a student and did not report the incident.

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While thousands of people rallied in the streets for the former president and the president's future, Reen Predal, was far ahead in the votes, with no percent counted, face to the city's late Monday in a U.N. heli­copter in order to speak to police, but also further sparked emotions with chants of: "They're stealing our votes."
**Network Provides New Free Info Service to Callers**

**BY JACQUELINE COOK**

Students who imagined dialing 411 on their cell phone and not getting charged $0.25 for the service don't have to wait anymore. While this scenario has been made a reality through the telephone directory assistance service 1-800-FREE-411, many continue to overlook the opportunity.

The toll-free number uses a voice recognition system to find the listings that are requested by the caller. Customers are then asked to give the city and state, the type of business they are looking for, and finally the name of the company.

The free phone service doesn't stop there either. Jingle Networks, the company behind the service, was able to start through the support of various advertisers. They announced the venture in earlier this year when AMC Entertainment Corporation, Loews Entertainment, and several other companies joined forces to offer the service.

According to a press release issued by Jingle Networks last December, more than 6 billion directory assistance calls are placed each year. During its first three weeks of availability, 1-800-FREE-411 was able to read "some hundreds of thousands of calls, from nearly every state in the country."

As of early December, the service was able to attract about 6 million users, providing customers with plenty of listings to look through. Many students said they would definitely use the service when they are looking for a business.

"I have to pay for 411 on my phone so I think it's a great idea," said sophomore graphic design major Simone Glenn. "Nobody knows about it," said sophomore graphic design major Chad Balkum. "No one is going to use it because everyone has the Internet on their cell phones to look stuff up," he added.

"It almost doubled the number of calls they are getting," said Chad Balkum.

**PQHONopolies**

**BY KENDRA TURNER**

Talk of a merger between 21st Century Fox and Disney began last quarter and was confirmed earlier this year when AMC Entertainment Corporation, Loews Entertainment, and several other companies joined forces to offer the service.

The companies have been in the realm of cinema theaters, since Loews currently has more than 6,500 screens operating in the United States, Mexico, South Korea, Singapore, and Taiwan, with more than 3,250 screens in the United States, Canada, France, Hong Kong, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom. According to the Kansas City Star, the newly merged AMC and Loews will have 5,676 screens and 415 theaters in the United States, Mexico, and Columbia, and 15 other countries, making it the second largest theatre company, just under Regal Entertainment Group, which has comparable revenues and more screens.

In order to satisfy state and federal antitrust laws, AMC agreed to sell off ten of its theaters. The terms of the merger stated that Loews would divest into AMC and AMC Entertainment Incorporated, but maintain its headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, according to an AMC theatre press release.

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The merger leaves shareholders of AMC's parent company, Loews parent company, with 60 percent of the merged company's stock, and shareholders of Loews parent company, with 40 percent, said The Kansas City Star.

"The merger creates one of the biggest and best movie companies in the world," said Reid, in the AMC press release. "Loews' team has been working alongside AMC for the past several months to help position the new company for the successful completion of the merger."

The new AMC will honor all gift cards, gift certificates and group ticket distributed or purchased from AMC of Loews. Patrons will be able to look forward to new features from the alliance such as a refill policy, according to a manager at the AMC theatre located at Union Station who declined to give his name.

"I preferred Loews because I'm used to it from home, but when I came here, I liked AMC better because it's cleaner," Watkins said. There are no intermissions in the films, the service is better and the popcorn is fresher," added, "With refills, I would definitely check it out."

"My kids have been going to Loews for as long as I can remember," said senior graphic design major Michelle Watson. "But when I visited the AMC theatre located at Union Station, I was really impressed."

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**Sunday, February 12, 2006**
Call for Chapels
10:00 a.m. Rainbow Ministries Chapel located in Campus Auditorium
Graduate students gather to participate in the form of the week (in recognition)

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**Monday, February 13, 2006**
The Black Love Revolution: Promoting Secure, Healthy, Relationships at Howard U. 
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For more information contact President A. The 4-9748@howard.edu

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**Tuesday, February 14, 2006**
At the Feet of the Elder
Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm, Location Computer Building
In addition to participating in the chapel, we sit at the feet of the student leaders in conversation about love (in glory)

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**Wednesday, February 15, 2006**
Singing, Sipping, and Sharing for Graduate School: A Mingling Workshop on Success
Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm, Location Students Union Center
Graduate students are encouraged to attend the workshop to work sessions from a panel of graduate student experts and alumni.
For more information contact Sarah Dance 242-100-9960

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**Thursday, February 16, 2006**
State of the Graduate School Address Time: 11:00 am-12:00 pm, Location Auditorium
The Dean of Graduate School will provide an overview of the status and direction of the graduate school and its mission.
For more information contact Sarah Dance 242-100-9960

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**Friday, February 17, 2006**
A Gala Dinner: Dashing Up, Youth, and Achievement
Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm, Location 10th Floor, B-41
For more information contact Sweat Tate 242-200-2250

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**Saturday, February 18, 2006**
Community Awards Ceremony, Recognition of Graduate Students
Location: Auditorium
For more information contact Sadeh Tate 242-200-2250

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**So Annex, Carver, Cook, Drew, Mays, Meridian, Quad, Slow, and the Towers;**
**Grab a pigskin and your ‘A’ game, anything less is a waste of time...**
Is Dick Off the 'Cheney'?

It seems that the members of the Bush administr­ation have been in the line of fire for a long period of time. Government officials have often been under all kinds of investigations, exposés and controversy especially when it comes to keeping everything timely and honest.

On Valentine's Day most people were in a positive way, like that one Harry Whittington who recently suffered as a result of a heart attack in the Whitehouse. On February 13th, the first day of President Bush's second term, Harry Whittington's day most of the public was made aware that over the weekend Cheney accidentally shot Whittington in the chest.

As scrutiny per­turbed about the delay in informing the public, a few St. McClellan reti­red. If you want to continue to spend time on that, that's fine," said Shenandoah.

Our View:
Government figures mistakes shouldn't protect or exempt them for fear of bad PR; all news should be timely and honest.

The comment above may as well be replaced with "moving along" or "get over it." Dick is definitely off the "Cheney".

Food For Thought: Questioning Hip Hop Honey's

Shan Johnson

"Hip drills; "gold diggers" and "lilacs" are the phrases most commonly used today in today's hip hop music. Whether you are lis­tening to Keanu West, Jay Z or Ittle, it is inevitable that there will be some negative images made to black women.

But what is it about? With the recent release of books like "Confessions of a Video Vixen" and the success of video mod­els like Ruffly The Body, Esther Baxter, and Melissa Ford, how do you pin point the source of the degradation of women? In all of the aforementioned cases these women have used sex to help keep hip hop to establish lucrative deals, so this brings into question the intention of the women. Is it just for helping to permeate the sin­gle women are just see objects and good for shak­ing "what they want it" or should they be com­mented that of their looks "thing the industry out of money and fame?"

Female groups every­where claim their chances in disgust at the images portrayed of black women in hip hop videos. One of the leading women's organizations, Essence, has created a "Take Back the Music Campaign!" out of disgust for the treatment of women in music videos.

My question is, why do you blame? The women for doing it, the men for allowing it or the industry for promoting it? On one hand, if the women doesn't insist on dropping it like it's hot, then there would be no cause for concern. However, if the women's took a stand against portraying women in such a demeaning manner, and the industry decided to hold itself to higher standards and not sell out to the highest bidder then maybe the women couldn't be criticized.

Hip Hop has always been a vehicle for bringing up questions about the biggest chains, ears, and now the newest women. Society has been proven true to the industry that sex is what sells. Therefore, it is no surprise that the women's has nothing. From Snoop Dogg and his pee to BET's "Chase," sex becomes more of a facet in the entertainment industry than music quality. Is there a line where it comes to too much sex in videos? Is it okay to be the most video girls and wear tight clothes? What about swinging a credit and down a girl butt? How about when female rap­pers parade around naked and grab themselves? What is the difference between sexual content in videos versus movies and TV? How do you criticize the artist when society watches the videos and buy the albums? It is harmless, but it is slowly destroying the youth of the nation.

It is easy to say that the images of black women in Hip Hop are disreputable and derogatory. It's a fact harder to address the fact that society obviously wants to see these images. Hip Hop is multi-bil­lion dollar industry that makes a ton goo., gender, age, and race. To simply say that rappers are wrong for objectifying women in videos is insurmountable and egocentric without taking an in­depth look into larger issues.

One must look at the will­ingness of women to participate and the industry that makes it mandatory to sell records. If society was truly appalled by the demeaning and immoral treatment of black women in hip hop they would take a stand, boycott, write letters or turn off the TV. Not to justify the booty shaking, but is it as appropriate to look at the bigger picture rather than penalize certain individ­uals for falling prey to the new standard of hip hop.

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"Hip-Hop's one of the most homophobic of all musical genres."
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"In a MTV Interview, Grammy award winning rapper/producer, Kanye West admitted to once having anti-gay views that made him question himself."

Homophobia: A Major Issue In Hip Hop

Resort Wear: Fall and Spring
Fashion's Hip Replacement

By Yasmine Maharaj

While most students are hardly surviving the financial hazards of college life, there are a select few who seek the runway for their next apparel purchase. Shopping resort collections is how to get the most bang out of a designer buck. What started as a submarket in the 1970's for women who needed extra-wear and other warm weather clothing (not something anyone gets away with a fully buttoned flower of fashion.)

Just like fall and spring, resort lines are complete collections filled with separates, gowns, and new sets of handbags and shoes. Unlike fall and spring lines, the resort collections span across the seasons: some designers have their resort collections on the racks as early as November (just as the fashion-forward shopper tires of the current collections) in 2005.

According to allhiphop.com, Dilla revealed that from complications with lupus, has worked with many artists including Kanye West and Common. In remembrance of Dilla, a memorial concert is being planned by many well-known rappers and producers. According to allhiphop.com, Dilla revealed that he had kidney problems in 2004 and spent a large amount of time in hospitals fighting the disease that affects over 1.5 million Americans each year. In remembrance of Dilla, a memorial concert is being planned by many well-known rappers and entertainers. J-Dilla was 32 years old.

Ying Yang and John Legend Participate In Copyright Awareness Week

Sir-Mix-A-Lot and the Ying Yang Twins are some of the many entertainers who will be participating in the new Copyright Awareness Week. Public service announcements will be broadcast on some 2,000 stations. Public service announcements will also be broadcast nationwide that aims to educate young people about the importance of copyright laws.

Rapper Freeway Set to Collaborate With 50 Cent

Being absent from the rap scene for quite some time now, Roc-A-Fella recording artist Freeway will collaborate with 50 Cent as well with the members of G-Unit on his new album entitled "Fine At Last." According to allhiphop.com, the album is co-executive produced by 50 Cent and Dame Dash president Jay-Z. It will be released on Jay-Z's Roc-A-Fella imprint via Def Jam, said Freeway's manager Ryan Press of Press Conference Management.
Students Torn on Torino Olympics

BY DEBORAH SMITH

Not only has the 2006 Winter Olympics been the first world competition to have a women's basketball tournament, but it has also faced a backlash from black community. Many students are uninterested in trying to watch the games, and NBC executives hope that they will fix the coverage.

When NBC executives chose to rebrand the network as the "Ocean Channel," many students were disappointed. "I feel like they're trying to cater to a younger audience," said one student. "But the Olympics are for everyone, and they should be accessible to everyone." NBC executives hope that the new branding will attract a wider audience and increase viewership.

One-on-One with... head basketball coach Gil Jackson

Howard's new head men's basketball coach, Gil Jackson, has brought a new perspective to the program. With a strong emphasis on academics and NCAA compliance, Jackson has instilled a sense of discipline and teamwork in the squad.

Jackson's coaching philosophy is centered around hard work and a strong work ethic. He believes that success in basketball is built on a solid foundation of hard work and dedication, and that is the approach he will take with the Bison men's basketball team.

Jackson's approach to coaching is reflected in his team's performance on the court. With a strong emphasis on defense and teamwork, the Bison have been competitive in their early games.

Jackson's success as a coach is due in large part to his ability to connect with his players. He believes that building relationships with his players is essential to creating a winning culture.

Jackson's background in coaching is extensive. He has spent time as an assistant coach at Wake Forest, and as a head coach at several Division II schools.

Jackson's impact on the Bison men's basketball program is already being felt. With a new sense of direction and purpose, the Bison are poised to have a successful season.
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Applications for Student Award Nominations are Now Available in the Office of Student Activities. Due: Feb. 20, 2006 at 5pm in the Office of Student Activities.

Auditions: Feb. 24, 25 and 26 Available Awards Best Student: Actor, Singer, Dancer, Musician, Film Maker, Photographer, Spoken Word Artist, Orator, Journalist of the Year and Photo of the Year. Redefining the Student Experience Interested in volunteering? Award ceremony volunteers will assist coordinators and chairpersons with tasks pertaining to the success of the UGSA Spring Black Arts Award Ceremony.

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**ATTENTION Alternative Spring Break (ASB) APPLICANTS**

The ASB Steering Committee would like to thank you for your application submission. Due to overwhelming response, the committee is determined to find resources and sponsorships to accommodate all applicants. The current status of all applications is pending, until further notice. Applicants are asked to attend the first of a series of orientations, next Sunday, February 19 at 4 PM in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. Thank you for your understanding.

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