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Yesterday was John H. Johnson's birthday and to celebrate the angular entrepreneur, black entrepreneur, the John H. Johnson School of Communications held a commemoration in the school's lobby.

Professors and students of the communications program gathered and listened to the first part of the school's Legacy Lecture.

The Legacy Initiative event is meant to honor the life and contributions of Johnson, who has left an indelible mark on the school of communications.

By detailing the program, Victoria Kirby, a sophomore speech communications major and senior in the School of Communications, outlined the significance of this occasion.

"I was excited to learn about Johnson's influence and leadership as a man of thought," Kirby said.

"In order to move forward, we must look to the past," Kirby said. "John H. Johnson epitomized what entrepreneurship and how I can incorporate it into my own career."

"I really believe that the next wave of civil right's movement is through black entrepreneurship," Avent said.

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New Course Covers History, Impact of Hip-Hop

BY ELLIE FARRIS

There are many misconceptions about hip-hop people think it is the same and that it is all negative. Most people don’t really know what hip-hop is or where it originated,” said Dr. Melika B. Clark.

Clark is currently teaching Howard’s first course on the history of hip-hop called “Hip-Hop and the Black Experience.”

The course is featured under special topics in the African-American studies department. Offices, colleges and universities around the country are offering similar courses that study the hip-hop culture. Howard University, Georgetown University and Howard University or students of these schools offer the courses.

According to an article in Black Enterprise titled “Hip-Hop Blasting From College Campuses,” more universities are offering hip-hop courses to their students.

The number of hip-hop courses has increased from 75 to 175 since 2002 at universities. In 2009, Howard offered a hip-hop course taught by former BET TV’s A.J. Calloway.

So Much to Do, So Little Time...

BY CHARLOTTE YOUNG

In the midst of the snow, bloodied and howling hero, a plume of smoke that takes place in Darfur, Sudan, HU STAND is striving to provide a space for Sudanese students.

HU STAND, or Howard’s chapter of Students Take Action Now! (STAN), is an organization dedicated to educating the Howard campus about the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. The group was founded in 2004 by Darfurian ethnic group. When some of the group’s members attracted government officials into the Sudanese culture, the group was founded in early 2005.

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2006 Warmest Year to Date, Experts Say

BY TRAVER RIGGINS
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Girls in the Annex were complaining about how hot their rooms were in the mid-70s just a week ago. Pernother describes the change for anyone who is familiar with the area’s typical weather. “It’s definitely warmer, I remember a few years ago when I came to Howard Heights when I was a junior in high school and it was definitely cooler around the time I was born,” Chelsea Watts, a freshman studying business, said. The Baltimore native said she noticed a major difference between what Yaddes ATV graduates were a few years ago and the skimpy clothing they were able to sport this school year. She also observed that the summer was unusually and oppressively hot and humid.

The National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) released a report stating that 2006 was the warmest year in U.S. history. What caused this abnormally warm weather across the country is still undetermined. Anthony Baldwin, a sophomore pre-medicine major from Miami, was expecting cold weather and is still adjusting to temperatures that differ below his norm, but blamed the strangely warm days on global warming, which is the increased concentration of atmospheric gases.

Aaron Pratt, a graduate student in atmospheric science, said that global warming is “...the temperature rising over time due to man-made sources from pollution. The earth cannot tolerate this; the more heat that atmospheric tramps...” Many are quick to blame this easy suspect. Former vice president Al Gore made the subject a big enough issue to be part of the basis of his platform through his film “An Inconvenient Truth.” This is all in addition to frequent rave headlines and scientific warnings on the subject. With global warming is a contributing factor to the rising temperatures, there are many influential factors that should this past year the week in March with above-average temperatures. El Nino, which occurs in the N. C. A. (Ocean Currents), is responsible for most of the warming. Pratt said his immediate efforts on the climate around the globe, is a larger contributor to the past year’s weather.

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Other factors also made their mark on this year’s weather. “The location of the jet stream was such that pretty much the entire country was flooded with mild air, bringing temperatures above average,” Pratt said.

Pratt said that other factors that the year was abundantly warm is that some plants that usually bloom in the spring began surfacing in December.

The reports are determined by comparing the temperature against the statistics for the year that is being analyzed. According to Pratt, the outlook for 2007 is expected to be colder because the oceans are always difficult, he added. It is interesting to note that many of the warming years for the U.S. have happened in the last 10 to 15 years or so,” Pratt said.

Understanding the trends, Pratt said that it is a possibility that this year will be just as warm or even warmer than 2006.

What’s Causing the Wild Weather?

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Sports Likened to Slavery, Sparks Debate

BY SEAN WOOLFORD

Will Betsie Davis, former Duker and NBA basketball player, contends that the majority Black community has been 'forty million dollar slaves' for the majority white community. Hisatsi Kyounghou of the Hawai'i Attorney General's Office says, "We need to recognize that this is an issue of slavery." Davis is also a columnist for the New York Times, and a former minority owner of the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats in 2002.

The issue of majority Black ownership of professional sports teams, especially in basketball, baseball, and football, has long been a topic of discussion. Davis questions why there is only one majority Black owner of a professional team in the NFL, despite the fact that the majority Black community has had substantial connections with the sport throughout history.

Davis believes that the lack of majority Black ownership is due to a lack of understanding of the history and connections of the Black community with professional sports. He argues that the NFL, NBA, and others have benefited from the labor and investment of Black communities, yet have not given them the same opportunities for ownership.

Davis points to the lack of Black ownership in major sports franchises as evidence of systemic racism. He argues that the NFL, NBA, and others have made it clear that they do not want Black ownership, and that Black communities have not been given the same opportunities as white communities.

Davis calls for a change in the way sports are run, arguing that the NFL, NBA, and others have been more interested in profit than in the long-term well-being of Black communities. He suggests that the NFL, NBA, and others should be required to diversify their ownership groups and create opportunities for Black communities to own and control sports teams.

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BY JOSHUA THOMAS  
Sunday Mercury Daily

As the final quarter begins, the first quarter of '07 is truly set to take its new articles while saving the summer for the season's end. How-However, the period from January to March may seem a bit lackluster at first, but also welcome back some favorites who have been missed.

"Don't be surprised of the oak! When the game ends..."

The natural look from "Where The Cool At?" definitely works to 2005 and also serves as the first piece that0 fans were to expect from Grammy, from his debut album "Music to My Eyes.

Although this will be the first solo studio project, the term "newcomer" is a misnomer. Grammy was featured as one of the stars back in the day of "Coolio's Changes," "Spiceworld," and "Doja." Grammy probably has the best chance for the look to date without the support of Lil Wayne's Money Money Radio.

"The album is expected to drop March 6th, 2007.

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We're Loving It, But Missing It

The McDonald's on 2300 block of Georgia Avenue opened on Jan. 1. That's the bad news.

When it opens back up in approximately 40 days, though, students and members of the LS/Millard community will be able to enjoy a McDonald's that will undergo major renovations.

After 30 years without change, the McDonald's that serves the community as more than just a fast food place.

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Our View: We know that McDonald's isn't the most healthy option for dining but it's convenient and serves the community as more than just a fast food place.

It has also been the scene of multiple confrontations between the staff and patrons of the store.

So while we are happy that store is getting a fresh look and will miss the camaraderie and loyalty that McDonald's provided, the location's staff and regular patrons hope to make sure it remains in good condition.

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