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LEGISLATION TO CUT WAR SPENDING

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER REID OF NEVADA AND SEN. FEINGOLD (D-WIS) WILL SPONSOR A BILL TO CUT OFF NEARLY ALL OF THE SPENDING ON THE WAR IN IRAQ. THIS ACTION PUTS MORE PRESSURE ON WITHDRAWAL FROM IRAQ, ACCORDING TO USA TODAY.

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Volunteers Gather in Reflection

BY DREW COSTLEY &
MORGAN LYNCH
Hilltop Staff

The Office of the Chapel held a celebration for the volunteers who gave up their spring break vacation time to go help the rebuilding effort in New Orleans. The ceremony started at noon and was filled with jazz, early reminiscing of New Orleans memories and southern cuisine.

Remarks were given by Howard University president H. Patrick Swygert and co-coordinators for the trip, Ty Axson and Gerald Ashby, who all commended the effort of the volunteers. The celebration surpassed the expectations of many students, who were given the chance to fellowship with other volunteers and remember the work that still needs to be done in New Orleans.

"We got a real sense of what happened down there," co-coordinator of the trip Peter Carr said to fellow coordinator Cedric Loiseau amidst the celebration. "Even though the celebration is still nice, there is still so much that needs to be done."

Loiseau responded to Carr, "Yeah, you're right. I almost feel bad about cele-

brating because we have only accomplished a little compared to how much needs to be done."

Before Howard students and staff dove into the seafood cuisine of New Orleans, a slide show presentation was made documenting the work of the volunteers and the devastation that still exists throughout the city.

"It was great," said Rachel Newton, a freshman marketing major. "The food,

the music, the decorations. I had no expectations for [the event], but [the university] really went out of their way this time."

Charles Gibbs, Dean of Residence Life, said that it is commendable that students could skip the usual relaxation of Spring Break to volunteer and help the rebuilding effort grow.

"I truly enjoyed Alternative Spring Break," Gibbs said. "The students

were able to triple their numbers. Students were not only able to focus on Spring Break and on the swimsuits and beaches, but going out and making a difference in not only New Orleans, but the world."

Norkia Baker, assistant director of student activities, said that the reception was held to let the students know "that the university appreciates them and the service they provided."



Derrell Smith - Senior Photo Editor

Volunteers from Alternative Spring Break gathered on Monday in Blackburn to celebrate the success of their trip to help rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.



Photo courtesy of www.fox.com

Some students feel that topping the commencement appearance by Oprah Winfrey will be a tough task for the University.

Oprah to Speak at Commencement

BY TRAVER RIGGINS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Media industry trailblazer and international philanthropist Oprah Winfrey will be the Keynote speaker at this year's Commencement Convocation on May 12 at 10 a.m. on the main Yard, according to a university press release.

Winfrey will receive an honorary degree as a Doctor of Humanities, "for her lifetime achievements and stellar contributions to the global community," according to the press release.

"I think that it's very exciting to have someone of her caliber come and speak at commencement because I feel like there are going to be future Oprahs in the audience," Toyosi Olowoyeye, a junior chemistry major said.

According to her official Web site, Winfrey has made a commitment to providing education for students with merit without the means to do for themselves. The Oprah Winfrey Foundation, Winfrey's private charity, has donated millions of dollars and work hours to scholarship funds, education initiatives and schools across the globe.

"As a student of the humanities, I'm very proud to have her added to the roster among the incredible people who have come through the humanities department of Howard University," Bridgette Robinson, a junior English major said.

This year the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls opened in South Africa after over \$40 million in contributions from the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy foundation, according to the Web site.

Senior marketing major Kamila Thigpen is excited to have Winfrey speak as she graduates this spring and feels that Winfrey is one of the best

speakers she will have heard at Howard University.

"It kind of makes me jealous because I feel like, who else could we have since I'm graduating next year? Who can top Oprah? That's going to be a very hard act to follow," Olowoyeye said.

Olowoyeye joked that resurrecting Malcom X or Martin Luther King Jr. would be the only way to one-up Oprah's appearance.

"We're going to need two people to match the star power," Robinson said.

Travis Harmon, a senior psychology major, admires the work Winfrey has done for the black community and looks forward to hosting her at the university.

"Oprah is one of the few African Americans who has the financial ability to help out," Harmon said.

He said she should have more television coverage on the initiatives she is involved with in the black community.

"I wish she would do a tad bit more for the black community on TV," Harmon said.

"When I see Oprah it's all about white folks looking under their seats and getting Pontiac keys," he added.

"I think that a lot of work needs to be done in Africa and people who have the money and the power to contribute should do so," Thigpen said.

Four others will receive honorary degrees in the fields of academia, science, philanthropy and healthcare at the Commencement ceremony.

Last year's Commencement ceremony featured singer, songwriter, actor, poet and producer Smokey Robinson as the key speaker. The Honoree received a Doctor of Music honoris causa, an honorary degree of decoration and accomplishment not matriculation.

Musiq Soulchild Stops By HU



Samara Pearson - Staff Photographer

Musiq Soulchild visited WHBC radio station Monday to promote his fourth album, "Luvanmusiq," which debuted at no. 1 on the R&B and hip hop charts. The album featuring the single "Buddy" has received great feedback, Soulchild said.

"People have welcomed me back with open arms," he told The Hilltop. "It's a beautiful thing."

He will continue his promotional tour to Atlanta, Miami and Detroit. Soulchild, who recently joined Atlantic Records, hopes to continue making music for years to come.

"I want to make classic, soul music of this time," he said. "I'm very proud of my accomplishments."

In College Sports Deja Vu, Gators Defeat Ohio St., 84-75

BY ELLIOTT JONES
Sports Editor

The Florida Gators, led by junior rebound Al Horford's 18 points and 12 rebounds, won their second consecutive NCAA men's basketball national championship, defeating Ohio State, 84-75.

Florida became the first team to win back-to-back championships since Duke accomplished the feat in 1991 and 1992. Furthermore, the Gators became the first team from the Southeastern Conference (SEC) to repeat as champions since Kentucky did so in 1948 and 1949.

Last night's national title game also

pitted the same two schools against one another that faced off for the 2007 NCAA football national championship, with Florida winning that game as well, 41-14, this past January.

Florida overcame foul trouble from junior forward and center Joakim Noah and senior center Chris Richard in the second half to hold off the Buckeyes comeback bid.

The Gators led 40-29 at halftime and would never relinquish their lead for the remainder of the contest.

Ohio State's freshman All-American center Greg Oden turned in a 25-point, 12-rebound performance in a losing effort.

After the game, Florida head coach

Billy Donovan was full of praise for his players.

"I'm so proud of these guys. We've had to win different ways and with the expectations. I'm not saying they are the best team, but you have to look at them and say they are one of the best teams to play this game," Donovan told reporters.

Junior guard Taurean Green added 16 points for the Gators, including making all three of his shots from three-point range. Senior guard Lee Humphrey chipped in with 14 points for Florida, while Noah finished with eight points. Gators' junior forward Corey Brewer was named Most Valuable Player of the Final Four.



Photo courtesy of sports.yahoo.com

Florida head coach Billy Donovan was presented with the national championship trophy, surrounded by players and family members.

Delta Rally Educates Women

Sorority Calls for End to Violence and Discrimination Against Females

BY MERCIA WILLIAMS-MURRAY
Hilltop Staff Writer

More than five hundred members of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Alpha Chapter congregated on the yard Monday afternoon to rally for the cessation of the abuse of women.

The rally was a part of a series of programs and workshops known as "Delta Days at the National Capital," an annual event that brings issues that effect African-American women throughout the world.

Delta Days was instituted in 1989 by the National Social Action Commission. The purpose of Delta Days is to increase member involvement in national public policy-making process.

Key speakers during the course of Delta Days include policy makers, members of Congress and their staff members and national issue experts.

This year's Delta Days started on March 31 and will conclude on April 3. This year's Delta Days will focus on race and poverty, education, employment, savings and investment, health care and housing.

The rally handled all aspects of abuse-physical, emotional, sexual and mental- but Andrea Hill, chaplain of Alpha

Chapter, says sexual abuse was the core issue confronted.

Louise A. Rice, national president of the Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. also was in attendance on campus. Also in attendance were the first and second national vice-presidents.

First vice-president of Alpha Chapter, Shauntel Brown, says that former national presidents that showed up were Thelma Thomas Daley and Marsha Fudge. Fellow Delta, Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D) Ohio, showed her support as well.

The national executive board was greeted by President Swygert. Hill says, "He expressed his love for the sorority, being a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc."

Hill adds that Swygert is proud of everything that the sorority stands for.

UNICEF, a children's rights organization, was represented by a member who spoke to the crowd. Also, Deltas from Howard showed their support for the young women.

Hill said Deltas for Howard are a group of Deltas who work for the university. The group

includes Artis G. Hampshire-Cowan Esq., secretary of the board of trustees.

Hill and Brown said sororities form all over the country have attended Delta Days.

Brown added that students on the yard had been respectful of the organization's efforts. "Howard students were very respectful and quiet on the yard."



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. holds an annual series of programs known as "Delta Days at the National Capital" to address issues affecting women.

Devell Smith / Senior Photo Editor

What's In A Name?

A Look at the Namesakes of Howard University



Bunche Center

BY DREW COSTLEY
Campus Editor

Appropriately named for a statesman in the United States and internationally, the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center serves as an educational source for any student at Howard looking to study abroad. Established in 1993, the building was re-named after Bunche in 1996 during a ceremony with the Secretary of the United Nations in attendance.

Dr. Ralph Bunche was born to Fred and Olive Bunche on Aug. 7, 1904 in Detroit. His father was a barber who served a strictly white clientele and his mother was an amateur musician, while his grandmother, Nana Johnson, lived with the family and was born into slavery.

Bunche was 10 when his family moved to Albuquerque, N.M. in hopes that the dry climate of the region would improve the poor health of his parents. However, both died when he was 12 years old. Following their passing, Bunche's grandmother took him and his two sisters to go live in Los Angeles.

After graduating from Jefferson High School in Los Angeles, Bunche supported himself with an athletic scholarship at the University of California-Los Angeles, which funded his collegiate expenses. He took a job a janitorial worker to support his personal endeavors. After completing a career as an active student on the debate team and school newspaper, he graduated from the school with summa cum laude honors degree in international relations in 1927.

He completed his

graduate studies a year after graduating from undergrad. He then began his career at Howard University, alternating between working as a teacher at the Capstone and studying for his doctoral degree at Harvard University.

His research and leadership in academia led Bunche around the academic world, landing him research positions at Northwestern University, Capetown University in South Africa, the London School of Economics and directorial positions at Oberlin College, Swarthmore College, Harvard University, Lincoln University and New Lincoln School.

Bunche was also active in the civil rights movement. He worked with Martin Luther King, Jr. in organizing the Montgomery, Ala. march in 1965 and, although never forming an organization of his own, was integral in the thriving of the NAACP and the National Urban League during the civil rights movement.

In 1936, Bunche wrote a now well-known sociological essay, "A World View of Race," which he was able to complete through first-hand research as co-director of Swarthmore College's Institute of Race Relations.

During the 1940s, Bunche worked for the Department of State and worked on some of the first Arab-Israeli peacekeeping discussions and worked for the United Nations from 1955 to 1967, where he served as a secretary for Special Political Affairs.

Bunche died on Dec. 9, 1971 and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, New York.

Hobbyist to Share 'Price' of Success

Beauty Product Tycoon to Speak as Part of the School of Business' Women In Business Conference



Photo Courtesy of www.marcofermatowomen.org

Lisa Price, who made it from bankruptcy to found a \$2 million dollar beauty empire, will share the things that helped her build a cosmetics empire tonight in the School of Business Auditorium from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. as a part of an entrepreneurship panel. The panel is part of the Women in Business Conference in which the School of Business Student Council will help students deal with relationships and work, host a networking reception and a luncheon in which students will receive scholarships on behalf of the student council.

The student council hosted a finance workshop and a kickoff breakfast yesterday to start the conference.

-Compiled by Drew Costley, Campus Editor

Swing Phi Swing Makes Return as Campus Organization

BY VANESSA ROZIER
Hilltop Staff Writer

The return of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, Inc. began on the first day of Swing Week with an open discussion titled "Women in Entertainment and the Glass Ceiling" on Monday in Blackburn Auditorium.

Swing sisters Keina Hodge and Alicia Richardson invited their sister Justine Wells, publicly known as Justine Love of "Lovetalk and Slow Jams" on WPGC radio, to speak to those interested in the issues that women face in their professional careers.

Hodge said, "We're just trying to create a dialogue for the campus, men and women, about disparities that women face within the enter-

tainment industry and every profession."

Justine Wells, who earned a degree from North Carolina Central University, said that she sees herself as breaking the glass ceiling by sharing her wide range of knowledge on the subject of sex and relationships with those with no place else to find it. Wells is active in her community and spreads awareness on HIV/AIDS and vital information on sex with her demographic of 18 to 54 year old women.

"Think about it. There are no women anchoring morning shows," Wells pointed out. When it comes to evening shows, which also have a low female population, she said, "People think that women only want to hear men's sexy voices at night."

As a member of Swing Phi

Swing, Wells exhibits the cultural awareness and community service aspect of the organization's purpose by discussing topics that affect the black community and physically volunteering her time to feed the less fortunate throughout the year.

In addition to cultural awareness and community service, the organization, represented by the colors black and white, was built on the principles of scholarship and supporting women in need of growth.

Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship Inc. was founded on April 4, 1969 at Winston-Salem State University by 12 young women during the Civil Rights Movement. They established this organization, one year after the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., in order to fulfill what was lacking at

WSSU during a time when black activism was crucial, vital and necessary for the advancement of their people.

The organization was last active on Howard's campus during the 1970s, and graduate students Hodge and Richardson are initiating their return.

"The main purpose of this week of events is, not only to create interest, but to get the Howard community in a dialogue, to stay community-oriented," said Hodge, who has been a member since the fall semester of 2003 at Temple University.

Richardson said that they are working alongside their brother organization, Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Inc., to carry out these events.

Groove Phi Groove Inc. was

founded in 1962 on Morgan State University's campus. The youngest undergraduate member on Howard's campus graduated last May.

Wednesday, April 4 marks Swing Phi Swing Inc.'s Founder's Day. There will be a candlelight vigil on the Yard at 7 p.m. to honor their founders as well as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife Coretta Scott King, as Dr. King was assassinated on this day in 1968.

A Spades Tournament will also be held on Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. with prizes given to the first and second place teams. Other events include Fellowship Night on Friday evening and an interest meeting on Saturday at 5 p.m. for interested prospective members.

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Blackburn University Center, Gallery Lounge

Play it Safe on the Metro

BY BRITNEY BREWINGTON
Contributing Writer

Every day many people flood metro stations en route to work, school or other destinations. Many residents in Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland depend on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for transportation.

According to the WMATA Web site, the transportation system transports a third of the federal government to work and millions of tourists to the nation's capital on a regular basis. It is a system that likes to think of itself as "safe, reliable and clean," according to the Web site.

However, at 1:30 a.m. on March 11, the Addison Road-Seat Pleasant Metro station did not appear to be a safe environment as 19-year-old Maurice Powell and his friends were returning home.

At the station, Powell was shot once in his upper body and pronounced dead at the scene early Sunday morning.

Earlier that evening, the 2006 graduate of Central High School had attended a movie in Georgetown with two of his friends. While exiting the Addison Road-Seat Pleasant station, they were surrounded by four males who allegedly attempted to rob Powell and his friends. Fearing for their lives, they began to run as the men fired shots at them.

Powell, a former linebacker for his high school football team and a sprinter on the track team, was enrolled at TESST College of Technology.

Police do not have any



Photo courtesy of www.wikimedia.org

The Metro Transit Police encourage students to be safe on the Metro, but adhering to safety tips were not enough to save Maurice Powell, who was fatally shot at a station.

suspects as of yet, but are trying to put together descriptions of the assailants based on accounts from Powell's friends.

According to Metro Transit Police records, there were no homicides committed at Metro stations reported in the years 2005 and 2006. However, there were 1,317 other offenses reported in 2006 by the Metro Transit Police. Even though homicides are not something that the Metro rail system sees a lot of, it does not mean that it cannot happen, and they encourage safety at all times.

Powell and his friends seemed to have followed most of the recommended safety tips for late night travel, yet

they still managed to find trouble when leaving the station.

The Addison Road-Seat Pleasant station does not have a history of being a high crime rate area. In 2006, the station had one aggravated assault, six robberies, seven narcotic arrests and 14 reports of automobile thefts on the Metro property.

As of 2007, there has only been one report of auto theft, according to Steven Taubenkibel, a media relation's spokesperson for Metro. While this is a tragedy, it is not something that happens often at the station, he said.

Taubenkibel pointed out that Metro makes it a priority to have good communication

between the Metro Transit Police and the local police in the area.

"Metro Transit Police is responsible for the property itself, but we work with all local police to insure safety," Taubenkibel said.

Commuters that flood the Metro system day-after-day are advised to remember to not get too comfortable in their routines and to always stay alert.

WMATA served over 206 million riders in 2006 and does not want to see any more tragic events.

Taubenkibel said, "All travelers should travel in groups, have a plan when exiting the metro station and try to stay in well-lit areas."

THE METRO: STOP BY STOP Ballston Station

BY DEWANA WILLIAMS
Contributing Writer

Just off the orange line is Ballston Station. For some the name is unfamiliar, but for others the stop is great for food and shopping.

Several Howard students that were asked about this particular stop did not even know that it existed. Located just four stops away from the Foggy Bottom-GWU station, the station should catch students' attention.

Ballston Station is located in Arlington, Va., and is home to many businesses, restaurants and residents that give the elegant Virginia neighborhood an urban twist.

When students get off of the Metro and reach the surface of Ballston, the sight of numerous restaurants will immediately grab their attention. The many restaurants include Ruby Tuesdays, IHOP, Cosi, Manhattan Bagel, Chevy's Fresh Mex and many other places to dine that are sure to peak students' interest.

There are also many high-rise apartments, condominiums and prominent businesses that surround the area such as CACI International, SAIC, E*Trade Bank and a host of other corporations that give the area a semi-city feel.

Also as a place of business and technology, Ballston is the home of the National Science Foundation headquarters.

But that is not all that Ballston has to offer. The area boasts a complete balance of business along with pleasure.

The Ballston Common Mall attracts many visitors who are looking for a nice place to do some quick shopping without the chaos of a huge crowd, or are looking for some nice

places to go out and eat.

If students are tired of Pentagon City Mall or Prince George's Plaza, this could be a great escape to go and hang out with friends.

Many stores are located in the triple level mall, including Wet Seal, Fellas Fashions, Underground Station, Victoria's Secret and, for those Redskins fans, the Washington Redskins Official Store. However, it only houses one department store, Macy's, which may be a setback for some students who enjoy variety.

For entertainment purposes, Ballston Common Mall offers a Regal Cinemas movie theater.

Kettler Capitals Iceplex skating rink located at the top of the mall features a public and private rink where many famous ice skaters have open practice that the public can watch as well as a rink for anyone to use at their leisure.

There is also a sport and health club that is heavily taken advantage of by many workers who are getting off of work. When asking visitors and residents about the area, they say it is a good place for visitors who want to get some good food, go to a bar or settle down and start a career.

Leslie Darton, a manager for Claire's located in the mall and a long-time resident of the Ballston area, says, "The area here used to be a lot more busy, but when Pentagon City was built, it began to attract a large sum of the tourists and residents of the metro area that used to visit Ballston. So now it's pretty much very ethnic and business-oriented."

She said she enjoyed living where it was not too busy, but where she could still get the city feeling.



Photos courtesy of www.answers.com and www.smartgrowth.net

Just a few feet from Ballston Station are restaurants such as IHOP, a mall, skating rink and movie theater.

Family Settles with District, Not HUH

BY PRESCILLA WATSON
Contributing Writer

In a \$20 million lawsuit over the death of former New York Times editor and reporter David E. Rosenbaum, the District of Columbia along with the Rosenbaum family has reached an agreement in this year long claim. However, the settlement does not include the lawsuit that the family has against Howard University Hospital.

According to nbc4.com, the city will not pay any money to the Rosenbaum family. Instead, as stated in the settlement, the family has agreed to withdraw the lawsuit and give the District one year to improve its emergency medical services. If it does not improve, the family can file the lawsuit again.

"The settlement also requires the District to create a task force to investigate the city's emergency response and issue a report with recommendations to improve the services within six months, according to the

settlement. The task force has been issued to include a member from Rosenbaum's family," nbc4's Pat Collins reported.

LeAnne Atteloney, a senior speech communications major, believes this lawsuit will be a wake-up call for Howard University Hospital.

"Howard Hospital's service is horrible. It's about time that someone took action against them," Atteloney said.

According to MSNBC.com, in 2006, Rosenbaum, 63, died as a result of severe head and body trauma caused by being beaten with a heavy plastic pipe during a mugging near his home in Northwest Washington, D.C.

"The family alleged that the people responsible for helping Rosenbaum—from emergency medical workers to hospital staff—failed him."

Mayor Adrian Fenty, in a news conference with the Rosenbaum family, expressed his sympathy for the family.

"The entire District of Columbia government stands today as a symbol of the out-

rage at the senseless death of David E. Rosenbaum and, in a joint sense, that there has to be accountability for what happened," Fenty said.

At the time Rosenbaum was discovered, the officers and EMT officials who responded to the 911 call presumed he was intoxicated. When officials responded on the scene, the victim had no identification on him, was vomiting and smelled of alcohol, according to a summary of Special Reports by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), which was released to the DCWatch Web site.

"Consequently, the man was classified as a low priority patient and transported to the Howard University Hospital Emergency Department where, after lying in a hallway for more than an hour, medical personnel discovered that he had a critical head injury."

The Rosenbaum family was alerted by credit card companies of unusual activity on Rosenbaum's credit cards. Maryland Police Department (MPD) later

linked Rosenbaum's injuries, his missing wallet and the unusual credit card activity to assault and robbery.

According to the release of special reports by OIG, upon Rosenbaum's arrival at Howard, Emergency Department personnel failed to properly assess his condition and failed to communicate critical medical information to each other, thereby delaying the necessary surgery that was needed to relieve pressure on his brain—all in violation of Howard's own patient care standards. Further, a number of staff members passed Rosenbaum in the hallway and ignored him, denying him clinical and therapeutic care.

Brian James, a District resident, believes this incident is nothing unusual.

"When I get sick, I come to Howard University's ER all the time because it's the closest hospital to where I live, but waiting forever to see a doctor much less a nurse is the usual routine for most [patients]," James said.

According to reports released by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, after an autopsy, it was concluded that Rosenbaum was a victim of homicide due to injuries sustained to his head and body.

In the OIG summary of special reports on Rosenbaum, nurses at Howard Hospital did not properly triage and assess Rosenbaum. The triage nurse did not perform the basic assessments and did not communicate an abnormal temperature reading. Besides the fact that Rosenbaum was also incorrectly diagnosed as intoxicated, employees did not even follow the triage policy on treating an intoxicated patient.

According to the hospital's patient care standards, which include monitoring the airway and breathing, assessing for trauma, conducting routine lab tests and monitoring vital signs every 15 minutes, proper standards were not followed.



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The Rosenbaum family will continue with their lawsuit against the Howard University Hospital for negligence, though they have dropped suit against the District of Columbia.

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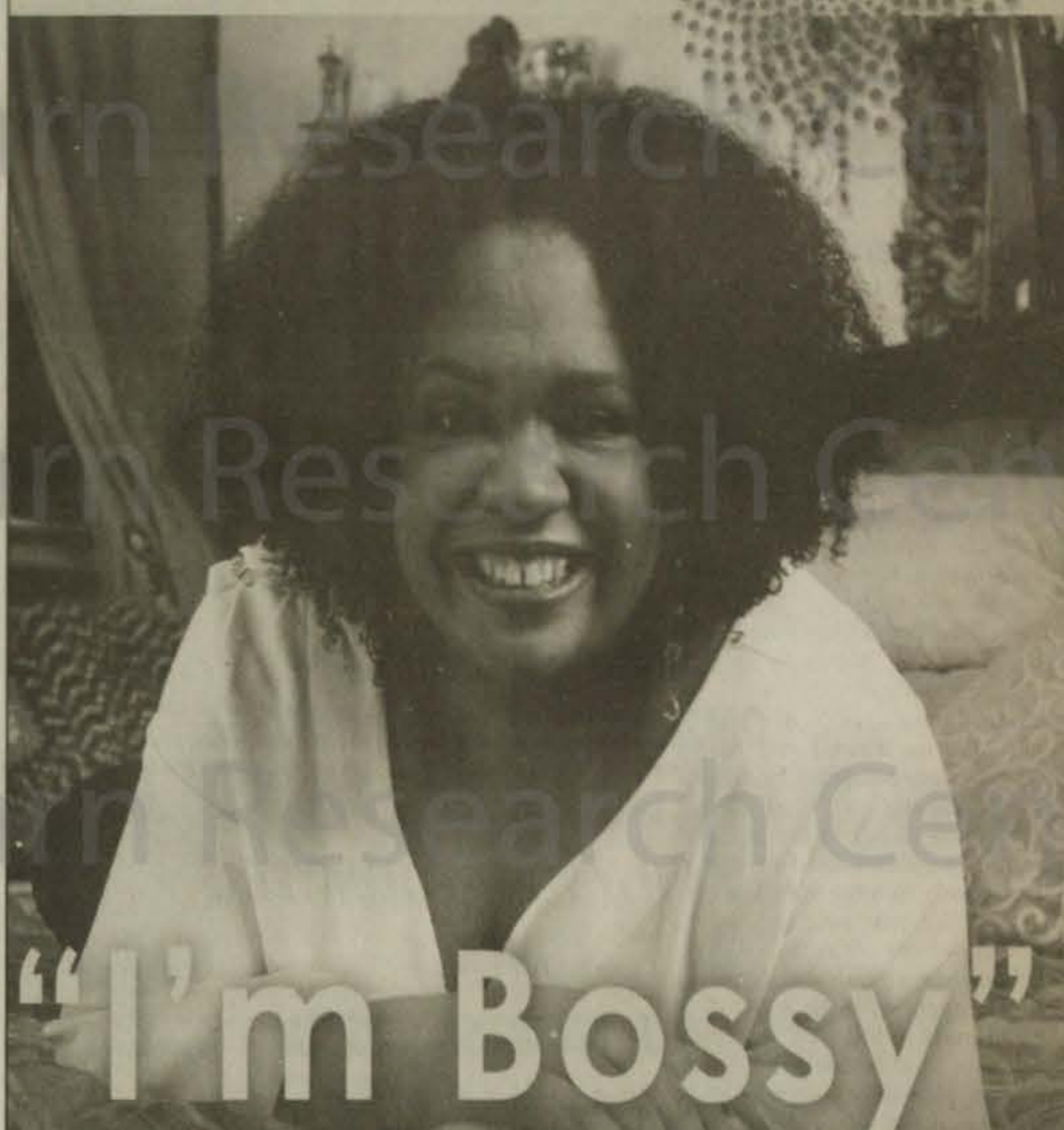
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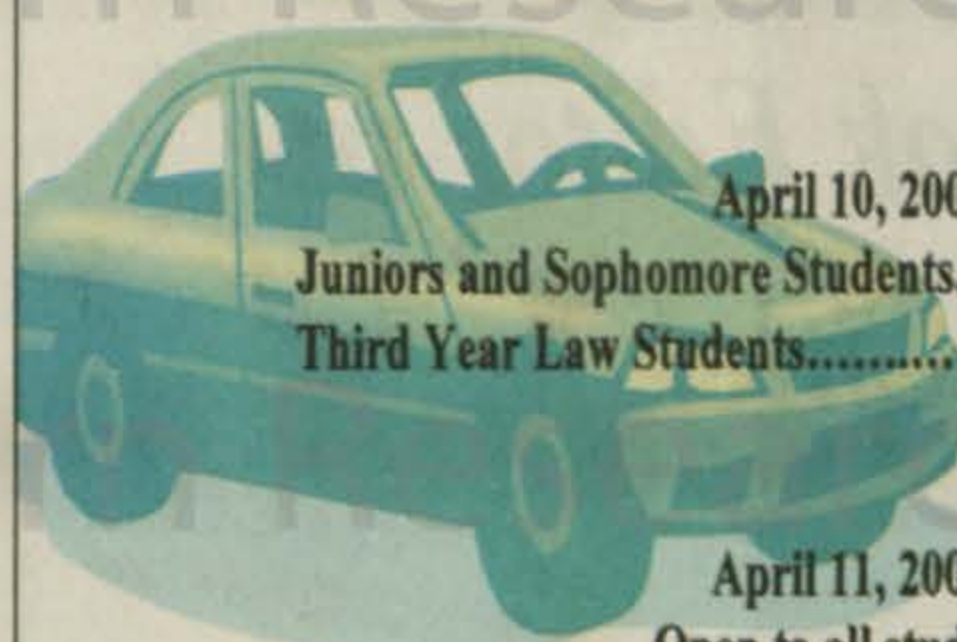
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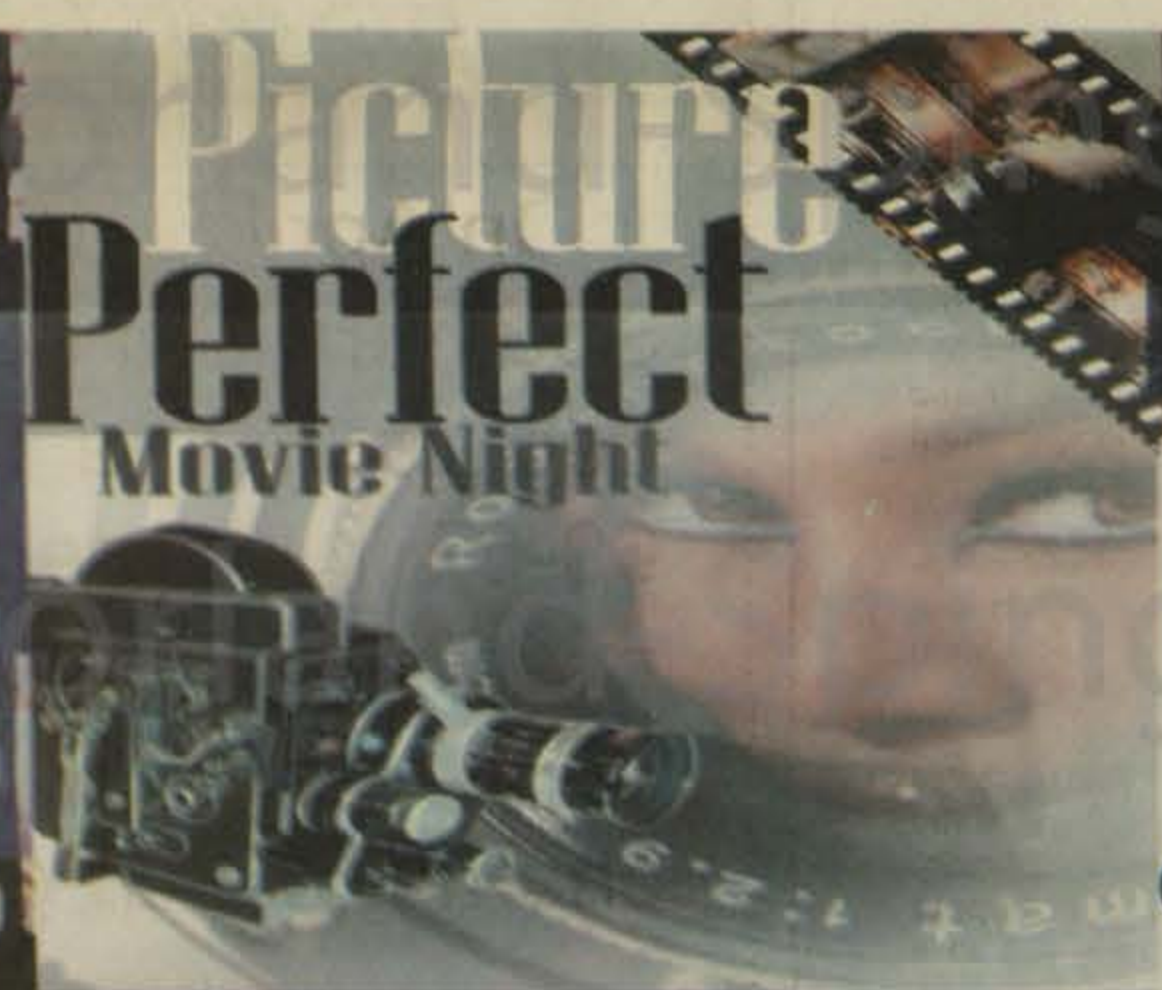
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Softball a Lifelong Love for Larc Pickett

BY KENYA DOWNS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Since the age of 10, Larcus Pickett, more commonly known as Larc, knew she wanted to played softball. When she turned 11, Pickett had already been playing for recreational league teams. Later, she began playing competitively, quickly impressing those around her.

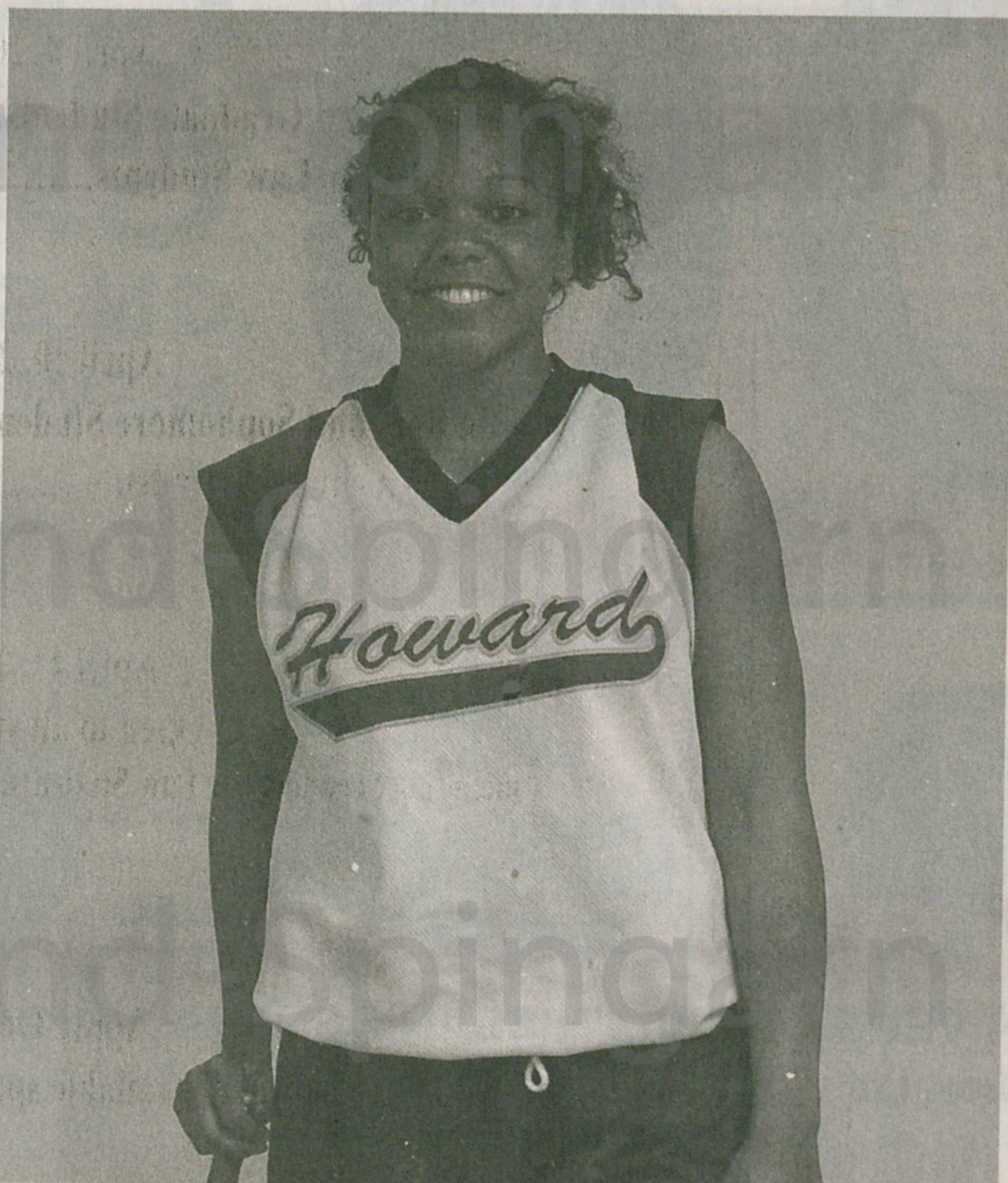
By the time she graduated from high school, it didn't come as a surprise to anyone that Pickett wanted to continue her softball career to play in college.

Walk into her West Towers dorm and you'll find posters of baseball and softball players completely covering her walls. To Pickett, softball is more than a hobby, it is a passion.

Originally born and raised in Virginia, Pickett moved to Denver when she was 15 years old. She always had an affinity for baseball, frequently watching games and keeping up with statistics. The more her interest in baseball grew, the more she wanted to play. Pickett decided to play softball with much support from her family.

"I had gotten support since I first started. My parents encouraged me just to stay active and try to play at the college level," she said.

By age 14, Pickett had began traveling with a little league team. She finished her last two years of high school in Denver and by that point already knew from its reputation that Howard was the school for her. She began sending in tapes, attempting to get the coaches' attention.



Larcus Pickett, commonly known as Larc, plans to volunteer with the Peace Corps and hopes to coach high school softball after graduating.

It was that determination and dedication that got Pickett a half scholarship to Howard for her freshman year. Impressing the coaches and her teammates, Pickett quickly worked her way up to receiving a full athletic scholarship. Her hard work has also earned her the status of co-

captain for her final season.

Pickett is defensively positioned in the left field, but on offense, she is a key contributor to the team when it comes to producing hits.

Off the field is different. She says: "Off the field, my biggest contribution to the team is my commit-

ment."

Semplecia Scott, a senior physical therapy major and teammate agrees that Pickett is dependable.

"As a teammate and player, Larc is a great team player and leader," Scott said. "If you ever need anything you can always count on her. If she has it she'll give it to you."

As a senior, Pickett has a lot on her plate. Outside of being on the softball field, Pickett is also an International Pal, mentors at the Bruce Monroe Elementary School, and has an internship with the Equal Rights Center.

Her average daily schedule consists of running from hours of classes to her internship then practicing in the evening and getting to schoolwork later in the night. Pickett attests that the stress doesn't get to her.

"Your social life gradually decreases, at least during the season it does," she said. "It's pretty difficult but after you've been doing it for a while you have to learn how to manage your time effectively."

Graduation is quickly approaching and Pickett says she knows her time of competitive softball playing is rapidly winding down. Although she doesn't plan on playing much after college, Pickett insists her softball career is not over.

"I plan on coaching later. I might play for small recreational leagues but nothing too competitive. I definitely want to coach high school," she said.

After graduation, Pickett plans on joining the Peace Corps and hopes to be placed in a French-speaking

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country in Africa. Her best memory of Howard that she'll take with her are the relationships and friendships she has built with people.

Howard's Young Earns Rookie of the Week Honors in the MEAC Again

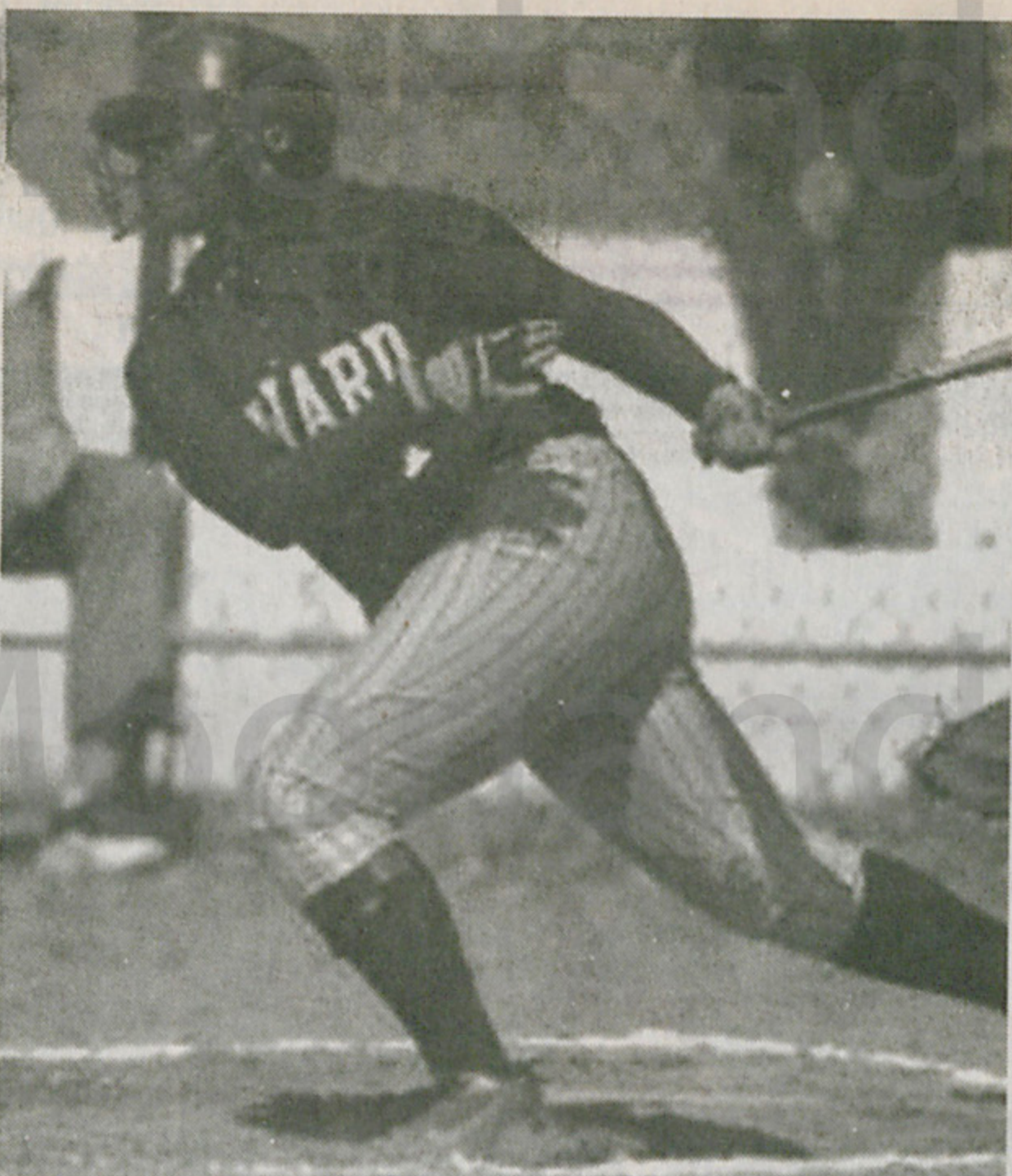


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Courtney Young, a freshman right fielder on Howard's softball team, was named Rookie of the Week in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) for the second time this season.

The 5-foot-6 Sherwood, Ark. native went 5-11 from the plate in four games last week, finishing with a batting average of .454 and batting in two runs. Additionally, Young recorded two stolen bases and contributed four outfield assists on defense.

The Lady Bison ended with a 2-2 record for the week, dropping two contests to the University of Maryland-Baltimore County and sweeping two contests against Winston-Salem State at Banneker Stadium.

Young was also named the MEAC Rookie of the Week for the week of March 12-19. The Lady Bison are currently having their best season in team history, with a current record of 18-12. Howard swept both matches from Coppin State yesterday on the road, winning 15-2 and 15-1 in a double-header

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Rutgers Scarlet Knights' Road to the National Championship Game...



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Conference: Big East
Overall Record: 27-8
First Round: def. East Carolina, 77-34
Second Round: def. Michigan State, 70-57
Sweet Sixteen: def. Duke, 53-52
Elite Eight: def. Arizona State, 64-45
Final Four: def. LSU, 59-35

Tennessee Lady Volunteers' Road to the National Championship Game...



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Conference: SEC
Overall Record: 33-3
First Round: def. Drake, 76-37
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The Color of America's Justice

In Baltimore a seven-year-old boy was arrested for sitting on a motorized dirt bike. He was taken to the Eastern District headquarters in Baltimore where he was photographed, fingerprinted, and interrogated as if he was a felon.

Last year in Paris, Texas a 14-year-old girl was sentenced to seven years in a high-security prison for shoving a hall monitor. After public scrutiny and serving a year in prison, the girl was freed this weekend.

In the same town of Paris a 14-year-old girl was convicted of arson after burning down her family's home. Yet, she only received probation for her heinous crime.

What sets the first two cases of strict injustice apart from the latter instance of lax discipline? Race, of course.

The young man on the dirt bike and the imprisoned

young lady are both black while the one who escaped with nothing more than a slap on the wrist is, of course, white.

What makes matters worse is that the cases involving the two girls happened in the same town and were sen-

ted by the same judge! of all that is innocent and pure in this world and even they are not free from the injustices that ravish our society.

One Hilltop staffer recalled an event that held a dialogue between black children of the area and the police. In this discussion the children revealed that they fear the very people that they should trust. They fear those who are charged to "protect and serve."

Evidently there is a need for change—major change. American society has racist ideas like being black is synonymous with crime which continue to label us as guilty until proven innocent instead of innocent until proven guilty.

But how do you change notions that are so set in American culture and society and are so thoroughly ingrained in our (in)justice system.

Our View:

The blatant racism within the justice system needs to be addressed and reformed.

Children are the epitome

Correction: 3/13/2007 Edition

In the March 13, 2007 issue of *The Hilltop* there was an error in the caption for

an article entitled, "Driven: Student Producer Chris Hines." The caption identi-

fied the person in the picture as Brandon Hines when, in fact, it was Chris Hines.

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Confessions of an L&S Editor



BY DANIELLE KWATENG
Life & Style Editor

Dear Howard,
The Associated Press did research that found college students are extremely narcissistic. They gave a series of questions to over 16,000 college students between 1982 and 2006, which stated "If I ruled the world, it would be a better place," "I think I am a special person," and "I can live my life any way I want to."

A surprising amount of them answered to questions that stressed their importance to society. Researchers are now saying that children are too self-centered and parents shouldn't repeatedly tell their children that they are "special."

When I hear reports like this I do some self-reflection. My parents always made me feel like a princess. My dad in particular, would go out of his way to make me and my sisters feel important, which got me thinking, I'm a little self-centered.

No one likes to think that of themselves, and I had a lot of excuses to pardon my new flaw.

"No, I'm not self-centered. I volunteer, help those in need, give to the poor, and never litter," I told myself. But I could do more.

Every now and then, I found myself concerned about how I looked and what to wear to go out when I should have been concerned with other more important things.

Weight, clothing, skin, "good hair" and more are what I and the average Howard girl probably thinks about daily. And it's not a bad thing, but why are we so preoccupied with the external?

I think narcissism in college students is a direct result of the self-consciousness we all have, both girls and guys. It leaks through the underlying cracks of everything we do in the four years here. The clubs we join, the parties we go to, what we wear on the Yard. It's all connected.

The other day I heard Kanye West's "All Falls Down" and now more than ever I can relate to the girl in the song. It's so easy to be held back from pursuing our destinies by something as trivial as appearance.

We all know adolescents and those in their early 20s are very self-conscious, but it's become more expensive to cover up our generation's flaws. As many as 333,000 teens have chosen to get plastic surgery, according to the American Association of Plastic Surgeons. Maybe not through permanent surgery, but in many other ways we try to cover up things we don't like about ourselves. It's understandable to be concerned with appearance.

I just hope one day everyone will be comfortable with who they are and take all the energy they put into themselves and put it into those in need.

-Dani K. *Shout out to my Ceddie Bear for lovin' all black women inside and out. If you feel the same way email me at dani_kwateng@yahoo.com*



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The Fight Against Physical Discrimination

BY PRESCILLA A. WATSON
Contributing Writer

In a perfect world, the saying "Beauty is only skin deep," would be taken to heart by all that hear it. However, in reality people often look no further than appearance when making judgments on others as well as themselves. Today's society is struggling with a phenomenon where looks have become an obsession.

According to the Journal of Libertarian Studies, people who are found to be attractive are accepted in society and given preferential treatment while those who are deemed unattractive are denied opportunities.

With such emphasis placed on one's outer appear-

ance when it comes to being accepted, getting hired for a job or just wanting to be the center of attention at a party, beauty can be a source of discrimination. This type of discrimination, which is prevalent in many aspects of life, is called "lookism."

The Web site www.lookism.info was created as an information and discussion portal against lookism. It aims to motivate people to spot this form of discrimination and put an end to its practice.

Beauty is a market value, which is used by many as a gateway to gain acceptance in society. According to the Web site lookism is defined as a "deconstruction of beauty and our thought about it."

Many students believe they have witnessed lookism

occur on campus everyday.

"Black women, under circumstances, can be victims of racism, sexism and lookism as factors under whether they are accepted or not in society," Krystal Reuben, a senior legal communications major, said.

The term lookism is used by the Web site to analyze the hierarchy of individuals on the basis of bodily traits, which are rated positively or negatively and therefore enlarge or diminish an individual's value.

More girls today are becoming victims of lookism, which evidently leads to depression and of course severe blows to self-esteem. This type of discrimination can scar a young woman for life and lead to self-depreciation and a distorted body image.

Allegedly, 23 sisters of the Delta Zeta Sorority at DePauw University were the victims of this form of discrimination.

According to the New York Times, the 23 girls who were "de-sistered" included everyone in the sorority who looked overweight as well

as the black, Korean and Vietnamese members.

The 12 members allowed to stay were thin, pretty and had looks that appealed to the men in fraternities on campus.

Ashlei Dabney, a senior theater arts major said beyond a doubt, lookism is used in the world today, but on a case-by-case basis.

"I feel that in the work force if you are qualified for the position that you are seeking, then the entire notion of lookism doesn't apply," Dabney said.

According to Dabney, lookism is definitely used on the campus of Howard University as a criterion for acceptance amongst certain groups and organizations.

"On our campus you have to have the whole package to be accepted in anything," Dabney said.

"Your looks count no matter how qualified you may be. However, D.I.V.A. Inc. looks at a person's entire package, seeking out people who possess all the qualities in our name," she said.

Contrary to Dabney's beliefs about the usage of

lookism within the work force, a recent study was conducted to show the amount of emphasis placed on the way people look at work, according to thepolitic.com.

Research analyst Kristie Engemann and economist Michael Owyang said there is a correlation between appearance and wages.

The researchers cited one study that found what they called a "plainness penalty" of nine percent in wages.

"This means that a person with below-average looks tended to earn nine percent less than those with average looks," Engemann told an interviewer.

They concluded that it helps to be tall, slender and attractive in the work force.

Also as stated in the journal, "This is an important issue for economists because they seem to assume that a beauty premium might be justified if it is connected to increased productivity."

As John Milton wrote in 1634, "Beauty is nature's coin." And researchers have pointed out, it is currency in today's labor market as well.

"On our campus you have to have the whole package to be accepted in anything."

- Ashlei Dabney, '07

Driven: De-Lacoste Pursues Healing, Haute Couture

BY OLIVIA WILLIAMSON
Contributing Writer

Kema De-Lacoste of Montego Bay, Jamaica is not the typical designer that students would expect to find among Howard University's fashion talent. He does not hang out in front of the Fine Arts building with his colleagues. He is not even a fine arts student.

Instead, as a senior biology pre-med double major, De-Lacoste plans to go to medical school after completing his undergraduate degree.

His new venture in fashion is one of the many outlets that De-Lacoste uses to express his creativity.

For about a year, De-Lacoste has served as CEO of his own production company "Royalty, the Movement."

The company is best known for the parties it hosts throughout the Northeast Washington, D.C. region, but De-Lacoste is always looking for new and inventive ways to attract and satisfy customers.

Fashion was the next logical step. The whole idea of starting the line literally came to De-Lacoste in a dream.

"I dream a lot and get a lot of inspiration from my dreams, so I keep a notepad next to my bed to keep record of them," he said. "This idea of starting a clothing line came to me one night, and I set to put it in motion the very next day."

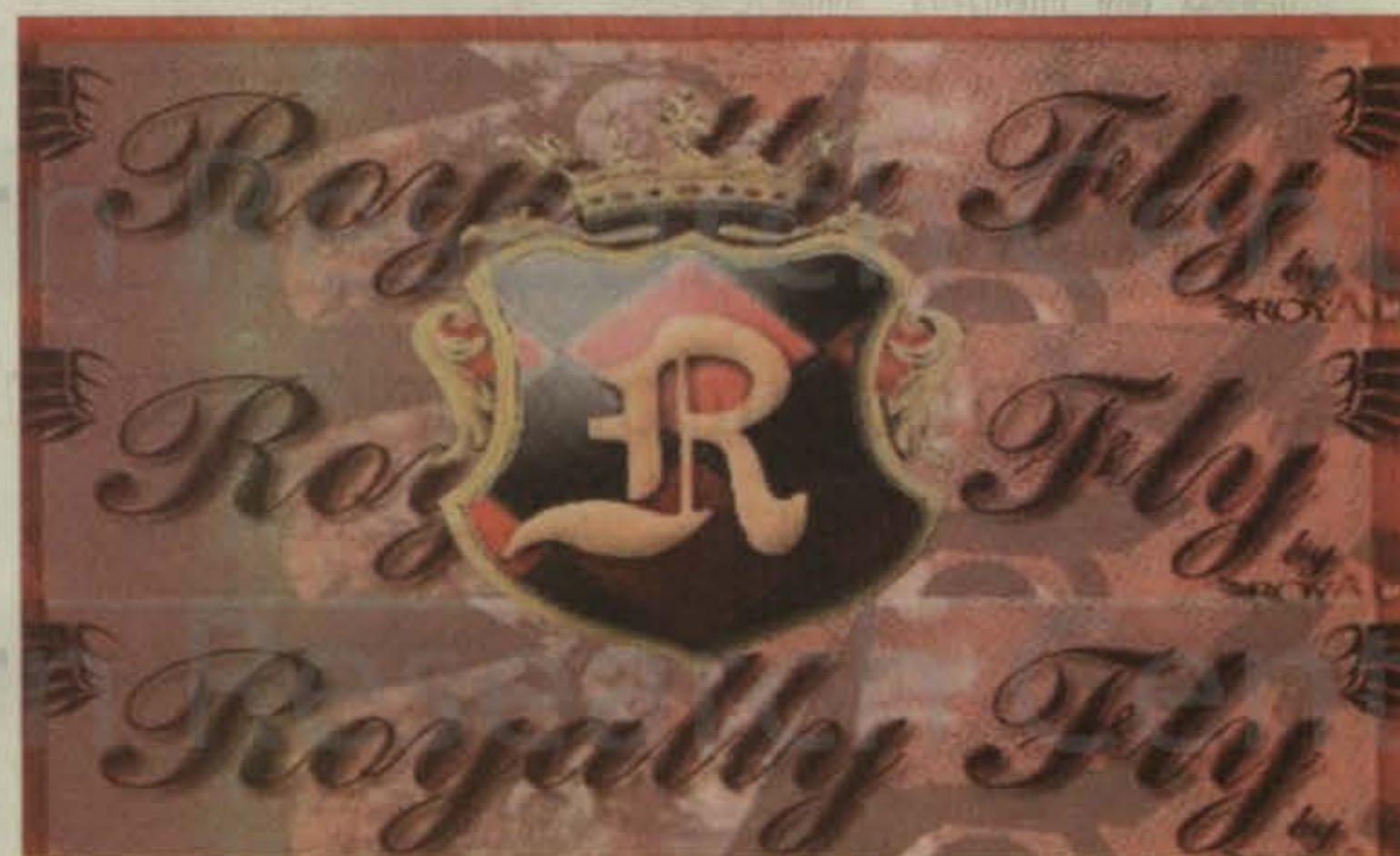
De-Lacoste went out in search of a computer-savvy designer who could bring his design concepts to life. He found a graphic designer from Hampton University, who is now his partner. Together they put some sketches together and circulated them on MySpace and Facebook. The designs were well liked and prompted requests for pieces to begin pouring in.

The line is targeted toward a young and hip market. It is divided into two collections: Shiesty, the menswear collection, and Fly Baby, the women's line. Both feature studded and tattoo-like screen print hats and hoodies and will soon include jeans and sneakers.

"I really don't follow trends that much. I wear what I like," junior film production and acting double major Angelica Robinson said. "I would wear Fly Baby. It's cute and simple, and it definitely helps that it was designed by a Howard student. I'm always up to support a fellow student."

The cost of owning Fly Baby or Shiesty pieces will not hurt students' pocket too much as some pieces range from \$50 to \$85. With the success of the line and the addition of the jeans and sneakers, other pieces will go for as high as \$100 to \$200.

De-Lacoste is in charge of the conceptual aspects of marketing and merchandising while his business partner



Graphic courtesy of Kema De-Lacoste

Senior biology and pre-med double major, Kema De-Lacoste began his Royalty, the Movement production company after documenting dreams involving fashion design.

handles the design execution phase of the line. De-Lacoste is serious about making his line and his company a success.

He contributes his business savvy to his Nigerian roots and his fashion sense to his Jamaican upbringing. His sense of fashion is inspired by his surroundings.

"I grew up going to parties in Jamaica with Passa Passa block parties, where we were dressing, then, in a way that has been popularized by dancehall artists on videos, today," De-Lacoste said. "I am definitely inspired by that whole style in the way that I dress myself, and I put that into my collection."

With local and celebrity designers entering the competitive and hectic fashion world, some wonder if the market is becoming saturated with trendy rather than talented forces. When asked about De-Lacoste's Shiesty and Fly Baby lines, Howard students gave mixed reviews.

Adrienne Richardson, a senior architect major, said designers like Ed Hardy and Evisu have already done the style.

"The style is hot, but it is already hot. I don't really encourage duplicates," Richardson said.

But Daniel G. Desriviers, a junior sports medicine major, supports the line.

"Student designers are trying to do something fresh. The style is cool," Desriviers said. "The line will be successful if it stays ahead of trends and doesn't follow them."

While some pieces have been distributed for promotion, an official release of the men's and women's lines will be held in late April or early May at a Royalty, the Movement party.

De-Lacoste is actively seeking talent to add to his Royalty, the Movement production company as well as his fashion line. He encourages anyone with any questions about either company to contact him via e-mail at kemadc@aol.com.