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**BREAKING NEWS**

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US AIRWAYS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD TAKE ITS $10.2 BILLION DEAL FOR DELTA AIRLINES OFF OF THE TABLE. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY AMERICAN AIRLINES'S DECISION TO ABANDON ITS PLANS TO TAKE OVER US AIRWAYS. THE ACQUISITION, ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES.

**ELECTION SEASON OPENS WITH UNPRECEDENTED GRIEVANCES**

**Hilltop Staff Writer**

Election Season Opens with Unprecedented Grievances ·

Students who turned away from walkaway overnight in front of Blackbum to turn in applications are now filing grievances, along with those whose applications were taken before 10 a.m.

By TRAVYR RIGGINS

This year’s election season has followed true to tradition, starting with controversies before candidates have even been confirmed.

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**By CHARLOTTE YOUNG**

Honor Dignitaries

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An emergency change in program that addressed concerns of the black community

**BY MARGIE JONES**

Campuslife

The National Minority Leadership Project brought African-American icons together yesterday in honor of Dr. John Hope Franklin and Dr. Douglass Bright.

The program began with a welcome to the guests and an introduction of NVLP and its co-founders, followed by a plenary, to the history of elementary school children being the first of African Americans.

A video presentation on the Tubman Jane Ross in 1822 in all Black town in Tulsa, OK was shown.

In addition to the pres ising the program held "The Roundtable Discussion," in which an interministerial dialogue discussed how black honored by the National Education Association, and community outreach program, just to provide a few examples.

Health officials reported that the Avian H5N1, the H5N1 strain of the virus has been spreading rapidly among humans. This could result in a flu pandemic that could kill millions.

**BY CHARLOTTE YOUNG**

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**Bird Flu Hits Nigeria**

The last known case of the bird flu in Nigeria was in a farm near Lagos in late September. As a result, 50,000 birds were killed by the government. Despite the Nigerian government's promise to compensate the farmers, many of the farmers in the area have not been compensated.

Therefore the H5N1 bird flu has been traced in Nigeria last year, but humans had been infected until now.

Egypt, the bird flu has resulted in deaths.

Of these countries, only Egypt and Djibouti have experienced epidemics of the bird flu virus in recent years, but the report says the virus has been found in the East African region.

Although the bird flu virus is hard for biologists to catch, experts suspect that the H5N1 strain of the virus can mutate and spread among humans. This could result in a flu pandemic that could kill millions.

According to the World Health Organization, the H5N1 strain of the virus has caused 166 deaths, including 85 in Asia. This strain is first detected primarily in Asia in 2005.
BY ECON FARRER

Wednesday Night Live Makes a Smash Debut for 2007

Wednesday Night Live in the Andrew Hamilton Memorial Chapel was the place to be last night for students who love to worship God through creativity, music and praise. The night started off with the opening musical praise of the Wednesday Night Live prayer team led by Carl Price.

"Most people think church is only on Sunday. I come to Wednesday Night Live because I praise God everyday. Its fun to be around people who shout that same line of God and I do," said junior political science major Harold Bridges.

"Sometimes I wish it was held more than once a month because its an event where students feel comfortable. People let all kinds of emotions, they cry and laugh. Its a lot of fun," added Bridges.

On the creative side, students showcased their acting skills through skits. One skit depicted how Deena (Beyonce Knowles) will be taking her role as lead singer. They also did another spin off of "Dreamgirls" film where Elle (Jennifer Hudson) finds out that Deem (Beyonce)

"I love the skits because they add variety to the event, and they're always funny," said freshman English major Portia Lewis.

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Brenda King Offers Scholarship in Honor of her late Mother

Seminole/Alabamian Brenda King has fulfilled her promise to her alma mater by announcing the Be A King scholarship in honor of her late mother, Coretta Scott King. The scholarship is meant to honor Mrs. King's contributions to humanity, human rights and non-violent social change, according to Bernice King. The scholarship will target rising seniors and freshman majoring in areas that interested Mrs. [Coretta] King. The endowment scholarship will grow to $5 million.

The Howard University (Howard) Community Choir ministered to attendees through the song, "Dreamt the Lord." Howard Alumae Bennetta Forder had everyone standing and put us in uncompromising situations," said Forder.

Another artist featured at the event was a multi-talented hip-hop artist from Philadelphia.

"At first I didn't want to come, but God led me down the path and now I'm singing, rapping, and praising the Lord," said Prayzi.

The Howard University Gospel Choir also rendered a song. "Sistah," which she dedicated to the women. "On this one I'm speaking to the women. Too many times women don't like each other based on skin color and hair texture instead of looking at what God saw beauty is," said Forder.

"I loved the song "Sistah" because she was speaking the truth; it happens right here at Howard where women judge each other based on appearance without getting to know each other," said freshmen choice major Arich McCloud.

Forder sang another original song called "Crazy" which is a discussion of a relationship, "Am I crazy?" but it's interesting. I discussed with people who really aren't good for us. Instead of looking at the truth and being real people bring us down with their negativity and put us in uncompromising situations," said Forder.

The event kicked off the ELI Institute's lecture series.

In Cramton Auditorium in his "Networking to Build Relationships for Career Opportunities and Business Growth" seminar. Sponsored by the ELI Institute, the event featured professionals, entrepreneurs and students from the area.

Fees is one of those who will make across the country. Fraser outlined the "elevator introduction" in which one outlines who he is, where he is going and how he adds value to the world in 15 to 30 seconds.

Attendees were able to purchase Fraser's informational books and speeches. The event kicked off the ELI Institute's lecture series.

"It's a new era in gospel music and I hope everyone is open to listening to hip-hop in church," he continued.

"He was really good," said sophomore biology major Jamaa Smith. "When people hear the words of hip-hop, they don't usually associate with church but since times are changing and young people definitely love hip-hop up it should be incorporated in it."

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Morgan State Graduate's Body Recently Found

The dead body of 2003 Morgan State University graduate, Sintia Mesa, 25, was found on January 30 in the trunk of her car. According to authorities, her body was discovered in the trunk of the parked lot of the Rock Tea Salad spam. Ms. Mesa was last seen on Friday afternoon at approximately 2:30 pm leaving a hair appointment. Currently, authorities are uncertain of how Mesa died and her time of death.

Chesney Places Athletic Director on Leave

Chesney University has placed athletic director Perry Davis on administrative leave and administrative assistant Rhonda Kiffin on administrative leave. The University decided to comment on the move for Skinner Roley being placed on leave. However, there were indications that these things were not going well in the athletics department. Kevin Hubbard head football nine always in the news, has declined to be quoted. The university has also declined to be quoted.

"We're going to work with the NCAA and the university will continue to do so," he continued. "We don't want to comment on the move for Skinner Roley being placed on leave."
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BY JADA SMITH

City Offers Alternatives To Clubbing For Night Life

Adams Morgan offers students entertainment like exotic restaurants and live music.

"We came to America not for the national gas but for free­ dom," a Vietnamese Amer­ican refugee from South Vietnam once said. These refugees, who quote that dominates the walls exhibit titled "The Exit Saigon," display how Vietnamese Americans have made to America through the difficult years. The ripley Center looks like a large p ieces of p i zza.

There was a fire on a Metro car early Monday morning on K Street. Metro offi­ cials reported no injuries for the blaze, a problem that has been rare with the large p ieces of p i zza.

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IMPORTANT RSVP ANNOUNCEMENT
Housing Information for 2007-2008

DID YOU KNOW?
You can pay your RSVP Deposit ONLINE!

Students seeking housing for the 2007-2008 academic year are required to participate in RSVP. Students who are validated for Spring 2007 will be able to make their Advanced Rent Payment on BISONWEB through February 2, 2007.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
All students with housing assignments for the 2007-2008 academic year MUST be validated prior to moving into the residence halls.

(Keys will NOT be issued to non-validated students.)

NOTE: Your $200 deposit does not guarantee you housing.

Continuing students who are recipients of the Presidential, Laureate, Capstone, Founders, Upward Bound and Hartford Scholarships do not have to submit a RSVP deposit, but must make an online selection.
BY AMBER ENGLISH

Guess who's back! I suppose it's been here the long, long time. It feels like it's been forever and always. That's how this story is meant to be. Those dreams that you had come back just one more time, just one more time. But maybe there are things we just can't keep. The news, no matter how many lies you tell to yourself or set them free that I think I may have that I think, that I think.

Truth be told, most of us may not want to admit it, but we intentionally leave little loopholes open, deep down holding on to that little, just in case. But society as a whole has never understood this ancient cycle, or how to exterminate a "roach" for good. Until recently, anyway.

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"So, Can They Walk On One Leg?"

Overheard in The Architecture building by Aderay S.

Girl 1: How many pairs of jeans you got?
Girl 2: Seriously, you're kidding me?
Girl 1: Then why you always be wearing the same two pairs?
Girl 2: You know I don't have time to train my new jeans.
Girl 1: What?
Girl 2: Yeah, cuz it be like them jeans ain't be fitting when I first buy them, so I gotta train them to fit. Girl 1: Ok, ok.

Check out more at OverheardAtTheMecca.blogspot.com and submit to OverheardAtTheMecca@gmail.com

Patti in Meridian: You just don't realize how you increase the density in my jeans every time I see your beautiful frame. Sitting Next To You.

-April 15, 1988

Six Degrees of Separation

Please send any responses to Meccanisms, including 'Sometimes It Be's Like That', topics, things you've overheard @ The Mecca, things to test ourselves on or 'Six Degrees of Separation' sets to meccanisms@gmail.com

THE HILLTOP VAULT

We are at The Hilltop have long enjoyed looking back at the archived issues in the office. Here, we've decided to let you all peek into the past and see some of the random Hilltops that Howard students have come up with and were printed in vintage issues of the Hilltop.

Six Degrees of Separation

Can you figure out a path that connects these two individuals with six stops along the way? Try it out and send us the six degrees you come up with.

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Local Artist Releases Premiere Spoken Word Album

By Jeanette Hordge

Spoken word artist Nick Diao, who grew up in D.C., has decided to make his voice heard. The Harvard alumni is a poet, hipster and producer. For the first time in his career, Diao has recorded and produced his own album, "Unspoken: The Premix." The self-taught album features Nick's ability to incorporate unique words and lines with thought-provoking ideas, utilizing the essence of hip-hop to deliver insights relating to all aspects of life. Diao developed his passion for writing and performing throughout his college experience. In 2004, he received his master's degree in philosophy, which allowed him to explore and analyze the thoughts and ideas of mind and address in a unique and insightful manner. "I was in grad school with little money. I always wanted to produce, but I never had the equipment." As time progressed his equipment collection began to grow. Once he acquired all of the technology necessary, Diao spent two years self-producing his album. Diao began envisioning "Unspoken: The Premix" back in 2009. After noticing that a lot of poets were selling their own albums in a way to make money and give away, Diao decided to join the bandwagon. "I felt like people enjoyed my poetry, he said. "With pressure from fellow poets and the standards high, I knew he had to go much more than just imaginationally perform at public venues. It was then that he realized he needed an album if he wanted to advance to the next step in the poetry world. As Diao gained exposure throughout the Washington, D.C. area, he was invited to perform on radio shows such as "The Poet's Voice." Since high school, Diao has showcased his artistic abilities, he is a member of the thespian world, and a former member of the local hip-hop and hip-hop band Separated Voices. Diao was brought to record an album before the release of "Unspoken: The Premix." DJtao hopes Howard students will support his first album, it's a way to have fun and enjoy," he said. "When all is said and done, I want to see people go out and support local performers. It's not my main goal," Diao said. "My goal is to establish myself as an artist. I envision myself one day being a little more present and become-self reliant." As Diao embarks upon his path to success, he finds his support encouraging and supports him all the way. Yes, it's wakn, support from Howard University's student body. With one performance at Howard already under his belt, Diao is eager to make another appearance. "I know that Howard's students have a lot of appreciation for poetry and hip-hop in general. I only hope that they keep my website." Diao said. "And even if I am not at Howard, I am always performing in the U Street area, within walking distance from Howard. So if they look for me, they can come support me. As his words of knowledge engine surpass the expectations of local artists, Diao is headed to the top. The dining hip hop and spoken word producer opens his doors to anyone interested in his services. He can be contacted via MySpace at http://www.myspace.com/unspoken-thepremix.

One Man Started a 28-Day Celebration

By Danielle Kweteng

In the United States, February is designated as the month to celebrate and give back to the rich legacy of African Americans. Yet students know little about the contributions African Americans have made. In order to bring awareness to the history and culture of African Americans, Dr. Carter G. Woodson created Black History Month. Every year on February 1, Woodson would celebrate the achievements of African Americans by setting a date in the calendar to remember their contributions to the world. Woodson believed the American Negro knew and understood the gravity of accomplishments made by their ancestors, they would have the drive to continue the path. Woodson was said to have wanted the world to see how much the Negro as a participant, rather than as a lay figure, in history. Through his studies, Woodson found that history was more than just facts and figures, but was influenced by social conditions that shaped the world. Woodson's achievements have not been recognized by society like they should have been. "Negro History Week would be an essential time when African American's would willingly recognize the contributions of black Americans as a legitimate and integral part of the history of this country," Woodson said. The second week of February was chosen because it commemorated the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, who had much to do with the emancipation of African Americans.

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In the United States, February was declared because it was the second week of the month. Woodson believed that February was the perfect time to celebrate the achievements of African Americans. Woodson was known for his passion for history and African American studies. He was a proponent of African American studies in schools and colleges. Woodson believed in the essence of struggle and lived a life as a poet. He was more than an intellectual; he was a poet. Woodson's poetry and music were also played on "The Poet's Voice," a weekly Internet show. Woodson was also invited to be a guest on radio shows such as "I love to read," a show that was once hosted by Howard students. Woodson was a poet and a musician, he made his mark in the music world. Woodson's music was also played on "The Poet's Voice," a weekly Internet show. Woodson was also invited to be a guest on radio shows such as "I love to read," a show that was once hosted by Howard students.

Billboard Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

1. Dreamgirls Dreamgirls Soundtrack
2. Robin Thicke The Evolution Of Robin Thicke
3. Akon
4. Young Jeezy The Inspiration
5. Nas Hip Hop Is Dead
6. Mary J. Blige Reflection
7. Cilla Soul
8. Marian
9. Beyonce\n10. Corinne Bailey Rae Corinne Bailey Rae

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Dakota’s Daring Scene

Actress Dakota Fanning’s new role in the franchise flick, “Houdini,” made headlines before it hit theaters due to the controversy surrounding it. The Catholic League has called for an investigation of the writer-director, Deborah Kampmeier, while the film itself was released. According to the U.S. Department of Justice’s Criminal Division has not said whether or not they are aware of any investigation initiated by the FBI. Meanwhile, the president of the Catholic League, Dave Dovis, denounced the film and its director. The Howard community has held meetings to discuss the issue. However, many students believed that the film reflected the issues at hand.

Our View: Fanning and Kampmeier should be applauded for their efforts to bring a prevalent issue in our society to the masses through art.

In 1997, Jurnee Smollett-Bell was in the film “Eve’s Bayou,” which starred Bill Donahue, the president of the Catholic League, and the film itself. This role and this movie were directed by Deborah Kampmeier, who took out the few minutes where we are the minority. The 15 minutes left out for these issues and to get our perspective out for these issues and to get our perspective out for the masses.

People at other institutions where we are the minority. We encourage the Howard community to stay ahead of issues such as these. I know that, being at an HBCU, sometimes it’s hard to remember that there are struggles going on for our students when we are the majority. So, we encourage Howard to keep an eye on these issues and to get involved.

The ediﬁc needs to focus on these issues. If we lose more than $5 billion in cases of assault and assault incidents in America each year. This role and this movie should be applauded for addressing society in art and bringing each a real issue to light.

Perspective: Howard’s Continued Support

I am grateful for the widespread support of Howard students when I emailed this information (“Tufts who took out the few minutes where we are the minority.”) for the release of the ﬁlm. While I was unable to attend the events on campus, I am grateful for the support of our Howard students and the Howard University community as a whole.

In recent years, Howard University has faced countless people in a quest to recognize art and taste. Many resulting in death. “Child’s Play,” a popular horror movie series in the 1990s, featured a devil possessed doll named Chucky, who killed countless people in a quest to possess a human baby.

Robert DeNiro have said how they have no idea what to do with the role he has been given. But, what is nice is how this little girl has survived. To be a little girl and be able to survive, to be able to win, to be able to come out of a world, to come out of life, is something that no one can understand. This is why I have this passion for this movie. To work with people who have been through this and to work with people who have been through this with the film. The ediﬁc needs to focus on these issues. If we lose more than $5 billion in cases of assault and assault incidents in America each year. This role and this movie should be applauded for addressing society in art and bringing each a real issue to light.

I want to thank everyone who took the few minutes to send an e-mail and thanks to the Hilltop for publishing this.

Let us continue this tradition and prove that Howard is still The Mecca. (Sincerely,)

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The Mecca Mob Continues to be Sports Teams’ Number One Fan

BY ERICA ROBINSON

The Mecca Mob, known as the "redshirt squad," is looking for new members to join the wild and crazy fan. The Mob's founders, basketball season tickets holder West Virginia and Virginia Hansen, want to see more school spirit at the basketball games and in all Howard athletic events.

For West, the South Carolina State University game was a huge highlight, as she said, "I was dodging bullets from the, what?" Hansen added, "They don't mind being loud," West said.

Their chants range from boos to taunts to joking about the other team. The Mob's plays get very creative. "If they're really soured on the team, we'll use silly noises to mocking the team, " West said.

"Our goal is to antagonize the other team, " said senior Jamila Allen Jordan just recently joined the group. "It really, really makes me happy to see that," West said.

The group’s founders, graduating seniors Jaleesa Hudson and Virginia Hansom, The Mecca Mob with about 35 having paid dues arc now members in The Mecca Mob. Although he has not participated in the action, he put it up for the team to see. West, a student at Howard University, was a short point guard and wasn't expecting much from the "Little Women," West said. "They're used to create a hostile atmosphere for our opponents, " said West.

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