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BREAKING NEWS

THE HILLTOP WRAPS UP ANOTHER YEAR

THE HILLTOP PRINTED THE LAST ISSUE OF ITS NINTH VOLUME, TODAY. THE STAFF, LEAD BY AYESHA RASCOE, HAS PUT IN A LOT OF WORK AND IS HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS.

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HILLTOP LEADERS SELECTED

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SUNNY
(SINCE THE
HILLTOPERS
FINALLY HAVE
A BREAK)

The Lives of Hilltoppers Revealed in Magazine

BY ZORA HILLTOPPER
Contributing Writer

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Photo courtesy of a really old copy of The Hilltop that we had lying around the office

Though the hilltoppers toil day in and day out, they don't get all the perks they used to. What ever happened to The Hilltop House?

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"Don't hate me 'cuz I'm beautiful." -- Prince

christina m. wright

managing editor

Well, I believe I'm a simple person, but my life is so much more complex. This year, I have decided to let this page symbolize me, displays thos important to me and to what degree. It is as follows.

journalism

O, journalism, how you plague me. Please notice that your box is in a black box. You're an abusive lover. Yeah, that's right. This is an **abusive** relationship. You can be so loving and caring, making my everyday happy. Then, *boom*, one slap to the face, a blow to the body, and a kick in the shin. I fall in near tears. But, then, you do something for me to see how much I really love you. The beating from yesterday is forgotten. But, you've got to stop this behavior. I love you.

Nonetheless, I look forward to the journey we will be taking back to where it all started, Houston. *The Houston Chronicle* will be a great place for us to work on our relationship.

Then, off to Mexico to take advantage of the studying I will be doing there. We're sure to take a day trip to the *Correo*.

Ayesha - Good like girly. Have fun in New York. And, let me know if you figure out how to stop the conspiracy.

Shanae - Who would have thunk it? Don't forget to call me.

_____ - Save a spot for me?

Traver, Phillip - Y'all are great! You did what all freshmen should do.

The Rest of the Hilltop Staff - For those of you graduating, it's been nice working with you. For those who will be here next year, see you in the Spring.

Dixon - Thanks for being my journalism genie.

the wrights

Mommma - I have always admired you. You are the pure example of what a real woman is. My hardest days can't seem so bad when I think of how you breeze through every hardship with your head held high.

Daddy - I think we might actually be understanding each other after almost 21 years. But, we are. You have been of much help in the past few months.

David, Nicole, Cathi, Paige, Tristen, and Alura - I swear that list gets longer and longer every year. I'm almost positive Mom gave birth to three, but, somehow, she managed to sneak in another four. I love y'all though.

the cute clique

Jackie - Stop measuring the size of the box underneath.

Lynn - Let me know before you come the next time so I can get a CT Scan.

Nicole - I see an end near. Not sure when it is, but there's a light. In the mean time, I'm up for Club Main.

Catherine - So, I decided it was high time that you be inducted into this group of fine young ladies. I will miss you next year. What am I supposed to do for a roommate now. I swear, some people only think about themselves.



MY SAVIOR

That's all that needs to be said



mr. mcfarland

The truth is that you now flow into the two proceeding blocks in my life. Thank you for being you. I could talk all day and night, but I wouldn't be able to tell you the many ways that you are a major driving force in my life. So, at the vey least, I should say **THANK YOU**.



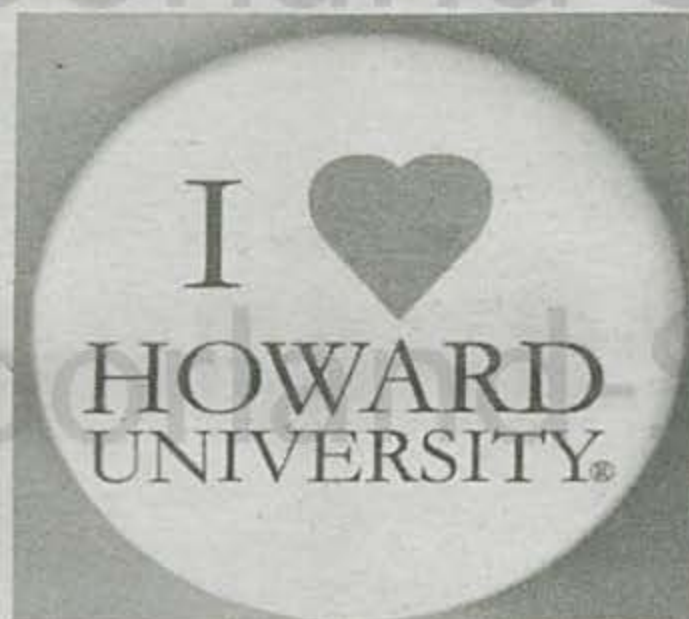
member who should know who he is. All my shoulda been sisters, I still love each and every one of you as if we were sisters. Oh, and that dang delta dan i [told you i'd say it] and Janell :)

Jana Homes

Okay, name by name shout outs are

Staff Writer, Asst. Life & Style Editor, Life & Style Editor, and then...

2006-2007 Managing Editor



Dear Hilltop Diary,

Is it just me or is today my last day at The Hilltop? As much fun as it's been, I can't say I wasn't ready for the end to come. I've pondered the peace at the bottom and quit (though my resignation wasn't accepted) for three years now. As much stress and drama as it's been, I can't picture my Howard experience any other way.

So, now, for the all important shout-outs.

No page would be complete without giving a quick holler to those purple and orange people of subset. Ay, ay, y'all.

You've made my time at this fine publication a lot more fun and a lot less ruly. There's nothing I would trade for our late night locked door sessions of anticipation or our packed up extra tight extravaganzas.

To my first year sisters, we've been here since the reign of terror began and since before we were [ahem] 5 days..... a week! Back in those good ol' days of McDonalds runs and tearing that 1954 printer paper.

To the second year "new-comers," we thought we'd hate you, but we grew to love you and can't even remember back to a time when you weren't here.

To the third year losers, I still think you're all whack [especially Jonesy, my spec, Rashawn, Denise and Simone]. But I've enjoyed this year with you suckas, too.

To all the friends I've made, grown apart from, reconnected with, or in any other fashion encountered, you have to know how special each moment was to me and how long I look back fondly on these times.

I thank you all.

Jana would love to hear your "thank yous," but she's trying to accept the fact that she will never again be on that H Psi grind. Praise Him for that.

always a must. Subset: My fellow founders, Late Night and Puma. The former male affiliates, Akbar and the Silky Smoother. That Solo Star. Uppity [No,

for real. What she say?]. Gosh, more new people, Fingahz and Mr. Gable. And welcome to the as yet un-named new

JOSHUA THOMAS

DEPUTY MANAGING EDITOR

If I have learned one thing this year it is that "Life comes at you fast!" That phrase can be applied to so many events that took place this year. Whether it was getting stranded in Richmond on the way to the HBCU National Newspaper Conference in Tallahassee or getting stranded again in Richmond on the way to New Orleans for Alternative Spring Break with NAACP (Yohimbe!), or any of a number of unforeseen series of unfortunate events, I managed to get through them all (by the grace of God) and learned from each situation. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger right?

Throughout this year I have learned so much about people and life. Eye-opening experiences have forced me to expand my horizons and facing adversity has forced me to expand my spirit.

My Hilltop Fam: I can sum you all up in one word, *survivors!* We have lost so many for so many reasons along the way yet those of you who still stand here with me at the end were able to endure it all. One great example is those of ya'll were there with me when my car broke down outside of Richmond. You kept my spirits up while we were stranded for more than six hours while only just two hours away from our place of departure. We eventually made it to Florida and that's all that counts.

Subset: Ay! Ay! Ay! Hey, we have subset alumni now! From "Male Affiliate" to "Unruly 6" and now I'm almost an old-head. If it weren't for you guys I definitely wouldn't have stayed on staff as long as I have. You guys have given me so many great memories of extravaganzas and coonery with LP, TLN, LNC, and DG, and more to come with AH, UN, and SF!



FIVE DAYS... A WEEK!

Stacy A. Anderson

The Hilltop Copy Chief



C2: Freshman roomies, Tori and Adria



With the ladies at the Ludacris appearance at Love.



The first Copy Desk Dinner 2007: Denise, me, Jasmin, RaShawn, Phillip and Simone.



"Fantasy is what people want, but reality is what people need."
-Lauryn Hill

I get it from my mom-she's so fly!



Elizabeth, b.k.a. "Mo," thanks for being my sister and friend. I look forward to many nights on the town in NYC, like we do in the A. Mi casa es tu casa.



NABJ Online at the convention in Indianapolis.



Even though I think you're crazy, I've got mad respect for you Sean.



San Francisco, 2005
Rodgers Visit Program, UC Berkeley

THANK YOU'S

These past three years with The Hilltop have been a rocky, tumultuous road... and I would take the journey all over again. I want to thank those who have made my experience at Howard and beyond all the more interesting...

FAMILY

I am continuously grateful and blessed to have the mom that I do. Thank you for being there for everything -- from always listening to my complaints and dilemmas, to celebrating and rejoicing in my accomplishments... Thank you dad for supporting every single interest I've had over the years from acting and drawing classes, to dance recitals, to letting me travel the world and supporting every destination without any hesitation. I'm so happy to have inherited your ambition and drive in the truest essence of a Jamaican. Thank you for simply believing... Much love to my brothers and sisters: Sean, Alex, Doreen, Pauline and Andrea. Sean: you are a genius, and thank you for the i-Pod. Andrea: thanks for always calling to check up on me and opening your home to me.. XOXO to my nieces and nephews: Mark, Omari, Mariann, Myisha, Megan, "Tella" and Brianna. Essila, the sane cousin, I'm still waiting on that trip to D.C. Where ya at? I'm looking forward to our much needed vacay this summer.

THE HILLTOP

To my staff- Simone: "Turn it down a notch, young one!" lol. Your audacity and curiosity is what's needed in the industry today... Phillip, your sense of humor kept me laughing in the office, yet you have handled yourself with so much maturity. I expect great things from you... Jasmin, you are the backbone, thank you. I see you with the boo love, but stay focused and keep doing well... RaShawn, I respect your dedication, hard work and focus. "You are appreciated," for real... Denise, I think we talked about blogs and entertainment more than anything else, right? Thank you for maintaining amongst all the usual office drama...

Ya-Ya (Ms. Rascoe): what can I say? You made it through and you are still standing. Thank you for being there EVERY single time I called on you...Jana, I'll miss our trips to Mocha Hut and Pentagon City, amongst other places. Thanks for co-signing and taking all these crazy adventures with me... Amber, come visit me in NY, cause you know how we do when we go out (remember El Tamarindo and Beso?) I'm glad you are apart of these great memories... Even though you guys are not in the office anymore -Vanessa, Janee and Sharrell- I miss you guys and I wish you all the best... Traver, you are the future, period. Stay focused... Brittany, don't doubt yourself and just do it! Keep me posted.... To the rest of the staff, thank you for every smile, anecdote or joke shared to make my long nights that much easier.

FRIENDS

Where would I be without Mo, Ashley C., Morgan and Zarhria? We have come so far since middle school and I'm proud of the young ladies that you all have become...To my little sister in Iraq, Megan, I pray for you everyday and I ask that he keeps you safe while we wait for your return home... Evette, you may not come when I want it, but you are always on time! Thank you for being my right-hand with the GA Club community service projects... Much love to Sheena Baby (spring break with you is just what I needed), Keith (you know you love listening to me talk and talk...), Susan (fierce), Dana (remember that night in the glass house studying accounting II, lol), Mike-Mike (I love your honesty with a touch of humor, we think too much alike), Tori (I promise I will be the designated driver one night, just for you) and my cuz Adria (I love you dearly, see, I can say it too.)

SCRIBE FRIENDS AND MENTORS

Dr. Kaggwa, you have truly been there since the beginning and all your advice has been on point, even when I was too stubborn to listen at first. I'm proud to be your "daughter"... To the chair of the Journalism Department, thank you Professor Dixon for being one of my biggest supporters. Your respect is invaluable... Ms. Dudley, I truly do admire and love you. Thank you for taking care of me... To my first boss ever at CNN, thank you Lakeisha for always keeping up with my progression... Thank you Ms. DeWitt for being so straight-forward and sharing your knowledge with me. Thank you to Professor Shinhoster-Lamb for your guidance and encouragement. You said I would be ok and I am :-)... Thank you to Aja and Lyneka, my WSJ patnas, for watching over me. Donna, I could not have survived in NYC without you, thanks a bunch-and I'll see you in a bit! It's been real. Blessings, STAC

"You looking to be the butterfly without being a caterpillar, take your time and do and right..."
-Outkast, "In Due Time"

Inaugural Cotton Club 2005



Thanks Evette for understanding the truest essence of community service and supporting all of my projects. You made the Children's Hospital event a success.



Keith, you are the best mentor and brother I could ask for. Thank you for simply listening.



Sheena Baby, we have come a long way since the NY Times Journalism Institute. Thanks for showing me a good time in Bull City. What's up with the institute reunion in Miami?



"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."
-Albert Einstein



Derrell Smith: Behind the Lens

I guess this is the part where I go through and thank everybody; so first and for most I have to thank, all the individuals in the A building, Carnegie Hall, and the Deans Office of Arts and Science, for there assistance with my financial aid situation this year. Even though you didn't put me at my goal, you got me a lot closer than I was.

As for the rest, after reaching the capstone of this year, I am filled with a bit of concern over my attendance in class, a bit of disappointment in 2007, and a load of thanks. However, despite it all, I have learned so many life lessons this year. The difficulties I had were astronomical, but thanks to the grace of God, I always had a save coming from left field. So when God took so much out of my life this year I was worried, but then he sent Det130 and despite me just entering the program, the members of this group have already began to reinforce the traits I have allowed to go dormant. To those of you like Captain Alexander, who will be leaving this year, I like to say thanks for the little there was; you truly made it interesting, and inspire me to join the Detachment. To those who remain, I'll see you next year.

In the end, despite all the crap that hit the fan this year, I somehow, pulled through. To all of you in my life, my friends, acquaintances, colleges, etc., thanks for the smiles, the frowns the arguments and the laughs, it those things in life that help you to live. So from behind the lens, I see my life as a snapshot. Not a photo that's worth a thousand words but one that leaves you speechless.

Remember: "Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO-HOO what a ride!"

Rudyard Kiplings: If- This poem help me to maintain my sanity, I hope it assists you as it has done for me.

IF YOU CAN KEEP YOUR HEAD WHEN ALL ABOUT YOU
ARE LOSING THEIRS AND BLAMING IT ON YOU,
IF YOU CAN TRUST YOURSELF WHEN ALL MEN DOUBT
YOU

BUT MAKE ALLOWANCE FOR THEIR DOUBTING TOO,
IF YOU CAN WAIT AND NOT BE TIRED BY WAITING,
OR BEING LIED ABOUT, DON'T DEAL IN LIES,
OR BEING HATED, DON'T GIVE WAY TO HATING,
AND YET DON'T LOOK TOO GOOD, NOR TALK TOO WISE.

IF YOU CAN DREAM-AND NOT MAKE DREAMS YOUR
MASTER,

IF YOU CAN THINK-AND NOT MAKE THOUGHTS YOUR
AIM,

IF YOU CAN MEET WITH TRIUMPH AND DISASTER,
AND TREAT THOSE TWO IMPOSSIBLY JUST THE SAME,
IF YOU CAN BEAR TO HEAR THE TRUTH YOU'VE TOLD,
TWISTED BY KNAVES TO MAKE A TRAP FOR FOOLS,
OR WATCH THE THING YOU GAVE YOUR LIFE TO
BROKEN,

AND TOGG AND BUILD 'EM UP WITH WORN-OUT TOOLS,

IF YOU CAN MAKE ONE HEAP OF ALL YOUR WINNING
AND LIEK IT ON ONE TURN OF FICH AND TOSE,
AND BEING GENTLE AGAIN AT YOUR BEHINDING
AND NEVER BEATHE A WORD ABOUT YOUR LOIN,
IF YOU CAN FORCE YOUR HILL, AND NEAR AND JINIV
TO HAVE YOUR TURN LONG AFTER THEY ARE GONE,
AND TO HOLD ON WHEN THERE IS NOTHING IN YOU
EXCEPT THE WILL WHICH ENVI TO THEM, "HOLD ON!"

IF YOU CAN TALK WITH CROWDS AND KEEP YOUR
VIRUE,

OR WALK WITH KINGS-NOR LOSE THE COMMON TOUCH,
IF NEITHER FOES NOR LOVING FRIENDS CAN HURT YOU,
IF ALL MEN COUNT WITH YOU, BUT NONE TOO MUCH,
IF YOU CAN FILL THE UNFORGIVING MINUTE
WITH SIXTY SECONDS' WORTH OF DISTANCE RUN,
YOUR IS THE EARTH AND EVERYTHING THAT IS IN IT,
AND-WHICH IS MORE-YOU'LL BE A KAXN, MY SON!

Special Thanks- To those for whom I might not have been here I like to thank you. You seriously look out for me and some how inspired me this year. Even though there were more this is all I could fit so thanks Adrian, Dad and God.

Big Brotha Buffness-

Late Nights Studying, and early mornings working out, I can't begin to thank you for all the support you supplied. Your my role model, my competition, my cousin, my friend, and regardless of our age, my wing man. You kept my sins to a minimum and reinforced my faith. You encouraged me to not online reach the bar but to raise it. There is just so much more and all I can say is Thanks!

R.L. Wallace-

Wow... endless things to say. Because you have help me out without measure. You have really been the foundation of this year. From the roof over my head to the money in my pocket to the food in my stomach. Truly, an older

Sean Mosley-

Thanks for having my back. You really help me maintain a level head, and showed me that sometimes I have to put people in their place and keep myself first. And although I may have slipped and lost my cool, you reminded me to keep those ice cubes in my pockets.

Just like the music you speak the truth and rock to your own beat. "You are Hip Hop."



Carver's Airforce



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Applications are available for
2007 - 2008

Hilltop Editorial and
Business Office Staff
in

Student Activities Office Suite 117

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Copy Chief
Senior Photo Editor
Campus Editor
Deputy Campus Editor
Assistant Campus Editor
Sports Editor
Deputy Sports Editor
Life & Style Editor
Deputy Life & Style Editor
Business & Technology Editor
Metro Editor
Nation & World Editor
Senior Photo Editor
Assistant Photo Editor
Copy Chief
Assistant Copy Chief
Online Editor
Layout Editor
Graphics Editor
Cartoonist
Copy Editors (6)
Photographers (6)
Staff Writers (17)

BUSINESS

Asst. Business Manager*

Advertising Manager*
(Graphic Design Major preferred)

Local Salesperson*
(Transportation Mandatory)

Office Manager

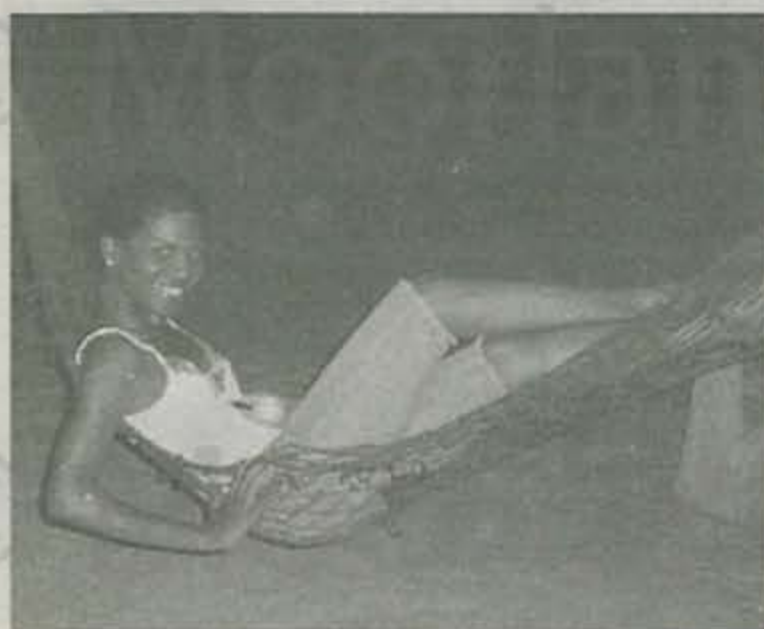
Office Assistant
(Work Study preferred)

*Indicates that applicant
will have to submit 1-2
proposal w/ application.

All applications
are due by
Friday, April
27 @ 6PM to the
Hilltop Office in
the P-Level of
the West Tower.

Lauren Pass

Office Manager 06-07
Business Manager 07-08



Deep, Deep Breaths

Where do I begin? This has been a very exciting and eventful year to say the least.

- To The Hilltop: My love has grown tremendously for the The Hilltop and He placed me here for a reason.
- Laura: You are true model of good character and I have learned so much from you. I thank you for believing in me through out all my endeavors and I will continue to make you proud!
- Ashley: From Chapel Assistants to The Hilltop, I enjoyed working with you and you have truly blossomed into a beautiful women right before my very eyes!
- Cara: Thanks for always sharing your food with me in the office and for your willingness to always listen when I start rambling.
- Morgan: Ever since the first day I met you, you always kept me laughing. You have a one of a kind personality and The Hilltop would not be the same without you.
- To Arts and Sciences Student Council:
- I love each and every one of you. I can't wait to serve as your Vice President of the Senior Class under the administration of Abi and Amber.
- To Darryl Lockett: I can't even imagine my life without you! From back home in Indiana at church, to Jack and Jill, and now at Howard. You are my motivator, my supporter, my guidance! Thank you for EVERYTHING you have done for me! I love you god brother!
- To Tiffany Clark: My best friend for life! I remember when I first met you in Slowe Hall the summer before our freshman year. We have come a all way! Thanks for your everlasting love and support through the good and the bad times. I can't even ask for a better friend. You are gem in my life! Continue to let your rays shine on others!
- To Mom: My DELTA diva. My other best friend. I know I can always count on you and go to you for advice. I will continue to follow in your footprints and hold my head up high like you always told me to do. You are my heartbeat!
- To Dad: Even though you are extra and very animated, I love you for you. I will always be daddy's little girl!
- Last but certainly not least, To my AKA Sorors: Hello Pretty Ladies of P.R.I.V.Y. and R.E.F.I.N.E.D.: I am so glad I have entered this beautiful sisterhood. Propyites, thank you for being prime examples of Alpha Excellence. You definitely set the standard. Each and every one of you are truly blessings in my life. This is just the beginning and the best is yet to come...





Ayesha Renee Rascoe

Editor-in-Chief
2006-2007



Dear Hilltop,

It's really hard for me to write this. I guess it's always difficult to end a four year relationship, but for some reason I've been avoiding writing this "Dear John" letter like the plague. At first I thought it was just a bad case of senioritis, but after three or four unsuccessful attempts to sit down and put words on paper, I realized this hesitation on my part was something more. I just really don't want to say goodbye.

You see, as much as I have literally loathed you this year, Hilltop; I also really loved you. Yeah I know that sounds psychotic, but being involved with The Hilltop will do that to you. This year as I headed the only black daily collegiate newspaper in the country, I suffered from chest pains, mental anguish, and fits of rage the likes of which I had never experienced before in my life. There were many times I would have liked to throw in the towel, but I didn't, and for that I will

always be grateful to you, Hilltop. You taught me about myself and helped me unlock strength I never knew I had. Was I the greatest leader ever? No, not at all, but I did the best I could with what I possessed. Are there things that I would do differently, if I had it to do over again? Certainly, but if there is one thing that I have learned at The Hilltop, it's that you can't focus on the mistakes of the past. You have to learn from them and move forward, because the world keeps spinning and there is

always a paper to put out five days a week.

With that said, it is time for me to move on, Hilltop. It's time I get a change of scenery and embark on some new love affairs, but don't worry I won't forget you. I'm always just a call away. I wish you nothing but the best, and even more than that I wish that you continually grow in excellence.

Love,

Ayesha

Shout Outs:

Family: Thanks for putting up with me being MIA a lot and supporting me through everything. I love you, and now that the The Hilltop is over, hopefully I will be able to call more.

Tres Amigas: I don't even know what to say about you two. Growing up, I never knew that I would be blessed to have two of the best friends a girl could ever have. Y'all have been with me through thick and thicker, and I don't think I could ever thank you enough. Y'all are my sisters: Tres Amigas Forever!!!!

Natilee: I know we didn't get to hang out much this year, but you'll always be my favorite roommate. Thanks for always supporting me, and helping me upgrade my fashion sense, lol. I don't know where I'd be without

you.

Man-Friend: Thanks for all the free steak dinners and helping me take my mind off The Hilltop.

Stacy: Girl you know you are one of my closest friends. I am so proud of you and all the success you've had this year. I'll always remember the good times we had this year: going out to eat, fussing in newsroom management, and chilling in New York. What's great is that hopefully we'll be able to have even more fun this summer.

Christina: Girl it's time for a well deserved break. Good luck in Mexico. Thanks for all the Taco Bell runs, gift ideas, and long talks about crazy men and The Hilltop.

Prof. Lamb: Thanks for all your support this year. I know we can be a hand full, so thank you for always

being there to listen to my problems.

The Hilltop:

Management: Y'all lasted the entire year. I think that is some kind of record. Josh, Jana, and Christina thanks for stepping up and taking on additional duties when we needed it. Y'all really held me down this

Section Editors: Most of y'all have been here since the beginning of the year, so I thank you guys for sticking around. I know being a section editor is a hard and thankless job. Brittany and Danielle, thanks for stepping up to the plate, and becoming editors later on in the game. You've both done an excellent job.

Photographers: Thanks for all the running around to get our pictures, sometimes at the last minute. Derell, you are like the younger brother I never

had and never wanted, lol. Seriously though, I pick on you and push you because I know you have talent and can be successful. Thanks for your hard work.

Staff Writers: You guys are the unsung heroes of the newspaper. We wouldn't have a newspaper if it wasn't for you. To the current campus staff writers thanks for coming through in the clutch. Thanks to all the new writers we've gotten over the year, you've all done an excellent job.

Copy Editors: You guys are our last line of defense. You work long hours in the office, and are sometimes even asked to write stories. So to Rashawn, Denise, Jasmin, Phillip, and Simone, thanks for all of your hard work.



LAURA ADEROTOYE



What can I say, I'm finally done! I have truly enjoyed my tenure at Howard University. Reflecting back, I have encountered so many eclectic individuals and life changing events that have made the journey go by fast. God and my family who have been the constant support in my life. Then there are my friends that I have gained even those that I have lost, who have molded me into the person I am today.

I really don't know what else I could say that could express how I feel... but say it was great and that I will see you again soon, I hope!

Shanae 'Hilltop' Harris

I started on this journey of Hilltopery (yes, I'm using this word) when I first saw a copy of the Hilltop on a college tour in 7th grade. Who woulda thunk it?? But just the second day as Asst. Campus Editor (memories, Christina), I was going to quit. Who am I kidding, pretty much everyday for the last two years "I was going to quit." But here I am, still working for the good ol' Hilltop and recounting my Howard memories on my final issue. I'm the 'cute' little (I will be thick one day =0)) sweet, bubbly girl that likes to smile. I'm the one that has a tendency to "magnify" almost every situation because when things don't go right "my life is over" and "there's just no turning back". LOL, but I know me and now more than ever I can laugh it off, and keep movin'. I can say that whether you've been on the Hilltop, shared in my class of '07 moments, or just been in my heart -you've helped to make Shanae- Shanae. In 2 weeks I'm gone from here, and it'll be just a memory, but the things you learn and the people you meet stay in your heart (tear). So I'm writing to all of those that have helped me learn something, made me laugh, helped me learn who I am, and just been there for me when I really thought quitting was my only option. I give credit where credit is due.. So Roll the Credits.....



GOOD OL' HILLTOPPERS:

Thank you all for loving me in my absence (yea yea I didn't come to meetings!) You all are the hardest working people on Howard's campus and for that much props are due! I love ya'll all-keep writing and fulfilling your dreams

CAMPUS: Can any other group of writers and editors do it? I think not!! I luv yall...

CHRISTINA: It's a thin line between love and hate.. and I'm gonna leave here on the best side of that line! Hugs, kisses, and Monday night madness!!

JANA: Epitome! Honorary Sister--We have so many blessings awaiting us.

'LUKE': I should've met you '5 minutes' ago. Keep your hands on your hips-or somebody else's! Don't forget your 1 and only Fatty! =0)



TO MY LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST:

You are the center of my joy.

I am me because of you. There is no amount of thanks that could equal your unconditional and unending love for me. I praise you for sending so many blessings my way...

TO THOSE AT THE CENTER OF MY HEART:

MOM: My sister & best friend, God knew I couldn't have done this thing called life without you..

DADDY: R.I.P. -You're my angel, and everything I do is for you...

BRIT: I can't believe my best friend is getting married! From toddler days till graduation-you're my rock.

M&M: I miss you, but you're my sister despite it all...

PRINCE J: You'll always be with me. You helped me grow and I'll always love u for that.

TO THE CLASS OF 2007:



Each and everyone of you that I have had the opportunity to share this Howard experience with has meant something to me. I couldn't pinpoint anyone that was more important than the other because you all were

so amazing. We came to The Mecca and gave this place something to talk about for centuries! From the days of the Quad and 'D-block' we were on our grind to make a name for ourselves and we most definitely succeeded in those aspirations. So now for real life eh? To the future leaders of this world.... HAPPY MAY 12TH!! And Congrats cuz WE DID IT!!!!

Class of 2007!!

Memoirs of an Assistant Business Manager Ashley D. Marshall

From Office Assistant to Asst. Business Manager... I've worked here for two years and loved every minute of it! Biz Staff, it's been great... James- SANDZ! I'm proud of you and there's so much more to come.

Morgan- words cannot begin to express... you are a beautiful person who has endured much and I treasure our friendship. Ed. Staff, too much fun last year at the conference! (So sad I missed it this year!) Drew, congrats! I know you'll do well. Josh- thanks for all your help this year... especially in Poli Sci. *wink* Jana & Derell- I'll miss our little conversations *smiles* Personally, this year has been a long journey, from spending time with GYLC in China over the summer to dealing with the biggest let down of not being chosen for Business Manager for 07-08. Over the passed two years, I marched, I rallied, I protested, I ran, I worked, I watched, I took notes, but NOTHING compares to becoming a member of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Haters keep hatin', but you'll never know the love that lies within our SISTERHOOD. Resurgent 41... thank you. Sedulous 35... BE OWT! I am forever yours (1-A-07) OOO-OOP! To my Chapel family- I love you all! Through it all you've been my guidance and rock since I've been at Howard. I owe you the world, and then some *smiles* Aiesha- I'm so grateful for your endless friendship & I'm excited about all the memories we'll make this summer! Last but not least, Jeff- you've been the greatest blessing of all this year. What would I have done without your support, jokes, food *smiles* From the bottom of my heart... I love you!

Best wishes to the Staff next year! I'll miss The Hilltop unconditionally...



Brittney Johnson

Life & Style Editor



My time at the Mecca has been nothing short of amazing. I have fallen in love with colors, journalism, myself, my sisterhood, and the man of my dreams. When I close my eyes and wander back to the first day that I stepped onto the hilltop, I had no clue what was in store for me. I thank God for ordering each of my steps and bringing me through. He sure knows how to keep His promises.

I could go on forever about all of the laughs and unforgettable moments, Magic City and moments in Miami, but it brings me to tears...so....To the Hilltop, Jelly, Blue Squad, the Original Six plus Britt, Megan, LJack, Ros, Quana, Cam, Brandon, Wow Factor, Pretty P.R.I.V.Y and R.E.F.I.N.E.D...Thank you. You have made this an unforgettable journey and I love you.



BISON 4
LIFE!!!!

First I would like to show gratitude to God for He lays down the building blocks for my success. it's my first year at Howard University and I'm thankful that I made the choice to be a Bison. After hearing the stories of my aunt and uncle I finally had the chance to create some of my own. Thanks Mom and Dad for being Mom and Dad. I have to say that I just love my younger siblings Megan, Myia, Malika, Malick, Terell, and Derell! I Love Malick he was my Valentine this year! Thank you Aunt Nikia and Uncle De'Sean you guys are the greatest! You guys never let me down and you are always there for me. I just had to put a picture of my other half on here!!! We were the duo "formerly known" as the Advertising Click. It's dark and lonely without you here (LOL)! My experiences at Howard have been life changing ones and I'm sure there are more to come. I look forward to the next three years and perhaps grad school hear. In the words of somebody's illustrious grandmother, "I'm going where the good LORD takes me."

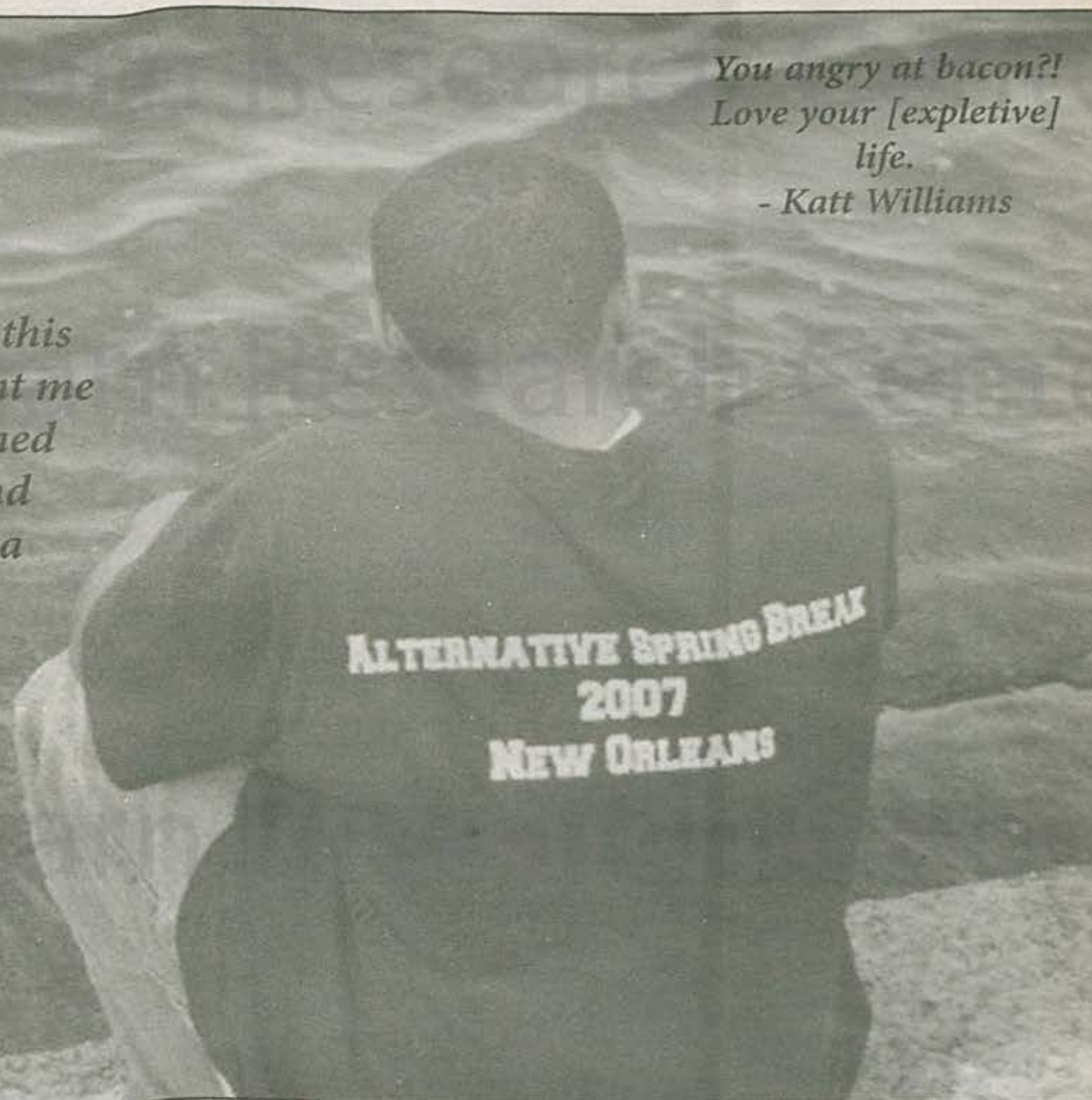


The Hilltop would like to thank Student Activities, Chief Thomas, Ms. Freeman, Professor Dixon, Matt Goins, Professor Lamb, Norkia Baker, Dean Guillory, Dr. Chambers, and Kerry-Ann Hamilton for all of their support.

Drew Costley Campus Editor '06-'07

It would be an understatement to say that I learned a lot this year. This newspaper and this university have both been so good and taught me so much in the past three years. I have learned that I am in the business of public service and what my job really means to this world. It's a lot of responsibility but it feels good. I am glad that I can tell the stories that no one else can get or the ones that no one else will tell. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you all and look forward to doing it in 2007 - 2008. Peace and Love to 634 Lamont St. parties, 195 BIMR, my family, Nala, Subset (Ay, Ay, Ay!) and everyone thats ready for revolution....DAILY!

*You angry at bacon?!
Love your [expletive]
life.
- Katt Williams*



Campus Editor

Whoa, it's pretty surreal to me that I have completed my first year at this "beloved" place called The Hilltop. I remember it was exactly one-year-ago, I was reading through the end of the year magazine thinking, "I wonder if I could have the chance of doing what these people are doing."

Not only did I get the chance to join the Hilltop staff, I somehow went beyond my expectations. I was originally hired as a staff writer in the business and technology section. Before I knew it, almost 3 months later I was given the task as one of the campus section editors. I won't lie; I had doubts about this

enormous task and responsibility. But after awhile I stopped thinking about it and just moved forward without a second thought. One thing

I will say about the Hilltop is it introduced me to a world I had never considered to be in-journalism. I don't know why or how, but there's just an addiction about running around like a chicken with your head cut off, working under pressure to meet a deadline, all to have that satisfaction of seeing your name in print and knowing you contributed to the organic unity of a newspaper. Call us crazy; I guess that's what it is.

Some shout-outs to the people responsible for helping me through this year:

Mom: Thanks for keeping me up



when life got me down. You are truly phenomenal. Jerrod: My little "grown-up" man. Luv ya. To the rest of my family who continue to support me during my Howard journey.

My CAMPUS DREAMTEAM: It was an honor working with you guys. To Drew and Shanae, thanks for working with a "baby" in the game and letting me hold down campus with ya'll.

My wonderful staff writers, Traver, Mercia, and Eboni, who continued to bear with me through all the late notices, phone calls, and emails, and still came through like soldiers. To the lovely Hilltop ladies who believed in me, scolded me, and pushed me to go beyond my

expectations: Ayesha, Stacy, and Vanessa Mizell.

To Johnetta Hardy and ELI for getting me to start thinking entrepreneurship.

And the interesting people I had the opportunity to associate with and befriend on staff: There's too many of ya'll so ya'll know who you is... but I wanna make a final shout-out to Charlotte and Danielle...we're the only sophomores on staff to make it through the WHOLE year!

I'm out.

-Brittany Hutson
Campus Editor '06-'07



CARYN GRANT

-SPORTS EDITOR-

SO, I'VE BEEN AT THIS SPORTS EDITOR THING FOR TWO YEARS NOW. IT'S BEEN ROUGH, BUT I'VE LEARNED MORE IN THIS TIME THAN I EVER COULD HAVE IMAGINED. I SEE A TON OF POTENTIAL FOR HOWARD ATHLETICS. JUST WAIT PEOPLE, A CHANGE IS COMING.

MUCH RESPECT TO MY CO-EDITOR, **MR. JONES**. YOU CAME IN AND

LEARNED QUICKLY, MAKING THE JOB MUCH EASIER FOR THE BOTH OF US.

MY STAFF: SIMPLY PUT--YOU GUYS ARE GREAT.

TO SUBSET: THIS YEAR WAS A LITTLE ROUGH, BUT THE UNPLIES WILL OVERCOME...AND I'M STILL NOT GETTING LYNCHED.

TO THE REST OF **THE HILLTOP FAMILY**, OLDHEADS: GOOD LUCK IN THE REAL WORLD; ALWAYS REP H PSI PHI.

NEWBIES: IT'S CHEESY, BUT YOU'RE THE FUTURE OF THE HILLTOP.

CHERISH IT. MAKE ZORA PROUD.

MR HILL AND

THE SPORTS INFORMATION CREW: YOU'VE BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL OVER THE YEARS. I CAN'T SAY THANK YOU ENOUGH TIMES.

THE LOVELY LADIES OF 412 -- YES, WE'RE A FAULTY BUNCH, BUT WE'LL MAKE IT THROUGH. LOVE Y'ALL.

UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

ACCESS GRANTED

MY ROOMIES. THANKS FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME -- EVEN ON DEADLINES

MY BIGGEST CRITIC -- MY BROTHER

THE PERKS: COURTSIDE AT THE GARDEN FOR A HOWARD WIN OVER HAMPTON

AP Associated Press

ELLIOTT JONES

WHERE DO I BEGIN? I GUESS I'LL START OFF BY SAYING IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO WORK FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS PUBLICATION, WHICH SERVES SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTION. I HAD NO IDEA WHAT I WAS GETTING MYSELF INTO BEFORE JOINING THIS STAFF, BUT IT SURPASSED EVERY EXPECTATION I COULD HAVE HAD. I FEEL HONORED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH SO MANY TALENTED INDIVIDUALS AND I AM TRULY PROUD TO ETCH MY NAME INTO A PART OF THIS CAMPUS'S HISTORY. SPORTS, FOR ME, IS MY LIFE. THAT MAY SOUND SAD TO MANY OF YOU, BUT I'VE COMPLETELY COME TO TERMS WITH IT. WORKING AS THE HILLTOP'S SPORTS EDITOR THIS YEAR HAS ALLOWED ME TO TAKE MY LIFE'S PASSION, PACKAGE IT AND DELIVER IT TO THE MASSES ON A DAILY BASIS. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE THAT WROTE FOR SPORTS FOR YOUR HARD WORK. I ALSO WANT TO THANK EVERYONE THAT READ THE SPORTS SECTION FOR APPRECIATING WHAT WE DO. YOU REALLY ARE WHAT MAKES THIS JOB WORTHWHILE. I HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED THE END RESULTS OF OUR LABOR AS MUCH AS WE ENJOYED CREATING IT-- PEACE, ELLIOTT.

P.S. WATCH OUT FOR THOSE REDSKINS IN 2009!

SHOUT OUTS:

MOM & DAD- IT'S BEEN A PARTICULARLY TRYING YEAR FOR MULTIPLE REASONS, BUT THANKS, AS ALWAYS, FOR YOUR INFINITE LOVE AND SUPPORT. I LOVE YOU BOTH TREMENDOUSLY. I PROMISE, I WILL MAKE MORE MONEY NEXT YEAR, TOO.

HELENE- I KNOW I'M NO FUN, THAT I'M AN OLD MAN TRAPPED IN A YOUNG BODY, AND ETC... BUT DESPITE ALL OF THAT, I KNOW I CAN ALWAYS DEPEND ON YOU AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS DEPEND ON ME FOR ANYTHING AS WELL.

CHRIS- IT'S REALLY CRAZY WATCHING YOU BECOME A MAN. WHETHER MUSICALLY, ATHLETICALLY, OR ACADEMICALLY, I'M INFINITELY PROUD OF YOU, BRO.

AYESHA- THANKS FOR BEING SUCH A GREAT EIC THIS YEAR AND THANKS FOR INCLUDING ME INTO THE HILLTOP FAMILY. I KNOW YOU'LL HAVE A LONG, SUCCESSFUL CAREER DOWN THE ROAD, AND WHEN YOU DO, CAN I HAVE ANOTHER JOB?

CHRISTINA- YOU UNDERSTOOD ME BETTER THAN PROBABLY ANYONE ELSE ON STAFF. ALWAYS REMEMBER "THE LEVELS" AND I'VE COME TO TERMS WITH BEING THE WEIRD GUY.

LAY OUT PAGES: NOR WOULD I HAVE ANY NICKNAMES AROUND THE OFFICE. THANKS ON BOTH ACCOUNTS. I'LL MISS YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR.

CARYN- WHAT CAN I SAY? YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB OF SHOWING ME THE ROPES. I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH FROM YOU THIS YEAR AND WILL NOW ROOT FOR THE TIGERS AND PISTONS A LITTLE MORE THAN BEFORE.

DREW- WE MIGHT BE POLAR OPPOSITES OF ONE ANOTHER, BUT YOUR LOVE FOR JOURNALISM AND THE REDSKINS MEANS WE'LL ALWAYS BE TIGHT. THANKS FOR TAKING ME UNDER YOUR WING THIS YEAR.

JANELLE- WE CAME IN AT THE SAME TIME AS MANY OTHERS, AND WE REMAINED STANDING UNTIL THE END. THROUGH ALL THE OTHER INSIDE JOKES, THANKS MOST OF ALL FOR HELPING ME COPE WITH THE FACT THAT I ACTUALLY LIKE JOHN MAYER.

JOSH- AT SOME POINT, WE HAVE TO GO TO HAPPY HOUR AT BAR NUN. THANKS FOR NEVER CALLING ME OUT ON MY MAKESHIFT BUDGETS EVERY DAY.

TO THE SPORTS STAFF- WINNIE, ERICA, KENYA, (AND JULIANNE FIRST SEMESTER) AND ALL CONTRIBUTORS, I APPRECIATE YOUR WORK SO MUCH AND I'M GLAD I GOT THE CHANCE TO MEET EACH AND EVERY ONE OF

YOU. FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK STACY AND THE ENTIRE COPY STAFF, DERELL AND EVERYONE ON PHOTO STAFF, AMBER, BRITTNEY, BRITTANY, MORGAN, DANI, SHANAE, EVERYONE IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE, VANESSA (I MISS THOSE REMIXES & EXCLUSIVES!), SEAN (HIP-HOP AUTHORITY, FREESTYLER EXTRAORDINAIRE), CIARA, ANGELA (DARIA IS THE S***), TOMI, COURTNEY, JEREMY, ED HILL AND ANYONE I MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN.





Janelle Jolley

~Metro Editor Extraordinaire~

First I would like to start by telling Ayesha and Christina that they should be ashamed of themselves for **BAMBOOZLING ME INTO THIS JOB** (yes bamboozling)! But if I could do it all over again I would, so thank you. I hope I made you two (along with everyone else) proud. My first year on staff at the Hilltop has had its moments, but it has been a wonderful addition to my time at Howard. **AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'M HERE TO STAY**, so watch out H Psi Phi members. Jolley will be returning...prepare yourselves. And thanks to everyone who read the Metro section this year. I hope I gave you all a better glimpse understanding of the area (it's not so bad after all, right? haha).

*Jolley



{Subset}

Thank you all for recognizing the **UNRULY** beast within from day one, this illustrious organization will never be the same, lol. Who knew I would find my twin (LNC), someone with a treacherous g-ma (TLN), a man who brings The Wire to life for me (AH), a rockhead named silqy (TSS), DG, LP, and UN all in one place? lol. I loved the laughs!

{Hilltop}

Uncle Jonesy: Just admit it, **JOHN MAYER ROCKS YOUR SOCKS!** and this year **REALLY IS** our year (Go Skins!)

Denise: We need to go to New Orleans again...and leave the volleyball to the pros, haha.

Philly: I guess they just grow 'em all sassy like this in Seattle. lol watch it Scottie.

Jazzy: **YOU BETTA KEEP US IN LINE!** lol

(3rd Floor Frazier)



I LOVE YOU! no matter how far apart we are...I MISS the good ol days.

{ASB fam}

Who knew thugs could be so darn productive? 88's for life you busters! **DUECES!!**

{Homies}

Chrissy: There's a lot I could say, but I'll keep it simple with, **'THANK YOU!'** Lately you have done more for me than you will ever know, and that's **REAL**. **HTOWNSOUFWESSIDE 4 LYFE!** (you need to get up on Fergie...with a soft 'g' hahaha)

Ash-Bash: Congratulations! I told you you'd be fine.

Through the good and the not so good we're still here my little smokie pit homie, lol. Thanks for all the memories and the ones yet to come! (**SERIOUSLY** debating putting ur PSA on YouTube :-)

FeeFee: I MISS YOU



(and ur perfect grades)!

Jessica: dis yardie dem! lol Dont you get to "know" anyone in my absence, lol.

Courtney: "sigh" I still don't think I have recovered from doing ur hair that time...but the therapy seems to be working, lol. **NEXT YEAR IS A DEFINATE GO, NO EXCUSES!** I'll be there to cheer you on, love you. ...and last but certainly not least...

Stephanopolous: I **DONT EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN!**...who would've thunk it? I think that sums it all up. It's been a wild ride, but it looks like Walker Humphrey held it together and will make it afterall, lol. I can't wait to see how rich he makes us!

To everyone else I didn't mention by name, I LOVE YOU AND YOU KNOW I'M STILL DOWN!



As long as we are persistent in our pursuit of our deepest destiny, we will continue to grow. We cannot choose the day or time when we will fully bloom. It happens in it's own time.

-Denís Waitley

Thank you to all my family and friends; you know who you are, for truly believing in me and loving me for who I am. I want to wish all my fellow Bison a safe and fun summer and best wishes to all the graduates. God Bless.

-Danielle Kwateng aka Dani K.





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I think.
I write.



Mercia Williams-Murray



Well, it's been quite an experience. Most importantly, I learned a lot about my field of study in terms of useful and necessary writing and reporting techniques. I was able to cover a lot of interesting events, write about fun topics and learn a lot about the Mecca. Meeting a few notable figures and celebrities was a great perk, too and nothing quite compares to the allies and connections I've made along the way.

So with all of the things I've gained, I have to thank God because if it weren't for Him blessing me with what I have and with what I can do, this year wouldn't have been possible. I would have never made it if it weren't for the support of my family and friends, rooting me on and easing some of my tension when I got stressed out.

So for the sake of brevity thanks Mom for reading my stories online ALL the time, Grandma for telling me to stay focused, Grandpa, my uncles Ricky and Ronny, my aunt Donna, Charisse and Michele, Bernard and Dad. It's great having people at home who care about what you're doing at school.

Being at Howard, I have a whole 'nother family so thanks Jenise for listening, Hakeem for trying to be patient and understand, Tiffany for your sensibility, Nino and Broadway for making

me laugh so much, Carmen for being you and Rhonda for being so sweet. I love you guys. Y'all know how things were for me at times and I wouldn't have got through it w/o y'all.

And what would this be w/o me mentioning my campus section? Drew thanks for always pushing me and tweaking my writing to near perfection. Brittany thanks for being flexible and understanding. Shanae thanks for just being a total sweetheart. Eboni, Charlotte and Vanessa, thanks for making us look good. Traver, you're not only a great writer but also a great person. Christina thanks for giving me structure. Ayesha thanks for solving all my issues and always answering your phone.

In closing, I look forward to doing it again next year. It's been great and it can only get better.

Peace and Blessings

-Mercia Williams-Murray
Hilltop staff writer



Eboni Farmer

Before I was even accepted into Howard I knew that I wanted to become a Hilltop staff writer by the end of my freshman year. It happened at the beginning and I am both happy and proud to say my freshman year was spent as Hilltopper. From covering Homecoming events to tracking down professors

and administrators who refuse to talk I am beginning to perfect my craft. They say campus section staff writers are the first to drop, I admit there were times when I became frustrated and I would quit, at least in my mind. At the end of the day I know without The Hilltop I really have no life. To Ayesha, Drew, Shanae, Christina and Brittany, thank you for being the first, best and most understanding editors I will ever have. I hope that next year will be as great if not greater than this year.



Charlotte Young

I made it through my first year at the Hilltop and it definitely had its ups and downs but overall was a great experience. Brittany and Danielle we all started together and we finished it together I'm glad the Hilltop brought us closer! Vanessa, my wonderful roommate, thanks for being a second opinion for my stories I really appreciate it. Thanks to all my friends who helped me in any way that they could in getting my stories done, and thanks to everybody who understood when I was stressed out. I appreciate Prof. Dixon for helping me to begin to have a better understanding of journalism and writing. I love the Hilltop I always will and I thank all the Hilltop staff for allowing me to be a part of the family!



Denise Horn

I decided to first join The Hilltop to gain experience and season my writing skills. I had no clue what was in store for me. Despite the 2 a.m. shifts, frustrations, and the moments I was at the brink of quitting, I love so much about the Hilltop. We are a small staff of 32 that has the responsibility of producing a newspaper with a daily circulation of 7,000 I believe we do the best we can.

Sometimes I am discouraged how easy it is for anything to be labeled as "journalism" in today's money-driven media industry. But at the same time my worries inch a way because I believe each Hilltopper has the ability to be a promising professional of tomorrow who changes the face and the content of journalism. I do not want to individually acknowledge anyone for fear of forgetting to list a few names (also due to the little amount of space) so THANKS! I will never forget the office memories and I hope to build more when I return in from Paris next spring but until then congratulations to all and Au Revoir!



RaShawn Mitchner

I've learned a lot about journalism this year, and working at The Hilltop has certainly played a big role in that. I appreciate the opportunity to work with all you great people, especially my fellow copy editors. Reading the more, uh, interesting submissions to The Hilltop and having to walk back to the Annex at two and three in the morning have certainly been new experiences. Sophomore year brought a lot of great memories (including the adventures of Remix and Sweetback), and I look forward to a great junior year here at HU.

I want to thank all my family and friends for their continued support – I love you guys! Duce, even though I complain sometimes and as corny as this may sound, you're a great big brother. Tia, thank you for listening to all my ramblings and treating me as your equal and not your little cousin. Lil Rodney and Ryan, y'all have got to be a couple of the most ill-behaved kids I know (sorry Duce!) but words cannot express how much you mean to me. Until next year...



PHILLIP LUCAS

COPY EDITOR



It has only been a semester for me—but it felt like so much longer...in a good way of course. I won't soon forget racing up Georgia Avenue at 2 a.m. hoping not to get robbed or shot at, fresh from my late shift at the paper. Nothing can make you miss your room in Drew Hall more than being in the newspaper office-at 2 a.m. I appreciate the opportunities as well as the challenges that have been presented to me during my short time as a Hilltop copy editor, staff writer and all purpose staff member. My job has been a truly humbling experience for me

because when the job is done right, no one can tell. However, when the job is done wrong, everyone can see it, criticize and clown. Whatever you call it, it is motivation to me. At The Hilltop, I have grown as a student and as a wannabe journalist. I hope to continue my progress next year. I also hope that I never have to walk from the West Towers to Meridian at 2 a.m. But I guess we'll see about that next year right?

And to anyone with complaints about The Hilltop, I have only this to say- thank you for not only reading the paper, but also taking the time to think about what you were reading. Thank you and see you next year!

- Phillip "Scottie" Lucas, Class of 2010



Behind the Brilliance...

A Copy Editor Speaks...

Simone Pringle



Hey everyone! This year's been crazy & I have several people to thank for helping me survive...

To GOD, my amazing Savior. For every breath I take, for every move I make, THANK YOU!

To my loving family 6 hours away who I love with my whole heart; my beautiful Ma & wonderful Daddy: it's because of you I'm at Howard. Thank you! To my sisters: my mentor (Tara) and my quiet sidekick (Olivia). I love you two more than life itself. Thanks for being my "bookends" & supporting me through

everything.

To my best friend & cousin Ciara. Girls for life! I love you Cookie!

To my Cleveland girls: Isabella, Meganne, Nyla & Sheronda. You've been a port in the storm, a light in darkness & a Kleenex during crying



season. I love you girls!

My HU girls: Calyce, Sasha, Tinia & Yetunde; you've made being 6 hours away so much easier. Thanks



for your friendship & laughs. I never would've gotten through this year without you. Never forget how we met: The Q-U-A-D, AW YEAH!!

To Southside, who never once complained...you make me

☺ To the staff of the ONLY HBCU daily in the country, especially Copy Desk: You welcomed an innocent freshman to the club & showed her the ropes. Daily till we die!

If I've missed anyone, my mind, not my heart forgot you.

Peace, Love & Humor, Simone

After my first year on The Hilltop, I can honestly say it truly does take over your life. But I loved every minute of it and the folks that kept me coming back night after night.



Shout Outs:
Madiha & Rae
The good times will continue...
Alexis
Finally, a whole year and no floods
Charlotte & Vanessa R.
The "youngins" are growin' up
Jesmond
XOXO--Can't wait for the summer

For copy editors, defending the pages of our newspps. against unfairness, confusion and abuse of the English language can be all-out war. And they trade in w stories — and advice — on the Websites. Some times there are casualties. I killed someone off.



But a special thanks goes out to my fellow
COPY EDITORS

--Stacy, Phillip, Rashawn, Denise and Simone--
You guys made editing 'til the wee hours of the night as fun as editing 'til the wee hours of the night could be!!

-Jasmin Melvin

Erica Robinson

It has been a great experience working for such a prestigious periodical as *The Hilltop*. I give all the graduating seniors from *The Hilltop* my best wishes. To Ayesha Rascoe, even though I just met you this year, you have been a great inspiration to me. The way you have led the paper this year is amazing and you have touched all of us. I know all the seniors will do great things. Thanks to my editors Elliott Jones and Caryn Grant for all of their support and guidance throughout this 2006-2007 year. You have contributed to making my freshman year outstanding. I want to give a shout out to the whole Class of 2010 and most importantly, I want to thank God for bringing me this far. Thanks to all my friends and family who have read and supported *The Hilltop*. Shout out to my roommate Erica Davis. E squared for life! Shout out to the ladies of the QUAD! Finally, a shout out to my R.A. Kenya Downs and to the ladies of the Baldwin Penthouse.



Winnie Clark-Jenkins



This has been a great year. I finally came to realize that these are the days I will cherish forever. To my Howard family, I love you and I thank you for the memories we have shared, for most of us another year to create new memories, the good and the bad... the crazy UTC parties, out Hampton road trip, the entire month of October, the V-Factor, rushing home to finish a Hilltop story, New Orleans, spring break Miami a.k.a. "The Real World", the list goes on. Thanks to all my friends for making this my best year at HU yet. See y'all next year!

Shout out to Kyle, Marietta love! Mizz Ray, Princess TNJ, Yan the don, Cam, Kris, Tif, Joseph, Squiz, The V-Factor, HowHood, Papa Pella, Tora, Huk, Courtney, all my ad majors, The girls on V street, The boys on Elm, actually all of LeDroit Park, The Swim Team, it was fun. The entire Hilltop staff, HU Circle K, ATL stand up!

First, I want to begin by thanking my God for being my provider and strength through so many things!! Boy, He has done GREAT things for me! I am not worthy.

To mama and father: thanks for all the late night encouragement, wisdom, overload of love, support, understanding, and honesty. I won't let you down!!!

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MONROE, LOUISIANA: I will continue to hold the integrity, humility and drive that you have instilled in me.

To the ladies of 2-dub and my wonderful friends, I tell y'all and guess what?! I'm gonna say it again. I LOVE Y'ALL!!! thanks

for being such great companions!

To Howard U cheerleading team, as well as Crystal & Spencer,

I had a splendid time getting to know all of you and I'm looking forward to working with y'all in the future & oh yea and sorry Spence but I will continue to tell my redundant stories!! I LOVE to Love y'all!!

To the AMAZING Hilltop Staff-Thanks for showing me the value in doing things that no one else wanted to take on. I look forward to working with you hard working people in the future.

Frank J. DeTiege Sr., I miss you much, but I see you and someday I will find in me all that you embodied.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, and to those who are called according to His purpose. -Romans 8:28



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