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## State Bus Educates Howard Personnel

BY RUSHONDRA J. JAMES

Editor, Student and World Editor

Inside an ordinary recreational vehicle, behind the Howard Plaza Towers, campus employees close gaps in their education and dream bigger dreams.

Mary Johnson, a custodian, looks forward to the day when she will be able to get a job as a receptionist or secretary. She is one of several employees spending time in the vehicle, which is actually a modified classroom, known as a mobile Technology Unit or transformer.

The transformer houses a program called Workplace Classes, sponsored by the State Education Agency of the District of Columbia.

The program focuses on adult education, professional development and family literacy. The unit at Howard includes computers, a television and a power whiteboard.

The workplace classes are offered twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

Johnson says her technological skills have improved since signing up for the program. "We have learned how to email and how to do different things on the computer," said Johnson. She has earned her high school diploma, she said, and she entered the program to expand her resume.

According to Cheryl Jackson, a class instructor, the students focus on a variety of skills.

"What we do is work on math, reading and writing skills," Jackson said. "What we try to do is have employees enhance their skills at work along with personal skills."

Students are not only trained in reading and writing, but also on how to look for a job and how to compile a resume.

Students have the opportunity to work on the computers that are in the transformer during the class period, but Jackson says she also uses supplementary materials to teach.

"The Internet is only used as an expansion," she said. "Sometimes I bring articles in from The Afro, and most recently we have read Dr. Martin Luther King's Letter From a Birmingham Jail." We read the letter, and we looked up

work along with personal skills."

The program is offered on a voluntary basis and is made possible by a grant from the State Education Agency. Also, employees are tested to see where they are academically before they begin the program.

Stevie Dunn, age 50 and a custodian in the School of Pharmacy, feels that the program has benefited him in positive way.

"Since I've been in the program, I have accomplished a lot of things I didn't pick up in school in the early days," Dunn said.

Dunn also said basic skills are taught along with computer skills.

"We do mostly basic math, reading, etc.," he said. "Most of us are up in age and didn't have the opportunity to grasp these concepts in school."

Jackson says the program strives to work with the employees as a whole.

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Workplace Classes, a free program offered through the State Education Agency, offers free training and supplementary education to Howard University employees.

the words in which the students may not be familiar."

Howard employees are not the only ones who attend the workplace classes. Some of the other students work for the Department of Transportation and Department of Public Work, Jackson said.

Nevertheless, Dunn feels that the program is definitely a plus for Howard and hopes that more of his coworkers can join him in the future. "This is an absolutely good program," he said. "It should continue

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—Steve Dunn, School of Pharmacy custodian

## Athletic Director, Athletes Discuss Future

BY CARYN GRANT

Sports Editor

Students involved with Howard's various athletic programs met with athletic director Dwight Datcher. The last Meet the Director of Athletics Forum was hosted by HU's Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) chapter.

Datcher created a relaxed environment as he joked with student-athletes and laid out his four-part agenda with Howard athletes.

"My main purpose here for student-athletes is academics, participating in your respective sport, graduating, and giving back,"

Datcher said. The forum, broken into four "quarters," allowed for discussion regarding facilities, total student welfare, academics and fundraising.

"This is about a bigger picture here, not just all little small issues, and we must keep that in mind here," Datcher said to open the exchange.

Datcher began by saying that Burr Gymnasium is an old building and that just about everything inside of the building hasn't been updated since its construction.

"It's not in its best shape," he said. "It houses physical education, intramurals and recreation, and our athletes. We probably have about 1,000 people per day that come through there."

His plan for Geezer Stadium is to "fix it up" and make it different.

The overall thing people will always be concerned with is facilities, Datcher said following the forum. "There isn't one main priority. This is all a big project."

But it's like eye-candy in the fact that you hope once people see change, it'll bring better attitudes," Datcher said.

Between Howard

University is a land-locked institution in an urban area, Datcher looks to use the facilities for numerous activities, but hopes to change the looks of the facilities every six or seven years.

Datcher referenced the popular phrase, "Rome wasn't built in a day" when questioned about a time period for these changes to be made. He wants to start a program where alumni, especially former athletes, will give approximately \$100 every bi-weekly to the renovation and maintenance of Howard's athletic facilities.

"We're looking for you guys [student-athletes] to come back once you get your degrees and put money into the program that supported you," Datcher said.

Senior Cordis Stanford, a middle-distance runner for the track and field team, asked for more immediate change.

In response to earlier discussion that Howard needed an eight-lane track, Stanford said, "I think we should stick with the six lanes we have and get it resurfaced so that it can be used." He also asked for areas to be added for events such as long jump, high jump and pole vault.

Lacrosse and soccer

players expressed concern with a lack of travel availability during practices, which they said leaves numerous injuries imminent to.

Datcher was more concerned with the reason for so many injuries on Howard's teams and plans to look into coaching and training techniques as a way to curb the problem.

The athletic training staff was also very involved in the dialogue.

Junior student-athlete trainer Kristin Kimble asked for early registration, dining hours and housing location perks similar to those that student athletes receive.

"We're there with the team before, during and after practices," Kimble said.

To rumors of athletes

each month

being cut,

Datcher said that he has not planned to drop the program. Instead, he wants to place criteria on who will receive them and how the money will be spent to insure that the money is being spent properly.

Datcher stressed the importance of academics and that student-athletes need to understand that they are at Howard to get a degree and graduate.

"I think those that came out want to see change and want to be involved in that change," Datcher said.

Datcher was pleased with the outcome of the event and voiced in the attendees that this is a collective task.

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## Executives, Alumni Opened BEEP With Conversations

BY FARREN HINTON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Last night in the Blackburn Lounge Howard University hosted the Black Executive Exchange Program, also known as BEEP, to give Howard students a chance to mix and mingle with various members of Corporate America.

Dozens of School of Business students as well as others turned out to the event which was complete with hors d'oeuvres and good conversation. Last night's event was the first in a string of panel discussions that will take place in Blackburn on Wednesday.

Some of the corporations scheduled to be in attendance at Wednesday's event include: Bank of America, the Urban League, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Integrity Development, Booz Allen & Hamilton, UPS, and Ambassador Gordon Shirley of Jamaica.

Various university officials along with alumni and executives such as Alumnus Omarosa Stallworth of Donald Trump's "The Apprentice," were present at last night's event which was meant to give students the opportunity to converse and interact with those in the upper echelons of corporate America.

"We like for our students to be exposed to high-powered, black executives, who are either CEOs or founders of their companies, so that they can share with them their experiences in terms of leadership, professionalism and so forth," said Special Assistant for Student Affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences Linda Jones.

Students were both eager and anxious to chat with the executives and grew more comfortable by striking up conversations.

"I wasn't really nervous to speak with the executives, I was more nervous about how to go about speaking with them," said Sierra Edwards, sophomore accounting major.

Edwards said that once she started talking with the various business people she noticed how relaxed the atmosphere was.

"They were all very cool, calm and collected and very informative. It was nice," she said. She also pointed out that the conversations being held between students and the executives were not based solely on Corporate America, and that she spoke with a representative from UPS for a good deal of time about topics such as her generation and racism.

"Basically our conversation

was not necessarily set around Corporate America, it ranged from the ideals of our generation, to who is motivated, and what people are determined to make it to the next level," Edwards said.

Students like Amiya McCarthy a freshman international business major said the BEEP program was an opportunity that she could not miss.

"Mr. Gray said it was a good opportunity and when Mr. Gray says that it is a good idea you should go," said McCarthy speaking of the advice she received from Harold Gray, the Director of the Center for Professional Development in the SOB.

"Besides, it's always good to represent your school," she said.

The panel discussions on Wednesday will cover a variety of topics from Women in Executive Roles with special moderator Omarosa Stallworth, to Being a Successful Entrepreneur which will be moderated by Mr. Preston Edward, the CEO and Publisher of Black Collegian Magazine. The events will also play host to a BEEP headquarters or BEEP Central where students will be allowed to once again mix and mingle with the executives.

The day will begin, how-



University officials and alumni, such as Omarosa Stallworth, socialized last night at the Welcoming Reception for the Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP). Today there will be panels held in Blackburn from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ever with a session entitled Dean's Roundtable, Executives Respond at 9:30 am, which will give students yet another opportunity to speak with the business people. One noted panel will be the Howard Alumni: Coming Home, Giving Back which will

be from 11:30 am to 12:15 in the Blackburn Center Forum.

## International Students Informed At Town Hall Meeting



The Office of International Student Service, HUSA and various international student associations held an informative International Town Hall last night. The panel discussed the different paperwork trials that international students must complete to avoid accidental criminal actions that can get them deported. Subjects ranged from making sure that class registration classes was done correctly to making sure to fill out the proper paperwork when changing majors. The Student Employment Office also told the students about special job opportunities and internships, since the students are not able to work at a lot of places that citizens can.

## A Day in the Life of...

### *an Afro-American Studies major*

BY MORGAN NEVILLE-MOORE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

"The purpose of formal education in present day America has shifted to institutionalizing one to become a productive member of society, as opposed to actually educating. Afro-American studies has afforded me the opportunity to do more than just function, it encourages thinking for oneself and learning more about people who share the same or a similar heritage," said Justin Knight, a junior Afro-American studies student on why he chose his major.

Knight has made his major much more than just the pursuit of a degree; it is his passion and what he believes to be a driving force behind so many other aspects of life and as a proud Black he has taken the opportunity and immersed himself in the diversity of cultures here at HU.

"My tenure at Howard has taught me a great deal about black people, it's refreshing to see how diverse and

creative we each are. My experience challenges the view of black people by the dominant society, "that all black people are the same." Howard University is truly a case of everything and its opposite."

The love he has for the history of our people allows him to fully learn not just for knowledge but to make a change, an example of this is Black Thought in the Diaspora with Dr. Carr, which Knight is currently taking.

"Many people challenge the discipline of Afro-American studies as a subject just about being black when in actuality it is an interdisciplinary discipline that encompasses social science, economics, politics, religion and cultural pride. Dr. Carr is a great teacher and he does an extremely good job of sharing his insight and allowing the class to benefit off of the collective brilliance of each other, its huffles me at how often we overlook our peers and their intellect" he said.

As an Afro-American stud-

ies major and most importantly as an African-American, the month of February, Black History month, has greater meaning for Knight than for many others. In his words Black History Month is a start for America to recognize the importance of the Negro in history.

"Carter G. Woodson once said that we should do more than just study Negro history but focus more on the Negro in history, so I implore my peers to truly celebrate African history 365" Knight said.

Knight plans to use the resources he has available to him to celebrate the great month of February.

"Although I am very busy managing the current campaign for Tiffany Clark, an aspiring candidate for the School of Arts & Sciences Executive Secretary, I do plan to immerse myself in the many culturally enriching activities at Howard University and throughout the often under utilized D.C. metropolitan area," he said.



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## FEMA Proposes Changes Before Next Hurricane Season

BY DANIELLE HADAWAY

Associated Press

Lawmakers are pushing the entire overhaul of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including dismantling and rebuilding the agency, and possibly moving it to its own cabinet in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season only 100 days away.

Secretary of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff, cautions against such drastic measures so close to the hurricane season.

"Nature doesn't wait for us to do yet another reorganization," Chertoff said in an interview with Tim Russert on NBC's "Meet the Press." "If FEMA is pulled out of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), we will be much less prepared this hurricane season than we will be if we keep the department together and finish the job of integrating."

The two key lawmakers calling for the dismantling and rebuilding of FEMA, Rep. Thomas Davis, R-Virginia, and Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Connecticut, disagree on how FEMA should be reorganized and remain under the DHS or create its own cabinet.

Appearing with Lieberman, Davis told ABC's "This Week," "I think they've got to be just there at the right

arm of the White House during any crisis."

Member of the House Homeland Security Committee, Thomas Davis said FEMA should not be competing with DHS for dollars, when DHS has priority in both prevention and response.

On the other hand, Lieberman, a member of the Senate Homeland Security Department and Government Affairs, told the same show, "to create another organization... I think, would waste a lot of money, and make us less effective."

Political science professor, Doorn G. Davis, said that continuing to have FEMA under the DHS is perfect for cultivating lateral communication.

"(FEMA) should have the ability to ask and receive immediately what they need from Homeland Security," Davis Davis said.

"Catastrophes don't come labeled. Sometimes you know it's a natural disaster, sometimes you know it's a terrorist act, sometimes you don't know," said Chertoff. "I think the last thing we want to do is to have a situation where we have two parallel agencies fighting over who manages a particular type of a disaster."

Junior political science major, Rohit Barnes, feels rebuilding FEMA

would be beneficial. "FEMA should be rebuilt from scratch. Comparing the U.S. as an industrialized country, in Cuba, which would country, look at the disaster relief for Cuba, and how many people are killed in each hurricane over the past six years, then look at the U.S. home country we are."

Lieberman told "This Week," "FEMA has become, to many people in America and, particularly, the Gulf Coast, a joke, a four-letter word."

Because of this, there has been a lot of finger-pointing on who is responsible for FEMA's delayed response to Hurricane Katrina, landing both Chertoff and Michael Brown, the fired head of FEMA, in the hot seat.

Davis said he does not blame Chertoff entirely. "FEMA" regrettably had political appointees in places where they needed tremendous expertise. Chertoff is just not the kind of professional needed for his position," Davis said.

Chertoff told "Meet the Press," "Like everybody else who is serving in the Cabinet, I serve at the pleasure of the president. As long as the president wants me to [fix the department], I'm going to continue to stay on the job."



Photo Courtesy of FEMA

## Recent Deaths Leave Void In Female Leadership

BY BROOKE HALL  
Contributing Writer

ing for someone to pick up the torch. In addition, the restoration of values, morale and dignity among black women needs to be addressed.

"As direct beneficiaries of the Civil Rights Movement, we are all called to pick up the torch and continue marching the race towards equality and justice in America," said Shirley Jordan, CEO/Founder of Michael Founation, a Howard alumna, and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

"We have communicated with dynamic women across the country, and abroad, since the passing of such great women. I have implied that we all commit to moving the vision forward," said Jordan.

Some anticipate the return of Sister Souljah, author of the best selling books, "The Coldest Winter Ever," and "No Disrespect."

In the 1990's, Souljah, a community activist, rapper, and lecturer, captivated Generation X by organizing equal police brutality, racially motivated crimes, and the re-invention of urban youth.

As a commentator on New York radio, Souljah spoke on the hip-hop audience about economics, culture, politics, spirituality and socialism.

The Rutgers University alum has appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show, and was a featured speaker at the Million Woman March.

Other Souljah influences may live work," senior telecommunications management major, Alisha Foster, said. "She is highly favored amongst my peers. She definitely needs to continue."

Like Bill Cosby, some suspect that Winfrey may become more sympathetic after an expected retirement from her talk show in 2007.

Actress, participating with Hurricane Katrina and other causes, Winfrey serves as a mega icon among African American communities.

The prominent, philanthropist continues to donate millions to black institutions and charities.

## MoveOn.org Pushes for Bush Security Investigation

BY SHAHEEM THOMPSON

Associated Press

Vigils will be held all across the country today in an attempt to motivate Congress to investigate the alleged "lawbreaking" committed by President Bush in connection with the National Security Agency's surveillance program.

The organizers of the vigils, MoveOn.org, a liberal advocacy group, sent an e-mail message to its supporters stating that, "we believe that the public pressure will force Congress to take this seriously."

According to a report by CNSNEWS.com, "Move On" members, supporters from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and People for the American Way will all get together to read the Bill of Rights as a way to remind Congress of what is at stake and that it is their job to defend the Constitution.

Representatives from MoveOn.org said, "By attending a vigil on the 22nd, you'll be sending a clear message to your elected officials: they need to do their job, defend the Constitution, and hold the president accountable, and you're watching us make sure they do."

Last week a federal judge ordered the Bush administration to release documents about its warrantless surveillance program or spell out what it is withholding.

The chairman of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee Pat Roberts, however, released a statement saying that hearings into the Bush administration's controversial wiretap program may not be necessary since a deal was reached between him and the White House.

The deal would require a change in the law that states that a warrant is needed before officials tap and listen to someone's phone conversations and that the administration pledges to provide Congress with more information on their surveillance program.

Roberts believes that this decision is the best course of action. According to a VOA News report he said, "I believe that such an investigation at this point would be detrimental to this highly classified program and efforts to reach some accommodation with the administration. This program I believe is one which is vital for the protection of the American people."

Assistant political science professor John Davis understands why they have decided on this course of action.

"Politically the administration is trying to put this behind them because of the off year Congressional elections and a lot of Republicans do not want to lose because of Bush's decisions and they are also afraid that if this goes to court then a lot of the Administration policies would be leaked," Davis said.

However, senator Jay Rockefeller is arguing that an investigation is very necessary. He was quoted in the VOA News saying, "a committee investigation of the National Security Agency's surveillance, eavesdropping activities in the United States is necessary to fully understand the program. That is what the Senate Intelligence Committee was created to do. It is apparent to me, more than apparent, that the White House has applied heavy pressure in recent days and recent weeks to prevent the committee from doing its job."

The Intelligence Committee meets again in March. Davis believes that this case has revealed many things.

"Despite administrative efforts, there has only been mixed success with obtaining information on Al Qaeda," he said. "What is alarming is that the internet and telephone companies that people are subscribing to are giving personal information to the government without letting their customers know."

# Emoticons: Human Expressions in Technology

BY KENDRA TURNER

Hilltop Staff Writer

The smiley face, originally introduced in 1963 as a symbol to improve employee morale, has evolved into a new symbol for this generation, in the form of emoticons.

Emoticons have enabled Instant Messenger users and avid text messengers the ability to express their emotions, without being face-to-face with the person they are talking to, through plain text. "Emoticon" is a combination of the words emotion and icon and is formally defined by Encarta as, "an arrangement of keyboard characters intended to convey an emotion, usually viewed sideways."

The creation of these icons is credited to Scott Fahlman, a research professor of computer science at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Penn.

On his homepage, Fahlman said that in the early 1980's many people in the computer science department did not understand the humorous nature of the postings.

"It occurred to me that the character sequence :-) would be an elegant solution—one that could be handled by the ASCII-based computer terminals of the day," according to his website.

Eventually the few formations caught on quickly around Carnegie Mellon and soon spread to other universities that had the same primitive databases of the time.

"Within a few months, we started seeing the lists with dozens of 'smilies': open-mouthed surprise, person wearing glasses, Abraham Lincoln, Santa Claus, the pope, and so on," said Fahlman on his webpage. "But only my two original smilies, plus the 'winky' and the 'noseless' variants seem to be in common use for actual communication."

Several computer softwares found failure notes after attempts to retrieve or read the archaic

formats, but in 2002, Microsoft located the proper tape drive to read the sequences and said the original smiley invention dated back to September 19, 1982.

Traditionally, the emoticon in Western style is written from left to right, like a book and easily recognizable by one tilting their head to the left shoulder. The basic smiley is represented as a colon for the eyes, a hyphen for the nose and the parenthesis for the mouth.

Now AOL and Microsoft have turned these sequences into little pictures, but Fahlman argues, "This destroys the whimsical element of the original."

Currently, there are endless combinations of various symbols that express many different emotions such as surprise, confusion, sadness, horror, laughter, anger, skepticism, and embarrassment. There are also emoticons that are representative of head and hand positions, postures, and many other complex representations.

Many students make use of these emoticons, but sophomore finance major Ashley Thomas prefers to use the original smiley face "because it's simple and traditional."

Sophomore political science major Jasmin Brown-Johnson likes to use the smiling face with all the teeth showing.

"That's what I look like when I smile," Brown-Johnson said.

Ashley Fizer, a freshmen political science major, likes to use the crying face.

"I'm a very sarcastic person and I might say that I am crying about something, but really I'm not."

No matter what symbol users prefer, all agree emoticons adds a personal quality to all messages when communicating through text and instant messages.



Smiling



Frowning



Winking



Sticking-out-tongue



Surprised



Kissing



Yelling



Cool



Eric Pfeifer

Computer and cell phone users take advantage of "emoticons" to emphasize real emotion in the growing robust technology world.

"I'm a very sarcastic person and I might say that I am crying about something, but really I'm not."

—Ashley Fizer, '09

The First in a Series

## Digital Music: Downloads, E-labels, Ringtones and More



CDs, radio and music videos have become sources of the past for the latest music trends. Students now frequently use websites and their cellular phones to hear their favorite tunes.

BY JOHN KENNEDY

Contributing Writer

Just a few years after Internet piracy first wreaked havoc on recording industry revenues, corporations are beginning to see the immense financial promises of digital music.

The recording industry has been reaping the benefits of legal downloads for a string of consecutive years, most recently collecting an unprecedented \$52.7 million track download in 2005, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

This 350 percent climb from 2004 helped compensate for 2005's 7.2 percent decline in physical format sales from the prior year.

Concern about the status of the recording industry first arose after SoundScan recorded consecutive U.S. sales declines from 2001 to 2003, the first successive sales slide since SoundScan's inception.

But digital music retailers have come to the rescue.

Former music-sharing bands, Napster, collected \$23.4 million in net revenue while growing to 445,000 subscribers in its second fiscal quarter of 2006. But the leading digital music vendor hasn't always been so successful on the legal route.

Napster senior director of business and legal affairs, Avery Kotler, attributes much of his company's success to the vast collection of music now available to customers.

"If you look back ... legal sites like us had a very hard time licensing music from record labels and artists," Kotler said. "They were uncommunicative with digital labels and models."

Now the service offers more than 1 million songs from all four major record labels as well as independent labels.

The music industry has noticeably become more enthusiastic about the financial potential of digital music. Interscope Records is now celebrating their artist, No Doubt's Gwen Stefani, as the first artist to surpass 1 million download sales of a single recording with her smash hit "Hollaback Girl."

"I would say [artists] are really starting to want to embrace us more, promote us more, and give us unique content and exclusives," Kotler said.

Interscope new media marketing representative, Greg Cargill, verified artists' welcoming of the new age of music.

"They're definitely becoming more open to the idea of the digital realm being an area that they need to focus on," Cargill said.

said. "I think that's been not only something that the artist has realized but the industry as a whole has realized."

Record labels are trying to take advantage of music digitalization in any way possible.

In November, Warner Music Group unveiled Cordless Records, a totally digital imprint known as an e-label that uses the Internet rather than CDs as its sole medium of distribution.

Interscope recently joined forces with MySpace, a wildly popular online community to form MySpace Records. This is a natural collaboration as countless aspiring artists already use the virtual society for music promotion. The joint venture will spotlight some of these popular acts on compilation CDs.

The emergence of iPods and mp3 players has also made digital music more attractive, as they allow music aficionados to haul showcases of music with them anywhere they go.

"As soon as they make more mp3 players, we meet with the manufacturer to try and get Napster compatible," Kotler said. "We're also working very hard to start making Napster compatible with as many cell phones as possible."

Napster is not the only one jumping

## Cyber Pages: Electronic Urban Report

BY ROSHMI L. ROUNTREE

Contributing Writer

In agreement with Foster, Mikal Ankrum said Eurweb is helpful when looking for updates in the black community.

The website is very informational, extending beyond the news about the entertainment industry," said the senior mechanical engineering major.

Eurweb is earning a reputation for being a website to seek in any matters concerning the urban world. It was even referenced by the nationally syndicated cartoon series, The Boondocks. Two characters were conversing about how to enlighten each other and where to get their news.

You can tell that they are trying to reach out to a diverse audience, from those who listen to jazz to those interested in law," said Nancy Stewart, a junior advertising major. All the stories about urban issues are at this site."

Founder and operator, Lee Bailey said Eurweb began as the Electronic Urban Report for RadioScope, a long running syndicated radio show owned by Bailey.

"We started as a three-day-a-week newsletter in 1996. A year later, a friend suggested that we put the content [on] his site, globaldrum.com. Eurweb went live in 1997," Bailey said. "[It] was originally designed to be the online extension of RadioScope, but soon took on a life of its own."

Along with providing news, Eurweb also has links to other mediums of interest. Some of these links include downloading and purchasing ringtones, shopping, and job searches.

The link for jobs connects to another site called AfricanAmericanCareers.com, which has a variety of job listings in several different locations.

Jessica Foster, a senior finance major said Eurweb is a great source for the latest news pertaining to African Americans.

"I believe that it is a great resource for the Black community. It touches on all aspects of different interests," Foster said.



Source: Foster, Ankrum, Foster, Eurweb, AfricanAmericanCareers.com, GlobalDrum.com, The Boondocks, and various news articles.



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Life & Style...  
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BY ERICA WILLIAMS

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The late rapper, Notorious BIG said it best, "more money, more problems." But he also proved that more money equals more companionship (remember he did have Faith and Lil Kim at the same time competing for his attention). Come on, let's face it, money equals power and in most cases money can make, lets just say someone not so appealing to the eye, more desirable than before.

While I am not asserting that money makes most people fall head over heels with someone they find physically unattractive, in more scenarios than none, money will at least make them look that person's way.

Look at couples like Jay-Z and Beyoncé. She's considered one of the most beautiful women in the world, according to People Magazine and he is, well, he's Jay-Z. Sure, he's now a powerful record label executive and an even more powerful lyricist. However, we all know Jay-Z would more than likely not be featured on VH1's "Hottest Hotties." Plus he's over 10 years her senior, and to add to that, let's be serious, do you think Beyoncé saw Jay-Z from across the room and thought, "He is FINE!" I highly doubt it! While I'm sure that she is not only with him because of his money, because she is financially set on her own, her initial attraction to Jay-Z may have ignited because of his power, a characteristic that was attained partly through his financial assets.

Take Donald Trump for example, the man is one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in America. However, he's another guy that you probably wouldn't find in the high rankings of America's hottest men. Yet and still, many young and beautiful women have been seen on the arms of Mr. Trump. Something that I don't think would occur if he weren't swimming in money.

To bring the ball closer to home, how many times have we seen a beautiful young woman or man with an older less attractive significant other, who by the way is worth more money than the average American? While personality traits come into place later on in the relationship, the initial interest was more than likely sparked by the person's financial attributes instead of the physical.

I admit my friends and I frequently engage in conversation about men and the types of men we find attractive. One of my friends admits she wants a guy that is educated and physically attractive. However, one of the celebrities she completely adores is Lil Wayne ("is this a contradiction or what?" "It's his swagger," she constantly says. However, she later will admit, "he accumulated some cash and now he's sexy," and trust me she is not alone. I've heard this comment from numerous young ladies. Money allows you to have a certain "swagger".

So while the question, "Does money make you sexier?" is definitely subjective, the media as well as normal everyday interactions have shown that money does make you sexier or at least appear to be. Yet and still, while money is a wonderful thing to have, it can make situations more complicated than before. Those with money have to worry about others wanting them for all the wrong reasons, and those who are attracted to someone with money must make sure that their decisions are not based on that characteristic alone.

Yes, money can buy you status and even companionship, but as the old cliché goes "Money Can't Buy You Love."

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## Does Money Make You More Attractive?

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It can be seen throughout Hollywood and on the red carpets of all the hottest events: mediocre, yet rich, men with beautiful women. The age-old question, "does money make a person more attractive?" comes up time and time again. Hugh Hefner, Donald Trump and even Flavor Flav are all examples of how dividends can have an effect on a man's attractiveness.

While many women won't acknowledge that money makes a man more attractive, a number of them will agree that having money can increase the potential for people to enhance their physical qualities.

"Just because a man has money doesn't mean he's automatically more attractive," began sophomore biology major Brittany Slaughter. "It gives them the power to buy clothes and take care of themselves better. For example, take Jamie Foxx, money has helped his style so he's more attractive now."

Though Foxx isn't the best example of a naturally unattractive celebrity, he is living proof of how going "Hollywood" can boost a person's ratings by more than a few notches.



Billionaire Donald Trump has many wondering if his luck with attracting young beautiful women has anything to do with their attraction to his financial assets.

"Most people find money to be attractive, not literally, but money in most cases indicates an attractive lifestyle and that is attractive to everybody; it's human nature," said sophomore legal communication major

Ashtane Jordan.

"It shouldn't be that way, but it's true. If you see two guys on the street and they both are equally good looking and nice, but one has a nice car, who would you pick?" Jordan asked.

"The guy with the nicer car," she said.

Chances are many people wouldn't disagree with Jordan, but it's always important to remember why someone is really special, with or without a bank account slip.

"Although style and being financially stable is important," commented Slaughter, "I need to be physically and emotionally attracted to the person first off."

While the term gold digger is usually reserved for women, the term can also be used for men. It's not an uncommon scenario.

"Guys like girls who have money so it's not a new way street," Jordan said. "A woman who has money would just like a man of equal stature, but a gold digger wants a man with money so that he can provide for her."

Though many people would call the young beautiful women who marry men like Donald Trump gold diggers, they might be motivated by more than money, Dan Savage of *Forbes Magazine* and author of "Does Money Make You More Attractive?" said in an article on *msn.com*.

"No one cuts women who marry rich men slack," Savage said. "We refuse to believe they

honestly find these men attractive—after all, the men they're marrying are usually decades older and long past their looks-good-in-the-light-ruined expiration date. Models and actresses who marry obscenely wealthy men, everyone agrees, must be interested in the money alone, and the power and the status it brings."

"Wealth can attract money-grabbing gold diggers, but that's not always the case," Savage said. "Determining whether someone who was initially attracted to you for whatever reason—because you've spent the last three years in the gym doing crunches, or because you're Ronald Perlman—is sincerely in love with you for who you are requires emotional insight, the advice of trusted friends and a good pre-nup lawyer."

All in all, while money can initiate a relationship, it might not be enough to truly maintain and fulfill one. For many people, money doesn't equal love. Although it might afford someone the ability to go "Hollywood," when all the plastic surgery has faded and the veneers aren't as perfect, only the person behind the money is left.

Computer Love  
How Web Sites Affect Dating

BY YASMINE PARRISH

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The commercials have been everywhere: eHarmony.com, Match.com, AmericanSingles.com. Online sites have changed the face of dating forever. While many college students aren't signing up for dating services, Web sites like Facebook.com and BlackPlanet.com have served as an impromptu way for singles, and those not so single, to meet new people to expand their dating circle.

With people stating their relationship status and noting their interests, it's inevitable for people of like minds to find a way to meet each other. With tools like virtual "poking," messaging and friend requesting, it's no wonder Facebook is the latest way for cyber junkies to flirt and hopefully find that someone special.

"Online dating is more quantitative," said third-year graduate film production student Wanakhae Wakhisi. "You are able to analyze, process and finally come to a conclusion about a person even before you meet them. The advantage to that is that you don't have to waste your time with someone who you know for sure you would not get along with."

Wakhisi, who has met a few people online, believes it can sometimes be a way to mask some insecurity.

I think in my younger days when I was extremely insecure, I let online be my confidence," he said. "I allowed my true self to be expressed, i.e., instant messenger, emails, etc., and from there people were attracted. But in retrospect, if I used that same method in reality, I'm sure I would get the same response."

While some have no issue with meeting new people from the web, others find online dating a bit pathetic.

"I think it's lame if it is your main means of trying to talk to people," commented sophomore design major Michael Craighead.

"I think Facebook is cool," Craighead said. "For example, there might be people you meet or see, and then you Facebook them. I just don't use the

internet or computer as a way of meeting girls."

Junior marketing major Camille Swoope said, "I am not against people meeting each other on the Facebook, but it would be weird for me."

"When I was younger, I looked at BlackPlanet," Swoope said, "but never had my own account. I was always the scary type so I wouldn't meet any body I think Lifetime movies scared me away."

"I get messages and poke and friend requests from people



I don't know," she added. "I ignore all of them. I may accept friend requests from people from Howard just because I may know them and just forget their name."

Though other students feel the same as Swoope, all online users aren't saving lunatics as some Lifetime movies would have us believe.

"I've met a few people online," Wakhisi said. "A few have become my best friends; others were crazy."

Wakhisi has even had a live connection through the net.

"There was a girl, who just happened to live next to the dorm I was in," he recalled. "She was mature, beautiful, and extremely spontaneous. The day we met online, the same over and we talked all night in my dorm."

Although, Wakhisi's cyber date never panned out to bloom into a partner, scientific developments have led researchers to believe that they can measure chemistry between men and women.

Scientists know that women gravitate to men who have a different immune sys-

tem from theirs," Helen Fisher explained in an interview with the New York Times News Service.

"Both sexes also gravitate to individuals who have a somewhat different dopamine system, serotonin system, and estrogen and testosterone system, from their own," she added.

Fisher named four types of personality: the Explorer, Builder, Negotiator and Director. "Explorers, for example, have an active dopamine system in the brain," Fisher explained. "They tend to take risks and seek novelty. They are good matches with Builders who are noted for their serotonin system and who tend to be calm, managerial and to follow social norms."

Even with science on their side, many believe that online dating can never be as rich and fulfilling as the butterflies one gets when dating in real life.

"I remember a time when you had to literally go up to a person in the bookstore or in line in the Cafe and sit with them and get to know them, which added a certain quality to the process of getting to know someone," Wakhisi said.

"You forget that part of the fun of 'dating' is the anticipation," he said. "With Facebook, MySpace and all of the other profile Web sites, it's hard to anticipate one's character, so the experience is somewhat contrived."

"Online sites only have one thing to offer, which is a checklist for comparison, but I find the people who you have so much in common are the same people who you don't have any chemistry with," Wakhisi said. "Technology dismisses the growth process."

While some claim, the experience isn't as rich, 40 million people are on the Web looking for love and/or play, and there's about 40 percent of the entire United States in the dating pool. With odds like that, having lunch in the Purchaser with that cutie on Facebook might not be a bad idea.

## In Entertainment

## Queen Latifah Receives Rosa Parks Award

Celine Dion and Elton John Come Together  
for Hurricane Katrina Benefit

According to Yahoo! Entertainment, Celine Dion and Elton John sang together for the first time Monday night at a benefit to raise money for Hurrry's Entertainment Inc.'s workers affected by last year's hurricanes.

The entertainers sang "Sorry" and "Saturday Night" and were joined by Jerry Seinfeld in efforts to raise money for casino workers in the Gulf.

According to Yahoo! Entertainment, the money came in top of \$4.5 million the world's largest casino operator already had collected for its staff.

## Dem Franchize Boyz Debut High on the Charts



Known for their hit singles "I Think They Like Me" and "Lean Wit It, So So Def/Virgin Records" group Dem Franchize Boyz are heating up the Billboard charts with their Atlanta-based style.

Their debut album, "On Top of Our Game", entered near the top of Billboard's Top 200 Chart.

According to allhiphop.com, the group ranked up 1,026,924 in sales of ring tone versions of their #1 hits, "I Think They Like Me" and "Lean Wit It, Rock Wit It". The album was the highest rap debut of this week, entering the Billboard's Top 200 at #5.

Entertainment News: [www.allhiphop.com](http://www.allhiphop.com) and [www.ew.com](http://www.ew.com)

## Hunter Gives the Herd a Little Salvation This Season:

*Junior Guard/Forward Leads an Underachieving Bison Team*

BY DESBREE SMITH

*Editorial Staff Writer*

With many ups and downs, highs and lows, and mounting frustrations from loss after loss, Junior Forward/Guard Darryl Hudson continues to stand strong as a consistent force on the Howard men's basketball team this season.

Hudson's love for the game began at the age of seven while on a Navy base with his dad, who he would watch play.

"Watching him (my dad) play made me want to do it," Hudson said.

After being named to the all-area teams at Belleville High School in Belleville, MI, a now 6'2" Hudson was set to become a Bison, but wasn't really sure what kind of role he would play.

"I didn't know specifically what my role would be," Hudson said. "I just wanted to add to whatever [the team] needed."

During his freshman year at Howard, Hudson played in all 28 games and started in 15. He averaged five points and

two rebounds per game. At one point he was even named Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Rookie of the week after scoring 16 points against North Carolina A&T.

In the midst of his sophomore year, Hudson showed more improvement and progression. He played in all 28 games again and started in 22. His average points and rebounds per game had stretched higher than his freshman year (9 points, 5 rebounds), and he had a career-high 16 points against Norfolk State University.

Hudson had to take on even more roles for the team when Guard Louis Ford was lost for the season due to academic related problems.

"Over the years I've put in a lot of work, practicing hard and not taking the game granted," Hudson said. "Going to class and making sure I stay eligible has also been important."

This season Hudson has improved significantly and has become a leading scorer for the Bison. So far he

is averaging 12.7 points per game and five rebounds. He has led Howard in scoring ten times this season, having another career high 23 points against NCU. So far he has totalled 700 points as a Bison and is only 300 points away from hitting 1000.

Hudson credits his spark this season to working hard over the summer and says his goal wasn't to become a leading scorer, but to become the best player he could be.

"Darryl is a special person," junior Guard Will Gant said. "I really anticipated his breakout season because [I knew] how much hard work he put it at home this summer."

For head coach Gil Jackson, Hudson has been a great representative of what he wants to do for the team. Although he feels Hudson can be a little hyper on occasion, he knows that whatever he asks him to do he will do.

"He's a great kid," Jackson said. "He's one of the first ones at practice everyday, and

often one of the last ones to leave."

Teammates, junior Forward Jason Trotter and junior Guard Derek Mitchell feel that Hudson's determination, leadership and selflessness has been a positive force on the team.

"Darryl is not a selfish player, and he works hard at his position," Mitchell said. "He has had a good season because he works hard everyday."

So far, Hudson's practice has shown considerably throughout this year. Even though the Bison as a team haven't had the best season (3-20) (2-12), he has continued to persevere and do his part. He wants to experience the excitement of winning a MEAC tournament and qualifying to go to the NCAA tournament.

"I just want to continue to get better everyday, and try to win," Hudson said. "I know I have to just stay focused."



*(Photo Courtesy of Chuck Smith)*

Darryl Hunter has been a key player in the successes the team has had this season. He is shown above driving against Navy, a team that his father once a player.

## One-on-One with... a Tae Kwon Do Instructor

BY COURTNEY MAYE

*Contributor Writer*

Master Summy Alpha smiled proudly as he recalled his most memorable moment in his Taekwondo career in 1986. "It was the first time in an international Martial Arts competition that I, a non-Korean, married," said Alpha.

In the Martial Arts world, which is historically a Korean sport, this was a major accomplishment. Alpha not only marched out as a referee, he did so as the highest ranking non-Korean referee in the world.

"It hit me of being because I realized the impact," said Alpha. "We had arrived."

Originally from Sierra Leone, Alpha, the oldest male child of 12 siblings, was brought to America in his early teens by a Peace Corp member. His small stature and bold nature earned Alpha a fitting nickname, "Musique."

"I was fat," said the 37-year-old Alpha. "But I had a mouth on me and I loved to fight."

These characteristics of the biting and brave muscletee combined with his hyperactivity as a younger boy, benefited Master Alpha as he began to explore the world of Martial Arts further and put his love, soccer, and his other Martial Art practices, Karate and Kung Fu, slightly to the side.

"Soccer was no longer a challenge," said Alpha. "I decided a new adventure."

As a transfer student to Howard University in his junior year in 1977, he began an impossible journey that has opened up many doors in Master Alpha's personal life, and in the world of Taekwondo.

"Taekwondo has opened avenues and opportunities that I would have never imagined," said Alpha. "I realized that Taekwondo was more than a fight; it is a way of life."

And throughout his Taekwondo career, Alpha has set many precedents. In 1986, Alpha became an exec-



Master Summy Alpha has worked with the Howard University Tae Kwon Do program in multiple capacities.

tive member of the Pan-American Taekwondo Union, was the first person to win an international medal in Martial Arts for Sierra Leone in 1983 and he is one of the highest ranked non-Koreans in Taekwondo, with a 7th degree black belt.

Alpha's history at Howard is also notable. He has been an assistant to Dr. Yang, who began the Taekwondo at Howard University, for 20 years, and has been instructing full-time two years ago. His experience as a teacher has equipped him with new ways to influence the program at Howard.

"I have the opportunity to travel worldwide and be exposed to new methods," said Alpha.

## Bison Win Big at NEC Championship



*(Photo Courtesy of Chuck Smith)*

The Howard University men's swimming and diving teams put on an outstanding performance during last weekend's Northeast Conference Swimming and Diving championships.

Shaun Armstrong captured the 200-yard individual medley, the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard breaststroke. Teammates Todd Johnson, Isaiah Allen and Joshua Hall were equally impressive.

Johnson won the 100-yard butterfly and the 200-yard butterfly. Allen won the 200-yard freestyle and the 50-yard freestyle, and Hall took both the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke events.

Harvey Ratton placed fourth in the 100-yard butterfly for good measure as the Bison captured third place. Allen received dual honors by being named NEC Rookie of the Meet as well as Meet Co-Outstanding swimmer along with Armstrong.

Howard also won the 200-yard freestyle, the 400-yard medley relay and the 200-yard medley relay.

The Howard women came in seventh and were led Nzingha Murphy, who finished third in the 100-yard freestyle. Nadya Nicholas, who placed fourth in the 100-yard butterfly. The 200-yard freestyle relay placed third and the 200-yard medley relay placed fourth.

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