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BREAKING NEWS

NEW TECHNIQUE CONVERTS BLOOD TYPE

SCIENTISTS HAVE DEVELOPED A POTENTIALLY LIFE-SAVING NEW TECHNIQUE THAT CAN CONVERT TYPE A AND TYPE B BLOOD CELLS INTO TYPE O, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL DONOR, ACCORDING TO SCIENCE NOW DAILY NEWS.

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WHAT TYPES OF STORMS ARE TO BE EXPECTED FOR THE 2007 HURRICANE SEASON? FIND OUT THE PREDICTIONS IN NATION & WORLD.

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Tyrone Clemens - Staff Photographer

Lisa Price's "I'm Bossy" program left attendees inspired and ready to pursue entrepreneurial careers.

Carol's Daughter Founder Teaches Entrepreneurship

BY BRITTANY HUTSON
Campus Editor

Lisa Price, the founder and managing partner of personal and Carol's Daughter, and Howard graduate student and founder of Speak2Society LLC, Quinn Conyers, shared personal stories about their success in entrepreneurship and offered tips on starting one's own business to the attendees of Tuesday night's "I'm Bossy" entrepreneurship panel.

The panel was the second program of this week's Women in Business Conference, sponsored by the School of Business Student Council.

Attendees were said to leave the program feeling more inspired, motivated and in awe than prior to the panel's start.

Junior marketing major Nicole McQueen said, "Lisa Price reassured me that I could follow my goals because sometimes you feel like you're doing the wrong thing even though it's your passion."

Price said it is important for one to be passionate about their business venture regardless of how much money one may or may not receive.

"Usually people allow money to drive them," she said. "If you allow money to drive you then you will not make it," Price said.

Price lovingly described her business as her "baby." She said she has nurtured her business and supplied it with the guidance needed in order to grow and attain a voice of her own. Price acknowledged that as a good mother, she had to be able to guide her child and allow it to be as independent as she saw fit.

"As a mother, you sacrifice for your child and that's what you have to do for your business," she said.

Carol's Daughter, a personal care and beauty line, will expand its already existing four stores with two additional stores within the next three months. One will be located in New Jersey and the other two will be in Los Angeles. The line, which is currently sold in 12 Sephora

stores, will expand to 90 Sephora stores within a year. Macy's will also be carrying Carol's Daughter in May for a total of 14 stores by August.

Conyers offered tips to the audience on how to become an entrepreneur. She said that one should first get a mentor in the industry they plan to be in, someone who has "been there, done that, and is still involved in the industry."

Next, she said one should join a club or organization, whether it is the Howard University Entrepreneurship Society or an organization that will give the opportunity to bounce ideas off of peers for your business. She also advised them to take advantage of being a student because more people are to help.

"It's inspiring to see African Americans, male or female, being involved in business, and I think everyone should try to come out to events like this regardless if they are advertised for men or women," junior advertising major Dustin Gavin said.

Junior telecommunications management major Ashleigh Jones, who is currently in the process of starting a business with her mother called People on the Go, said she would like to see more programs like the panel on campus.

"There should be more of these on campus because you never know what kind of inspiration you can get from a speaker," she said.

The coordinators of the conference, junior finance major Charlene Walton and junior marketing major Lauren Whitten, said the student council typically hosts a Women in Business Week but decided to make it more appealing by making it into a conference.

"We wanted students to be motivated about the information that is being offered to them at these panels," Whitten said. "When you go to a conference, you know you will leave with something tangible as opposed to just a week. Here, people can get valuable information."

School of Business Tops Rankings

BY EBONI FARMER
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University's School of Business continues to set the standard for what it means for a school to be on the top of its game. In 2006, the business school's MBA program was ranked No. 2 for top schools recruiting minorities. In 2007, the Princeton Review ranked it as the No. 1 MBA program for the greatest opportunities for minority students.

Last week, Business Week released its rankings for the top business schools in the country, and Howard's business school ranked No. 18 in the mid-Atlantic region and No. 69 in the nation. Howard is one of four schools in the metro area to be ranked as having an exceptional business school program.

According to the press release, this is the second year Business Week has had rankings for business schools. In order to be chosen as one of the top schools, an invitation must be given, and all schools invited do not rank.

Schools had to have a specific curriculum and career services. Business Week chose the schools that would be ranked by surveying 77,000 graduating seniors at accredited business schools around the country as well as polling 466 corporate recruiters to see which schools produced the best graduates.

Assistant Dean for Administration in the School of Business Dean Sirjue is very happy with the accomplishments of the school and its students.

"We truly have outstanding students," Sirjue said. "They work hard to get through their programs and set merits, which means that students



File Photo

The School of Business recently ranked 18th among schools in the mid-Atlantic region.

who come after them will have more opportunities. Howard continues to select the best and brightest undergraduate students every year."

He continued, "Howard always wants to be a leader in not only the African-American community but the global community. Being ranked at the top means that we are in fact enrolling students who can handle the curriculum. The business school's ranking benefits the whole university and sets it as an elite school."

Sirjue and School of Business Dean Barron Harvey agreed that all of Howard's schools are exceptional.

"Last year we were not ranked in [BusinessWeek], but this year we were fortunate to have been ranked and it's an honor that [the] school is very proud of," Harvey said.

He added, "Howard is an institution of excellence and the School of Business isn't the only school achieving. It goes to show that Howard offers a quality education and is not only able to compete with other HBCUs but majority universities and colleges as well."

Harvey also applauded the students at Howard. "There is no other place in the country that you can [find] a group of selected African-American students that are as brilliant as those at Howard."

Harvey said that the business school's ranking will influence more companies to recruit Howard students. Providing students with more opportunities, he says, is the ultimate goal of the University as a whole.

Although Howard is the

only HBCU in BusinessWeek's rankings, Harvey is looking forward to others joining the rankings. Harvey is working with other HBCUs with hopes of exchanging ideas.

"I founded the HBCU Round Table in 1999. It's a forum where other HBCUs' business schools come together to share ideas," Harvey said.

LaTanya E. Clark, a second year MBA student concentrating on supply chain management, is a proud graduate of the Howard business school, which is why she chose to continue her education at Howard.

"This is a great accomplishment that further validates our university," Clark said. "It shows that we have a high caliber and quality of professors and academic rigor."

Black Executive Exchange Program Begins



Samara Pearson - Staff Photographer

On Tuesday, the Black Executive Exchange Program started off with the first part of its two-day conference with a welcoming reception. The reception was held in the Blackburn Gallery Lounge and was open to all faculty and students. There were many top executives representing different organizations, such as ABC News, Merrill Lynch, Bank of America and L'Oreal, for students to network with. Phineas Mulanga, a sophomore accounting major, said the highlight of his night was meeting someone pursuing his own interest in entrepreneurship "He gave me his direct phone number and an additional contact person," Mulanga said.

One of the executives at the event, Howard alumnus Robert L. Townsend, is also an entrepreneur. Townsend is currently working on a College Career Video Center, which would be available on HBCU Web sites as a career tool for students. Today there will be several panels from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Blackburn Center and the School of Business where executives will discuss several topics. The opening address at 10 a.m. will feature National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial.

John H. James Receives Award for Naval Initiatives

BY TRAVER RIGGINS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard alumnus John H. James was honored with the 2007 Golden Torch Award (GTA) for Lifetime Achievement in Government on March 31 at the National Society of Black Engineers' (NSBE) 10th annual GTA awards ceremony, according to a Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) press release. James is the NAVSEA Director of Logistics, Maintenance and Industrial Operations.

The GTA is awarded in 12 different categories to black engineers who have shown commitment to involving other blacks in engineering, contributing exceptionally to their fields and excelling in the workplace professionally while positively impacting diversity, according to the press release.

"Our GTA award winners know they have a responsibility to unlock doors for others who may one day walk across the stage," NSBE Executive

Director Carl B. Mack said in the press release.

A 1980 graduate in electrical engineering, James received the GTA for his initiatives to promote diversity in NAVSEA and other navy areas as well as his contributions to ensuring the safety and quality of the U.S. nuclear submarine fleet, according to the press release.

"This award is quite an honor," James said. "When I look at some of the previous awardees, I am humbled to be placed amongst them."

James has served the government for more than 25 years, beginning his career at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard as the nuclear ship superintendent. He has since moved to high demands executive positions in NAVSEA, according to his biography.

"This award recognizes the dedication, teamwork and sacrifice of all of my colleagues throughout my career at NAVSEA and Navy," James said.

The GTA was awarded at

NSBE's 33rd annual national convention in Columbus, Ohio. More than 10,000 participants attended 70 workshops, a career fair and several mini-conventions throughout the five-day event.

The award is among many James has received throughout his career, including the Black Engineer of the Year Award—Special Recognition and the Nathaniel Stinson Equal Employment Opportunity Award for Leadership among others, according to his biography.

James is also the chair of the Department of the Navy African American Senior Executive Service AdHoc Committee. He frequently speaks at conventions and panels and mentors individuals.

Also, on March 28, NAVSEA Vice Admiral Paul Sullivan presented the Advancing Minorities in Engineering (AMIE) organization with an \$80,000 check for use at HBCUs accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology

(ABET), according to a NAVSEA press release.

"We are facing a drastic shortage of naval engineers and other skilled workers and are competing with industry and other disciplines for the best and brightest young people," Sullivan said.

He continued, "It is now a business imperative to recruit a diverse workforce, and this scholarship money is a solid investment in the future of the U.S. Navy and Naval Sea Systems Command."

Incoming freshman at the selected schools are eligible for scholarships covering tuition and books. According to the press release, about five to eight recipients will be chosen annually, beginning this fall.

According to the press release, the scholarship funds were compiled by NAVSEA in conjunction with the Office of Naval Research and its initiatives to recruit more minority engineers and scientists.

James was unavailable for comment to *The Hilltop*.



James was presented with the Golden Torch Award at the National Society of Black Engineers conference on March 31.

A Day in the Life of...

A Vendor on the HU Campus



Today is both the 35th anniversary of service and the 79th birthday of James "Mr. Jim" McLaughlin.

BY EBONI FARMER
Hilltop Staff Writer

James McLaughlin's vending truck is located on the corner of the main entrance to campus. McLaughlin is affectionately known as Mr. Jim by current and former students.

"If you want a bagel, chili dog, muffin, fried chicken and almost any food you can think of to make your day better, Mr. Jim is the man you need to see," sophomore accounting major Jennifer Lewis said.

Today, McLaughlin is not only celebrating his 79th birthday, but also his 35th year at Howard University as a vendor. Because of these two special occasions, McLaughlin is taking the day off.

Having been at Howard for 35 years, McLaughlin has seen Howard go through four different presidents and noted many changes in the Howard community. One thing he says

has not changed is the students at Howard.

"I love the students at Howard," he said. "They get me up every morning. I've been here a long time and meet some wonderful people."

McLaughlin continued, "Sometimes students come and tell me that their mother or father told them that Mr. Jim was here when they went to school."

Every morning, McLaughlin makes the commute from his home outside Fort Washington, Md.

"It's a nice ride. I pick up the things I need to fill my truck and I get to Howard around quarter to five every morning," he said.

Junior business management major Dennis Banks appreciates McLaughlin's dedication. "Mr. Jim is out here every morning and he always puts a smile on my face

because he's funny," Banks said. "He has everything you need in his truck, from fruit to hotdogs and chicken. I'm a junior and he's never changed, which is why I never go to any other vendor."

Before becoming a vendor, McLaughlin owned a gas station in the District, but it was burned down in the Washington, D.C. riots of 1968.

"Rebuilding was too much to handle during the time, so I've been vending ever since," he said. "To be honest, I love vending. I'm a people person and that is what this job is all about."

After this school year, McLaughlin will be retiring from his position as a vendor. A "for sale" sign can be seen on the side of his trucks, and he says he is sad it has to happen.

"It's more than I can

take as [an] old man. It's time that I take a break and relax," McLaughlin said. "I hope whoever gets this spot treats and loves the people at Howard like I do."

Banks said, "It's going to be sad not seeing Mr. Jim here next year. He's such a great person with a good heart. It's obvious that he loves the students at Howard."

McLaughlin said Howard is like a home to him and although he will be retiring, the University will always be on his mind.

"It's going to be [a] sad day when I know that I'm not going to come back the next morning again. But it's time," he said.

Until his retirement, students can continue to stop and visit McLaughlin to buy some food or just say hello from 5:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Campus Briefs



Norfolk State Student Charged in Death of Fellow Student

A Norfolk State University student Terrance Allen Ross, 18, was charged in the death of freshman Sean D. Williams and the malicious wounding of another man, according to blackcollegewire.org.

The student is being held in the Norfolk, Va. City Jail for the crime, which took place on March 31. Some students believe that Williams, an openly homosexual young man, was the victim of a hate crime.



Emory Receives Money to Research Influenza

Emory University in Atlanta will receive \$27 million over the next seven years to fund a Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance as a part of government preparations for a possible influenza pandemic, according to localtechwire.com.

The center will be one of six across the country and is an initiative directed by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, a part of the National Institutes of Health.



Rider University Student Dies of Alcohol Poisoning

Gary DeVercelly, a freshman at Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J., died of alcohol poisoning, according to his biopsy as reported by mercurynews.com.

The student was drinking at the Pi Kappa Tau Fraternity house and had a blood alcohol level of 0.426, more than five times the legal driving limit. His death has been labeled as accidental but requires further investigation as it may be the result of hazing.

Rider University has ordered an administrative suspension of the chapter of the fraternity.

Compiled by Traver Riggins
Hilltop Staff Writer

Information courtesy of:
www.mercurynews.com
www.blackcollegewire.org
www.localtechwire.com

Angelou, 79, Born Today

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first black woman director in Hollywood and the first black woman admitted into the Directors Guild of America.

Angelou wrote the screenplay and score for the film "Georgia, Georgia" in 1971. She was nominated for a Tony award in 1973 for her Broadway debut in "Look Away." In 1977, she was also nominated for an Emmy for her role in the mini-series "Roots."

Although she never attended college, Angelou has been awarded more than 30

honorary degrees from universities, such as California State University of Sacramento and Wake Forest University. In 1975, she was appointed by Gerald Ford to the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. In 1981, she received a lifetime appointment for American Studies at Wake Forest University.

Angelou read her poem, "On the Pulse of Morning" during Bill Clinton's 1993 presidential inauguration. That same year, she won a Grammy Award for Best Spoken Word

Album for "On the Pulse of Morning."

In 2005, Angelou was honored by Oprah Winfrey at the Legends Ball along with 25 other black women who Winfrey believed were inspirational and made an impact on the world.

Dr. Priscilla Ramsey, an Afro-American studies professor, said, "It is hard to describe Maya Angelou. She is so multifaceted in what she does, but one thing that represents her is that she is the definition of a phenomenal woman."

The BISON Policy Board is currently seeking applicants for the 2007-2008:

Yearbook Editor-in-Chief

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& Dr. Dana Williams, Department of English – 202-806-5443

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The Dominican Republic

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Contact Dr. James Davis, the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, 202-806-6758

*Interest Meeting on April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in Locke Hall 105
Brochures available in Locke Hall 101 – Office of the Dean
For further information call, Dr. Barbara Griffin at 202-706-6700

Tsunami Pummels Solomon Islands

BY AMBER ENGLISH
Nation and World Editor

Food and other humanitarian aid is starting to reach the Solomon Islands after the Tsunami disaster on Monday.

The Tsunami was triggered by an 8.1 magnitude earthquake, according to CNN.

The Solomon Island government reports at least 28 people dead, but officials expect the number to rise as survivors continue to sift through the rubble.

The National Disaster Management office told CNN that nearly 900 homes were destroyed, and 5,000 people were affected by the Tsunami.

Solomon Island government officials fear that shortages will continue, particularly in Gizo and Noro.

"Some settlements have been completely wiped out by the waves," a government spokesperson told The Associated Press.

So far Australia, New Zealand, the United States, the United Nations and the International Red Cross are offering assistance, but no major relief package has been announced.

The isolation of many of the villages makes it particularly hard to determine how many people are missing or

dead.

"There are some very ragged, remote areas, and there's no connecting roads, just isolated villages," the Australian Deputy Police Commissioner told The Associated Press.

Officials also expect the main airport to be re-opened Wednesday. Six doctors and 13 nurses are to be flown into the disaster areas to assist where hospitals need help.

Although there are advanced warning systems in the Solomon Islands, often a Tsunami hits so soon after an earthquake that there is little time to notify those in areas closest to the center of the earthquake. This was the case with Gizo, the hardest hit region.

"When you have a tsunami coming in so quickly after an earthquake, it doesn't do much good to have an early warning system," earthquake expert Kerry Sieh told The Associated Press.

"Officials would be better off putting more resources into disaster response education and efforts to permanently relocate vulnerable communities to higher ground," he said.

Tsunami warnings were issued from Tokyo to Hawaii, but there were no other Tsunami's that day.



The island of Gizo, part of the Solomon Islands, is a tourist destination known for its coral reef, among other things. Monday's Tsunami hit Gizo the hardest of the chain of 200 islands.

The Solomon Islands



Capital: Honiara

Population:
552,000
(as of last census)

Currency:
Solomon Islands Dollar

Primary Exports:
Copra, Palm Oil

Island Demographics:

Melanesian:
94.5%

Polynesian: 3%

Micronesian:
1.2%

Photo Courtesy of <http://www.ausaid.au>

2008 Campaign Fundraising Reaches Record Highs Early

BY AMBER ENGLISH
Nation and World Editor

The 2008 presidential campaign is off to a record-breaking start. Candidates to date have raised more money than ever.

Senator Hillary Clinton leads the pack, with \$26 Million in campaign funds.

These first quarter totals were released this week, as required by the Federal Election Committee.

Before Clinton's record numbers, the highest amounts were \$8.7 million raised by Sen. Phil Gramm (R-TX) in 1996, and \$8.9 million raised by Al Gore in 1999.

"There's just no historical precedent for the quantity and amount of fundraising people have done," Matthew Dowd, a Republican party strategist, told Voice of America news.

Experts believe most of the money raised will be used for electronic campaigning and alternative methods of reaching voters.

The deadline for candidates to report fundraising totals from the first quarter is April 15 and many are still waiting for the official announcement from Sen. Barack Obama's campaign.

The Obama campaign has not released any official numbers, but according to CNN, experts predict his totals will be near \$20 million.

On March 31, candidates scrambled to get the last minute donations to make their first quarter numbers impressive.

In line with the rest of the

innovative campaigning, much of the solicitation for candidates was done online and through e-mail.

Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney created an online system titled "com-Mitt" that allows volunteer fundraisers to send solicitations to their colleagues.

Clinton raised a total of \$4.2 million alone through the Internet.

Experts have even predicted this to be the first presidential campaign that in total tops \$1 billion dollars, according to CBS News.

With just under a year left before the primaries begin, these first quarter numbers speak volumes to the support these candidates have.

However, experts warn that the high numbers at this early stage in the game can be deceiving.

Because of campaign finance laws, candidates may not be able to touch some of the funds in their accounts.

If the money was contributed for the general primary, the candidate cannot use it until they win the primary.

If they do not win, the money must be returned.

Perhaps more shocking than Clinton's record-breaking high numbers are the low numbers from those thought of as front-runners.

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) was expected to be the front-running GOP candidate. However, McCain only brought in \$12.5 million.

McCain, who is currently



Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney from the GOP have emerged early as top fundraisers.

touring Iraq, told The Associated Press that he remained "cautiously optimistic" despite the low numbers.

But experts differ and say this could be cause for concern.

"If you don't exceed expectations, it is a huge problem. If you exceed expectations, it's a good day," Dowd told Voice of America news.

This isn't McCain's first presidential campaign. In 2000, McCain lost to President George W. Bush.

In efforts to revamp his fundraising campaign, according to The Associated Press, McCain has put former Texas representative Tom Loeffler as head of fundraising.

Other candidates released their first quarter earnings,

though they were not nearly as impressive as those of the front-running candidates.

Bill Richardson, Democratic Governor of New Mexico, raised \$6 million during the period, and reported having nearly \$5 million in cash on hand.

Joe Biden, the Democratic senator from Delaware, reported fundraising of just \$4 million dollars.

At the bottom of the list is Kansas Senator, Sam Brownback with fundraising of only \$2 million. Seventy-five thousand dollars came from his senate campaign.

Candidates have until April 15 to announce their first quarter earnings.

Funds Raised by 2008 Presidential Candidates in the First Quarter (January 1 to March 31)

Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) \$26 Million

Mitt Romney \$23 Million

Rudy Giuliani \$15 Million

John Edwards \$14 Million

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) \$12.5 Million

Figures Courtesy of CNN.com

At A Glance: 2007 Hurricane Season Predictions

The first predictions for the 2007 Atlantic Hurricane Season were released Tuesday. Forecaster William Gray, of Colorado State University, predicts a "very active" hurricane season, with a total of 17 named storms, nine hurricanes, with five of them being classified as "major."

Gray has spent more than 40 years in tropical weather research. He is the head of the Tropical Meteorology Project at Colorado State University.

Last year, Gray's predictions for the Atlantic hurricane season were higher than what was actually produced.

The federal government is expected to release its hurricane season predictions in May. Hurricane Season officially begins June 1 and continues through Nov. 30.



Photo Courtesy of <http://costal.erdc.gov>

Patterns in water temperature, wind direction, wind shear and atmospheric pressure help researchers predict future hurricane seasons. Additionally, weather systems such as El Niño and La Niña have a significant effect on the hurricane seasons.

Though these are merely predictions and nothing is certain with a hurricane until landfall, technology is improving. One such innovation is currently being tested by the national weather service. The Hurricane Research and Forecast system will calculate data at a rate of 14 trillion times a second.

The newest technology will be used this hurricane season. However, it will take time for forecasters to use calculations as a primary source.

Until then, forecasters urge residents in coastal areas to be prepared for the upcoming hurricane season, with home emergency kits and an evacuation plan if necessary.

Black Executive Exchange Program 2007 Conference



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Wednesday, April 4, 2007

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School of Business Auditorium,

Open to all students, faculty and staff

10am – 11am, Panel Discussion

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Open to all students, faculty and staff

10am – 11am, Media Roundtable

Engaging Success in the New Millennium:

What is New and what remains the Same

Blackburn University Center Auditorium

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Fatigue Dooms Lacrosse in Loss to Navy

BY WINNIE CLARK-JENKINS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Despite their valiant efforts, the women's lacrosse team fell to Navy last night during a home match in Greene Stadium. The final score of the game was 14-13. After the game, the Lady Bison's record is 1-6.

The Lady Bison made the first four goals of the game and stayed ahead for much of the first half. At the half time break, the Lady Bison were ahead of Navy with a score of 8-6.

"I was very pleased with the effort today," said Marguerite Lanaux, the head coach of the Lady Bison lacrosse team. "The team fought hard, we made a lot of mistakes, but mistakes come from fatigue."

The women of the lacrosse team have been short-handed on players all season. Most of the players found themselves tired as the game progressed into the second half, while the opposing team had back-up players and substitutes to bring into the game.

"Fatigue has been a huge factor," Lanaux said. "We are able to compete to a point, but sometimes the players just need a blow or two, but we don't have that luxury."

Navy had 11 players on their bench as back-up, while Howard had

only two.

"It's obvious that the other team has fresh legs on the side and subs, but we don't have that," said Sakita Holley, a sophomore attack.

Holley made two goals for the ladies while senior midfielder Iram Abdullah scored five points for the team and senior attack Megan Fitzgerald made three goals.

Fitzgerald was removed from the game in the second half because she received two yellow cards during the game for personal fouls.

Navy tied up the game in the second half, making the score 9-9 with 18:59 on the clock. Howard fell from the tie 1:07 later when Navy scored again, making the score 10-9.

The game remained a back-and-forth match into the second half. During the second half, neither team led by more than one point.

"The game was close. Every time they scored we answered back and every time we scored they answered back," Holley said.

Unfortunately for the Lady Bison, the clock ran out on their back-and-forth game, causing them to lose by only one point.

"I think they changed their strategy in the second half," Holley said. "It was close, but we just didn't have enough minutes on the end of the game to actually win it."



Ismael Ahmad - Staff Photographer

Senior Iram Abdullah's five goals were not enough as Navy edged the Lady Bison, 14-13, at Greene Stadium Tuesday.

Elise Chapdelaine of Navy's team scored the game-winning goal with 1:34 left on the clock. Navy's record for the season is 14-13.

While Navy's team has also defeated big-name teams like Villanova, some of Howard's team believed the team was no better than their own as far as their plays. Fatigue was the only thing the Lady Bison

had against them.

"They really weren't any better than anyone else we have played this season," junior Candace Bouknicht said.

The team has made a great deal of effort toward a win and staying energized and mentally resilient.

"The only downfall is our individual mental game," Holley said.

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During the game, the seven ladies on the women's lacrosse team who made the 2007 MEAC Commissioners All-Academic team were announced. The honorees are Bouknicht, Holley, Fitzgerald, Ifetayo Blissett, Sasha Ramirez, Shannon Morris and Alana Webb.

The Lady Bison lacrosse team will play their next game Tuesday, April 10 against St. Francis in Loretto, Pa.

Tennessee Tops Rutgers to Claim Women's National Title

BY CARYN GRANT
Sports Editor

Hall of Fame coach Pat Summitt's seventh national title came at the expense of Rutgers Tuesday night, as Tennessee sophomore All-American Candace Parker led the Lady Vols to a 59-46 win over the Scarlet Knights.

Coach C. Vivian Stringer and her high energy Rutgers squad have been flying high for the past few weeks, surprising opponents in their tournament run after starting the season with a 2-4 record.

Their momentum was not enough, however, to overcome the Lady Vols, as red-shirt sophomore All-American Candace Parker dominated with 17 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists en route to the basketball powerhouse's first championship in nine years.

"To win anything you have to be a tight team," Summitt said to the media after the game. "They believed in each other and they all had one goal, to be here in Cleveland and cut down the nets. I'm real, real proud of this team."

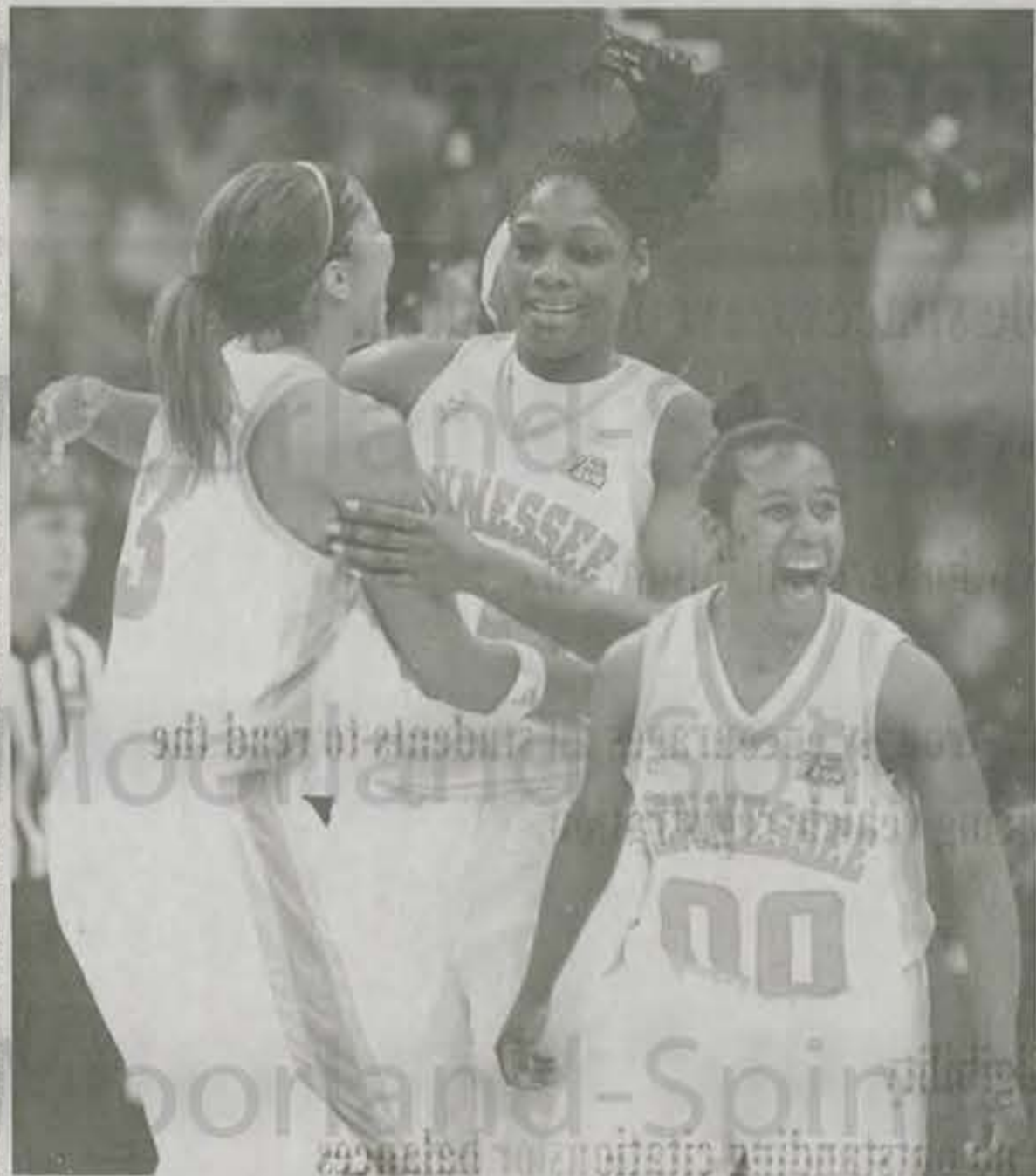
There was some specu-

lation before and during the game that Parker may leave school and enter tomorrow's WNBA draft.

She quieted the rumors, saying, "Come on now, why wouldn't I come back and wear orange another year?" with her teammates behind her during the postgame trophy ceremony.

Kia Vaughn led Rutgers with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

The Scarlet Knights roster features no seniors as they begin to look toward next season.



Tennessee's (L-R) Candace Parker, Nicky Anosike, and Shannon Bobbitt celebrate during the Lady Vols' National Championship win over Rutgers Tuesday.

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY...

On April 4, 1986, Wayne Gretzky set an NHL record with his 213th point of the season. He still holds the record today with 215 points in a single season.

Bison Athletes Atop MEAC in the Classroom

Howard University posted the highest number of student athletes named to the 2007 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference All-Academic team. The team honors student athletes, including sophomores to seniors, with a 3.0 or better GPA who compete in MEAC-sponsored sports.

There were 86 Howard University student athletes named, 55 being women and 31 men. On the women's side, swimming and diving along with softball led the way with nine named to the team. On the men's side, track and field and football each had eight members named to the team. For a complete list of the honored athletes, visit www.howard-bison.com.



The Dean of Student Life & Activities would like to send a special thank you to everyone who made the ASB celebration a huge success:

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Sweat Debuts Own R&B Radio Show

BY SADE STEPHENS
Contributing Writer

Keith Sweat may be best known for his 1980s and 1990s slow jams, but now the singer is attempting a comeback in the form of a new radio show.

"The Keith Sweat Hotel" made its debut in February, featuring R&B hits from the 1970s to today. Aside from playing 10 to 12 slow jams an hour, the show also includes live in-studio performances and audience confessions and dedications.

"The Keith Sweat Hotel" seems to have a lot going for it, but it is still unclear whether this will be enough to keep listeners' attention.

As the assistant program director and music director for WKUS, Big Dose was initially hesitant about the program. But after hearing the show, he was convinced it could fulfill the station's goal of attracting more female fans.

He said, "After listening to the show, I knew the thing that was going to drive the show was the music."

Junior health management major Ernest Kumi agreed, saying, "I don't know what kind of DJ skills he has, but if it's turned into a love show thing, it will probably be successful. It could cater to females."

Radio production instructor and on-air radio personality Candy Shannon was not surprised to hear that Sweat was continuing the trend of musical artists hosting radio shows.

She said, "The Keith Sweat Hotel" will benefit from his insider expertise and knowledge."

On the other hand, she said, "In the current radio marketplace in which talent

opportunities have shrunk due to the consolidation of radio properties under fewer owners, I regret the show is syndicated."

Shannon said his show will eliminate a local talent wherever it broadcasts.

Junior broadcast journalism major Patrice Felker said, "I think a lot of artists are trying to get into the radio business, but it takes away from people who actually have gone to school to do that as a career."

While sophomore Robyn Nelson is optimistic about

"The Keith Sweat Hotel," she, along with other Howard students, is not interested in the music the show features.

"[The show is] a good way for him to keep his name out there," Nelson said. "I think it's cool. Older people like my parents might listen to it."

Nelson added that she probably will not listen to it because she does not like oldies.

"The Keith Sweat Hotel" may appeal to an older age group. "He probably isn't targeting my demographic, so I might not be interested," senior broadcast journalism major April Debose said.

Students like Debose and Felker listen to radio programs to learn about current



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With its mix of R&B slow jams from the '70s, '80s, '90s and today, "The Keith Sweat Hotel" will most likely attract an older audience.

events and to hear their favorite rap and R&B songs.

Debose said she might tune into the show on Sundays if it plays gospel music so she will not have to "go to church listening to booty jams."

Other students like Kumi would rather hear programs with a sense of reality.

The show was created by Doc Wynter and is produced by Postman and executive produced by Sweat and Leonard "LB" Brooks. Some believe star power will be key when it comes to the success of Sweat's new radio show.

"Putting his name on a show and marketing that type of music works," Shannon said.

Felker believes the show

has a chance to be successful with the help of Sweat's celebrity. "People who are his fans are waiting for him to come back, and then there are the people who just like that kind of music," he said. "Anything with a name behind it gets more attention."

Big Dose said, "Keith Sweat has great star power, and the show will work."

"The Keith Sweat Hotel" is broadcast from Atlanta and airs Sunday through Friday from 7 p.m. to midnight on 12 stations, including WMXD-Detroit, WRBV-Macon, WKUS-Norfolk and WMIB-Miami.

Today Matters Because...

Maya Angelou was born on this day in 1928

BY ASHLEY POWELL
Contributing Writer

Award-winning actress, educator, historian, bestselling author, playwright, poet, activist, producer and director Maya Angelou has been hailed as one of the greatest voices of contemporary literature.

Born Marguerite Johnson on April 4, 1928, in St. Louis, Angelou is known for her autobiographical writings, the 1969 book "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and "All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes," published in 1986. Both her autobiographies were inspired by the difficulties she faced at a young age.

"I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" was based on her disruptive life. The title of the book came from a poem, "Sympathy," written by the great poet Paul Laurence Dunbar.

When she was only four years old, Angelou and her brother Bailey were sent to live with their grandmother in Stamps, Ark. When she was eight, Angelou returned to live with her mother. After she revealed that her mother's boyfriend abused her, Angelou's uncles beat the man to death.

Horrified by what had happened, Angelou decided to stop speaking, believing that the power of her words had led to someone's death. She remained mute and did not speak again until she

was 13.

Angelou's other autobiographies are "Gather Together in My Name," "Singin' and Swingin' and Gettin' Merry Like Christmas" and "The Heart of a Woman." All her autobiographies reflect some aspect of her life.

At the age of 16, Angelou gave birth to her son, Guy Johnson, who also became a poet. From 1959 to 1960, Angelou, at the request of Martin Luther King Jr., served as the northern coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

In the 1960s, she traveled to Europe and Africa. From 1961 to 1962, Angelou was an associate editor for an English language weekly newspaper in Cairo, Egypt called "The Arab Observer."

From 1963 to 1966, Angelou was a teacher and an assistant administrator for the School of Music and Drama at the University of Ghana. She was also the feature editor of the "African Review" in Accra, Ghana. Besides speaking English, Angelou is fluent in Spanish, Italian, Arabic and West African Fanti.

Along with writing books, Angelou wrote six plays and two screenplays. She was nominated for the National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize. She was the

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Confectionery Christ Canceled

Artist Cosimo Cavallaro, who is best known for his unique artistry with foods, created a 6-foot nude sculpture of Jesus Christ from chocolate.

The creation, titled "My Sweet Lord," was scheduled to go on display in New York this week at the Roger Smith Hotel in midtown Manhattan.

But as word spread of the completely nude depiction of the saviour, some began to take offense.

The Catholic Church took immediate action led by Bill Donahue of the Catholic League and Cardinal Edward Egan, according to The Associated Press.

We at *The Hilltop* wonder why Cavallaro's creation garnered so much attention.

He did not depict Jesus in a way that is demeaning. Those of us on staff who are

Christians were not offended by the statue and wonder why anyone else would be.

Cavallaro did not depict Jesus in a negative light. The statue was not lewd or indecent. So, what is the dilemma? Is it the fact that Christ is nude?

Our View:

The Catholic Church should not worry about artistic expressions of Christ's image when there are more pressing concerns.

If that is the issue, then we ask why is Michelangelo's mural on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel considered a masterpiece? Does it not also contain nude images of divinity?

To us, this statue is an artist's attempt to glorify Jesus Christ. Why would those who

also wish to lift him up be offended by one man's manner of praise?

Freedom of expression gives Cavallaro the right to express himself artistically however he sees fit.

One Hilltopper even joked that perhaps the uproar was due to the chocolate, in the sense that it would not be an issue if the sculpture was made of white chocolate instead.

Although that is probably not the reason for the controversy, the bottom

line is that the whole uprising against a chocolate Jesus is silly and petty.

The Catholic Church definitely has more pressing issues to deal with. They should be more worried about what their priests are doing with young boys than a confectionery Christ.

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