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## BREAKING NEWS

### BLACKBERRY OUTAGE UNDETERMINED

RESEARCH IN MOTION LTD. STATED THAT THE CAUSE FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN BLACKBERRY OUTAGE IS STILL BEING ANALYZED. THEY EXPECT TO HAVE UPDATED INFORMATION THIS MORNING, ACCORDING TO REUTERS.

## SPORTS

### BOXING IN THE DISTRICT SERIES

CHECK OUT TODAY'S SPORTS SECTION FOR THE SECOND INSTALLMENT OF THE BOXING SERIES WHICH FOCUSES ON YOUTH BOXING IN THE DISTRICT.

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## ELI Graduates First Set of Entrepreneur Minors

BY BRITTANY HUTSON  
Campus Editor

The Institute for Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Innovation (ELI) continues to educate students about the principles and skills of becoming an entrepreneur with their latest endeavor.

In May, graduating seniors Resarani Johnson, a television production major, Shari Logan, a print journalism major, Akintoye Omoyeni, an Afro-American studies major and Brandon Starling, a psychology major, will be the first set of students to officially graduate with a minor in entrepreneurship.

In its first year, the entrepreneurship minor targets non-business majors to provide them with the academic foundation necessary for success as entrepreneurs.

Johnson says she was looking to minor in business administration to get a general background of how to conduct her own business. Her plans as a business minor changed when she came across the entrepreneurship minor.

"I think that owning your own business is really what true freedom is all about," she said. "When you work for yourself, it gives you a bet-

ter outlook for the future. I wanted a basic background in running a business whether in television or anything else."

Johnson explained how the minor exceeded her initial expectations. "I learned a lot more than I expected to. The classes that I was taking primarily emphasized writing an excellent business plan and getting investors to be interested in your business venture."

Logan initially went into the entrepreneurship minor wanting to become a magazine publisher. She now strives to have her own content company specifically targeted to black girls.

She attributes her change in business venture to her mentors and colleagues from internships that encouraged her to not only focus on one arena of business.

Currently, there are four courses offered under the entrepreneurship minor including Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurial Marketing, which are offered during the fall and spring semesters.

The new venture development course is presently only offered during the spring semester. A proposed course, Entrepreneurial Finance, Accounting and Control



File Photo

In a matter of weeks, the ELI Institute will see its first four students graduate with a minor in entrepreneurship. The graduating seniors in the program found the courses invaluable.

Systems, is not yet offered. Until Entrepreneurial Finance, Accounting and Control Systems is offered, students must take Accounting I.

Focus areas under the entrepreneurship minor include learning to analyze market trends and market a business, reading contracts, secure funding and especially, discovering how to produce an effective business plan.

The students also learned of some mistakes to avoid when

building their businesses.

According to the prospective graduates, the number of students in their classes ranged from a low of four to 10 students.

They agreed that the reason for the low numbers was due to the student body not being aware of entrepreneurship as a minor. Johnson also accredited the low numbers to the problem of classes not being posted on Bison Web in a timely manner.

Logan says she realized just how important and invaluable her minor in entrepreneurship was when she came across information about business trends while doing research for her Business Communication class.

She found that Forrester Research projects that by the year 2015, 3.3 million U.S. service- and knowledge-based jobs will be shipped overseas, 70 percent of which will move to India.

"When I read this, a chill definitely went up my spine," Logan said. "It made me think that we need to stop working for other people and take it upon ourselves to have our own business."

She added, "It may not be a Fortune 500 company, but at least you know that the future of your job won't be in the hands of someone else."

Logan says after fulfilling the minor, she is confident in pursuing her business ambitions.

"My goal is within five years of graduation to have my Web site up. I hope to be putting my dream into action within five years," she said.

All the students encourage others to consider entrepreneurship as a minor.

"I would most definitely encourage other students to take up entrepreneurship as a minor," Johnson said. "I feel if you graduate from Howard without taking a business course, it's not good. You should take at least one business course before you leave."

She added, "It's just good knowledge to have in the back of your mind. I know how to network at certain events, I know how to read contracts and I know what it takes to be an entrepreneur."

## D.C. Event to Simulate the Displacement in Uganda

BY SHANAE HARRIS  
Campus Editor

More than 1,000 Ugandans are dying every week, and an expected 1.5 million will starve to death by the end of 2007. In an ongoing 20-year war, the country has lost 50 percent of the food rations provided by the United Nations and thousands of citizens have been violently evicted from their homes and transported to overcrowded camps by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). According to Invisible Children Inc., the army has been committing gruesome murders and kidnapping children to use as soldiers and sex slaves.

To shed light on these atrocities and help Ugandan citizens and displaced children, Invisible Children Inc. will hold an event titled "Displace Me" at the National Mall on April 28. The thousands of Americans expected to participate in the event will experience what it is like to live as a slave to war in Uganda.

Sarita Hartz, the organization's public relations director, said participants will build "makeshift huts" and, for one night, "be transformed into a displaced person's camp to draw attention to the horrific circumstances that have been ongoing in Northern Uganda for 20 years."

The camps simulated by the participants were originally established in Uganda as a temporary solution to the war to better protect civilians from the LRA. The camps, however, are far from secure and house up to 1.8 million people, according to a press release provided by Hartz.

"The event will focus on

three main objectives: simulation, sacrifice and strength in size," she said.

In addition, the participants at each location will send a statement to the U.S. and Ugandan governments demanding that they take an active role in peace talks and the food crisis.

Drew Bratcher, the publicist for the event, said, "It's going to raise awareness of the issues, and we want [the government] to take notice of this and push toward helping. We are much closer than we were last year to peace talks."

Bratcher said there was an "excellent turn-out" last year, and this year more than 3,300 people have already signed up to take part in the simulation. The event will take place in 17 cities, including San Diego, Nashville, Tenn., New York and the District.

The creators of Invisible Children Inc., according to Bratcher, were three college students from the University

of Southern California who went on a trip to Uganda and encountered a massive amount of displaced people.

"There had not been much coverage," Bratcher said, "so they made a movie called 'Invisible Children' about the 21,000 kids abducted in Uganda."

The movie was very successful, landing the college students a guest spot on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and mentions in several top magazines. "They wanted to take it a step further to get people in the U.S. really involved and aware of what was going on," Bratcher added.

Leah Terrell, a student at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, is planning to register and attend the simulation on April 28.

"I think it will be an eye opening experience for so many people. People need to see what it's like for less advantaged people on a first hand basis," Terrell said.



Photo Courtesy of harrisharris.edu

Students are urged to attend "Displace Me," an event at the National Mall that will shed light on Uganda's 20-year war.



Photo Courtesy of Erika Reynolds

Erika Reynolds was named a Rangel fellow, which will send her abroad for summer internships, fund her graduate education and welcome her to the Foreign Service.

## Rangel Fellows Named

BY TRAVER RIGGINS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Students across the nation competed for the 2007 Charles B. Rangel Fellowship, which provides up to \$28,000 for master's education and immediate entry into the United States Foreign Service.

Erika Reynolds, a senior international business major, represents Howard University as one of 10 recipients of the renowned fellowship. Reynolds said, "I definitely think this fellowship will allow me to have opportunities I wouldn't otherwise have."

Chelsia Wheeler, a 2003 Rangel Fellowship recipient from St. Johns College in Sante Fe, N.M., said, "The fellowship is nice because it simplifies the process of entering into the Foreign Service."

Now as a Foreign Service officer, Wheeler, who leaves for Burma soon, said the fellowship completely altered

her life path.

Patricia Scroggs, the Rangel Fellowship program director, said the fellowship is highly competitive. With the Foreign Service being an extremely selective body, many students find the fellowship competitive.

"Having Erika get this was really a testament to her achievements," Scroggs said.

She said Howard students are excellent candidates and win a fellowship nearly every year. She said this is not because the fellowship is based on campus. "They don't get any preference. They're just so good," Scroggs said.

Reynolds said joining the Foreign Service is something she has known she wanted to do since high school. "This has really been a dream of mine for like five years," Reynolds said.

Before applying, she made sure to build relationships with mentors and other people involved because, like

most career fields, it helps to be acquainted with people for networking purposes.

In addition to her international business major, Reynolds loaded up on political science classes and went beyond her foreign language requirement in Spanish. "I knew as far as fields were concerned, I could pretty much study anything," she said.

The Rangel fellows spend their summers as interns for 10 weeks, first in Washington, D.C., and then abroad.

After they obtain their master's degrees, the fellows are sworn into the Foreign Service by the Secretary of State. They work all around the world, promoting excellence, service and diversity.

"These will be the diplomats of tomorrow," Scroggs said. Referring to past and present fellows, she added, "Watching them, I know that they have a very bright future."



# Students Reminisce on 2006-2007 Year Events

BY MERCIA WILLIAMS-MURRAY  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The school year is coming to a close for all students next week and finals are staring in their faces. Before packing up for the summer, some students pause to remember the events that had the entire campus buzzing.

With celebrities popping in and out of the radio stations, deejays in the café, marching for righteous causes and fashion shows galore, it's hard to determine which events were most memorable.

Sophomore public relations major Stephanie Kennard said Homecoming was the most memorable event.

She said, "It was so freaking awesome and I will never, ever in my life miss one. The competition was fierce and most of the teams brought their 'A' games."

Another event she enjoyed but does not think was given enough attention this year was the late night breakfasts.

"Those were so fun and I liked that we incorporated free food and fun with giving to others. So, I hope that maybe HUSA, UGSA, or another campus organization will take that under their wing next year," Kennard said.

Freshman business major Eric

Uzzle has a much wider range of what he considers memorable. On his list of top events are yard debauchery, Freshman week, rap battles in Blackburn and Louisiana and Texas' Latex party.

"There are so many positively motivated events that happen every year it's hard to pin point one that I would label as a favorite. But upon reflecting, one of the most memorable and uplifting scenes of this year would have to be the fall 2006 Haunted Hilltop," said graduate student Lucia Hassell.

Hassell said that with the man power, creativity, and devotion of approximately 200 student volunteers, the 2006 Haunted Hilltop brought over 3,000 people from the Howard Community and surrounding D.C. community together to enjoy a safe night of fun and fright.

As the 2006 Haunted Hilltop chair, Hassell said, "we had no incidents of violence that night and proved that a diverse black community such as ours, can get together to have a good time and support our youth with no negativity."

"It's a beautiful and heart warming site to see thousands of black youth smiling and doing the electric side on the street and sidewalk in front of Cook Hall. That's a memory I am proud to say I could gain 'only At Howard,'" Hassell said.

Another plus, the event was free for everyone.

Sophomore advertising major Dominic Cooper particularly enjoyed the probates and according to sophomore accounting major Kirra Lovette, the surprise Jay-Z concert was the best thing that happened this year.

Senior political science major Stephen Redhead says the fact that it was free made it even better.

"Watching my neos come out on the Yard: very rewarding," said junior advertising major Jillian Clarke.

"My favorite event would have to be spending summer days on the yard," says junior occupational therapy major Jai Harris. "And the campus pals variety show."

With a long list of highlights, Redhead says that going on the march to the Pentagon with the Congressional Hip-Hop Caucus was a plus for him.

"It was so inspirational and uplifting to see young people go out and stand for justice, especially being the only black people in attendance," he said.

Redhead said he didn't mind having his music video spread around campus to the point that half the people at the house parties and Yard gatherings know who he is.



File Photo

From various events like "The Haunted Hilltop" Halloween celebration hosted by Cook Hall, to Resfest, students enjoyed many events this year.

Watching the campaign debates for HUSA presidency also came to mind for him.

"I find it really interesting and admirable to see young people run for office and bringing research to the table with love for the campus in

mind," Redhead says.

Freshman psychology major, Michael Leak said his favorite event was ResFest. "Reason being is that everybody gets involved and there is a sense of unity throughout Howard's campus," he said.

## Jumpstart Takes Over Burr Gym For A Day

BY EBONI FARMER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Today pre-schoolers between the ages of 3 to 5 will be taking over the lower gym in the Burr to mark the 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Jumpstart for a Day" event. The pre-schoolers will be having fun while learning and preparing to be the light of the future.

From 9 to 11 a.m. more than 90 Howard students including those who are core members of the Jumpstart program, students who signed on as volunteers, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will assist the children in their fun filled activities.

The pre-schoolers are coming from the three schools in the District that core members of Jumpstart work at weekly Seaton, H.D. Cooke, and Bruce-Monroe elementary schools.

Upperclassmen in the department of journalism program Cap Comm headed the events planning and they are excited that the day is finally here.

During the event there



Photo courtesy of www.jumpstarttula.com

More than 90 Howard students will be helping preschoolers from three different D.C. area schools, ages 3 to 5 years old, excel academically and provide positive role models.

will be 15 stations including a fire truck and a policeman. The children will be able to have open-ended play in stations like the passport station where they will make a passport, learn about travel, and talk about

what countries they would want to visit.

Shylah Dickerson, a senior public relations major, is the promotion coordinator for Jumpstart for a Day.

"We as Howard students

are privileged to be here and many people can not say that," Dickerson said.

"I believe we are obligated to help these children who may not have been given the resources at home or at their schools that they

need to be ready to go on to the next level of schooling."

At the heart of "Jumpstart for a Day" is the Jumpstart program, a national non-profit organization, sponsored by Americore.

According to Kyeeda Rogers of Jumpstart, the program, which has a partner at Howard, is geared towards children ages 3 to 5 to get them prepared to enter elementary school. Jumpstart promotes early learning in the children on top of building their literacy and social skills.

Rogers stressed the importance of events like "Jumpstart for a Day" because they promote awareness of the lack of resources that children are given in early education.

"It is important that children are nurtured at an early age to love learning and reading," Rogers said.

"The community needs to know that their children are suffering. We have to do better for our children because they are the future."

Rogers described the day as one in which the children will be able to interact with children from other schools and adults in a fun, friendly, as well as educational setting.

Andrea Butler, a freshman pre-med major, volunteered her time to the children because she believes it is important to help create a path for future generations.

"I have a 4 year-old little sister who can count and is learning to read, a lot of these children can not spell their names and there is no excuse for it," Butler said.

She continued, "We have to be there for them because we are we're they will need to be in 10 to 15 years."

Diondra Humphries with Cap Comm is an accounting manager for, "Jumpstart for a Day."

"It is going to be a fun day for the children and their parents. There is going to be a lot of different activities for both. We want to make a lasting impression on them," Humphries said.

## So Much to Do, So Little Time...

### African Student Association Members Reflect on Year

BY MERCIA WILLIAMS-MURRAY  
Hilltop Staff Writer

An organization that was truly on the move this school year in terms of recreation, service, entertainment and culture was Howard University's African Student Association (ASA).

"As the President of ASA, balancing my responsibility with the organiza-

tion and my academic work initially proved to be a challenge because of the enormous task of overseeing the affairs of the organization - one of the largest on campus," said senior accounting major Taofeek Siyanbola.

Siyanbola said that in addition to ASA's rich socio-cultural programs like their pageant and fashion show, he is most proud of the organization's effort to positively

impact the Howard community and world at large.

Third year architecture student Eniola Shitta co-directed for ASA's "Noire" fashion show this year.

"It was a very good show," she said.

Freshman mathematics major Bolanle Salaam was the financial director for the fashion show. He was also first runner-up in their first annual pageant, "Masque," representing Nigeria.

However, Salaam said the fashion show and "Vive L'Afrique" were his favorite events.

"I loved the mixture of African fashion and American style, and definitely appreciated the mix of culture that was represented in the fashion show," he said.

Salaam said the attendees enjoyed

a lavish three course meal and dined to "the sounds of popular African music."

The deejay even played a song which I have not heard since I was about the age five."

He said the event was heartwarming, with friends wearing their beloved Nigerian garb and others wearing the clothes native to their respective countries.

"Had I known such an event was about to take place, I would have had an outfit made just for the event," Salaam said.

Fun and games aside, the organization has also made strides in the community locally and globally.

ASA's community service efforts allowed its members to mentor children through the African Immigrant & Refugee Foundation (AIRF) Program.

The organization also collaborated with numerous

organizations on campus to inform students about the risks and dangers of HIV/AIDS while raising funds to combat the disease.

Siyanbola said ASA furthered Howard's legacy of leadership for the global community by supporting the African Leadership Academy in South Africa, which is an institute dedicated to developing a new generation of ethical leaders for the African continent.

ASA's involvement with the academy has led to the organization being recognized with a brick bearing its name on their founder's wall.

"This organization is slowly being recognized on this campus, and a lot of people are stepping forward to help us in our endeavors," Shitta said.

She named WHUR, CEACS, the School of Dentistry and a slew of professors as major contribu-

tors to "Masque," which she also co-directed in the fall.

Shitta said it was hectic balancing her ASA responsibilities with school, but overall she was pleased with the results.

"We had very reputable designers [at the fashion show]. A lot of people attended from all over the country," she said.

Salaam said that out of love for the organization, the long hours the members put into it are not in vain.

"Coming into office, I knew that I could not merely rest on our past glories, and my mandate was to propel the organization to new heights through creative vision, vigor, commitment and self-sacrifice," Siyanbola said.

He added, "Now looking back, I feel we have achieved this goal and even exceeded expectations in some areas, which makes the sacrifices well worth it."

"Balancing my responsibility with the organization and my academic work initially proved to be a challenge..."

- Mary Sunshine, '08



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# The Fight of Their Lives: Keely's Young Champions Never Quit

BY JOSHUA THOMAS  
Deputy Managing Editor

It is a muggy and tepid gym—the type where the air seems so thick one could almost taste the sweat in the air and feel the moisture in their pores. The rhythmic sound of the speed bag and the repetition of jump ropes smacking the mats combined with the spontaneous thuds of the heavy bag and the irregular clank of the chains that hold them in place make for a percussion pandemonium. But for many youth, the clatter of Keely's District Boxing and Youth Center is more like a symphony—music to their ears.

Although the small gym, which is only about the size of a basketball court, may not seem like much to the eye of the outside world, but for young boxers like Michael Brittingham, Tavon Bynum, Traon Bynum and Romelo Webster it is the world to them.

The four champions-in-training workout five days a week for at least four hours a day in preparation for the fast-approaching Junior Olympics on Saturday, April 21.

Yet, the rigorous training schedule does not seem to be deterrent. According to 15-year-old Traon Bynum, his life outside of the gym is "boring, this is where I have fun." Traon, the oldest of the group, has been a regular at the gym for the past three years. Prompted by the words of his father, Harry Moten, Traon began boxing just a few years ago but has already put down roots in the sport as well as left his mark

on the District's youth boxing scene. He has won the Mayor's Cup for two consecutive years, as well as triumphed in the Junior Olympics and Golden Gloves competitions.

The gym is located below Casa Del Pueblo, United Methodist Church. Hidden away in the District's Columbia Heights community, Traon hides away from life outside of boxing. "Yeah, it's an escape," Traon said.

"If I wasn't here, I'd probably be out in the streets...staying out late, smoking weed and drinking, getting bad grades." Instead, he is working harder in school, staying focused on his academics, and the change is evident in his improving grades.

Traon has even decided to become involved in his high school by running for class president at Collegiate Academy. He attributes the changes in his life and outlook on the future to what he has learned from boxing.

"I keep myself on the right road to be successful in life," said the young champ, who hopes to have a successful career as a professional boxer and continue to compete "probably 'til I'm 42. That's the age I want to relax and chill around."

Traon is not alone in his quest to be champion. His younger brothers Tavon and Webster have joined him in the journey. Tavon began his pursuit about a year and a half ago and has already gotten a taste of gold. Tavon has been victorious in the Black Tie Event as well as the Mayor's Cup. Tavon recalled his confident state as he entered the Mayor's Cup, saying, "I knew I was



Michael Brittingham is one young "champion-in-training" that works out at Keely's District Boxing and Youth Center in Columbia Heights.

just better than him [his competitor]. He used to be at our gym and me and my brother used to spar with him."

Tavon has noticed a change within himself since he was introduced to boxing and the discipline and hard work ethic that the sport requires. "My attitude has gotten better [and] it crossed over into school," Tavon said.

Boxing has had positive effects on Tavon outside both the ring and the classroom, and once it may have been salvation. "One day I was around the carry-out [restaurant] and there was people inside who had drugs on them." The police were staking-out the place and came in to make and to arrest everyone present. Tavon was nearly arrested with the rest of the young men in the store but an onlooker vouched for him stating that he trained at Keely's. "Boxing saved me that time," remembers Tavon.

His brother, Traon, brought Tavon into the sport. "I saw how hard he works [and] how much he wants to be a champion."

Tavon will take that inspiration along with the words of his trainers

with him to the Junior Olympics this Saturday. "[I have to] stay focused and listen to my trainers. When I get hit, throw them back and don't just stand there. And hold my composure."

Tavon hopes to become a career boxer and retire with all of his mental capabilities intact in order to open a youth center in order to "follow in Keely's footsteps."

Boxing is also an opportunity to provide for his parents. "I'm tired of seeing the struggle they go through. Once I become a pro, I can help them out."

The four young boxers will compete this Saturday in the Junior Olympics at Round 1 here in the District.

If they are victorious, they will move one step closer to the national competition. A victory for Tavon will be especially rewarding, as it will be an early birthday gift for the teen who will celebrate his 14th birthday this Sunday. All of these young, determined boxers all share a similar drive and hunger for the sport that Tavon summed up by simply saying, "I box to become a champion."

## SCOREBOARD & SCHEDULE

### SCORES

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### UPCOMING GAMES

#### Friday-Sunday

Women's and Men's  
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#### Friday

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Invitational Tournament

#### Saturday

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12 p.m. @ Greene  
Stadium

Softball v. Morgan State  
1 p.m. @ Banneker

#### Sunday

Lacrosse v. Davidson  
College @ Greene  
Stadium

Softball @ Delaware  
State  
1 p.m.

"If I wasn't here I'd probably be out in the streets...staying out late, smoking weed and drinking, getting bad grades."

- Traon Bynum, 15

## Stage is Set for NBA Playoffs



The 2007 NBA Playoffs tip-off Saturday at 12:30 p.m. as the Cavaliers face the Wizards.

## Howard Softball Splits Doubleheader in Hampton

BY EDWARD HILL, JR.  
Special to the Hilltop

Howard University allowed seven runs in the bottom of the second inning and never recovered in a 13-5 loss to Hampton in the first game and then used a five-run fifth to win, 10-7, in the second game of a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference women's softball

doubleheader Thursday. Under the MEAC's structure, only the first game counted in the conference standings.

After the Bison (26-15, 9-3 in the MEAC) took a 5-1 lead in the top of the second inning, the Pirates (25-9, 10-0 in the MEAC) exploded for seven runs, some courtesy of Howard mistakes. During that pivotal inning, there were

two errors committed and three Hampton players hit by pitches. From there, Pirate ace Amanda Black (15-4) shut down the Bison bats while her team added five more runs for insurance.

Howard's Tracy Javier and Candice Tatum accounted for three of the five runs between them. Bison freshman Christina McCoy started and took the loss after being roughed up for six runs.

In the second game, Howard responded and used a five-run fifth inning to gain the split. The big blow was a grand slam home run by designated hitter Fallon Jones. The Bison added three more runs in the top of the seventh for good measure. Javier, Tatum and Kristina Cordova combined for four hits and three RBI.

McCoy (10-6) pitched 6.2 innings, allowed four hits and no walks while striking out three.

Howard hosts Morgan State on Saturday in a doubleheader at Banneker Stadium at 1 p.m. The Bison and Pirates meet again on April 28 at Banneker at 1 p.m.



Tracy Javier (pictured) and Candice Tatum hit three of the Bison's five runs in the first game against Hampton.

### TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY...

On April 20, 1997, in the first baseball game in Hawaii, the Cardinals beat the Padres in doubleheader.



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Office of the President

April 19, 2007

**TO:** Howard University Students

**FROM:** H. Patrick Swygert, President

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Preparedness

In the wake of Monday's tragedy on the campus of Virginia Tech, we extend our deepest sympathies to all members of their university community – the students and their families, faculty, staff, and alumni.

We recognize that situations of this magnitude may directly or indirectly impact members of the Howard University community as well. Therefore, I am reiterating that Howard University takes the safety and security of its campus community very seriously. To this end, we assign a high priority to planning for emergencies of all types that may affect the operation of the University. I want you to know also that the University is already conducting an intensive review of our Emergency Preparedness plan, and making adjustments as necessary.

Although emergencies never can be predicted exactly, proper planning can reduce significantly the number of injuries that may occur. In response to emergencies, there may be instances when the University finds it necessary to cancel classes, evacuate buildings and make other adjustments to protect students. Large-scale emergencies may require students to vacate residence halls and return home for an extended period.

The University must be prepared for emergencies that may require major changes in its normal operating procedures. In order to prepare for campus emergencies, we need the assistance of every member of the Howard University community. As part of the University's preparation for an emergency response, we are requesting that you to do the following:

1. Make certain each semester that your emergency contact information is up to date and on file with Enrollment Management/Records (Suite 105, Administration Building) and with your Community Director if you reside in one of our residence halls.
2. Make certain that your roommate and/or a trusted friend has the contact information for your parents or guardians.
3. Talk with your parents about arranging temporary shelter for you, with local family members or others, in the event that the University has to evacuate students for an extended period.
4. Inform your parents of an alternate means of communicating with you in the event cell phone service is not available (i.e., email or the University webpage).

In the event of an emergency, international students who live on campus should contact their Community Directors first and then the Office of International Student Services at (202) 806-7517.

In the event of an emergency that will require the closing of our residence halls, University officials will contact you via University email, the Office of Residence Life website ([www.howard.edu/residencelife](http://www.howard.edu/residencelife)), bulletin board postings, and the posting of flyers on all residence hall doors. In addition, information about a campus-wide emergency will be available via radio on WHUR 96.3-FM and the University's website ([www.howard.edu](http://www.howard.edu)).

Thank you for your response to my request. Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Franklin Chambers, Vice Provost for Student Affairs, via email at [fchambers@howard.edu](mailto:fchambers@howard.edu) if you have questions about this important matter.



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# 'Top Model' Bre Makes a Visit to the District

BY COURTNEY BATTLE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Taking a break from the catwalks of Valentino and Prada, "America's Next Top Model" star Bre paid a visit to the District on Thursday night.

"We're opening a new club called Elevation and Temptation at R n R Bar and Lounge," she said.

The model also plans to make an important announcement concerning her career.

"We're just gonna have a good time tomorrow, have a couple of cocktails and enjoy ourselves," she said.

Recently, she was signed to the major modeling agency, FORD Models. In addition, she has shot a commercial for Pantene Pro-V, which will air in September and completed a photo shoot with CosmoGirl Magazine in August. She also returned to her roots with "America's Next Top Model" when she did a photo shoot with Jocelyn for the eighth season of the program.

Born Brittney Scullark in New York, the model and actress has been blazing a trail for herself since her worldwide

debut on the Tyra Banks' hit television show. As a little girl, Scullark started her path on the road to success by posing for family pictures and swimming competitively.

At the age of 12, she started to do runway fashion for the likes of Twist Magazine and Cosmo.

However, it was not until high school that she truly fell in love with fashion. She worked in retail and realized that she had a talent for putting clothes together. At Sullivan College Upstate New York, she studied international sales and interned with Vincent Nessi's Showroom. By 2005, she found herself on cycle 5 of "America's Next Top Model," beating out 36,000 girls for a spot in the house.

"I have to say that I'm truly blessed. The show itself was phenomenal. It was really a stepping stone for my career," she said.

After winning third place, she has kept the ball rolling, despite the trend reality television stars often face.

"A lot of times reality television stars have their 15 minutes of fame and then they fall

off the map. I would hate to be on reality TV," said sophomore finance major Kellen Sims.

According to Scullark, it takes time.

"What happens a lot of times with reality celebrities is that you're so excited to be in the industry," she said. "When you pace yourself it takes you from being the jack-of-all-trades to becoming a master at something," she added.

Scullark's patience has paid off. In March, she was featured on BET's Rip the Runway and New York radio station HOT 97's fashion show. She has also been featured in several magazines including Essence, Vibe, and Hype Hair. She has a print deal with Soft Sheen Carson, as well as a commercial with Dark and Lovely hair line. To top it off, she will be hosting Music Choice's first interactive music video show titled "Certified," airing on cable television.

"I think it's nice that she's trying to continue her career, I just hope that she doesn't end up like everyone else," Sims said.

Scullark knows the importance of remembering where home is.



Photo courtesy of www.citytv.com

Known for her spot on Tyra Bank's television show, "America's Next Top Model," model Bre came to the District of Columbia on Thursday night at R n R Bar and Lounge.

"Most of all, I'm always gonna be humble," she said. Content with her career,

Bre does not have any complaints about her status. If there is anyone to compete

with, "I'm in competition with myself," she said. "I'm in a good space right now."



Created in 1974, Bikram yoga, otherwise known as "hot yoga," is the stretching and breathing exercise performed in a room heated at 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

## Hot Yoga Gives Hot Results

BY KEYANNA BUTTS  
Contributing Writer

With summer right around the corner, many are in search for the perfect workout to make their bodies ready for bathing suits. Yoga has always been a popular exercise to tone and sculpt, but a form called Bikram Yoga is "heating" up things in exercise classes across the nation.

Bikram Yoga is also known as "hot yoga" because it is performed in a room heated to 105 degrees Fahrenheit. The Bikram routine is a 90-minute workout that consists of bending, stretching and twisting the body into 26 postures and performing two breathing exercises.

Luciana Cecille is an experienced yogi who has taught at Bikram Yoga Dupont Circle for more than a year.

"Bikram Yoga is a total workout for your whole body," Cecille said. "It even works to get your internal organs to function more effectively."

The institute for Bikram Yoga explains that through extension and compression, the thymus, spleen, appendix and intestine are targeted and the endocrine glands are encouraged to secrete appropriate hormones.

It was designed by Bikram Choudhury, founder of the Yoga College of India in 1974. Choudhury is author of a new book, "Bikram Yoga," which was released earlier this month.

Choudhury's specially

designed posture sequences, breathing exercises and sultry environment were formulated to improve physical health, appearance, strength and flexibility.

Like all yoga forms, Bikram Yoga is also designed to unite the body, mind and spirit.

Celebrities such as Michael Jackson, Quincy Jones and Madonna have practiced Bikram Yoga. It has even been featured of episodes of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

"The workout is wonderful," said Jill Norwood, a Maryland resident who has been practicing Bikram Yoga for six months. "But most of all it is challenging, which I love. It really focuses you emotionally and physically."

The high temperature and extensive routine equals tons of sweat. Participants quickly become drenched in sweat within minutes.

"You rain with perspiration," said Tamara Knott, a sophomore biology major. "I have never seen so much sweat in my life. The workout is so intense."

The institute explains that since the exercise is performed in sweltering temperatures, it makes it easier for muscle extension during stretching and reduces risk of injury. The release of perspiration allows the body to detoxify and rid itself of impurities.

Exposing the body to the extreme atmosphere and movements is not a walk in

the park. Beginners can expect to feel light-headed, dizzy and nauseous for the first couple of weeks.

"At first I felt really dizzy, and I wasn't sure if that was normal," said sophomore foreign language major Felicia Carter, a first-time participant of Bikram Yoga.

Cecille suggested that if one experiences this, to regroup by sitting down while remaining in the heated room. Beginner students also attend class daily so their bodies adjust to the environment.

"The more you come, the more you gain from the workout," Cecille said. "Consistency is so important."

Participants are encouraged to drink three to four liters of water throughout the day and avoid eating two to three hours before class.

"If I one can endure the heat and the challenge of this exercise, I know the results will be worth the sweat and pain," said Cater.

Bikram Yoga benefits the body by reducing stress, increasing blood circulation, improving strength, flexibility, and posture and promoting weight loss.

"After leaving, I felt so relaxed," Carter said. "My mind was clear, and I didn't have a care in the world."

The D.C. metro area has more than five certified Bikram Yoga studios, with newest locations in Capitol Hill, and Tacoma Park. To locate a studio, visit [www.bikramyoga.com](http://www.bikramyoga.com).

## Wheredaparty.com Keeps Students Posted on Parties

BY SIMONE STEPHENSON  
Contributing Writer

Many students have found themselves on a Friday or Saturday night, scrolling through their cell phones, messaging and calling everyone they know asking: "Where Da Party?"

Howard students Jason Brown, Alex Washington and John Davis have put their computer and Web site constructing abilities to use, helping party goers throughout the District find the answer to the common question?

Now, instead of calling around or trying to keep up with all those party flyers, students can go to [www.wheredaparty.com](http://www.wheredaparty.com) and find the best parties.

The site allows surfers to go to an "Events" page, where flyers for the parties in the upcoming days and weeks are posted.

"I like that link because I naturally just throw the fliers I get under my door away," senior marketing major John Minor said. "They get annoying after a while, especially since now you can just look on the Internet and find everything in one place."

Using this feature

allows partiers to find out where, when and how much the party is going to be. Quite possibly, the most popular page on the site, would be the picture section.

Junior advertising major Sharise Crumley said, "That link is my favorite. I love going to see the pictures from the parties, because I don't always have my camera with me, and even when I do, I probably won't get to see everyone in the entire party."

Once students click on the pictures link at the top of the screen, viewers can select to skim pictures from a plethora of events. Currently, there are pictures spanning from the summer of 2006, to last week's series of fraternity and sorority probate shows on the Yard. The next page is the "Link" page.

"This page is a way for other people, like, people we know, that have started their own businesses, crafts and things of that nature. We try to get them publicity on our site," Brown said. "We hope to have a lot of traffic on our site, and even though they're not necessarily in D.C., we hope to help anyone who is trying to get their business off the

ground."

Internet surfers can view web pages that belong to upcoming rap artists, such as George Young of Paperboy Music or Heavyweight Entertainment's MySpace page. Also, there is a link where an interested viewer can contact the three creators of WhereDParty.com. Visitors can also select a link to be placed on the e-mail list for alerts regarding upcoming parties around the D.C. area.

The concept of a party Web site may seem simple enough, but surprisingly, there are very few in the college circuit.

"We got the idea from a group of guys in Houston who made a site called Inthemix.com. People at Howard don't go to parties at other schools because they don't know about them and we were trying to find a way to advertise parties at other places through our Web site," Brown said.

Coincidentally, all three creators of the site are from Houston. The idea of the site began while they lived in Houston and blossomed after attending Howard over the years.

"We started throwing parties [in Houston] and came here and were actually looking for a place to advertise what we were doing and for someone to come out and take pictures," Brown said.

"There weren't really people that did that for college parties. Sometimes other events but not really college parties, so we started to do it," said Washington, who also serves as graphic designer, webmaster, business director, and co-creator for the site. "We also wanted to bring the different campuses together. People from Howard didn't go to Georgetown to pass out fliers and stuff. We wanted people to get out of their own little world and mix. That's how we got started."

With the school year in its final days, be sure to check out [www.wheredaparty.com](http://www.wheredaparty.com) to stay informed on all the end of the semester parties and events.

### Where Party.com?

EVENTS PICTURES LINKS CONTACT US

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\*Tri-Z's Kingdom Come Bazaar Tour  
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\*Howard Univ. HBCU Ent's Stuntin Saturday @ The Zin Bar- 8.5.06

\*Tri-Z's Kingdom Come Bazaar Tour  
Washington, DC Stop - Howard Univ - 11.18.06

\*Sky Club Entertainment's We Got Your  
@ Antone's Nightclub- 4.4.07

\*Heavyweight and HBCU Ent's Stuntin Saturday @ The Zin Bar- 8.5.06

\*Tri-Z's Kingdom Come Bazaar Tour  
Washington, DC Stop - Howard Univ - 11.18.06

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Wheredaparty.com, formed by three native Houstonians at Howard, provides students with party options.



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## Final Words From the EIC

Putting out a 10-page broadsheet newspaper every day, five days a week is a very stressful task. I do not think most people on this campus realize the work and dedication it takes to be the only black collegiate daily newspaper in the country.

There are plenty of sleepless nights and a great deal of blood, sweat and tears that go into every edition of *The Hilltop*. Although throughout the year I have wondered whether I would develop hypertension because of the nerve-racking environment at *The Hilltop*, as the year comes to a close, I can honestly say that all the headaches and chest pains were worth it.

This year, we at *The Hilltop* worked hard to supply you with the news that matters to students that you might not see in the Washington Post. Whether it was a fashion show on the Yard, the march on Washington or the spring break trip to New Orleans, *The Hilltop* was there to capture it all.

I have to say that some of the editions I am most proud of from my tenure as editor-in-chief featured stories like those about Black Tuesday and Alternative Spring Break because they captured historical Howard moments that are happening today. Hopefully years from now people will be able to look back at those editions and get a sense of what it was like to be a student at Howard during the 2006-2007 school year.

In addition to being Howard's newspaper of record, I am also proud of how this year's staff has really begun to use the benefits of being a daily newspaper by running more timely follow-ups. This year, it was not unusual if a big news event happened on campus on Monday to see a story about it on Tuesday, and then a follow-up on Wednesday, and then another story the next week. That is what reporting the news is all about, not just letting people know what happened, but also what happened next.

Of course, there are many areas where *The Hilltop* can improve and I am confident that next year's staff will work hard to address the challenges that the newspaper faces and no doubt they will be successful.

However, the newspaper is ultimately about the readers and meeting their information needs. So I encourage everyone in the Howard community to get involved with *The Hilltop* in whatever way they can, whether that means sending in story ideas, letters to the editors, helping proofread pages during production, etc. Don't be afraid to let the staff know what topics you would like to see covered in *The Hilltop*.

As I wrap up the last edition, I would like to thank those students, faculty, staff and community members who have supported *The Hilltop* this year. I would like to congratulate my staff for a job well done and wish next year's staff the best of luck and a little less stress, if that's possible.

## Perspective: Virginia Tech Massacre Impact at Howard

My name is Jocelyn A. Thompson and I am a junior theatre education major here at this University. This past Monday, my home state encountered a terrible tragedy that no person should have to go through.

They lost friends, family, professors and mentors when Cho Seung-Hui decided to go on a murdering rampage before taking his own life. While this is a tragedy, I feel that something deeper than sorrow is being birthed from this.

As I walked out of one of my classes the day after the event at VT happened, a friend of mine who is of Filipino descent told me a devastating story. He had been walking through the Punchout like most of us Howardites do during the lunch hour and came across his usual mill of friends. When he was walking out of building he went past a couple of females students who said, "Watch out, he's Asian. He might have a

gun," and started to laugh.

My friend, being the type of person that he is, didn't say anything and walked away. But the question isn't "why didn't he say something," the question is, "why are we still doing this to each other?"

Another friend who is Korean and attends Virginia Commonwealth University sent me a text message stating, "It's a bit chaotic, especially with the Koreans."

"Kids are getting beat up. It's scary out here. I'm scared to walk on campus alone or even go to class today."

My friend is miles away from Blacksburg, Va. and she fears for her own life from people whom she considered friends and confidantes.

From the days when the World Trade Center went down and we lost many lives, it seems as if this nation wants to pin every terrorist act on anyone who looks to be Arab, or Pakistani, or from Afghanistan. As a race that has been discriminated

against for centuries, why are we the ones throwing stones?

Haven't we been shunned through life enough, not only in the past but even today? Why would any African American want to do the same to others? This is not the time to be pitting ourselves against each other, but instead joining as one.

No, this massacre did not happen at Howard, but many of our peers and possibly faculty have friends, family, or fellow professors who died that day. And you want to go and make light of that situation? How is that showing respect to those who passed? How is that honoring the professor who gave his life to save his students?

I ask not only the students and faculty of Howard University but the entire nation: When will it end?

-Jocelyn A. Thompson

## Clarification: 4/19 Edition

Yesterday's edition of *The Hilltop* had an article titled "Seniors to Cruise on Potomac Before Walking

Across Stage." *The Hilltop* would like to clarify that the cruise discussed in the article is not sponsored by or associ-

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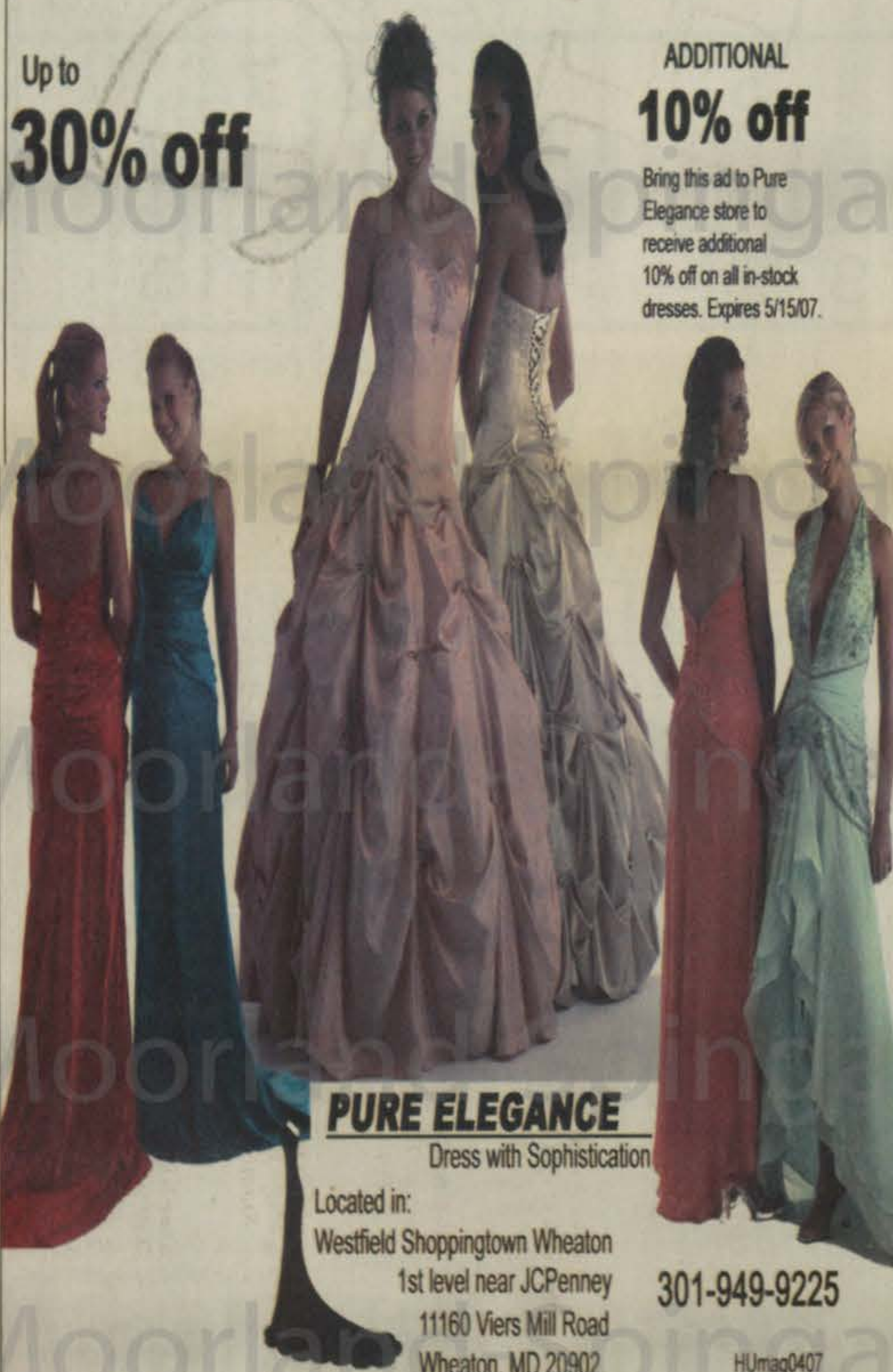
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