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Friday Notebook

BREAKING NEWS

THE LAST MEMBER OF THE JENA "6", MYCHAL BELL, WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL YESTERDAY. D.A. REED WALTERS WON'T BRING IT TO THE STATE SUPREME COURT, ACCORDING TO CNN.

CAMPUS

BISON WATCH, DORM COUNCILS AND LOBBY MONITORS ARE IN PLACE FOR RESIDENCE HALL VISITATION TO BEGIN MONDAY AT NOON.

LIFE & STYLE

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Senator Obama Makes Convocation A Hot Ticket

BY SHIVONNE FOSTER
Staff Writer

Senator Barack Obama's highly anticipated arrival as speaker for the 140th Opening Convocation today, in which a massive turnout is expected, has left many members of the Howard community unable to attend the event due to the limited amount of available seating in Cramton Auditorium.

All tickets, which are required to attend Convocation, have been distributed, according to a university memorandum. Howard freshmen were given first priority in the free ticket distribution. Extra tickets were then made available to upperclassmen, faculty, staff and special guests of the university, according to the memo.

"To make it fair for students, we did a random selection using our class roster," said Audrey Byrd, Ph.D., who teaches the School of Communications orientation class. "If somebody knew immediately that they couldn't go, we drew students from our waiting list to receive a ticket."

Tickets were allotted to schools and colleges based

on which of those schools and colleges are consistently represented well at Convocation. Faculty received tickets based on the number of faculty in each school and college and tickets were distributed by their specific deans based on who regularly attends and "discretionary judgment."

Some tickets were distributed within specific schools and colleges using random selection.

In case a student does not show up, Byrd will distribute tickets as the selected students arrive at Cramton. A student on the waiting list can take a no-show's spot.

"Anytime there's a big name at Howard, students are more interested," said Hannibal Diez, a senior film production major. "When I heard Barack was coming, I expected it to be a big draw to everyone." Diez received a ticket through random selection from the Anenberg Honors Program.

Many students are unusually eager to attend Convocation, which may be attributed to Obama's prominence.

"You have to wonder why students are so upset about not being able to get tick-

ets when they are invited every year and don't always come," Byrd said. "What's unfair? Is it just because Obama is coming or is it because this is your school?"

Many students who were not given the opportunity to get tickets or didn't know that tickets were being distributed until it was too late questioned why they couldn't attend the event.

"Convocation is something students should have the opportunity to see," said Ké-Saundra Bryant, a freshman biology major who did not receive a ticket. "It is historic to see the only black candidate running for president. Most students didn't even know about the tickets, or [that they] were made available to them."

Bryant said that to accommodate more students and faculty, Opening Convocation could possibly be held on The Yard, but acknowledged that this may cause "security issues."

University special guests will be in attendance, but some students believe that all priority should be given to the university and its students.

"I would like to see



Peiessa Eubanks - Atlanta Journal-Constitution (A&C)

Tickets are in short supply for Opening Convocation thanks to this year's speaker, Senator Barack Obama.

Convocation open to the university first," said Tiah Clarke, a junior psychology major who plans to view Convocation from the comfort of her dorm room. "As a student, I should have first

dibs on anything on campus, not just Convocation, because it affects me first."

Students who are unable to view the ceremony in Cramton can watch convoca-

tion in the Ira Aldridge Theater, School of Business, Burr Gymnasium and College of Dentistry. The event will also be broadcast live by WHUT-TV and WHUR-FM 96.3.



Oscar Merida - Photo Editor

Candidates, like Duncan Hunter were in attendance although the front runners opted out.

Morgan Hosts Republican Forum

BY ALEESA MANN & JADA SMITH
Hilltop Staff

Hundreds crowded into an auditorium at Morgan State University last night to watch Republican presidential candidates address issues concerning minorities in the second edition of the Tavis Smiley "All American Presidential Forum."

The candidates who participated in the forum, the first time an all-minority panel posed questions to Republican presidential candidates,

were Mike Huckabee, Ron Paul, Tom Tancredo, Duncan Hunter, Sam Brownback and an unexpected candidate, Alan Keyes. Both the panelists and candidates jokingly attacked Rudolph Giuliani, Mitt Romney, John McCain and Fred Thompson for not attending.

Perhaps the most radical candidate of the night was Keyes, a black candidate now running in his third presidential election. He gave extremely passionate and loud answers to each

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Candlelight Vigil Calls for Justice

BY KRISTEN PRICE
Contributing Writer

"We want justice! We hate the police!" they shouted, not at a concert, but at a candlelight vigil for DeOnté Rawlings, a 14-year-old boy who was shot and died in Southeast Washington, D.C. last week. The scene was filled with young faces and angry snarls remembering the teenager, but growing farther and farther away from the police.

According to reports, Rawlings was shot in the head by off-duty officers James Haskel and Anthony Clay after Haskel believed the teenager was riding a minibike stolen from his home. While out looking for the bike, the two men chased Rawlings and fired at him after hearing gun shots.

Antonia Smith, Rawlings' cousin, said she saw him about a week before he died. Smith, 21, said the Metropolitan Police Department is treating Rawlings' murder like "just another case."

"The media is trying to make DeOnté seem like he didn't have any body that cared for him," Smith said. Rawlings was involved in his school band, but Smith said that the majority of children in Southeast do not have enough after-school programs to keep them out of trouble after recreational centers are closed.

"There's not much for kids to do except sit around here on the cor-



Photo Courtesy of Carl Pigford

DeOnté Rawlings, shot by Metro Police, was remembered at a candlelight vigil Thursday.

ner and do nothing," Smith said outside her home in Southeast just before the vigil.

About 200 people attended the vigil, mostly wearing white shirts with different messages for Rawlings. Some read, "RIP DeOnté a.k.a. Lil' Lip," while others read, "The Police Did It." As the flames from the candles began to die out, the sobs and yelling grew louder.

One woman in the crowd shouted, "Why did [the police] kill

him? I hate them!"

Soon after, Rawlings' father Charles Rawlings yelled into the gathered crowd, "We love our children, no matter what they're going through. DeOnté, I'm not giving up on you."

Washington, D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty and former Mayor Marion Barry stood in the midst of the angry crowd attempting to give them the answers they demanded.

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First Annual International Hip-Hop Conference Starts Today

BY MONICA JONES
Staff Writer

The International Association for Hip-Hop Education (IAHHE) will hold an international conference today to discuss various issues pertaining to hip-hop culture and education.

Dedicated to promoting

the growth of hip-hop culture, the IAHHE will host its International 2007 Conference at the National Music Center-Historic Carnegie Library located in Northwest Washington, D.C.

Following the conference's theme, "Rebuilding Hip-Hop Culture Brick by Brick: Starting With Our Youth," Dr.

William Smith, a hip-hop scholar and performing arts professor at American University, has watched the dynamics of hip-hop change and believes the conference has come at a pivotal time.

"It [hip-hop] has been taken over by companies and individuals who don't have a

love for the music, the culture or the people," Smith said. "These companies are using hip-hop to buy, sell and trade our youth and the culture of a people. Much of what is seen in the media, talked about on campuses and expressed in many communities is a negative vision of hip-hop culture."

The IAHHE is an organization designed specifically to assure the continued worldwide growth and development of hip-hop and hip-hop education. The organization initiates programs that promote understanding and appreciation of hip-hop and its heritage.

The conference will bring

together educators, authors, journalists, students and lovers of hip-hop culture for a full day of panels, workshops and screenings related to hip-hop culture.

Workshops and panels will begin at 9 a.m. and will last until noon, when a lunch recep-

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End in Sight for Lonely Residents

BY MORGAN THOMAS & TRAVER RIGGINS
Hilltop Staff

For students who have been anxiously anticipating the start of residence hall visitation, the wait will be over Monday at noon.

"We're pretty much on schedule with when visitation begins every other year," said Charles Gibbs, Dean of Residence Life.

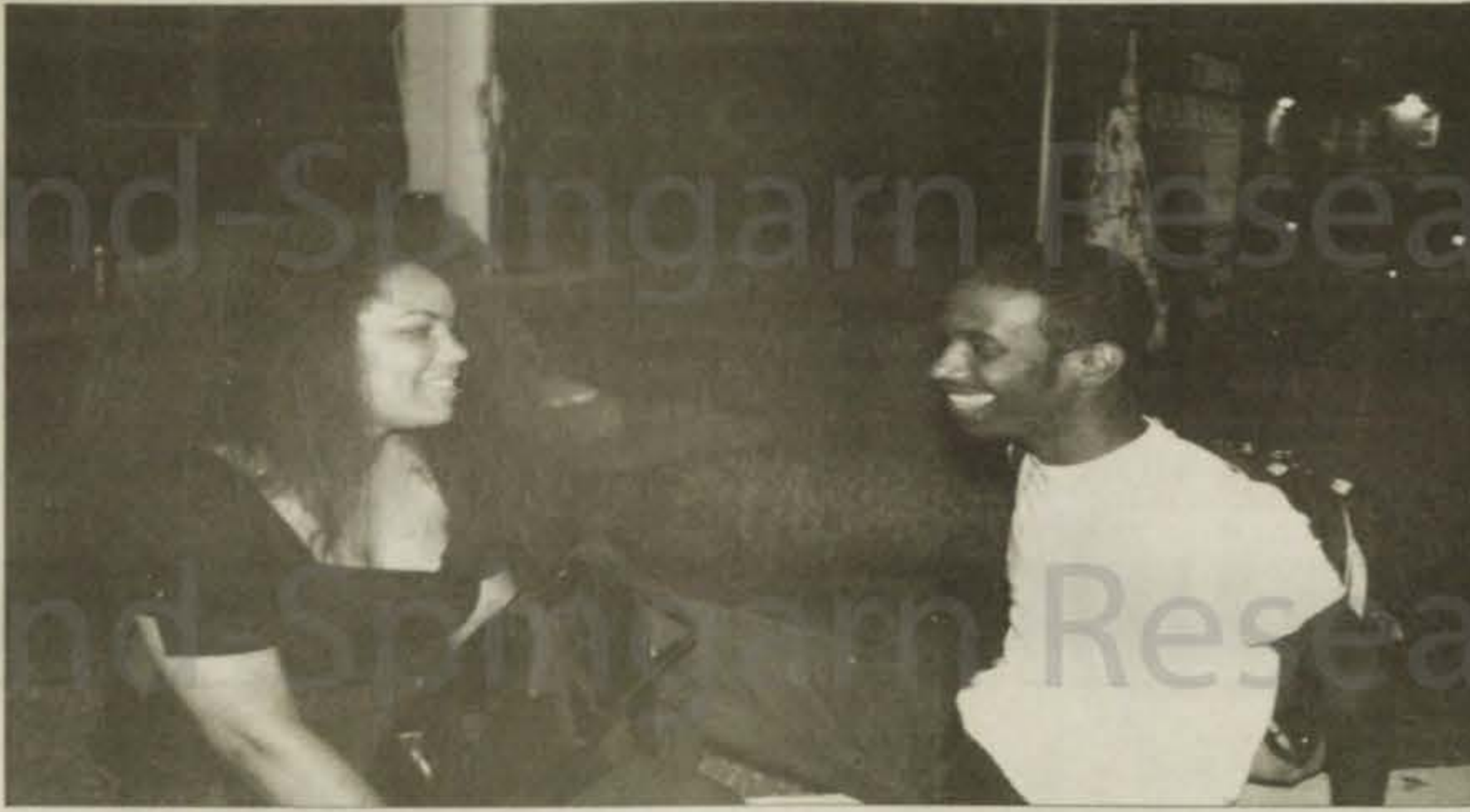
Thursday night, Dorm Council representatives were officially ushered in to the ResLife circle at the Dean's President Council Inauguration. Having a dorm council in place is one element of a mandatory checklist for visitation to begin.

One reason the dorm council has to be in place is so the dorm judiciary board is set up to process any in-house violations residents may incur.

Other elements are Bison Watch, a dorm safety program, and having a fleet of lobby monitors to check visitors into residence halls.

While Gibbs said visitation is beginning around the normal scheduled time of the year, some students believe they've traveled too far into the school year without the privilege.

"It's upsetting because I was looking forward to having visitation earlier than October," said Alix Martin, a freshman electrical engineering major. "The visitation rules at my own home aren't as strict as they are here at school, so as a freshman, coming to col-



Freshmen Lauren Brazile and Christopher Lamotte talk outside the Quad at night while they wait for visitation to begin.

lege and not being able to have friends over is disappointing."

But Residence Life has its reasons for not instating visitation as soon as the residence halls open.

"We like the students to get acclimated to their classes before starting the social atmosphere," said Marc Lee, Assistant Dean of Residence Life.

He said the wait gives students time to become familiar with their schedules, classes and workloads.

Study groups, however, have had to find places other than the dorm

study rooms to cram for tests and practice group presentations. India Howard, a freshman radio-TV-film major, said she and her friends have to lug their computers and books to the library to study.

"It's an inconvenience for studying purposes. After the library closed, I have been forced to study in a car with a friend," said Hayley Mason, a sophomore print journalism major who lives in the Annex.

Students have found innovative ways to study and hang out without

residence hall visitation.

"I live in the Annex, so people stay in the courtyard all night as their own form of visitation," Mason said. "It gets very loud because most windows face the Annex courtyard."

"We meet at the café, on the yard, outside of Blackburn and McDonalds," Howard said. "It's inconvenient because in order to see my friends, I have to get dressed and stand outside. I'd much rather be able to relax in my pajamas and have my friends come over and chill in the room."

ON THE SPOT!

What do you think about Barack Obama speaking at Convocation?



Barack Obama embracing the Howard University community and speaking at Convocation is a great movement for his campaign.

-Jocelyn Smith-Joseph, Graduate Student, School of Social Work

I think Obama is overrated. I think he's just being promoted because he's African American, not because of his political views.

-Tammie Sommons Junior, Sociology and Public Relations



It will probably get the school and the campus a lot of publicity. People where I'm from [Cleveland] don't really know where Howard is.

-Mike Russell, Junior, Sports Management



It's really extraordinary because he was already here [this summer]. It's good that he's coming back to the Mecca and gaining the support that he needs.

-Ayo Akinola, Junior, Political Science

Students Weigh in on Parental Dependency

BY LAUREN GASPARD
Contributing Writer

For many new students at The Capstone, this fall marks their first journey away from home and from their parents. There are no more rides to school, no field trips and most of all, no more asking for permission to do just about any and everything.

"I did not have too hard of a time adjusting. Luckily, I have an older sister that attends Howard," said freshman interior design major Courtney Robinson.

Robinson said, "When I arrived people welcomed me with open arms and have continued to help me with whatever it is that I need."

Many students share that same situation. Some have siblings who attend Howard, and some have relatives who reside in the Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia metropolitan area.

"My grandmother stays minutes away from campus," said Robin Smith, a sophomore biology major. "Whenever I need some time to myself, I know I can always go over there. I can honestly say that I am privileged to have that luxury."

There are other students who have no siblings, no family and are paying for school out of their own finances. Teni-Ola Ogunjobi, a communications major, is one of those students.

"I worked all last year and am currently working now. I don't have no



Some students struggle to make it through school on their own while others struggle to find their independence and personal responsibility as their parents support them.

family and no siblings here in D.C., nor do they attend Howard," Ogunjobi said. "Basically, I am on my own. Any type of money or assistance that I need comes from me."

Ogunjobi thinks struggling through financial dependency is a reason why students may drop out or perform poorly in school.

"It is really easy to just call your parents and ask them to put money in your account when that is what you are accustomed to doing. I have been working since I was 15 years old, and have not stopped since," Ogunjobi said. "It was instilled in me to provide for myself as an adult."

Many students, freshmen in

particular, begin to realize just how worrisome adult life can be. Sometimes it becomes so stressful to the point where students decide to return to their comfort zones. However, others stick it out until graduation.

"I will say that in the beginning I was very dependent on my parents," said Brandi Womack, a 2007 alum.

"I called them nonstop worried, anxious and nervous about my next move. During my junior year, I got a car, which brought even more worries since I was not paying my car note," Womack said.

Some believe that not only students, but also parents are responsible for making sure college students can

be independent.

"If the parent allows the child to be dependent on them through their collegiate career, then they will do so once it's over, too," said Nicole Taylor, Ph.D., an English professor.

According to Taylor, adult training should start at home so when students arrive at school, they are prepared.

"I had to be in close contact with my parents because I did not have the money or the responsibility to maintain a vehicle just yet. As the year progressed, I became more responsible and more trustworthy which put my parents at ease," Taylor said.

She said she also became involved with campus organizations and events and got a job, which taught her to be more organized and dependable.

"This kept me grounded throughout my college career and really helped me venture into adulthood early, which in essence is what Howard is all about," Taylor said.

Womack now lives in New York City, working for a marketing firm that she had gotten a job with right after graduation.

"I am so happy that I struggled and learned valuable life lessons while in college, because now I can apply them toward my life in corporate America," she said.

Fenty Proclaims Delta Week Official

BY ANNIE WHITE
Editorial Assistant

As Delta Week concludes, the ladies of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (DST), Incorporated can celebrate a job well done. Mayor of the District of Columbia, Adrian Fenty has made DST the first sorority to receive a proclamation recognizing Delta Week as a week devoted to public service and awareness in Washington, D.C.

Shatara Hooks, a senior marketing major from Philadelphia, served as the chair of Delta Week this year. She said of obtaining the proclamation, "We went to the mayor and told him who we are and what Delta Week is about. Mayor Fenty was already knowledgeable about the chapter and what we do in the community, so getting the proclamation wasn't a long drawn out process."

She continued, "This year's theme is 'The Paradigm Exemplifying Greatness to Stimulate Culture Change.'"

During this five-day program, DST reinforced their five-point program which includes economic development, educational development,



September 23-28 was official Delta week not only at Howard, but also in the District.

international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health and political awareness and involvement.

"We discussed issues that we need to work in the African-American community. What is halting us as a culture, what is wrong and what we need to do to change it," Hooks said.

Additionally, multiple guest speakers were brought in. The speak-

ers included "lawyers, doctors and all types of professionals," Hooks said.

"We feel honored and appreciated," she said. "We have been doing work in the Howard and D.C. community since 1913 and it feels good to have our work recognized. We will keep doing what we do, and continue to raise it to even higher standards."

Hilltop Briefs

• Poet Sonia Sanchez will be in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel today at 3 p.m. to read to the Politics of Black Autobiography class of professor Jamie Walker Ph.D. Sanchez will read from her fourth poetry collection, "A Blues Book for Blue Black Magical Women." Priority seating is allotted to Walker's class, but other students and faculty are invited to attend where space permits.

• The Career Services Office is hosting Career Exploration Week next week. On Monday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. there will be a career fair on the Yard with on-site exploration, free food and giveaways. Another fair with both career and graduate and professional schools will be held on Wednesday and Thursday in Blackburn. Registration information can be found at www.howard.edu/careerservices/cew_fall2007.htm.

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10:00AM - 12:30 PM	Rep. Bennie G. Thompson	2008 and Beyond: A Political Agenda for Emerging Leaders	201
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Rep. Aimee Hastings	Expanding Health Care to All in Need: Potential of Community Health Centers Program	145-A
1:00 PM - 2:50 PM	Rep. Diane E. Watson	African American Entrepreneurship in South Africa: The Challenges, Successes and the Future	207-B
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Rep. Kendrick Meek	Stolen Childhood: How Youth Violence Destroys Lives and Fractures Communities	145-B
1:00 PM - 2:50 PM	Edolphus Towns	Health Information Technology and Reducing Health Disparities	140-A
1:00 PM - 2:50 PM	Rep. Maxine Waters	Mandatory Minimum Sentencing	140-B
1:00 PM - 4:50 PM	Rep. David Scott	Educating Our Children: Developing the Foundation for Global Competitiveness	143-C
1:00 PM - 2:50 PM	Rep. Elijah E. Cummings	Transportation's Role in: Emerging Response and Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations	144-A
1:00 PM - 2:50 PM	Rep. John Lewis	War & Peace: Examining the Culture of Violence Through a Non-violent Lens	144-BC
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee	The Large Age of Hip Hop: A Way of Art?	206
2:00 PM - 3:50 PM	Rep. Bobby Rush	Telecom Braintrust	143-A
2:00 PM - 4:50 PM	Rep. Donna M. Christensen	Bringing Business, State, and Union Leadership into the Health Disparity Elimination Partnership	201
2:00 PM - 3:50 PM	Rep. John Conyers, Jr.	Fixing Our Broken Health Care System: Why We Need "Health Care for All" Now	209-A
2:00 PM - 3:50 PM	Rep. Denny Davis	Expanding Healthcare Access to All in Need: Community Health Centers Program	207-A
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Rep. Albert Wynn	Minority Business Procurement: Improving, Expanding and Utilizing Opportunities for Contracting with the Federal Government	145-B
3:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Rep. Gregory Meeks	Wall Street in the Black	147-B
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Rep. Barbara Lee	The Faith Community: Leadership and Challenges in Combating HIV/AIDS	208-B
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson	Auto Safety: Brain Trust Room	145-A
4:00 PM - 5:50 PM	Rep. Yvette Clarke	Homeland Security, Terrorism and the Caribbean	143-B
4:00 PM - 5:50 PM	Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton	Is Unisex or Unisex Backs Find Freedom from Sex-Discriminated Stereotypes?	144-BC
4:00 PM - 5:50 PM	Rep. Corrine Brown	Underground Railroad Room	140-A
4:00 PM - 5:50 PM	Rep. Bennie G. Thompson	Contracting w/Dept. of Homeland Security	140-B
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones	African American Athletics	202-A
4:30 PM - 6:35 PM	Rep. Al Green	Equal Pay for Equal Work	143-A

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 AM - 12:50 PM	Rep. Sanford Bishop Rep. Corrine Brown	Veteran's Affairs Braintrust	140-A
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Rep. D. Davis Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee	You Touch The Future	145-A
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8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Rep. Robert C. Scott	The Federal Budget: Tough Choices Ahead	143-B
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8:00 AM - 4:50 PM	Rep. Donald Payne	Foreign Affairs on Africa Braintrust	207-B
8:00 AM - 11:50 AM	Rep. Charles B. Rangel	The Iraq War: Costs, Lessons, and the Future	144-BC
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8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Emerging Leaders Empowerment Series: Rep. Kendrick/Rep. K. Meek	What's At Stake in 2008? - A Dialogue with Senator Hillary Clinton	Ballroom C
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10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Rep. Janice E. Clyburn	Environmental Justice Braintrust: Federal Efforts Through Enforcement of Civil Rights	143-B
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Rep. William Jefferson Rep. G. K. Butterfield	Recovery By Whom, For Whom From Poverty in Rural America-Ending the Destructive Cycle	143-A
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Rep. Artur Davis	Breaking the Glass Ceiling: The Future of Black Politics	209-B
10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Rep. Maxine Waters	Optimizing Opportunities for Minority Women Investment Businesses in the Government Financial Services Industry	145-B
11:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Emerging Leaders Empowerment Series: DC Writers Corps, Karib Brook, Seyi, L. Ludi, ULI	Getting Back Boys to Read: ALC Book Pavilion A Community Call to Action!	ALC Book Pavilion
11:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Sen. Barack Obama	Climate Change: Are We Ready?	147-AB
11:30 PM - 2:50 PM	Rep. Diane E. Watson	"Not Just Hollywood Actors... But Social Activists Too!"	145-B
11:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Rep. Maxine Waters	Young, Gifted and Black	201
11:30 PM - 4:50 PM	Rep. Elijah E. Cummings	Terrorism at Home: Breaking Gangs' Grip on Black Communities	202-A
11:30 PM - 4:50 PM	Rep. Gregory Meeks	Franchise & Finance - How to Choose and Fund	143-C
2:00 PM - 3:50 PM	Emerging Leaders Empowerment Series: Soc'y for Human Res. Mgt.	Being Black: Emerging Perspectives for Emerging Leaders	206
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2:00 PM - 4:50 PM	Rep. Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	In It to Win It: Winning Campaign Strategies	144-BC
2:00 PM - 3:50 PM	Rep. Melvin Watt	Voting Braintrust - Issues Beyond Voting Rights Act Extensions	140-B
2:00 PM - 3:50 PM	Rep. Chaka Fattah	Support Our Children: From Poverty to Prosperity	143-A
2:00 PM - 3:50 PM	Rep. Donald Payne	"We Don't Do February": The Integration of African American History into the K-12 Social Studies Curriculum - Practice and Progress	209-B
2:00 PM 4:50 PM	Rep. Bobby Rush	Black Love v. Love: The Skin Color Imagery and the Color Complex in the 21st C.	140-A

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Emerging Leaders Empowerment Series: Wal-Mart	Unleash our Power to Effect Positive Change: A Strategic Leadership Training - Breakout discussions: The Bayou and Black America, Critical Updates on Jane E and Hurricane Katrina, 2008 and Beyond	144-BC
10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Rep. Danny Davis	Ex-Offender's - Re-Entry: Is There Home After Prison?	209-A
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Rep. Hank Johnson	Making Education a Priority Again Among Black Males	143-A
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Rep. Gwen Moore	The Class War in Black America	140-A
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Rep. Keith Ellison	Save the Goose: Promoting Prosperity for Working Families	140-B

Emerging Leaders Empowerment Series: For students and young professionals. See ALC website for more information on panel topics and speakers: www.alc2007.com

BUS SCHEDULE

- Departures from Rankin Chapel to Convention Center (L Street) every hour ON THE HALF HOUR
- Returns from the Convention Center (L Street) to Rankin Chapel every hour ON THE HOUR

- Thursday, Sept. 27 9:00 am-9:30 pm
- Friday, Sept. 28 8:00 am-6:30 pm
- Saturday, Sept. 29 10:00 am-3:30 pm

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Marcus Bird - Cartoonist

Death Of Teenage Suspect Leaves Sour Note In Southeast

On Monday, Sept. 17, off duty and out of uniform police officers James Haskel and Anthony Clay roamed the streets of Southeast Washington, D.C. in search of a stolen mini-bike taken from Haskel's garage.

The two officers, riding in an unmarked and unaffiliated vehicle, saw a teenage boy riding a bike believed to be the same one stolen from the garage and attempted to confront him.

The officers said that, upon calling out to the boy and before even identifying themselves as police, the boy fired at them hitting the car about a foot beneath the driver's side window.

After firing back, the officers then pursued the young man on foot and ended up shooting him in the head. Fourteen-year-old DeOnté Rawlings, the suspect, was shot dead.

With both officers and the slain youth being black, a racial divide is not what Rawlings' family and Southeast residents are up in arms about. The incident occurred on Sept. 17, but the bike was not recovered until Sept. 20.

The gun he allegedly shot officers with still has yet to be recovered and some still wonder if it was Rawlings who shot at the officers, or if someone else began shooting in the area of Atlantic Avenue where guns are plentiful.

With many questions remaining unanswered, Haskel and Clay have been placed on paid administrative leave pending an

FBI probe of the case.

Many have been left wondering why off duty officers used police-issued weapons to kill a suspect and were not even riding in a police vehicle.

It almost looks like the officers took part in vigilante justice without really considering what they would do if they found the bike, or the person that stole it.

How often is it that some-

with the situation. There is no clear answer to every question, even the basic one concerning the whereabouts of the gun Rawlings was accused of having.

The question regarding the gun may never be answered because the sole suspect was killed in pursuit.

Off duty police officers are occasionally the unexpected heroes in the face of unforeseen danger.

However, a 14-year-old boy was killed by a police officer attempting to retrieve his own stolen property in an area that already has a strained relationship with police officers and issues with gun violence.

The officers who took actions into their own hands while off duty - and out of uniform - should not be punished any less severely than a civilian.

There is no hero in this story.

Instead, it is just more of the same sad situation facing residents of Southeast D.C. and urban communities nationwide.

While the officer on paid leave may feel vindicated in the FBI having found his minibike, Rawlings, the youngest of 16 children, will be buried tomorrow morning.

Hopefully that puts the situation in perspective for the officers who went above and beyond to protect and serve their own interests.

Our View:
Police officers cannot be excused for lethal and off duty misjudgment.

one in Washington, D.C. - specifically in the Southeastern quadrant - is confronted by two individuals in an SUV at night and does not respond with some form of hostile action?

How feasible is it that police officers are even allowed to investigate crimes committed against themselves and pursue suspects when the crime is personal?

Additionally, the officers said they chased Rawlings after he was said to have fired the first shot. If officers were chasing him, couldn't shooting him in the lower extremities or the back rather than in the head been used as an alternative course of action?

So many things are wrong

Perspective

Reflections of Columbia University Dialogue

There are two instances (or hadith) related by Abu Hurairah (may G-d be pleased with him) that had me thinking about Ramadhan a little more deeply. One of them is: It was narrated by Abu Hurairah (MGBPWH) that Muhammad (SAWS) said, "During the month of Ramadhan, the gates of the heavens are open."

The other is: It was narrated by Abu Hurairah (MGBPWH) that Muhammad (SAWS) said, "During the month of Ramadhan, the gates of paradise are open, the gates of hell are closed, and further the devils are chained."

Notice that the first hadith mentions the heavens, and the second hadith mentions paradise. Unfortunately, amongst the masses, there is the widespread misconception that the heavens and paradise are one and the same, when Muslims are taught that this is not the case. When I first read these hadith, I considered that Abu Hurairah (MGBPWH) may

have been mistaken when he said that the gates of heaven are open, but after further consideration I have come to realize that this could very well be true, for G-d says in the Qur'an (78:19):

"And the heavens shall be opened as if they were doors."

I cannot say that I was not surprised that President Ahmadinejad was invited to Columbia University on Sept. 24 to converse with the president of the university in an open forum before the students there. After all, does the media not compare him to Hitler? Is he not the alleged next big enemy of the United States after Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein? Was New York not most deeply affected by the 9/11 attacks of 2001, and what about the large number of Jews who reside in New York?

Then I realized what month this is. This is the month of Ramadhan. This is the month where the demons are chained. This is the month where some-

thing like this is very possible. I remember my father used to tell me that when the devils are chained, you can see them, and I see a media maliciously discrediting a man, referring to President Ahmadinejad, without communicating the main ideas of his address to the public.

During the month of Ramadhan, we are able to separate what is ugly about America from what is beautiful about America. That is, we can invite a stranger into our house and question his policies face-to-face without having to settle for the remixed version the media gives us.

Find the raw video at: <http://video.aol.com/video-detail/raw-video-ahmadinejad-speaks-at-columbia/3193474291> and judge for yourself.

-Mensah Alkebu-Lan



Marcus Bird - Cartoonist

Police Officers Becoming Too Trigger Happy in Use of Tasers

Recent events make it appear as if police officers are abusing their authority.

Has too much power been bestowed upon them that it's overpowering their ability to act responsibly? It is all a wonder as to how this question is no longer flowing through the minds of Americans following the incident on Sept. 17 at the University of Florida.

During a John Kerry forum, where Kerry came to speak to the University of Florida student body, a young man, Andrew Meyer, 21, dared to ask Kerry provocative questions.

Due to the content of the questions, they were deemed unfit to be answered and Meyer was asked to step down from the microphone. Meyer became upset and continued to speak out despite police advisement to stop.

Officers then became physical, wrestling Meyer to the ground as he yelled for help and repeatedly asked what he did wrong.

While being pinned to the ground and handcuffed, Meyer was tasered repeatedly and was charged with resisting arrest.

The officers were wrong. The situation did not merit the force they used.

He was lying face down and being pinned to the floor before he was tasered. Additionally, there were four officers apprehending Meyer in their attempt to silence his questioning of Kerry.

With the force of four individuals to one, there was more than enough man power to detain

Our View:
Trigger happy officers should be held accountable for abusing power.

Meyer without the use of a taser.

The very next day, an autistic 15-year-old boy who wandered off from his Tustin, Calif. home was classified as a suspicious person near a bus stop in the Orange County suburb. Police officers approached the young man and he tried to evade the officers. The officers tasered the young man and failed to realize he was the subject of a missing person report that same day.

Howard University is no stranger to excessive police force that borders on police brutality.

Just last January, five Howard students at the UTC apartment complex in Hyattsville, Md. were involved in a similar altercation as the student from Florida.

All of the students were exercising their right to speak and ask questions. Asking questions is what links those two situations together, and officers denying citizens the right to ask questions is also the reason that protests should be raised.

Injustice is the only word to describe the activities of these police officers. Similar situations of possible misjudgment by officers while using tasers are becoming more frequent in the news. Police departments, which have come under question, should be held accountable until something is done about it.

Additionally, civilians who have been tasered for asking questions or tasered while in police custody should publicly voice their displeasure to ensure that the men and women whom we trust to help the public, aren't the same ones caught harming the public.

The Hilltop will not - under any circumstances - publish any anonymous or personally hateful perspectives containing speculation, as opposed to fact, regardless of subject matter. The decision comes in response to the fallout of the anonymous perspective regarding the School of Communications Pageant last week. We apologize for any inconvenience or harm done, but ask that you please continue to use The Hilltop to voice your opinion to the Howard University community.

UNPHILTERED



Musings from the E&P Editor
By Phillip Lucas

Will President Bush ever get it right? Wednesday in the Bronx, Bush was addressing a group of fourth and fifth graders at an educational event in which he gave himself, and the No Child Left Behind Act, a hearty pat on the back for helping raise test scores.

During his speech, he said to the audience of students, teachers and the New York City school chancellor, "Children do learn."

After getting over how profound that statement was, I wondered, do they learn, Mr. Bush? If so, I would hope that they — somewhere along the line — pick up the lesson of subject-verb agreement.

I mean, enough of us struggle daily with subject-verb agreement in various foreign language courses here at the Mecca. But, for the president to do so in front of educators and those seeking education that the No Child Left Behind Act promises to give, is just a little bit too much for me to handle.

I'm sure I'll get over it the next time President Bush makes a fatal mistake when addressing an audience.

As if that wasn't enough, I read in the *Washington Post* that, somehow, Bush's speech to the United Nations General Assembly was accidentally posted on the United Nation's Web site with phonetic spellings of various countries and names of world leaders. What a worldly, cultured man we have leading us.

But in all seriousness, Bush has made an unforgivable mistake in the past two weeks, eclipsing the other, more laughable ones.

Sept. 30 marks the expiration of the federal government funding the state Children's Health Insurance Program. This is along with U.S. Defense Secretary, Robert Gates asking for \$190 billion to fund the war on terror in Iraq and Afghanistan.

And they say it's the young folks with screwed up priorities and a lack of responsibility. I think this turns the tables on that issue, thank you very much.

Last week, Bush announced his plan to veto any bill introduced by democrats or republicans, to continue funding the Children's Health Insurance Program, saying to continue or increase funding would be a step toward having too much government intervention in the health care system. Well, to a child with no health care and parents with no money to get health care, too much government intervention might be better than nothing at all, right?

If the United States can spend billions looking for weapons of mass destruction that seem to have just gotten up and walked off when the troops came looking, we can afford to secure the health of our nation's children. I mean, it is the very least our government could do when taking into account the rotting carcass of a country and world children of today will be left with.

Maybe I'm being idealistic, who knows?

There is some light at the end of Bush's mind-numbing tunnel. Yesterday, Bush signed a bill to make college education more affordable for students from lower and middle class families, boosting the maximum amount of money disbursed in a Pell Grant and cutting the interest rate on federal loans by one half over the next four years. The news is enough to give future college students and their families the hope they need to strive toward getting the education that may have previously been out of reach. Or at least it seems.

Bush's decision brings up a question in my mind. Does the government really care about the children, or is education held at a higher value than being healthy enough to use it after it has been paid for?

Children from lower to middle class families are the ones who will most likely be hit the hardest by the expiration of federal funding for children's health care. Have you arrived at the dilemma yet?

If Bush's plan to end federal funding of children's health care were to be permanent, making a college education more affordable would be little more than a drop in the bucket for lower and middle class families after paying for the health care of one or multiple children.

So much money would be shelled out to pay for expensive medical visits — let's not even talk about the price of emergency room visits, which are already a pretty penny — that the families Bush is appearing to serve are just giving money to the government in a different, more frustrating way: in the hospital as opposed to the A Buildings of colleges and universities across the country.

Why tease Americans by making college more affordable if kids aren't even healthy enough to make it there? In this situation, American children can't have one and not the other. I'll admit, I've laughed at many of Bush's mistakes and the Americans that justify them. But honestly, this one is nothing to laugh about.

Word On The Street

Guest Opinion Essay

White President of NAACP Chapter faces Opposition

By Ellie Gunderson

After a controversial chain of events, the mainstream Georgetown community is finally talking about race. It all started during the Jena "6" National Day of Action last Thursday, when the Georgetown NAACP chapter had an all-day rally and a candlelight vigil on campus, both of which were covered by ABC and NBC local news. However, *The Hoya* (our mainstream campus newspaper) thought Jena was not important enough to the Georgetown community, and published the article — written by the only black staff member — in the back pages in a 250-word "News in Brief" article.

Needless to say, this set off a huge series of protests in the community of color at Georgetown. We wrote several letters to the editor, three of which got published, but alongside our letters they published a "viewpoint" from a staff writer who believes that race does not exist and played no part in the Jena case. In response to his ignorance, we're trying to work with *The Hoya* and with administration to address the severe under representation of the community of color in the campus media. Our response has drawn a lot of attention, and we're currently working toward positive results.

I was asked to write this essay about my experiences being the first white president of Georgetown's NAACP chapter, and how this compares to Sen. Barack Obama's bid for the presidency. I explained what our chapter is going through now in order to show the unique challenges that an NAACP chapter at a majority-white institution faces, and how these issues multiply when the president of the organization is white as well.

When I was elected at the end of last school year, many non-NAACP members of the black community disapproved. Even though I have lived in a black community all my life and have always attended majority-black schools, people wondered whether I could adequately represent an organization that has worked for 98 years to fight for the rights of racial minorities, regardless of how passionate I am about civil rights. Now that they have seen the work I'm doing, this attitude has changed, but it seems that if Barack Obama is elected, he

will face the same thing, only reversed. Although he has proven that he can work effectively in a majority-white setting, the simple fact that he is black will automatically make people with racist attitudes doubt his abilities.

A stronger comparison to draw, however, would be the delicate balance that we both must strike between the white and black communities. Because I'm white, more white students have felt comfortable coming to NAACP meetings; because Obama is black, more black people have become involved in politics than ever before. While these results are undeniably positive, they pose problems as well. As NAACP president, I welcome a more diverse membership, but I have to make sure that I stay true to the issues upon which the NAACP was founded.

As a presidential candidate, Obama must appreciate his high levels of support in the black community, but he must also realize that the majority of his supporters are white and respond to political issues with that in mind.

This is what I think is going to get Obama in trouble — in trying to stay "mainstream" enough to attract the white vote, he won't be as vocal as a black presidential candidate should be in addressing the issues most relevant to the black community. This is not as much of a problem for me, since I am of the majority race and am thus not seen as a "representative" of my race the way Obama is for his, but the parallels remain.

In thinking about this comparison, the most important conclusion I can take away is that, while race is an ever-present reality, it will never be able to stop people who are sincerely committed to their cause from achieving their goals. Though Georgetown was hesitant to accept my presidency, I simply had to show I could efficiently run the chapter and make a change on campus, and that is what my organization and I have done. And though many think a black man can't be president of the United States, if Obama can run this country while still responding to the needs of the black community, he can be an effective president. Only time will tell.

Genuinely Jolley

The Ombudsman Speaks...



O, the places I could go with my column this week. What's that? You want me to talk about how my last column turned out to be somewhat prophetic in light of the riveting panel discussion at Cramton this week (i.e. Bill Cosby discussing the "Pipeline to Prison"), or how Kanye is turning into a gigantic punk for alluding to the fact that he might have regretted what he said about George Bush, or my interesting and abrupt run in with someone who is angry at me (and this entire publication) over a so-called controversy on campus that I didn't think anyone still cared about?

Or perhaps you want to hear me ramble on about how White America has lost its doggone mind...again. Because if I read or hear one more story about them and nooses I might scream!

But nay, none of the above made the cut for this week, although the noose-happy Caucasoids were a close contender.

No, my faithful column readers, I would like to turn your attention to the travesty currently unfolding half a world away in present day Myanmar.

Yes, the most obvious comments to be made would be about how awful the violence is at the hands of their oppressive military.

But I ask you to pay closer attention to the issue surrounding the people's unrest. The peaceful demonstrators, mostly monks at first, took to the streets in opposition to their harsh military regime. They started agitating for democracy.

"Democracy," hmmm let's stop there. This idea of democracy is the very thing we're supposed to be spreading to oppressed citizens of the world, right?

Then why aren't there American troops on the ground where there are people crying out for help in their pursuit of the very ideal we supposedly hold dearest?

In fact, while on the campaign trail in 1999, your fearless leader said, "American foreign policy must be more than the management of crisis. It must have a great and guiding goal to turn this time of American influence into generations of democratic peace."

So again I ask, why aren't there troops on the ground? When, if anyone out there has been keeping up with the events of the past four years, the powers that be have been no less than cavalier about building "stability" and democracy in Iraq. A country, lest we forget, that was inhabited by people who lived very stable lives and WEREN'T ASKING FOR NO STINKIN DEMOCRACY!

Now of course there aren't many Iraqi protests about their longing for the dictatorship days of yore, but the fact remains that this administration circumvented the U.N. to bring democracy to Iraq in order to "make the world a safer place" despite the people not fighting that fight for themselves first.

But in poor little Burma, excuse me, in Myanmar, where the people are under similarly adverse conditions and have risked death, abduction, torture and God knows what else in the name of democratic change, this country won't extend itself, beyond economic sanctions, to help those that are helping themselves.

But that shouldn't surprise me. I should've learned that lesson with Liberia or Sudan for that matter.

I wonder what it would take to get troops on the ground in Myanmar, or any of these other places for that matter. Oh, I don't know, maybe the opportunity to make a scarce natural resource available to be exploited, the rumor of weapons of mass destruction. A family vendetta maybe?

Clearly I don't have any answers. All I know is that my stomach turns every time I turn on the TV and see these people rendered helpless in the street, because no government cares enough about their struggle to help.

You know, they kind of look like our parents and grandparents in the streets of this country nearly half a century ago. Helpless, but still determined.

Funny how the struggles of black and brown are almost universal, without regard for national borders or time in history.

Well, let's hope this bleak situation has gotten better this time next week, so we can talk about something happy like how wonderful it is that Howard University was kind and gracious enough to open its heart and cafeteria doors to D.C. rodents for refuge.

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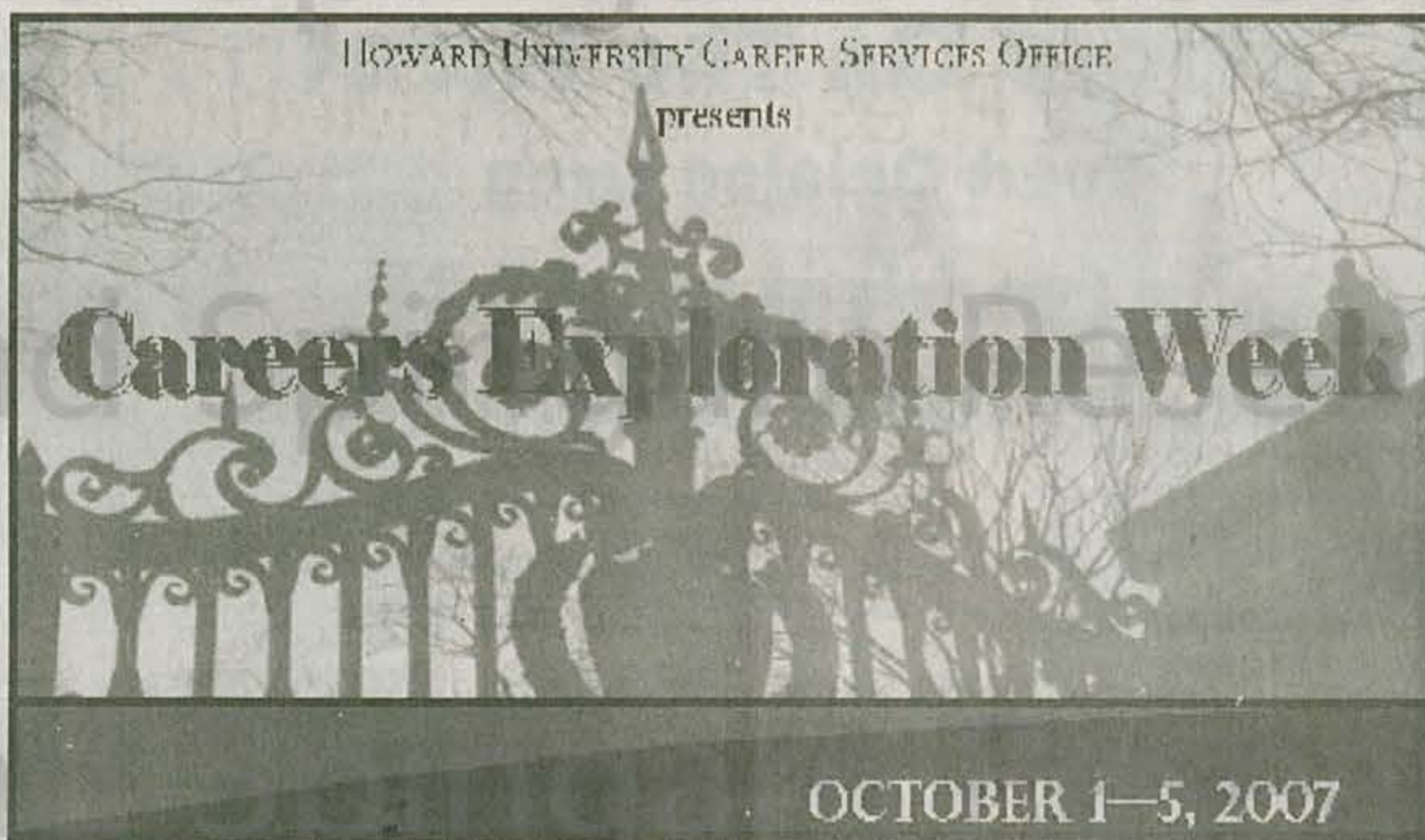
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Detecting an Incorrect Prescription, Medical Malfunctions

BY PETE ALFANO
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

FORT WORTH, Texas
The writing looks like a form of Egyptian hieroglyphics. Or it might be from the "Da Vinci Code" a symbolic religious revelation of some kind. Of course, it's neither.

That indecipherable scribbling on the official notepaper you just handed to a pharmacist is a prescription your doctor wrote during your office visit. And while experts such as Dr. Nancy Dickey, president of the Health Science Center at Texas A&M, agree that doctors' handwriting is the source of numerous jokes, this is no laughing matter.

Illegible prescriptions are a primary cause of medication errors, a condition that J. Lyle Bootman, dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Arizona, calls "a silent disease in America."

"The economic consequences of medication errors," he said, "are as costly as diabetes, and close to cancer and heart disease."

In fact, estimates are that it costs \$3.5 billion annually to treat medication errors in hospitals alone. Bootman is a member of the Institute of Medicine, a Washington D.C.-based advisory board that issued a comprehensive Medication Errors Report 13 months ago that should make Americans pause on their next trip to the pharmacy.

The principal conclusions are that, on average, a hospital patient is subject to at least one medication error daily, and that as many as 1.5 million Americans are victims of medication errors. Estimates are that more than 7,000 people die from medication errors every year.

"It's huge," said Bootman, one of the report's editors. "The estimates we gave are probably conservative."

While it is generally a foregone conclusion that patients cannot read some doctors' chicken scratches, we don't expect pharmacists to have difficulty, too. Unfortunately, sometimes they do, and worse yet, some guess instead of calling and asking the doctor.

Drug interactions are a factor when doctors and pharmacists aren't fully informed about the different prescription and over-the-counter drugs a patient is taking, or they don't take patient

history into account when prescribing a drug or filling a prescription.

Then, many pills look alike because, let's face it, with more than 10,000 prescription drugs and 300,000 over-the-counter products on the market, there is not an endless supply of shapes, sizes and colors available.

Compounding the issue is that there are numerous drugs with similar names, even though they may treat entirely different medical conditions. And the difficulty of identifying medications is exacerbated by the fact that pharmaceutical companies do not allow generic drugs to look like their patented versions.

"I can't tell you how often people tell me their purple pill is now a peach pill and they thought the pharmacist just changed brands," Dickey said. "But if the shape is different, the color is different and the cost is different, don't make an assumption that the pharmacist and doctor got it right."

Patients are not blameless, either. Many don't assert themselves, failing to ask their doctor and pharmacist questions about medications they take. Physicians and pharmacists cannot blame things on patients, but I firmly believe no one cares more about your health than you do," Dickey said. "Patients have to take care of themselves."

Although pharmacies are now commonplace in supermarkets, Wal-Marts and Targets — as well as traditional stand-alone stores such as CVS and Walgreens — there appears to be enough business to go around.

Bootman, whose father is recovering from a life-threatening hospital medication error, said that the situation could get worse if aggressive steps aren't taken. "Thirty-nine million people take drugs now," he said. "That will become 80 million in 2011."

But the situation has not reached a crisis



Medication errors, which can include being prescribed the wrong drug or dosage, can occur often times if proper measures aren't taken. Patients should be especially careful when taking medication, even if its prescribed.

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point. Dodson said that simply improving communication between pharmacists and patients can reduce dispensing errors by 75 percent. And Bootman said that aging baby boomers have brought the issue of medication errors to the forefront.

So what can be done besides improving communication among patients, doctors, pharmacists and health care providers?

Dickey, of Texas A&M, has been a longtime proponent of Electronic Medical Records. This software enables doctors to computerize patient records and print prescriptions and transmit them directly to pharmacies.

Experts say there is no way to eliminate human error entirely. Obviously, however, a computer printout is preferable to a handwritten script.

But Dodson said that electronic records

enable doctors to use central processing sites, where fully staffed and licensed pharmacists and technicians fill prescriptions and send them overnight to a local pharmacy. This enables the local pharmacist to spend more time counseling patients.

A central database would give doctors, pharmacists and health care providers access to patients' medical history, which does raise privacy issues.

In a perfect world, a countrywide medical network would facilitate treatment of patients and reduce considerably the chances of errors being made. That day may not be around the corner, but as Pace said, "We're on the right road. There are a lot of detours, but we have to be careful of locking the patient out."

Their health, after all, depends on it.

Weekly Entertainment Guide

Dreamgirl Cast As Assistant in SATC Movie

Jennifer Hudson will be back on the big screen in the highly anticipated Sex And The City movie. The Oscar winner will be playing the part of Carrie Bradshaw's assistant. The flick which began filming in New York in September is picking up four years from the time frame of the finale of the HBO series. The series ended a six-year run in 2004. Cross your fingers and hope J-Hud doesn't mess this one up.

Family of 10-Year-Old Pays \$47,000 For Movie Role

At a recent Cancer Charity Auction, an extra non-speaking role in an upcoming Will Ferrell movie went for almost \$50,000 to a 10-year-old boy. The money will go to the Cancer for College foundation run by one of Ferrell's fraternity brothers at the University of Southern California. The winner of the bid has asked to remain anonymous but is excited about the win for his son and the charity because he lost his mother to ovarian cancer.

O'Reilly Didn't Know African Americans Were Civilized

In a recent visit to Harlem soul food restaurant Sylvia's with Rev. Al Sharpton, right-wing pundit Bill O'Reilly was surprised to find black people civilized and quietly enjoying their meals. The comments he made on his radio talk show are the latest attempt to further confirm that O'Reilly is ignorant and racist. But O'Reilly has steadily defended himself and called this a ploy to blow things out of proportion. He insists that people should listen to the content in which the statements were made and not just extract a few snippets, which he suggests had no malicious or racist intent. Did he really expect to hear someone say, "M-fer, I want some more iced tea" though?

Hip-Hoppers On the Hill

Tuesday during a hearing before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee, rappers David Banner and Master P and Georgetown University Professor Michael Eric Dyson were testifying in defense of and apologizing for offensive content in lyrics. The topic of the hearing was the role of hip-hop and stereotypes. Banner and Master P defended the music as a representation of real situations taking place everyday in black communities, which are being overlooked by the government. They also challenged the government and corporations to support some of their more positive initiatives, which they think will never stand a chance because that's not what people will "identify with."

DA In "Jena Six" Case Won't Challenge New Charges

A week after thousands of people converged on the small town of Jena, La., LaSalle Parish District Attorney Reed Walters has decided not to challenge the ruling in Mychal's Bell case that takes the charges to juvenile court. Walters, who once said that he would appeal any decision the court made, said he spoke with the victim, Justin Barker and legal experts before making his decision. Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco asked Walters to reconsider the challenge on Wednesday and is thankful that he has done so. Now all we need him to do is admit that the noose incident and the fights are actually related.

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Herb Kraybill/Abaca Press (MCT)

Second-hand Steps it Up: Goodwill Launches Online Shopping

BY SHARON HARVET ROSENBERG
The Miami Herald (MCT)

Many of us love thrift shops, but lack the time to hunt for treasures at second-hand stores. Goodwill addressed that problem with www.shopgoodwill.com, an eBay-style electronic marketplace and auction platform.

The merchandise, including antiques, is posted with photos by 71 Goodwill organizations around the country, according to Joan Dornbach, vice president of marketing for Goodwill of Orange County in California. "People don't expect Goodwill to be on the cutting edge of technology," Dornbach said.

Items sell anywhere from \$1 to \$165,000 for an oil painting by Frank Weston Benson, an American Impressionist (1862-1951), said Ryan Smith, the Internet database architect for shopgoodwill.com.

"My favorite thing to search for there is art," according to a post from Modern Roost, a blogger (www.modern-roost.blogspot.com).

"You can really find some amazing stuff. I have to admit, it's a little bit of a crap-shoot. Luckily, for me, that's what makes thrift shopping fun. The competition for the goods is every bit as fierce as on eBay, but all of the proceeds go to a very worthy cause."

In August, shopgoodwill.com posted more than 55,000 items and sold 45,000 from inventory that includes antiques, collectibles, clothing, electronics, books and musical instruments, which are arranged according to category.

Online shoppers spend an average time of 20 minutes buying items on the site.

"You get to find unique items that you don't normally see on eBay and you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting a good cause," Smith said.

As an online flea market, shopgoodwill.com has pulled in \$46 million in revenue since January 2000, including more than \$10 million last year.



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Now Goodwill offers online shopping for bargain shoppers. Everything from vintage clothing to vinyl albums can be purchased through this eBay-style marketplace.

Soccer Team Triumphs in OT



Jessica DeTiege - Staff Photographer

The Men's soccer team played James Madison University Thursday in Greene Stadium.

BY Z'KERA SIMS
Staff Writer

In an intense overtime match, the Bison soccer team defeated the James Madison University Dukes on their home turf by a score of 3-2. The last time Howard beat James Madison was 17 years ago in 1990.

Coming in to the match, the Bison were behind in the series with a 9-4-2 record. Last year, the Dukes shut the Bison out 5-0. However, this is a new Bison team and tonight their hard work and dedication illuminated as they stepped off the field victorious.

"That was a big win for us," said Captain Emile Innocent. "Since I have been here [at Howard] we have not beat them, so its good to pull out a win in my final year."

The pace of the game was set when, in the first five minutes of regulation, Dukes mid fielder Stefan Durr drove the ball down the left side of the field and scored unassisted. The Bison picked up their defense. But at the 27:23 mark of the game Kyle Morsink, of the Dukes found an open space, drove the ball up the middle of the field and scored unassisted.

Howard remained scoreless

but optimistic going into the second half. With their defense in tact the team knew that they had to step up the momentum offensively to score. And it was when sophomore Lamar Hyde, assisted by Joel Senior, did just that by driving the ball up the middle of the field to get the Bison on the scoreboard. Down 2-1, the Bison knew they still had a chance, and all they had to do was take it.

"It was a tough start. We started out pretty slow. We needed to relax a little more," said Michael Okoh, senior forward and team Captain. "They couldn't really stop us after we scored the first goal."

Another opportunity to score came when the Dukes committed a foul against the Bison forcing a penalty kick. Hyde evened the score 2-2. With the game tied and just over 20 minutes left in regulation, the Bison were sure of a victory. However, both the Dukes' and the Bison's defense were solid. Regulations passed and overtime began.

Despite the obvious fatigue from 80 minutes of hardcore gameplay, both the Bison and the Dukes displayed a surge of adrenaline as both teams were thirsty for the win. At the 97:31 mark of the game, senior forward Emile Innocent, assisted by Hyde, scored on the right side, bringing the game to a close and making the Bison victorious.

"We knew we were better then them. [During half time], coach pointed out the small mistakes we were making and told us that if we fixed them then we would win," said Innocent. "And that's what we did."

Next, the Bison take on the Columbia Union College Pioneers in Washington, D.C. on Sun., Sept. 30 at Greene Stadium.



Oscar Mendis IV - Photo Editor

The Bison football team will take on Winston-Salem for their second home game.

Bison Expecting Win from Winston-Salem Match-Up

BY WINNIE CLARK-JENKINS
Sports Editor

Saturday afternoon Greene Stadium will be full with eager Bison fans, as the team takes on the Winston-Salem State University Rams in their 3rd conference game of the season and 2nd home game.

With no wins under their belts so far, and a tough loss on the road, the team is on edge for their first win (as they hope tomorrow's game will result).

"We made some bad decisions and that led to some early turnovers and mistakes. It's difficult enough to win when you only give up one," said Head Coach Carey Bailey of their game played last week against Eastern Michigan that resulted in a final score of 38-15 with the Bison behind the Eagle's strong defensive plays.

Although last weekend's game ended in a loss, the team saw an improvement in their plays and only hope to grow in their development.

"We improved on our blocking and the receivers played better," said Bison quarterback Brian Johnson, who accounted for 303 yards of total offense. "We just made too many mistakes today," he said, after last week's game.

The Bison are hoping that they can pick up the slack from their past games this season and step up their defense to have a win against

Winston-Salem.

"I think it is going to be a tough physical game," Johnson said.

The team seems to not have a problem with their plays itself. It just seems that every time the Bison get started on a play, the opposing team stops it after a turnover or penalty plays that have been costing the Bison their wins.

"We went back to fundamentals and we improved on our tackling," said senior safety Randell Means on last weekend's game. "Everybody flew to the ball."

The Bison hope to bring those improvements into tomorrow's game.

Winston-Salem also had a tough loss last weekend against the South Carolina State University Bulldogs in another MEAC match-up. The game resulted in a final score of 20-7, but like the Bison, the Rams are also eager to bounce back for a win. The Bison lost to the Rams last season 0-12.

Despite a past loss against the Rams, the Bison are ready for the visiting North Carolina team.

"We had a good, tough week in practice," Johnson said. "Hopefully, everything we have done this week in practice will reflect in the game."

The face-off between Howard and Winston-Salem University will begin Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. on the Bison's home turf.

Students Channel 'Their Inner Bart Simpson'

BY KILLIAN LEWIS
Contributing Writer

What started out as a means of transportation, turned into a serious hobby for senior sports medicine major Chayne Coston.

"I started skating about a year ago and the more I skated the more I started to like it," Coston said.

Skateboarding has become a popular sport among Howard students.

"I wanted to do something that was fun and it was also a way to stay healthy and active," Coston said.

Many attribute the sudden wave of black skaters to media influence and the rise of artists who promote skating such as Pharrell Williams and Lupe Fiasco.

Pharrell has his own professional skate team called IceCream.

"I've been interested in it since I was young," said sophomore biology major Bernard Brown. "Back then I worried about what people would say, but now that I have grown up I stopped caring about what people think."

The sport of skateboarding originally started in California in the early 1960s from surfers who were trying to find a way to surf on the street.

The first boards consisted of wooden boxes or boards with roller skate wheels on the bottom.

Soon after the board evolved into decks of pressed layers of wood.

Skaters such as Tony Hawk, Shaun White, Ryan Sheckler and Rob Dyrdek have made skateboarding popular on the professional level.

These skaters appeal to young artists by performing various tricks on freestyle courses as well as on ramps.

Skaters on the professional level participate in different competitions, one of the most popular being the X-Games.



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Skateboarding has become a growing trend on Howard's campus in the past few years.

Brown said he was influenced by watching the X-Games and playing video games relating to skateboarding and various sports of that nature.

Female skater, Courtney Marie Gwynn wanted to be versatile and asked for a skateboard for her 18th birthday. Now Gwynn has two skateboards in her collection.

"I like that blacks are starting to skate. At least we are trying something new, it influences people to be different," Gwynn said.

Sophomore Ojirese Momoh started skateboarding when he was younger and just recently picked

the sport back up when his brother received a skateboard for his birthday.

"When I was younger, every kid wanted to be Bart Simpson," Momoh said.

"I love the skate culture. I've realized that the skate culture is one that is colorless and open minded," Coston said.

Momoh commented that he never really looked at race, and that skating is becoming more universal.

It seems that skateboarding is a hobby that will not get old for many Howard students. Not everyone is just trying to find their inner Bart Simpson.

Congratulations to the Lady Bison volleyball team on their road win against Hampton and first conference win of the season.

Final Score 3-1

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DC Hosts Hip Hop Conference

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tion and keynote address will be given by Free-style Union Founder and hip-hop activist Toni Blackman.

Featured panelists include scholar and educator, Dr. Dawn Norfleet; interim chair of the Howard University psychology department Dr. Jules Harrell; and Executive Producer of the Hip Hop Association, Martha Diaz.

Shana Griffith, a junior audio production major, said it is a great idea to have hip-hop culture taught in classrooms, but only if it is being taught by someone who understands not only the pres-

ent state, but also the true history of the culture.

"With hip-hop having such a huge following, there are many people with different interpretations on what's 'real' hip-hop or even real music," Griffith said. "These types of classes can help others (not just of different ages) better understand where others are coming from."

Junior political science major Asten Fizer also believes the use of hip-hop education in the classroom would be a beneficial learning tool for students.

"Having a good sense of hip-hop history equivocates to having a good grasp on African-American history," Fizer

said. "As disappointing as a lot of hip-hop music is in the present, it is still a part of our rich cultural history."

The conference hopes to target a wide variety of people in order to get the IAHHE's message out, said Mazi Mutafa, scholar and editor of *World Beats and Life Hip-Hop Journal* (WBL).

"We want to make changes through dialogue and education to make hip-hop go from being just about pop culture to it being about the education of a culture," Mutafa said.

Remembering Rawlings

Continued from FRONT, VIGIL

"What are you going to do, Mayor Fenty?" one woman asked. Fenty, who offered to pay for Rawlings' funeral tomorrow, went around the entire crowd and answered questions, despite the crowd's growing frustration.

"Every shooting needs to be investigated," Fenty said. He also said the media is giving the case "great scrutiny."

Members of the community said Fenty is not doing enough for Rawlings' case and, at one point, people were cheering for Barry to take Fenty's place as mayor.

Austin Thompson, a junior political science major, went to the vigil with two other Howard students and spoke with both Fenty and Barry. He got the impression that Fenty was merely

campaigning.

"What's happening now is that it looks like a big cover-up with the law enforcement," Thompson said of Rawlings' murder.

Karen Bussey, Rawlings' relative, said Fenty is not doing his job as a mayor. She said her son was recently shot on his way to work at a church.

Thompson also said more students at Howard need to get out in the local community. "Jena, La. is 20 hours away while Southeast is only 15 minutes away," he said. Rawlings' murder may not be receiving as much national attention as the Jena "6" case, but Thompson said "students only follow when publicity and cameras are on."

Fenty said, "One homicide is too many, and in the District of Columbia, there are too many

homicides. As mayor, he is working hard to prevent crimes and refused to address the concern of "dirty cops."

"There are a lot of facts that we still don't know and a lot of questions that still need to be answered," Fenty said. "We have the same frustration as the community does."

Fenty said the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office are now working with the Metropolitan Police Department on the case. Both officers involved are on a routine administrative leave until the U.S. Attorney's Office reviews the case.

After giving out his cell phone number to a few members of the crowd, Fenty gave a serious look to the upset audience. "If I wasn't trying to do anything, I wouldn't have come out."

Republican Candidates Debate at Morgan State University

Continued from FRONT, DEBATE

question, often leaving the audience baffled as to what his real response was.

The focus of the night was to attempt to break the idea that Republicans only represent the white majority and have no connection with minorities.

Regarding domestic issues, the candidates also stressed the importance of lowering punishment for drug-related offenses. "We need to move criminal offenses out of the federal government," said Tancred, which would lessen the severity of minor drug related crimes.

Hunter said the number-

one thing plaguing young black men today was pornography. "The young black men in this country should be shielded from porn, as all of America should," he said.

The panelists asked a variety of questions, ranging from the Republican influence on black America, to, in light of the Jena "6" case, the dire need for equal justice for minorities in the U.S. court system. The main focus of the night was on immigration reform.

When asked if he would sign a proposed bill to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants, Paul gave one of the only straight answers of the night. "No, no amnesty. We must obey the law and

send them home," he said. "They essentially lower our standard of living."

Huckabee proposed punishment for the people who benefit most from immigration. Employers, he said, get cheap labor out of illegal aliens, forcing legal residents out of jobs.

When it came to other foreign-related issues, the genocide in Darfur came up in the discussion. Brownback said the situation in Darfur is similar to what happened in Rwanda in the 90s and that the United States should look into divesting, sending military assistance and providing food and medicine for the people of Darfur.

Hunter was the only can-

didate who said he does not want to get involved in Darfur. "We should not get involved for feel-good reasons, only from the point of national security," he said.

The candidate with the most audience support was Paul, who got the most applause and crowd reaction from his answers.

"Everyone's view of our involvement in foreign affairs was interesting," said Ayanna White, a senior vocal performance and African-American studies major at Morgan State. "Many of them didn't feel that issues at home should be taken care of first, we should spend our time policing other countries."

The disparities of the treatment of minorities in law

enforcement also received special attention by touching on the Jena "6" case. In the opening welcome, Smiley gave a shout-out to Mychal Bell and his family to a round of applause.

The debate tackled several issues and served to inform young voters of the candidates' stand. "As a young voter, it is important to know all the sides," White said. "I feel a lot of the time people our age vote the way of our parents or are persuaded by our peers."

While many students were able to attend the forum, there were several who stayed at home to watch the event due to a shortage in the supply of tickets. "It probably would have

been more effective if I could have actually attended the debate," said Patrick Dailey, a sophomore music vocal performance major at Morgan State, who viewed the forum in his dorm room. "It wouldn't have changed my political views, but it would have hit me a little bit harder."

Although the candidates clearly articulated their policy positions, the candor of some of their responses was questioned. "Nothing surprised me about the candidates' stances," Dailey said. "They were always pumping up their achievements on racial issues. 'It was kinda what I expected to hear from candidates.'"

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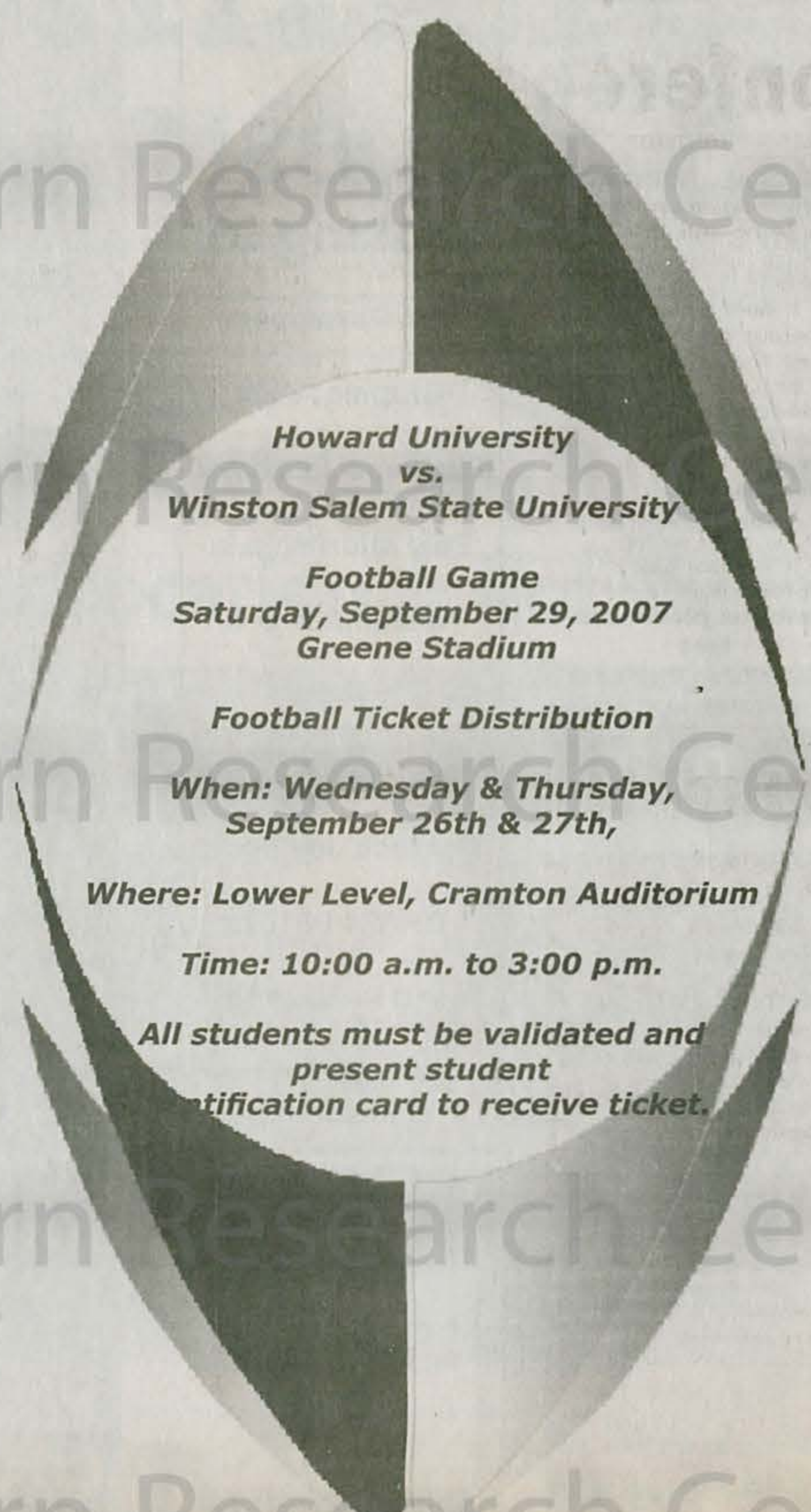
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