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COSBY, Researchers Discuss Plight of Black Male

BY MERCY WILLIAMS-BURRAT
The Daily Student Voice of Howard University

The 15th annual conference on the struggle of black men was held on the evening in the Blackburn classrooms.

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Black History Month Profile: Jazz Piano Player Billy Taylor

BY CHARLOTTE YOUNG

On a Sunday night in 1949, jazz artist Ben Webster watched a young Billy Taylor play the piano at Nipsey Russell's House of Harmony and knew Taylor was something special. Post World War II, Taylor began the fraud nomination of Webster's quintet, and his professional career as a pianist, composer, teacher, and ra...
Gay Cruises Attract Travelers

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A gay cruise experience can be an exciting and memorable way to travel, according to many travelers. "Gay cruises provide an opportunity for like-minded individuals to come together, share in common interests, and create lasting memories," said one traveler.

"People often ask me why I participate in gay cruises," said John Doe, a frequent cruiser. "I appreciate the chance to meet other like-minded individuals and explore destinations with an open and accepting atmosphere." Doe has participated in several gay cruises and recommends them to others.

"Gay cruises are a great way to explore new places with a supportive community," said Jane Smith, another cruiser. "The events and activities on board are designed to cater to the interests of gay travelers, providing a fun and inclusive experience." Smith has been on multiple gay cruises and looks forward to more in the future.

The popularity of gay cruises has grown over the years, with a variety of destinations and itineraries available. "Gay cruises offer a wide range of options, from relaxed getaways to adventure-packed trips," said Cruise Line Director, John Doe. "We are always looking to expand our offerings to meet the diverse interests of our guests."
Senate Approves New Army Chief of Staff

BY AMBER ENGLISH
National and World Editor

Despite ongoing criticism of his performance, the Senate voted Thursday to make Gen. George Casey, currently command-er of U.S. forces in Iraq, the next Army chief of staff.

In an 83-14 vote, the Senate approved Casey to serve as the next Army chief of staff. In his position, Casey would be responsible for ensuring the readiness of the U.S. Army.

In addition, this appointment makes Casey a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and chief advisor to the president in terms of military matters.

The appointment drew criticism despite criticism of Casey's performance as a war commander.

"From President Bush to the war under Casey as "maybe a slow fall,"

Roe states that he could not be held responsible for all of the problems of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He should not be un-derplayed because he was car-

rying out a strategy and a pol-

icy that was seriously flawed when he arrived on the ground in Iraq," said Rhode Island Senator Jack Reed, who just

years despite the deteriorating situation.

To somehow absolve the military commander on the ground there, concluding the operations of any responsibil-

ity, the idea of any-thing is a Fable that's being ignored in the Senate, McCain said to the Senate Thursday.

General Casey will replace General Peter Schoomaker, who has been in the post since August 2003.

Casey's appointment comes just before the sched-

duled November Representative vote on another resolution concerning the war in Iraq.

Despite Democratic leaders told CNN Thursday that next week they expect to vote on a resolution that will express opposition to President Bush's plan to send more troops into Iraq.

The vote is described by Democratic leaders as the first of many steps to bring an end to the war.

Republican leaders are expected to bring an alterna-
tive to the floor next week as well.

Rep. Frank Wolf (R—Virginia) has expressed that he would consider the recommendations if the bipartisan Iraq Study Group recently.

The group recommendations that most troops be pulled out of Iraq by early 2008, leaving only a small number behind only for logistical purposes.

The three-day debate is scheduled for next week according to congressional schedule.

In addition, to the sym-

bolic resolution of opposi-
tion, Democrats are expected to propose limits in funding for the deployment of troops, according to the capitol Hill publication, The Hill.

The Role of Minority Representatives

"We've Got Issues..." will appear in The Hilltop every other Friday. Produced in part by Project Voice.

"We've Got Issues..." will look at a particular topic that is pertinent in our community. It will also pres-

ent the basic facts and the perspectives of the conservative and liberal wings. Then it's your turn: after reading both perspectives, tell us what YOU think.

Issue:

No, They're Still Progressive:

The question of racial representation becoming more symbolic than substantive is one that can be argued from a multitude of perspectives. However, the underlying question posed to the opposition is, if minorities do not continue to increase political representation in districts that are comprised of a substantial amount of their racial minority, would the issues and perspectives of that racial minority constituency be adequately addressed, or included in reterritorializations to make issues affecting the entire constituency?

According to the report, Black Elected Officials: A Statistical Summary, conducted by The Joint Center for Political and Economic, reported 9,010 elected black officials in 2001, while the National Association of Legislature Elected and Appointed Officials reported a total of 20,000 Haitian elected and appointed in various levels of government as of 2005.

These figures do not vary much, however, comparing these figures to the number of appointed minorities in the thousands of craft and ministerial roles and positions that directly affect constituents across the minority. The 6,413 elected Governmental and political officials, constituting the U.S. Central Bureau, along with the other elected state and municipal officials who are responsible for duties such as education, community management and development.

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Ex-NBA Player Publicly Announces Homosexuality

BY CARYN GRANT

Amaechi announced Wednesday that he would openly identify himself as gay.

The sports world is sure to be changed now that someone else in its highest ranks has come out.

In other sports news:

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Don't Blink, Or You Might Miss...


"I don't know if there are so many, but there are some," said Amaechi.

The basketball team, with junior forward Greivis Vasquez shining the most, had太久没有突破 to force overtime and eventually beat Maryland 98-96 in College Park.

No. 16 Duke vs. Maryland
Sun. 3 p.m. on ESPN

Maryland exacted some revenge in the ACC Tournament final, with Duke beating the top seed and Maryland ranking eighth in the conference.

The two teams will enter Sunday's conference championship with a trip to the NCAA Tournament on the line.

My Pick:

Blue Devils by eight.

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A copy of The Hilltop and $1.35 will get you on the Metro.*
Nonetheless, there are numerous exciting and relaxing hot spots for this year's Spring Break. Many students are making plans for their trips, with the traditional Spring Break destinations like Riviera Beach still being popular. However, students are also considering other hot spots and detailed travel information is available at visitMiamiBeach.com.

America Ferrera's Golden Globe win for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role is one step closer to Hollywood. Her performance in "Ugly Betty" is being talked about now.

Ugly Betty Redefines Perception of Beauty


Many people believe that inner beauty is what matters most. As women are constantly exposed to mass media portrayals of women as the perfect image, it is difficult to truly appreciate their own beauty. A study has shown that women who are obsessed with their body image are more likely to develop eating disorders and other psychological issues.

The media's portrayal of celebrity standards can have a significant impact on women's self-esteem. Studies have shown that exposure to idealized images on reality TV and in social media can lead to feelings of inadequacy and dissatisfaction with one's appearance.

Many celebrities are also taking steps to promote body positivity. Ferrera's speech on the red carpet about her weight and the importance of self-love is an example of how individuals can use their platform to promote positive messages.

In conclusion, while the media can have a negative influence on women's self-esteem, it is important to recognize and reject the standards imposed by the media and focus on cultivating a healthy relationship with our bodies. Ferrera's success serves as a reminder that beauty is subjective and that we should all be encouraged to embrace our own unique, confident, and self-assured beauty.
Killing in Our Community

In the first months of the year, there have already been two homicides in the police district where Howard is located.

Furthermore, one of the homicides occurred in the neighborhood where the other occurred in the Meridian Hill neighborhood.

There has been a heightened police presence around campus and the surrounding area. Among the targets has been Howard's political arena, which has been the scene of several violent incidents.

Our View:

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Perspective:

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Elizabeth Jamison-Dunn
Barbara Johnson
Precious Kofie
Curtisha Travis
Laureen Wimbly

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Here's how: You must approach two Iotas together on campus this Monday, Feb. 12.

You must have on brown or gold.

You must know the secret word.

*Secret word can be found in Monday's edition of the Hilltop. Only good for the first three of each gender*