

Howard University

## Digital Howard @ Howard University

---

The Hilltop: 2000 - 2010

The Hilltop Digital Archive

---

10-17-2007

### The Hilltop 10-17-2007

Hilltop Staff

Follow this and additional works at: [https://dh.howard.edu/hilltop\\_0010](https://dh.howard.edu/hilltop_0010)

---

#### Recommended Citation

Staff, Hilltop, "The Hilltop 10-17-2007" (2007). *The Hilltop: 2000 - 2010*. 453.  
[https://dh.howard.edu/hilltop\\_0010/453](https://dh.howard.edu/hilltop_0010/453)

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the The Hilltop Digital Archive at Digital Howard @ Howard University. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Hilltop: 2000 - 2010 by an authorized administrator of Digital Howard @ Howard University. For more information, please contact [digitalservices@howard.edu](mailto:digitalservices@howard.edu).



**WEATHER**

Established  
**1924**



# THE HILLTOP

The Daily Student Voice of Howard University

VOLUME 91, NO. 35

WWW.THEHILLTOPONLINE.COM

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

## Wednesday Notebook

### BREAKING NEWS

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE MIKEL HUSBAND WILL BE HELD AT RANKIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL ON THURSDAY AT 11 A.M. CHECK FRIDAY'S HILLTOP FOR A TRIBUTE TO HUSBAND FROM HIS FORMER STUDENTS.

### BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

TWO OF THE LARGEST AMERICAN BEER COMPANIES ARE MERGING. DRINK DOWN THE DETAILS INSIDE.

### LIFE & STYLE

THE LATEST INSTALLMENT OF THE 'HOW-TO' HOMECOMING GUIDE GIVES STUDENTS (AND OTHERS) TIPS ON HOMECOMING CONCERT ETIQUETTE.

PAGE 5

PAGE 7

# U.S.-Brokered Truce in Southern Sudan is Collapsing



Shashank Bengali - MCT

Fear allsidedness in inciting lortionsent d elesseq uatiaArioremni in na

BY SHASHANK BENGALI  
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

NAIROBI, Kenya — One of the Bush administration's key foreign policy successes — brokering an end to a 21-year war between northern and southern Sudan — is coming apart even as U.N. and

African diplomats step up peace efforts in Sudan's other crisis, the conflict in the western Darfur region.

Signers of the 2005 truce ending Africa's longest civil war have missed every major deadline, and tensions in the south have increased amid reports of a military build-up by both sides. Last

week, former southern rebels took the dramatic step of withdrawing from a national unity government, accusing northern officials of blocking the peace agreement and failing to remove thousands of its troops from southern oil fields.

As Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir met Tuesday with leaders of the southern-based Sudan People's Liberation Movement to discuss the crisis, both sides insisted that they didn't want to go back to war. Analysts fear that renewed hostilities could trigger a humanitarian disaster even worse than in Darfur, where more than 200,000 people are believed to have died over the past four years.

"I don't think this means an immediate return to war. But it is a serious call for more attention and more robust political support for the process, because war is certainly a possibility," said Sara Pantuliano, a Sudan expert with the Overseas Development Institute, a London-based think tank.

During the two-decade civil war, which pitted the Arab-dominated northern government against rebels from the

mostly Christian and animist south, some 2 million people died, mostly from hunger and illness. The southerners' plight won support from American activists, particularly evangelical Christians.

U.S. diplomats, including then-Secretary of State Colin Powell and former Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., played a pivotal role in the drafting and signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, which promised southerners large shares of political power and proceeds from the south's oil fields. At the time, Powell said the north-south accord could serve as a model for resolving the Darfur conflict.

But key measures of the CPA — such as a national census, formation of a unified army and demarcation of a north-south border — remain to be implemented. Experts say the central government maintains a stranglehold on oil extraction, while the SPLM is riven by disputes, largely on ethnic lines.

Meanwhile, the inequities that spawned the conflict haven't changed. The north, including the capital Khartoum, is experiencing an oil-fueled economic boom, while the south remains a vast forest lacking roads, reliable water

and power, and even school buildings.

As Darfur has degenerated into the world's gravest humanitarian crisis, with some 2.5 million people forced from their homes, the north-south accord has been neglected. Analysts say that the U.N. mission in Sudan, established primarily to monitor the south, now devotes much of its energies to Darfur.

"It was clear that faithful implementation of the CPA would require a great deal of international stewardship," said Alex de Waal, a Sudan scholar with the Social Science Research Council in New York. "That has not been forthcoming because of the preoccupation with Darfur."

Much like the southern conflict, the war in Darfur began as an uprising by rebels who accused the central government of neglect. Al-Bashir's government armed Arab militias known as janjaweed to quell the uprising by Darfur's ethnic African tribes, a campaign that the Bush administration labeled genocide.

> See **SUDAN**, Page 11

## Some Justice in Jena Dept. of Justice to Investigate Courts

BY HOWARD WITT  
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

WASHINGTON — Under pointed questioning from Democratic House members who decried the lack of federal intervention in the racially-charged Jena "6" case, U.S. Justice Department officials revealed Tuesday that they are now weighing an investigation into allegations of systemic racial bias in the administration of justice in the small, mostly white Louisiana town.

U.S. Attorney Donald Washington also said for the first time that the hanging of nooses from a shade tree in the Jena High School courtyard in September 2006, by three white students — a warning to stay away from the tree directed at black students that triggered months of interracial fights in the town — constituted a federal hate crime, but that federal authorities opted not to prosecute the case because of the ages of the white youths involved.

Jena school officials dismissed the noose incident as a youthful prank and issued brief suspensions to the white students involved, angering black residents of the town.

"Yes, hanging a noose under these circumstances is a hate crime," Washington, the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, told a House Judiciary Committee hearing convened to examine the Jena case. "If these acts had been committed by others who were not juveniles, this would have been a federal hate crime, and we would have moved forward."

But during the four-hour hearing, boycotted by most Republican members of the House panel, many African American committee members said they remained dissatisfied with the reluctance of Justice Department officials to intervene more forcefully in what they regard as the excessive prosecution of six black Jena students for a Dec. 4 attack on a white student.

The white student was briefly knocked unconscious and was treated and released at a local hospital.

But Jena District Attorney Reed Walters initially charged the black students with attempted murder.

After public outcry about the case mounted, Walters reduced the charges to aggravated second-degree battery.

But Walters' refusal to charge other whites in the town who attacked blacks with similar crimes prompted national civil rights leaders, joined by more than 20,000 demonstrators who marched through Jena on Sept. 20, to assert that the town's justice system was biased.

"Shame on you!" Rep. Sheila Jack-

son Lee, D-Texas, shouted at Washington, the first African American to hold the U.S. attorney's post in western Louisiana. "Mr. Washington, tell me why you did not intervene? Six broken lives could have been prevented if you had taken action."

"I was also offended" by the noose incident, Washington replied. "I too am an African American. I am a child of the 60s, of the desegregation era. . . But at the end of the day, there are only certain things that the United States attorney can do."

Events surrounding the prosecution of the first of the Jena 6 defendants to go to trial, Mychal Bell, 17, have drawn particular scrutiny from civil rights leaders and members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Walters first tried to prosecute Bell as an adult and won a conviction on aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy charges in June from an all-white jury in Jena, after a trial that featured one of the white youths who hung the nooses as a prosecution witness.

But a Louisiana appellate court vacated that conviction in September, ruling that Walters and LaSalle Parish District Judge J.P. Mauffray had improperly tried Bell as an adult rather than a juvenile.

The appellate court then compelled Mauffray to release Bell, who had been jailed for nearly 10 months on the charges, on bail on Sept. 27.

But two weeks later, Mauffray abruptly sent Bell back to jail, sentencing him to 18 months on four prior juvenile convictions for simple battery and criminal destruction of property.

"As we all know, it is illegal under the guarantees of our Constitution and our laws to have one standard of justice for white citizens and another, harsher one for African-American citizens," John Conyers, D-Mich., the chairman of the judiciary committee, said in opening the hearing. "We come to this hearing inquiring as to how we can correct this situation in our nation."

A senior Justice Department official told the hearing that conciliators from the department's civil rights division had visited Jena several times in recent months and that officials were now considering whether further action is warranted.

"The Department of Justice is aware that there are requests to investigate the judicial system in Jena," Lisa Krugsten, an official of the civil rights division, told the hearing. "At this time, the Justice Department is gathering information and reviewing that information and taking that request very seriously."



Jeremy Burkett - Staff Photographer

Robert Stapleton, one of the comedians at last night's show, entertained the crowd although students expected to see Katt Williams, one of the rumored comedians to headline the comedy show.

## Certain Guest Expected But Students Still Find Laughs

BY ROYCE STRAHAN  
Staff Writer

Laughter filled Cramton auditorium last night at the Homecoming comedy show entitled "License to Laugh: A Night of Comedic Euphoria." Despite of rumors that Katt Williams would be a surprise comedian in attendance, the headliner, George Wilborn, gave the crowd a show they would not forget.

The show was started by the Bisonettes and followed by David Johnson & Company, consisting of Howard students, who put humorous spins on popular songs by Chris Brown and Omarion.

Robert Curry, member of the singing group from MTV's hit show "Making the Band 4" made a surprise appearance. He was the only member of the group in attendance, which disappointed some of the people in attendance.

"I feel that the group from 'Making the Band 4' has not established themselves enough in the music world to not show up with full representation," said Nathaniel Sligh, sophomore business management major.

According to members of the Homecoming committee, the entire group was supposed to be in attendance but the rest of the band backed out at the last minute, leaving Curry to test out a solo career at the show.

Despite of the other member's absence, the one member who did choose to show up kept the crowd on their feet singing the band's new single "I Want You Exclusive."

George Wilborn, former radio personality on WHUR, lived up to his title as the headliner. Having to introduce himself as a result of the crowd not responding to his introduction, Wilborn didn't stop short of pleasing the crowd.

Wilborn commented on how comedians from Chicago such as himself and other big name comedians such as Bernie Mac, Don D.C. Curry, and Adele Givens have had such a profound effect on the comedy scene. "I think we have a huge effect on comedy and I'm proud to be a part of that," Wilborn said. "For some reason we have a wealth of talented comedians coming out of Chicago and there's a tremendous crop of talent from comedians behind us."

"I did the morning show. WHUR has been a big part of my life and a very important part of my life," Wilborn said about his experience at WHUR. "It was three years that I did the morning show."

Wilborn also spoke about Howard being such a great institution and how much progress has been made over the past decade. "One thing I know about this university is that it's very progressive, it has a great student body, and a great rich history that almost dictates that this school will continue to evolve and become better and better," Wilborn said. "I see that even in the student body and it's something that I see which is continual growth."

Other comedians in attendance were Rob Stapleton, B Flat, and the host Zooman. Even though Katt Williams was not in attendance students were still pleased with the outcome of the show.

"I would say that I am disappointed because Katt Williams is hilarious, and it would've been a great experience to see him live," Sligh said. "Each one of the comedians were funny but the most crowd pleasing comedian was George Wilborn."



## Business Cards Useful, Not Required

BY OMARI EVANS  
Contributing Writer

Amid job fairs, internships and job interviews, does the modern day student need a business card to get by and beyond the recruitment rut?

Senior marketing majors Jessica Grant, Will Bende, Brandon Thrasher and Latosha Thomas certainly believe so.

"Business cards are definitely useful for networking and looking important," Thomas said.

Alphonzo R. Lister, chief logistics officer for the Defense Information Systems Agency, (DISA) stated that a business card won't affect job recruitment, but it does add a personal touch.

The marketing majors said students should get their business cards from places such as Kinkos, Staples or Web sites online.

However Grant said, "Don't use Vista Print. They're not approved by the Better Business Bureau (BBB), and they have a lot of fraud cases against them."

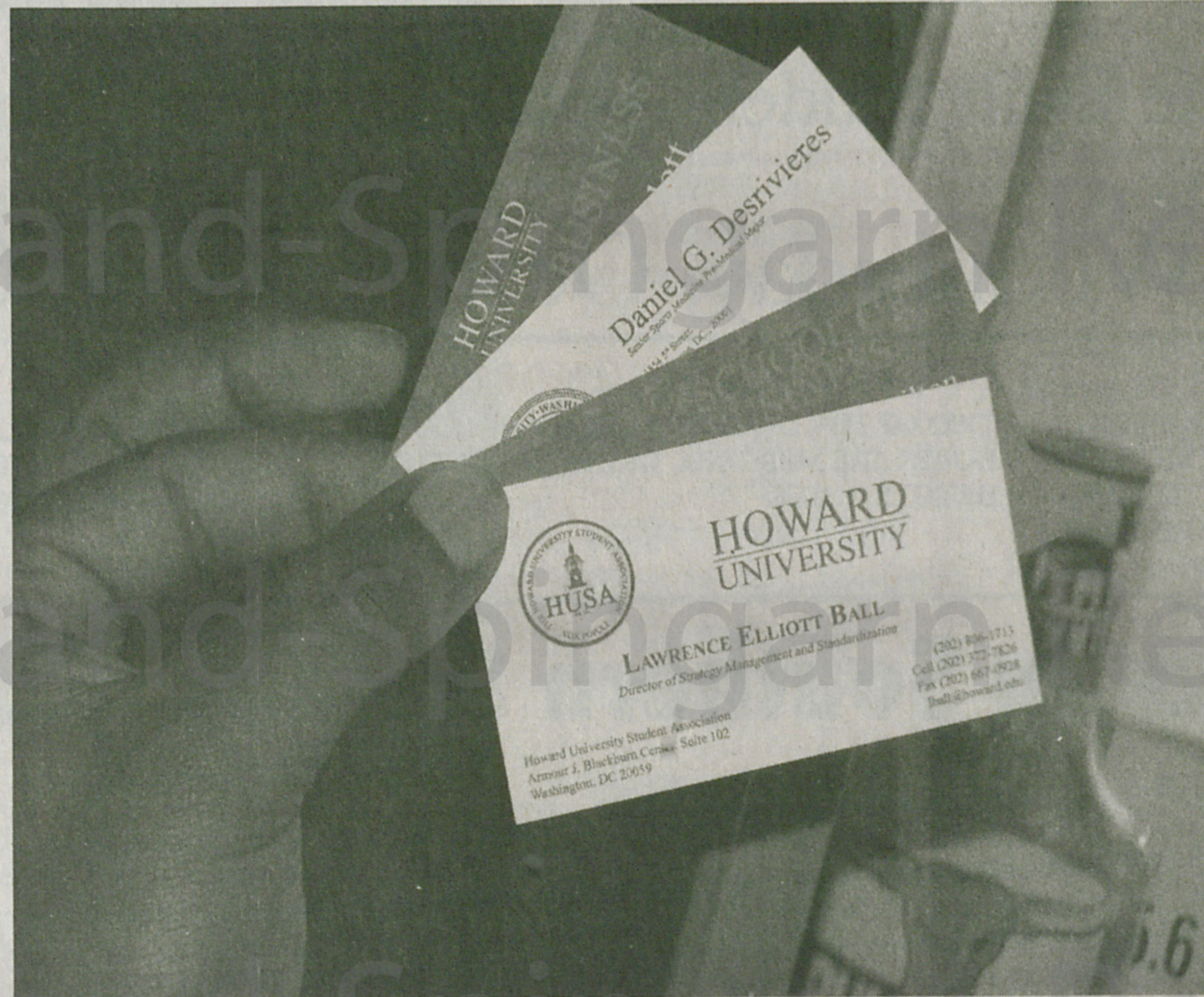
The BBB confirmed that Vista Print USA has an unsatisfactory record with them based on non-delivery of merchandise, unauthorized charges on consumer credit cards and inaccuracies on the merchandise, to only name a few.

The BBB also stated that Vista Print USA has received 350 complaints over the course of three years.

"We [Howard University] are not pushing students to use Vista Print," said Harold Gray, director of the School of Business' Center for Student Professional Development.

Prior to their knowledge of complaints towards Vista Print USA, they were suggesting students to use the company's resources.

Vista Print claims that despite complaints, the company takes steps to ensure high



Tyrone Clemons - Staff Photographer

Although business cards are not a requirement for Howard students, the networking possibilities they offer make them a useful tool to invest in.

customer satisfaction and offer a money back satisfaction guarantee. According to a statement, the company processes over 20,000 custom made orders each day.

Lawrence Ball, director of Strategy Management and Standardization for HUSA and owner of a business card company named AutoCard, suggests students should look elsewhere for a card.

"Places like Kinkos and Staples are overpriced, and their cutting is inconsistent by location. You won't end up with the right standard business card," Ball said.

Other than his own company, he suggested using Web sites Print.com and Overnight-print.com.

When asked whether students should make their own business cards, Ball doesn't rec-

ommend it.

Currently Ball is working to make a recognizable business card standard for Howard University.

Cindy Unebu, a worker at the Center for Professional Development said, "The type of business card you should have is determined by your school and your personal taste. Students in the School of Business should have plain and to the point business cards, whereas students in other schools can be more flexible with their creativity."

Lister said that students make sure to put their name, title, university, major and contact information (e-mail, phone and address).

A lot of students think that the School of Business requires their students to have business cards, but that is not the case.

## Life @ The Mecca Chelsea Young

BY CHRISTINA BURTON  
Staff Writer

Chelsea Young sits at a table full of male students all colluding over a Monopoly board game.

She is plotting her way past monopolized bankruptcy.

"It's about the clothes right now, so people are getting kind of antsy, and people want to win," Young, a senior English major, whispers over her shoulder as she shuffles through a deck of pink, blue, green and yellow Monopoly dollars.

She does not have any white, though, meaning no dollar bills — only big bills remain in front of her.

An opponent suddenly rolls the dice forcing him onto her hotel property, and a cry of agony sounds off at the only table in use in the Blackburn recreation room.

"Just give me \$200 back please," she said.

A native of Sarasota, Fla., Young says she spends about 10 hours every week in the recreation room, trying her hand at card games like spades and her luck at Monopoly.

"I've been here since 2001," Young said. "Seriously, I have been in the rec room since 2001."

Outside of her free time there, she is finishing up her the last phases of her English scheme.

Young also works at Terra Nova Title and Settlement Services LLC, a commercial real estate service company in Washington, D.C., as a title assistant.

Young plans on obtaining a master of business administration degree. Before

starting her own non-profit organization, she plans to teach.

In the summer of 2006, Young developed a curriculum for a computer lab course for ages six through 18.

"It was very successful," Young said.

Young sings with a group, and they will be recording in-studio in December 2007.

She recently acquired a love for salsa dancing, which she learned in her dorm room. Young salsas every Wednesday at a club in D.C. and is now learning to understand Spanish and Hispanic cultures.

"I really enjoy the Hispanic culture [here]," she said. "Sarasota is not really culturally conscious."

Young began her Howard career in 2001, but was forced to return home in the fall 2005 to help her mother with a niece, two, and a nephew, five, at home in Sarasota.

Both children were facing entrance into the foster care system, but Young's mother decided to take them in instead.

"I basically became a mother," Young said. "So, I saved up, paid that balance off and, now I'm back."

As for a family for 24-year-old Young, she says she is likely to obtain custody of her niece when she graduates.

She also wants to have children, but says that children are "way down the line."

For now, Howard's Homecoming events are in her plain view.

She is excited that three of her friends are coming into D.C. to stay with her at her apartment this weekend.

## Hilltop Site Back, Up and Running

BY SHIVONNE FOSTER  
Staff Writer

After nearly seven weeks of severe technical difficulties and staff shortages, *The Hilltop* Web site, which has been on the Web since 2002, is back, up and running and will receive daily updates to serve the Howard community, alumni, parents and friends.

Editor-in-chief of *The Hilltop*, Drew Costley attributed not updating the Web site to the lack of a server, which is the database for the all of the newspapers files.

"It was less about not having an online editor and more about not having a serving," Costley said. "It made it very difficult to retrieve stories and pictures to post on the Web site."

Although a whole month of news was lost, the server being restored allows *The Hilltop* to be more efficient with its online edition.

As of now the entire Hilltop staff will be responsible for posting online editions until the online editor position is filled.

"The online facet of *The Hilltop* is important because print copies are only available on campus and to the surrounding community," said Joshua Thomas, managing editor of *The Hilltop*.

Thomas explained that many people outside of the surrounding area and the Howard community, such as alumnae, professionals and parents would be able to read the newspaper online to find out what is happening on

campus.

*The Hilltop* advisor, Professor Yanick Rice-Lamb, stresses the importance of online Web sites and hopes that students will try and take advantage of the online editing position.

"I'm stunned that the position has been vacant as long as it has," she said. "It is one of the most interesting and creative position that *The Hilltop* has to offer."

Rice-Lamb said that through online editing, students have the opportunities to become innovators and really make a mark on the future of *The Hilltop* and journalism.

"I noticed the newspaper was online, and I really enjoy looking at it. It's a way to keep up with what's going on in at my daughter's school," said Elaine Johnson, a parent who resides in Dallas.

Johnson explained that she is pleased that the Web site is now up and running and looks forward to reading the news stories every weekday.

Some faculty members also view the Web site as a valuable component of the campus newspaper.

"The Web site is something people will definitely use," said Audrey Byrd, Ph.D., director of the Annenberg Honors Program.

Byrd explained that her

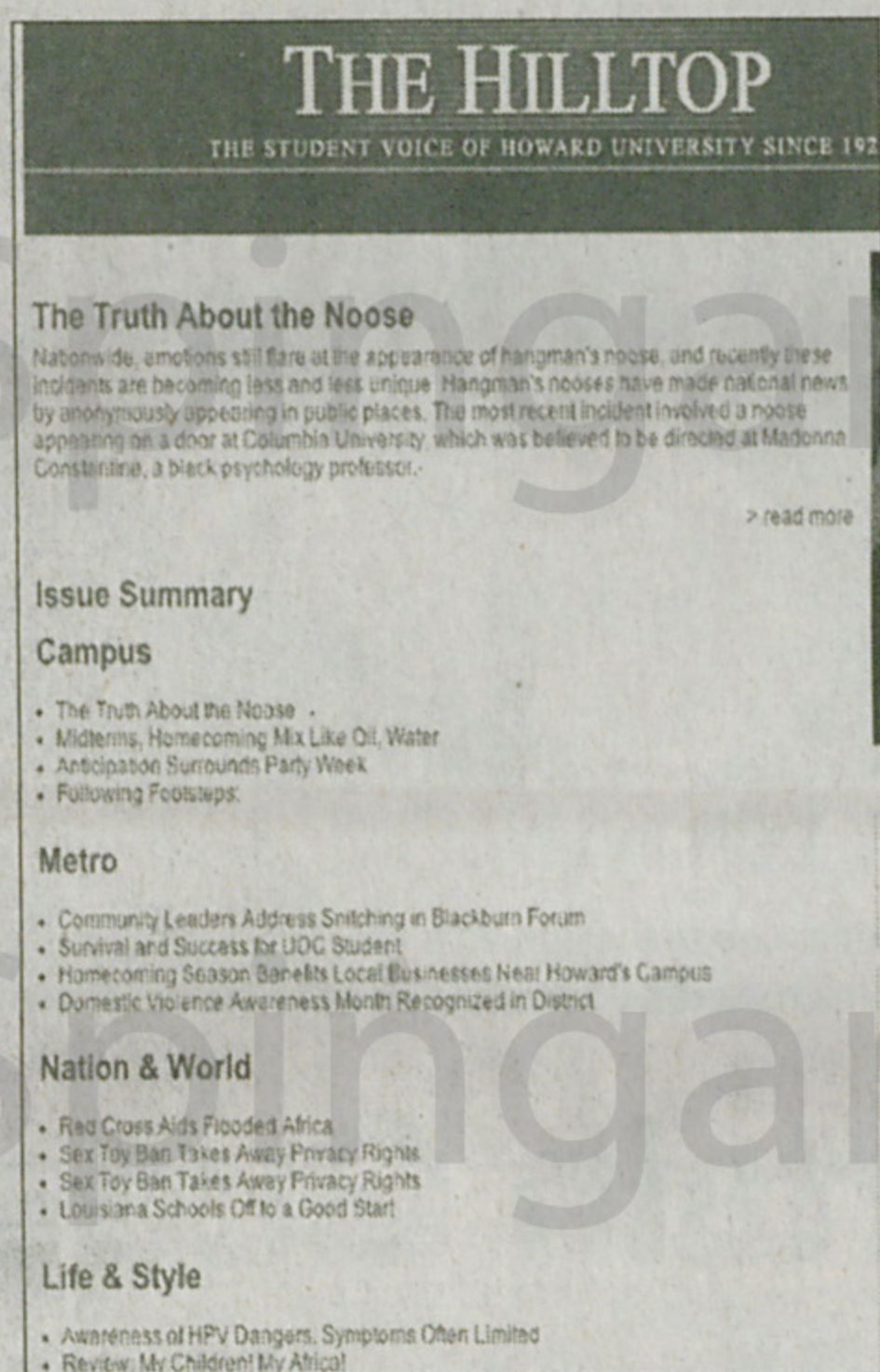


Photo Courtesy of TheHilltoponline.com

The Hilltop's Web site is in full swing again with daily edition postings.

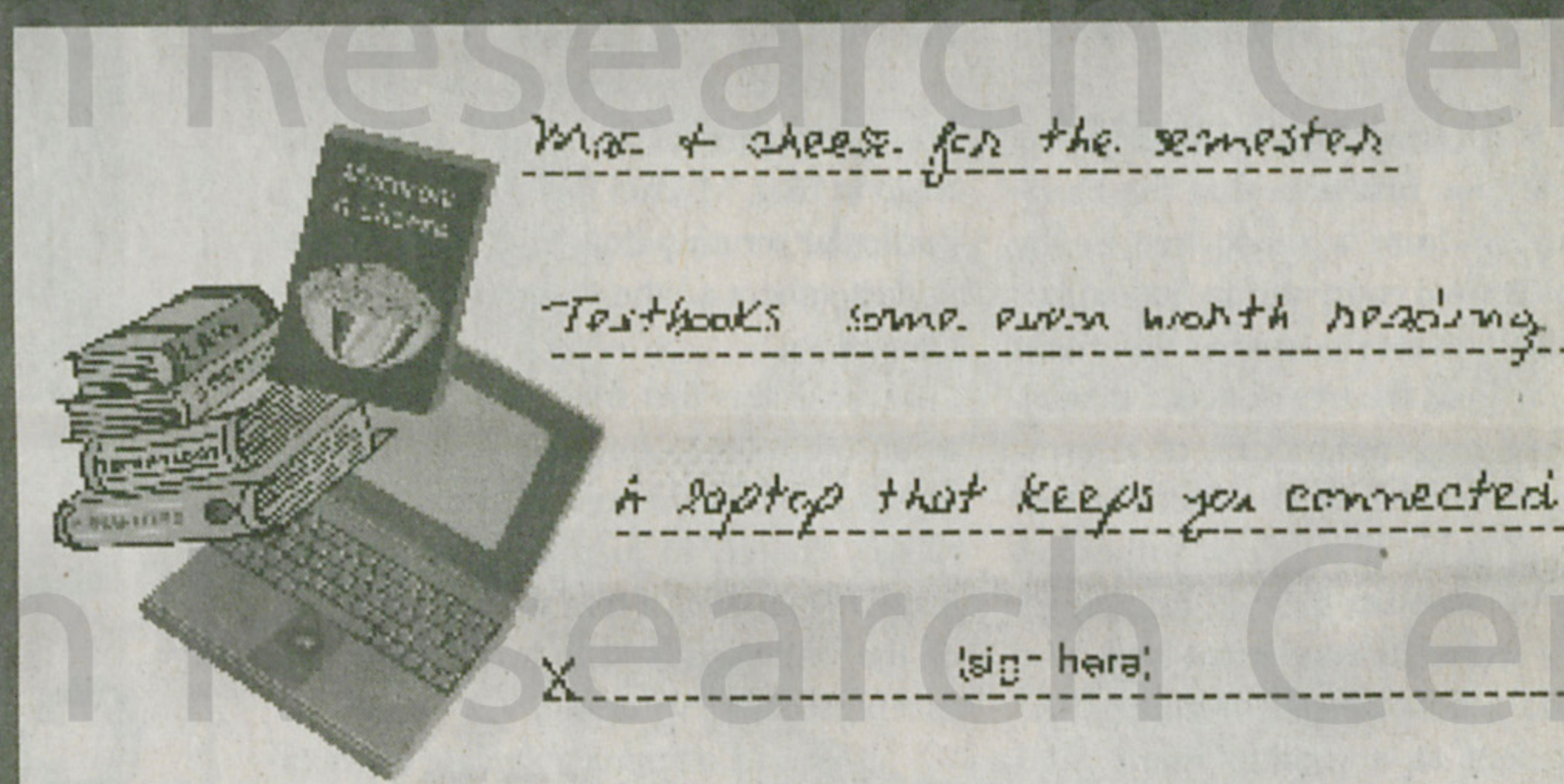
only concern is possible errors on the Web site that will be viewed worldwide.

"If quality assurance mechanisms are not in place then there may be a problem," Byrd said.

"We are going to be consistent with the posting of editions on the Web site here on out," Costley said.

*The Hilltop* may be read at [www.hilltoponline.com](http://www.hilltoponline.com).

## What Can You Get with Your Signature?



## What Can You Get with Our Signature Student Loan?

Once you've tapped out all free money and federal student loan options, fund the remaining cost of your education with Sallie Mae's popular private loan—the Signature Student Loan.

Wondering if you qualify?  
For more information and to apply, go to  
**SallieMae.com/Howard**

SALLIE MAE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY OR DISCONTINUE LOAN PROGRAMS AT ANY TIME WITHOUT NOTICE. Signature Student Loans are issued by Sallie Mae Bank, a Sallie Mae entity. Sallie Mae Bank and Signature Student Loans are registered service marks of Sallie Mae, Inc., Sallie Mae's U.S. Co-processor and its affiliates, including Sallie Mae, or its agent or agents, or its agents, in the United States of America. Copyright 2007 by Sallie Mae, Inc. All rights reserved. 1007

**SallieMae** | Signature Student Loan®

**The Hilltop Writing Workshop**  
**Tonight 6 p.m.**  
**P-Level West Towers.**





FRIDAY OCTOBER 19 | SATURDAY OCTOBER 20

DIDDY

HOMECOMING  
WEEKEND 2007

FRIDAY  
DIDDY  
DJ SNS  
WITH 93.9 WKYS

SATURDAY  
DIDDY  
BIG TIGGER  
WITH 95.5 WPGC

VISIT [LOVETHECLUB.COM](http://LOVETHECLUB.COM)  
TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW

LOVE

1350 OKIE ST. N.E WDC 20002 : 202.636.9030  
FOR TABLE RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL 202.746.1736



# AlertHU

Testing for AlertHU  
will take place on  
Thursday, October 18, 2007

Register for AlertHU  
online at:  
[www.howard.edu/bisonweb](http://www.howard.edu/bisonweb)

If you have already registered for the emergency notification system (AlertHU), you will receive a test message on Thursday, October 18, 2007. If you have registered, and do not receive an alert message on the test date, please log onto BisonWeb, and verify that the information you provided is correct.

# AlertHU

Howard  
vs.

North Carolina A & T  
Football game on Saturday,  
October 20, 2007  
Greene Stadium

Football ticket distribution  
When: Wednesday & Thursday  
October 17th & 18th

Where: Lower Level, Cramton Auditorium  
Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

All students must be validated and  
present student identification  
card to receive ticket



## Food Inspectors Overwhelmed by Workload

BY STEPHEN J. HEDGES  
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

WASHINGTON — As alarm bells sounded for the second-largest hamburger recall in history, the nation's top food safety officials were in Miami setting the "course for the next 100 years of food safety."

The fact that so many U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) executives were in Florida studying the future when New Jersey-based Topps Meats Co. was scrambling, very much in the present, to recall 21.7 million pounds of hamburger patties — a full year's production run — has ranked some USDA inspectors and food safety advocates, who see it as a symbol of the department's attitude toward food safety enforcement.

Several USDA inspectors said in interviews that their workloads are doubling or tripling as they take on the duties of inspectors who have left the department, not to be replaced. The force has been reduced dramatically in recent years as vacancies are left unfilled.

"We've been short the whole time I've been in," said one veteran inspector who asked to not be named. "We don't have enough inspectors, but we have too much management. The inspectors are short all the time and getting spread thinner and thinner."

The crisis began last month when three consumers in New York and Florida fell ill from E. coli poisoning. Soon at least 32 people were sick. The Topps re-

call, though, began a full 18 days after the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) first confirmed E. coli bacteria in a Topps hamburger.

The undersecretary of agriculture for food safety, Richard Raymond, later said, "We can do better."

FSIS — which regulates meat, poultry and egg production — says it had 7,200 inspectors in 1992 and 7,450 today. But Stan Painter, an inspector and a union representative for the American Federation of Government Employees, which represents the inspectors, said the actual number is closer to 6,500.

The difference, he said, are unfilled vacancies that FSIS permanently carries. "There are about 1,000 vacancies," Painter said. "It's steadily gotten worse."

About 6,000 food production facilities are visited by USDA inspectors, but some are so large they require several inspectors. From April to June of this year, inspectors examined 34 million "livestock carcasses" and condemned 54,546 of them, according to FSIS records. For poultry the numbers jump to an astounding 2.3 billion carcasses inspected and 11 million condemned animals.

The legal requirements for inspections, and the reduced force of inspectors, means that the inspection goals have not been met for years, according to inspectors. They complain that the workload is unrealistic, reducing their duties to cursory checks of company records, not the physical examination of meat, poultry



Food inspectors are tasked with visiting about 6,000 food production facilities in the United States, causing some of their workloads to double or triple.

and eggs.

"Inspectors are not... in the vast majority of processing plants, full time," said Felicia Nestor, a senior policy analyst for Food and Water Watch, a Washington-based food safety group.

"For the most part, inspectors at processing plants are on patrols, meaning they cover a number of plants."

Thus, she said, the patrols are counted as an inspection because of the possibility that in-

spectors could show up.

Questions about the size of the inspection force have come amid a sharp increase in E. coli-related ground beef recalls over previous years, a phenomenon that has baffled USDA officials. In the wake of the Topps case, they are devising a food safety checklist that each of the nation's estimated 1,500 meat packing plants must complete.

Industry representatives point out that incidents of E. coli had declined for several years before increasing this year. E. coli has actually "declined something in the order of 72 percent over the last five years," said Jim Hodges, president of the American Meat Institute Foundation. "It's still at a very low rate, statistically."

Hodges said the meat industry has adopted safety measures, such as steam and vinegar washes, to rid carcasses of E. coli.

At Topps, a single USDA inspector was assigned to the Elizabeth, N.J., plant, which produced more ground beef patties than any other U.S. meat processor.

But that inspector in recent years has also been given responsibility for five meat processing plants, according to Nestor. That means spending one hour and 36 minutes each day in each plant, she said.

"This is a problem we've been pointing out to them forever," Nestor said. "There are vacancies and shortages all over the country. In a lot of places, the patrol assignments are doubled and tripled up."

It was a tragic case of E.

coli contamination in 1993 that led to reforms that inspectors today say their agency is reluctant to enforce. The regulatory changes occurred after E. coli poisoning in Jack in the Box restaurant hamburgers killed four children and sickened many others.

Escherichia coli, a bacteria that lives in some cattle's intestines, can find its way into meat during the slaughter process, usually when fecal material comes in contact with a meat carcass. In humans, poisoning of this strain of E. coli can cause bloody diarrhea and urine, severe stomach cramps, and kidney damage and failure that can lead to death.

After the Jack in the Box case, the USDA required each meat plant to adopt a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point plan. The plans allowed companies to design their own food safety measures, usually around the need to process beef quickly.

The hope was that meat packing plants would adopt better practices. But inspectors complain today that their jobs have now been reduced to monitoring a company's hazard analysis plan, instead of enforcing USDA's own inspection regulations.

"They [meat packing companies] write their own plan," said one inspector, who asked to remain anonymous. "They write everything for themselves. We're 'monitoring' that now."

The inspector added, "It's just a joke. We mostly check paper now. You can put anything you want on paper."



## New OnStar Feature Hopes to Stop Car Thieves in Their Tracks

BY LINSEY ISAACS  
Staff Writer

In an effort to cut down on the number of car thefts in the country and to limit the need for police chases related to these crimes, General Motors (GM) and OnStar introduced a new technology known as the Stolen Vehicle Slowdown service.

Available exclusively through OnStar, which comes standard on most GM trucks and cars, the new technology will be installed in approximately 1.7 million automobiles as a staple in 2009 GM model vehicles.

The OnStar company, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of GM that provides communication, monitoring and tracking services by subscription, announced this technological feat on Oct. 9. The new feature would give authorities the location of stolen vehicles, and once the theft is reported, discontinue the flow of fluids to the engine to reduce its power and gradually slow down the vehicle.

The security feature kicks in when a subscriber reports the theft of their car to OnStar's headquarters, requesting the Stolen Vehicle Location Assistance, Global Positioning System (GPS) technology is then used to locate the stolen car and notify police of its position. If the officers request assistance and foresee a potentially dangerous chase, OnStar will then send a remote signal to progressively stop the vehicle. The company is currently working on a way to incorporate pre-recorded verbal warnings with the new security feature, as well.

A recent poll showed that 95 percent

of OnStar users would consider upgrading to the new system once available, showing their appreciation for the innovation in security.

OnStar has consistently assisted their subscribers in the location of stolen vehicles, and their introduction of the Stolen Vehicle Slowdown service appeals not only to consumers, but also to law enforcement officials. Approximately 30,000 police chases occur annually, resulting in almost 300 fatalities. With the new feature, OnStar aims to significantly lower these statistics.

Authority figures, including David Hiller, the national vice president of the Fraternal Order of Police, applaud OnStar's initiative to cut crime, as they have frequently assisted the law enforcement community since 1996.

"We look forward to having technologies like Stolen Vehicle Slowdown available to aid our officers in apprehending suspected car thieves and keeping our officers, highways and citizens safe," Hiller said in a statement.

OnStar is known for its consistent services to drivers, which includes aid such as roadside assistance, vehicle diagnostics and emergency assistance, among the many other convenient services. These services are available to GM car drivers for \$18.95 per month or for an annual fee of \$199. The abundance of automobiles that will carry the new feature will be led by GM's largest division, Chevrolet, which will make up 60 percent of automobiles equipped with the new technology.

"From its inception, the motivation behind OnStar has been the safety and security of our subscribers and others on the road," OnStar President Chet Huber said. "Every service we add builds on this original promise. The Stolen Vehicle Slowdown service will allow our subscribers added peace of mind by possibly preventing their vehicle from being used as an instrument of harm if it happens to be stolen."

The trend of extensive safety features in vehicles can be seen in various automobiles, ranging from tire-pressure monitoring systems to blind-spot detection. Some student drivers see it as a good idea, but remain skeptical of its application in real situations.

"It sounds like a good idea," said junior physics and mathematics major Bryan Ramsor. "It's a question of how fast the thief can disable [the feature] though. They might find a way around it. I wouldn't get the service myself, though, [because] it's expensive. And if my car gets stolen, I already have insurance. That's what it's for."



Ariane Kadoch - Dallas Morning News (MCT)

Christopher Hoover had his Cadillac returned to him 40 minutes after it was stolen from his home in Texas thanks to OnStar's security features.



Photo Courtesy of www.nytimes.com

Executives of SABMiller and Molson Coors announced the merger of the companies at a conference in New York.

## Miller, Coors Merger to Boost Sales, Product Line

BY LINSEY ISAACS  
Staff Writer

SABMiller and Molson Coors, two of the world's largest leading brewing companies, plan to merge their operations and combine their subsidiaries, Coors and Miller brand beers.

The multi-billion dollar joint venture, which will be known to the public as MillerCoors, will take effect by the end of the year, once consent is given from both parties and U.S. competition authorities grant the merger clearance.

Opting to combine U.S. operations with that of Puerto Rico will boost MillerCoors' strength in the market and allow the company to compete more effectively against major domestic and imported beer companies. Presently, Anheuser-Busch is leading sales with its Budweiser brand.

The merger is expected to allow MillerCoors to lower the price of its beer and provide more variety to both the growing number of wine and spirits consumers as well as lovers of craft brewed and imported beers.

The new company is slated to sell approximately 69 million barrels of beer to the United States annually, amounting to approximately \$6.6 billion in net revenue, analysts say. Each company will have equal voting interests, but SABMiller will have a slightly higher economic stake in the company. Because SABMiller brought in more assets to the ven-

ture, it will control 58 percent of MillerCoors' economic interests, leaving 42 percent for Molson Coors.

The joint venture will additionally improve SABMiller and Molson Coors' individual financial performances.

The management of MillerCoors will be split between top officials at both SABMiller and Molson Coors.

Pete Coors, vice chairman of Molson Coors, will serve as chairman of MillerCoors. SABMiller CEO Graham Mackay will be vice chairman, while Molson Coors CEO Leo Kiely will hold the position of chief executive. The current CEO of SABMiller's subsidiary, Miller, will be positioned as the president and chief commercial officer.

"This transaction is driven by the profound changes in the U.S. alcohol beverage industry that are confronting both of our companies with new challenges," Coors said in a statement. "Consumers are broadening their tastes and are increasingly looking for greater choice and differentiation. Wine and spirits companies are encroaching on traditional beer occasions, and global beer importers and craft brewers are both taking a larger share of volume and profit growth."

Coors said, "Creating a stronger U.S. brewer will help us meet these challenges, compete more effectively and provide U.S. consumers with more choice, greater product availability and

increased innovation."

Both companies have shown overwhelming support for the new joint venture.

According to a statement released by SABMiller, the benefits of the merger will not be limited to the company's profits. Consumers will gain an advantage as the joint venture attempts to outdo its competitors, as prices will be lowered and, as Coors emphasized, consumers will be left with more choices.

"I don't think it will affect too many people," sophomore business major Damani Brown said. "People will still buy beer regardless of the price. I think it's more of the company profiting [from the merger] than [consumers] being affected."

The merger will also enhance the distributor effectiveness of both companies by targeting production based on consumer location. Distribution will broaden due to this agreement.

"As a result of this combination, Miller and Coors will be able to provide more focused support for our flagship brands," Kiely said.

Sharon Taylor, a sophomore public relations major, also believed the merger would not do much for consumers, a belief held by much of the student body.

Taylor said the merger will neither benefit or negatively affect frequent customers, especially if their enjoyment lies in other beer beverages, such as Budweiser.



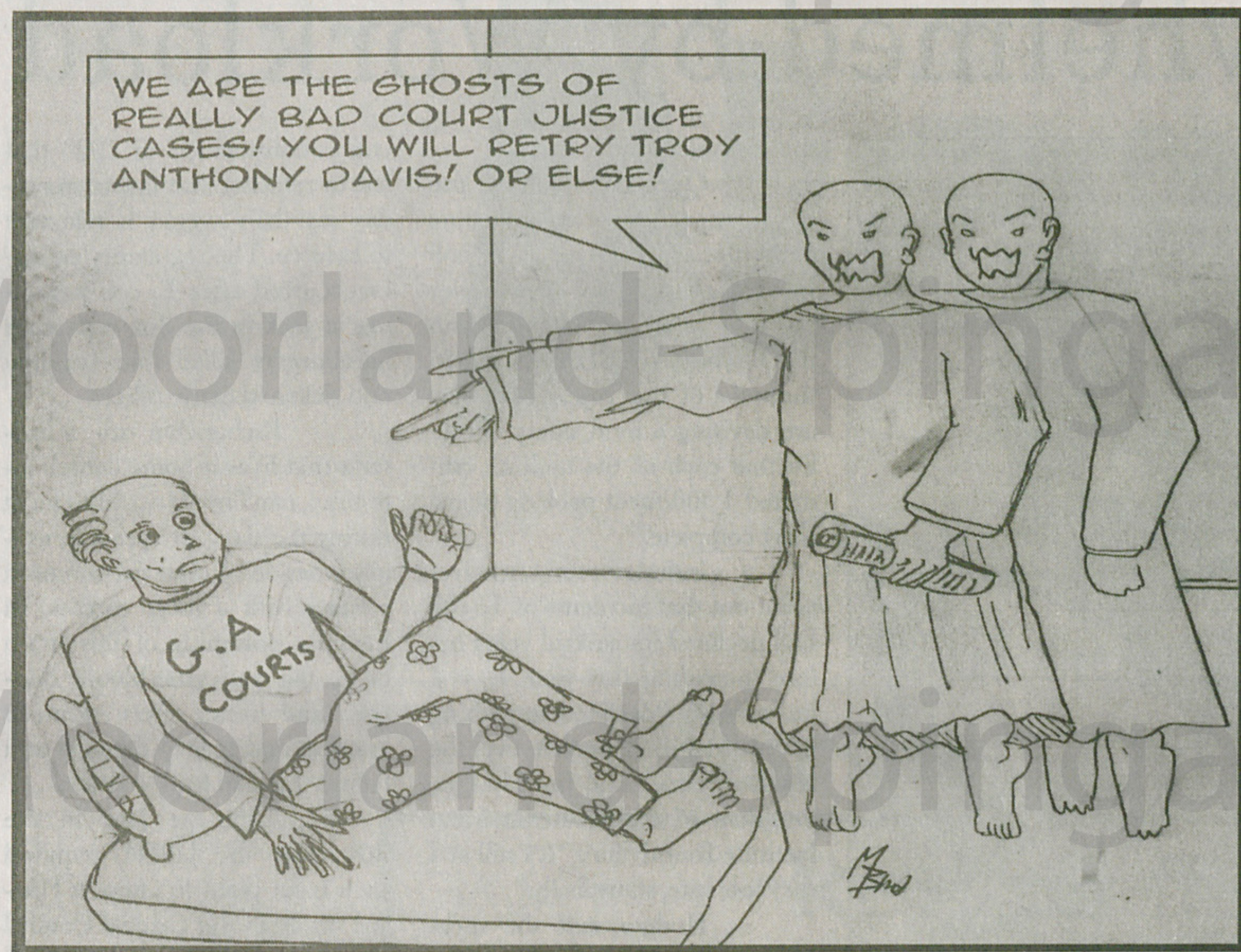
# 6 | EDITORIALS & PERSPECTIVES

## Daily Sudoku

### Directions:

Each row, each column, and each 3x3 box must contain each and every digit 1-9 exactly once.

		3						2
7		4	2	5				
			1	9	3			
		6		3	1		8	9
5	3		8	4		7		
			3	7	9			
				8	2	1		4
9						6		



Cartoon by Marcus Bird

## A Lack of Basic Evidence Ignored In Murder Trial

In 1991, Troy Anthony Davis was sentenced to death for the murder of police officer Mark Allen McPhail at a Burger King in Savannah, Ga.

Despite Davis claiming innocence, he turned himself in to authorities, confident that the justice system would prove him right. His trust and confidence was clearly put into the wrong hands, and Davis has spent the better part of two decades dealing with the consequences of that misplaced trust.

Davis was found guilty, sent to death row and has spent nearly 16 years behind bars, despite the fact that there was no DNA evidence found and there was no murder weapon recovered from the scene.

Twenty-four hours before his scheduled execution, he was granted a 90-day stay, not only because of the gaping lack of evidence in his opposition, but because seven of the nine witnesses in his trial admitted that they were coerced into testifying by police and recanted their statements. In addition, all nine witnesses have implicated another suspect in the murder.

In an excerpt from an Amnesty International report on his case Davis said, "I truly un-

derstand a life has been lost, and I have prayed for that family just as I pray for mine, but I am innocent and all I ask for is a true day in a just court. If I am so guilty why do the courts deny me that? The truth is that they have no real case; the truth is I am innocent. Where is the justice for me?"

On Nov. 13, his question will be answered and hopefully, this time the answer will be the right one.

The Georgia State Supreme Court will hear arguments

coerced the so-called witnesses should be sought out and prosecuted for interfering with the case and wrongfully sending Davis to prison. Even if Davis did commit the murder, the fact that there was absolutely no evidence to prove that he did so should have been a red flag to the authorities working on this case. Any trial, not just one concerning murder, should be based on evidence with eye-witness testimony used to supplement the evidence. Anything less is unfair and leaves room for investigation.

From prison, Davis told the Democracy Now organization, "My situation is a situation that should have never happened. But together, if we pull together as a people, I'll be coming home. And when I come home, we can bring more brothers and sisters out, bring them home, gather them together, and, as one people, we can make a change in this wicked world."

Davis has already been punished enough, enduring a faulty trial and a wrongful prison sentence. The State Supreme Court of Georgia has one more chance to correct itself. Sixteen years later, it is time for justice to finally be served.

**Our View:**  
*Davis deserves a fair trial and the police deserve punishment.*

as to whether or not Davis should be retried or if the court should follow through with his execution.

If seven of the nine witnesses have admitted their testimonies were false and forced, there should be no argument that Davis deserves a fair trial, which is what he should have been given before he spent nearly two decades in prison for something he may not have even done.

The police officers that

Correction: In the Oct. 15 issue of *The Hilltop*, in the article, "Mr. and Miss Howard Crowned," Ariel Rankin was mistakenly noted as Miss College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences (CEACS). Rankin is actually Miss College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences (CPNAHS), not Miss CEACS.

**Do you have a point to make?**

**Good!**

**Stop talking and start typing!**

**Submit Perspectives at:**

**[www.thehilltoponline.com](http://www.thehilltoponline.com)**

**Look for the letter to the editor link.**

**Do you have a few points to make?**

**Even Better!**

**Submit your opinion essay to:**

**[hilltopperspectives@gmail.com](mailto:hilltopperspectives@gmail.com)**

**to share your view with the Howard community.**

**Do you want to write for The Hilltop?**

**Come to our budget meeting**

**MONDAY @ 7P.M.**

**WEST TOWERS (PLAZA LEVEL)**

## THE HILLTOP

"The Nation's Only Black Daily Collegiate Newspaper"

**Drew Costley**

*Editor-In-Chief*

**Caryn Grant**

*Managing Editor*

**Joshua Thomas**

*Managing Editor*

**Janelle Jolley**

*Ombudsman*

**Traver Riggins**

*Senior Campus Editor*

**Phillip Lucas**

*Editorial & Perspectives Editor*

**Justin Knight**

**Oscar Merrida IV**

*Photo Editors*

**Eboni Farmer**

*Deputy Campus Editor*

**Jasmin Melvin**

*Business & Technology Editor*

**Erin Evans**

*Copy Chief*

**Mercia Williams-Murray**

*Assistant Campus Editor*

**Winnie Clark-Jenkins**

*Sports Editor*

**RaShawn Mitchner**

*Assistant Copy Chief*

**Vanessa Rozier**

*Nation & World Editor*

**Matthew Cooper**

*Deputy Sports Editor*

**Crystal J. Allen**

**Lauren Belcher**

**Jessica Littles**

**Natalie Thompson**

*Copy Editors*

**Danielle Kwateng**

*Life & Style Editor*

**Rachel Huggins**

*Metro Editor*

**Sakita Holley**

*Deputy Life & Style Editor*

**Marcus Bird**

*Cartoonist*

**Ashley Marshall**

*Business Manager*

**Amanda Lockett**

*Assistant Business Manager*

**Brandon Williams**

*Advertising Manager*

**Kamirria Harris**

*Office Manager*

**Kandace Barker**

*Office Assistant*

**Jonathan Houston**

*Office Assistant*

*The Hilltop encourages its readers to share their opinions with the newspaper through letters to the editor or perspectives. All letters should include a complete address and telephone number and should be sent electronically on our Web site at [www.thehilltoponline.com](http://www.thehilltoponline.com). Any inquiries for advertisements or Hilltopics should be directed to The Hilltop Business Office.*

### The Hilltop

2251 Sherman Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 806-4724 (Editorial)  
(202) 806-4749 (Business)  
[hilltopbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:hilltopbusiness@gmail.com)

Now in its 84th year, *The Hilltop* is published Monday through Friday by Howard University students. With a readership of more than 7,000, *The Hilltop* is the largest black collegiate newspaper in the nation.

The opinions expressed on the Editorial & Perspectives page are the views of the The Hilltop Editorial Board and those of the authors and do not necessarily represent Howard University or its administration.

*The Hilltop* reserves the right to edit letters for space and grammatical errors and any inappropriate, libelous or defamatory content. All letters must be submitted a week prior to publication.



SIDE HUSTLES Go DJ!

BY TIWANA BEVERLY  
Contributing Writer

When many people think of DJing, they think of it as being the person in the club that keeps the music spinning. It looks fun, easy and seems to be a fast way to make cash. However, in reality it is much more than that. DJing is an art that requires much skill and dedication.

Junior audio production major Jahi Whitehead has been DJing around Howard's campus for some time now. "I started DJing when I was 13 years old," he said. "I brought my equipment with my own money. When I got to Howard I went to an interest meeting from WHBC, and I got involved from there."

With continuous parties going on around campus, from week to week, finding an event to work is not that hard for student DJs.

"I get a lot of jobs through WHBC, but people do call me to certain events around campus and other DJs have hooked me up with things outside of campus like DJ BoutIt and DJ Anonymous," Whitehead said.

Hakeem Harmon, also known as DJ Anonymous, is a 2006 Howard graduate.

Sophomore administration of justice major, Tasha Johnston said, "He is one of the hottest DJs out. I hail from Jersey and so does he. I feel his style is like no other and for this I always try to attend his events."

Harmon is very passionate about his love for music and the art of manipulating beats.

He said, "I've been playing drums since the age of nine, so I've always known how to keep everything in beat while playing music. That combined with the ability to become creative, my love of music, and performing for a crowd led to my love and interest in the art form of DJing."

Many inspiring DJs look up to well established and famous DJs in the music industry. They offer much motivation and also serve as a role model for them to someday inspire to become.

Whitehead claims to credit most of his inspiration after DJ Jazzy Jeff, DJ Kid Kapri and Funk Master Flex.

Like Whitehead, Harmon shares many of these same inspirations.

"I have many inspirations, such as Funk Master Flex for his ability to make money off several endorsement deals. He's a promotions/marketing genius. DJ Clue for what he did for the mixtape game and DJ Jazzy Jeff for taking scratching to another level."

Whitehead and Harmon both have an undeniable passion for what they do. It can be seen through their work, and their passion has continued to bring them success.

"I recommend if anybody has a passion for this and they think they want to enter into this career, you should do it," Whitehead said. "It can be lucrative, but there are some pitfalls. It's a lot of late nights and dedication. You have to be able to juggle a lot of things."

Many people only see the positive side of DJing. They work parties that are exciting, en-



Andre Vieira - KRT (MCT)

Being a DJ may seem like a lot of fun, but it is also a lot of work. It requires a lot of preparation and a good understanding of what your audience wants to hear.

tertaining, fun and seemingly easy. And although there are perks that come with the business, it also requires a large amount of hard work and dedication to be successful.

So, whether you view DJing as a gift or a grind, it is a side hustle around campus that's sparking big moves.

Breaking Down Body Mass Index

BY SIMONE PRINGLE  
Staff Writer

In a society where movies like "Super Size Me" speak the truth and restaurants are removing trans fat from its food, weight is on many people's minds.

The body mass index (BMI) is a way to categorize people into weight classes such as underweight, normal weight, overweight and obese.

Assistant director for the Center Comprehensive Weight Loss at Providence Hospital Denia Tapscoff said, "I think [the body mass index is] a good starting point. They're becoming a standard in physician's offices. It lets patients know, 'okay you're moving into the obese category, let's do something about it.' But it can also tell patients, 'okay, you're moving into the underweight category, let's do something about that.'"

The body mass index can be calculated by multiplying 703 by one's weight, and then dividing the product by one's height.

Senior accounting major Charles Taylor went to the doctor about a year ago.

"They didn't show me my body mass index, but I did know about it. I consider myself very healthy," he said. "Even though I don't always have the opportunity to eat right, I do enough physical activities throughout a normal day to stay active and balance some unhealthy meals."

While the number of obese Americans grows, the country's fascination with being thin is still alive. Tapscoff said that while being obese isn't healthy, being extremely thin isn't either.

"Being underweight can be a concern. It depends on their age. It could be a problem with malnutrition. It may be suggestive of an underlying problem that need to be looked into. A lot of elderly patients can be malnourished. The concern for anorexia is big as well," she said.



Betty Udesen - Seattle Times (MCT)

BMI is a way to categorize people into weight classes such as underweight, normal weight, overweight and obese, but it is not the end all when it comes to total health.

For those who might be a few pounds over the normal weight for their height Tapscoff said, "The ideal body weight chart [defines how much past "normal weight" is healthy.] Beyond that, we really don't have anything to clarify what is the ideal weight. As society is starting to get a little bigger so the standards have changed a bit."

For those with higher than average body mass indexes, Tapscoff said there is some good news.

"You do have to look at more than just the BMI. It doesn't factor in their body composition," she said. "A bodybuilder might look overweight, but their body composition might be 80 percent and 20 percent fat and since muscle weighs more, this makes them seem overweight."

Taylor said, "I think that the BMI, along with other information, can be useful for the general population, but there are always some body types and health circumstances which make the normal rules inapplicable. Being physically fit is much more important. The size of the body is only one part of determining overall physical health." To America's growing obsession with thinness, Tapscoff said, "It isn't necessarily acceptable to just be thin; you want to be thin and healthy. It can be concern from a cardiovascular standpoint."

Tapscoff said that exercise and a well-balanced diet do play a major role in controlling one's body mass index.

Taylor said while he doesn't work out in the gym, his busy schedule keeps him active.

"I cook most of my meals so it mainly consists of a meat, usually chicken or steak, a vegetable, such as peas or corn, and either a salad or another vegetable," Taylor said.

Sophomore public relations major Dionne Vaughn tries to keep healthy within the limits of her schedule and weather.

"I try to work out at least two times a week. Three times is what I'm aiming for. Mostly I do Pilates," she said. "I like to run, but when it gets cold I'm probably going to end up just doing Pilates. I might go to Burt, but there are people in there all the time so I'll probably just be with my friends in my room."

Vaughn, who does not know her own body mass index, considers herself to be moderately healthy.

"I'm turning away from greasy foods, fried foods, more so [looking to eat] grilled or sautéed [meats.] I'm not a big junk food eater, and I'm don't like sweets that much," she said.

Tapscoff said it's not a good idea to be just muscle and bone.

"You have to have some fat. It's more than just insulation. It's all based on male or female, females are allowed to have a little more fat. It's based on age too," she said. "If you take a female who's between 20 and 40 years old, they should have about 20-34 percent body fat. As you get older, you're allowed a little more fat. There are ranges that are considered normal. Having lower body fat can also be a problem."

Tapscoff said that the body mass index is not the be all and end all. She said, "It's important for people to know where they are on the BMI chart, but not to use that as the only measure to decide what to do next when it comes to weight loss and being healthy."

An Etiquette Guide for the Homecoming R&B Concert

Since we are always out and about enjoying our entertainment options during Homecoming, we noticed a few things. Specifically, people behaving, shall we say, "inappropriately." This displeases us. So we thought, for all our sakes, we should set some public venue ground rules. Maybe this is a primer. Or it could be a refresher course. Either way, let's all try to be nice out there. After all, we want to enjoy ourselves!

Next time you're at a live-music event, look at the ticket in your pocket. Chances are, you won't find your own name on the ticket, and there's a good reason for that, namely, that people paid good money to hear the person named on the ticket sing, not you.

Think of singing along with a performer the way you would telling a dirty joke: If you have to ask yourself whether or not it's a good idea, the answer is just about always no. True, there are shows where an integral part of the experience involves frenzied mobs singing along with every word (see: Bruce Springsteen), even if some crowds tend to go overboard with it (see: the Avett Brothers).

But if you're the only one in the crowd singing, you'll get (and deserve) lots of dirty looks and maybe worse. So you really need to find a different way to express your appreciation. Here's a hint: It's called "applauding," and people do it between songs.

By now, there seems to be little hope that the volume wars will end anytime soon. Amplified live music is almost always too loud, to the point that concertgoers either have to wear earplugs or risk serious hearing loss.

Crushing volume is sort of like secondhand smoke, part of the live-music territory. But is it really necessary to make the between-act recorded music almost as loud as the performance? Loud enough to make conversation almost impossible?

True, this doesn't happen at every show. But far too often, what is supposed to be background noise for hitting the concession stand becomes the only thing you notice.

At a Beyonce show over the summer, the between-act music was so loud that the only way I could converse with the person sitting next to me was to shout in the poor woman's ear. So not only were both our ears ringing, but I was hoarse with a sore throat, which had me buying a steady stream of beverages.

Compiled by — David Menconi, Craig D. Lindsey, Greg Cox, Sarah Lindenfeld Hall, the staff of the Regulator Bookshop in Raleigh, N.C. and Adrienne Johnson Martin.

Commentary: Don Imus Takes His Time Out of the Limelight

BY DAVID FREEDLANDER  
amNewYork (MCT)

NEW YORK — Only six months after leaving the airwaves in disgrace, the I-Man finds himself at the center of another media storm, this time after a Web report Monday that he'd inked a multimillion-dollar deal with WABC-AM to become the New York talk-radio station's new morning drive-time host.

The item on the Drudge Report set off a flurry of media activity as well as buzz in the blogosphere. Numerous phone calls to WABC-AM and its corporate parent, Citadel Broadcasting, were not returned. Phil Boyce, WABC's program director and Citadel Broadcasting vice president of news/talk programming, told *Newsday* Monday that he had nothing to announce, and wasn't exactly certain when he would.

Many were shocked that Imus has been able for it."

to bounce back so quickly from such a sudden fall.

"How can America's memory be so short," asked Sonia Ossorio, president of the New York City chapter of the National Organization for Women.

"It was only six months ago that he was on the air denigrating young black women who were just out there trying to playing ball.

"A lot of people say he's suffered, but how can he be suffering when he got six months off and somewhere between \$10-20 million payout from CBS," she continued, referring to Imus' settlement with his previous employer.

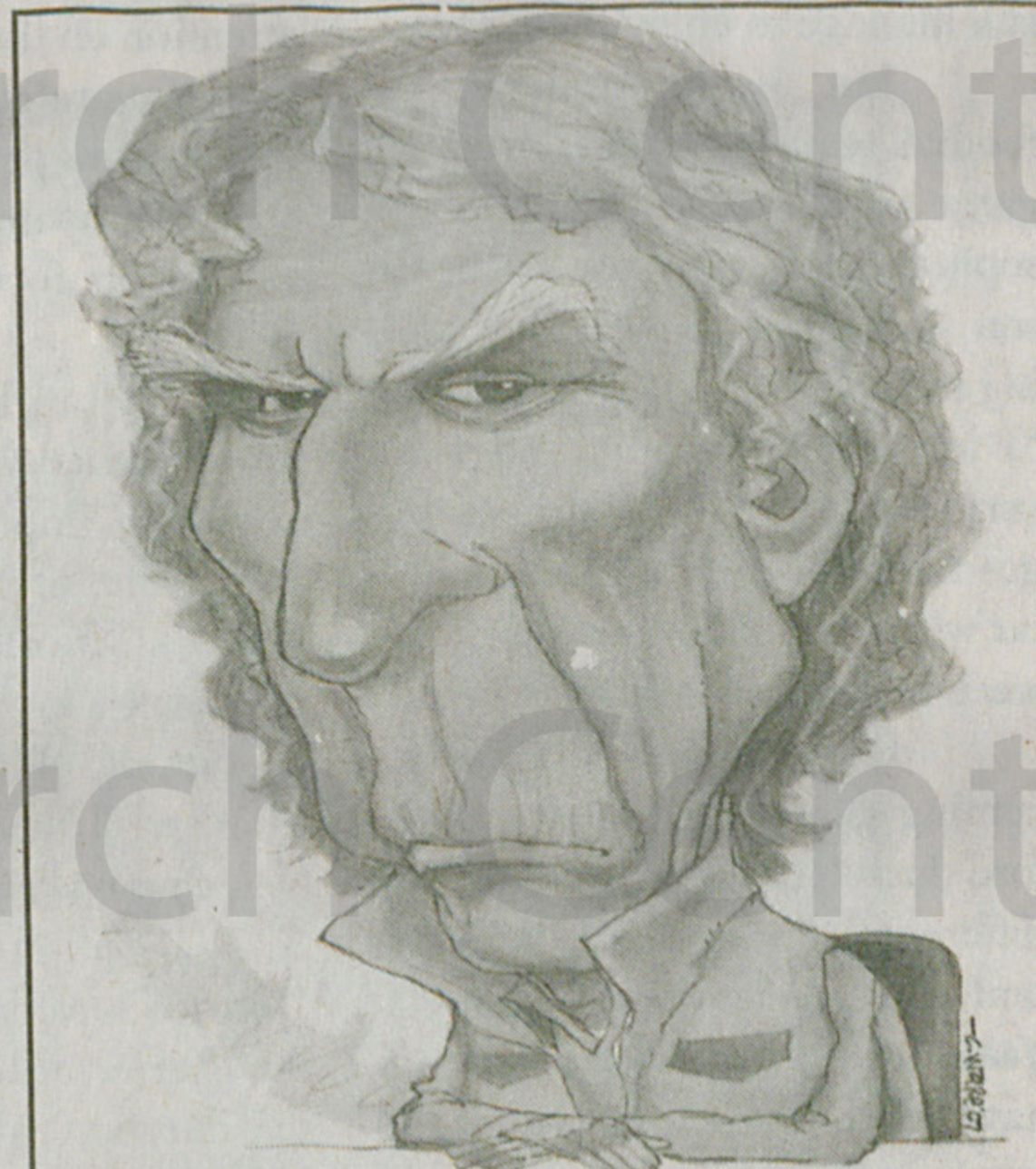
Others were hopeful that a comeback by the shock jock meant that he could atone for some of his more outrageous statements of the past.

"Reconciliation is rooted in my religious faith and in my own life," said civil rights pioneer Rev. Herbert Daughtry. "Repentance means he is sorry for what he's done and not just sorry that he got caught for it."

A threatened boycott of advertisers ultimately ended Imus' run on CBS. It remains to be seen if a similar boycott would affect some of WABC's chief sponsors. Steve Glasbert, a spokesman for Air-Brook Limousine, which is listed on the station's Web site as a WABC partner, said: "We've been satisfied by the results and we don't believe adding Don Imus will impair those results ... everybody deserves a second chance."

Michael Harrison, the editor and publisher of *Talkers Magazine*, an industry trade journal, said he believed that Imus was poised for an even bigger comeback.

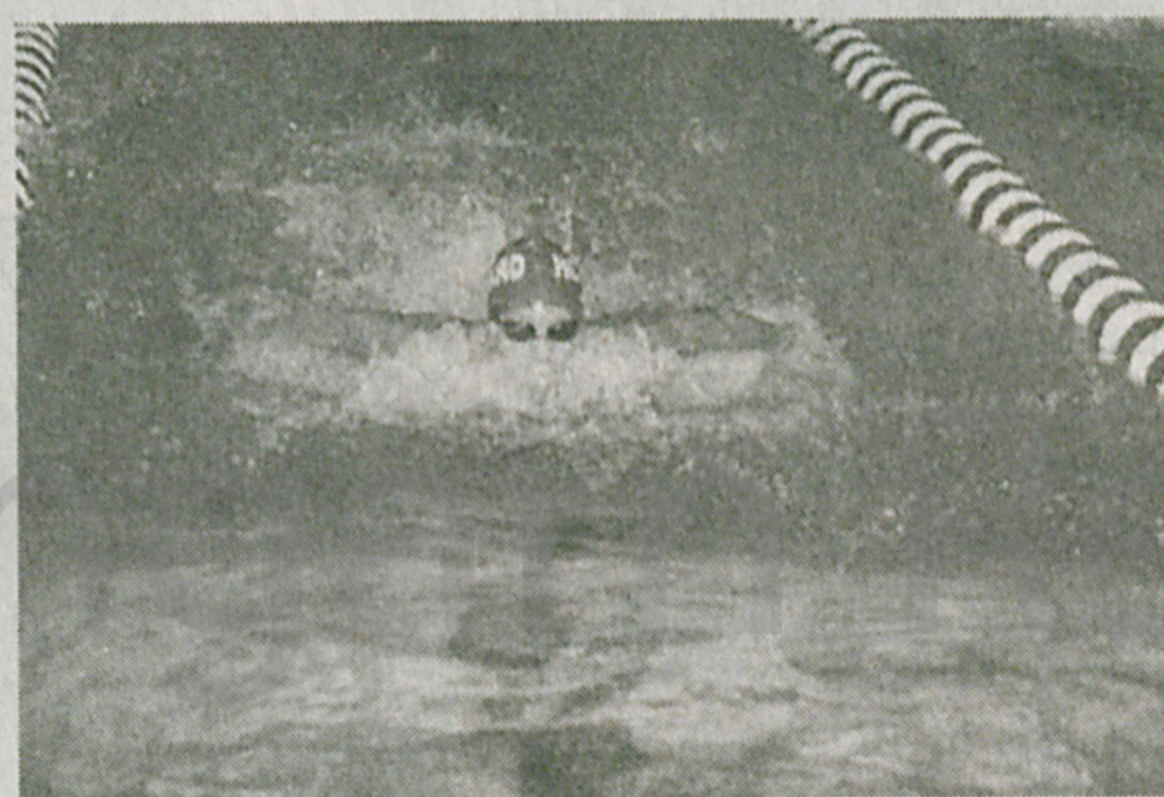
"If Imus plays it smart he could have an even more socially pertinent show than he did before," he said. "In the long run, Sharpton did him a favor. He kept Imus in the news and put him at the focal point of one of the crucial issues of our time and now it gives Imus a chance to reinvent himself."



Chris Ware - KRT (MCT)



## Bison Athlete of the Week: Miguel Orellana



Courtesy of Howard-bison.com  
Sophomore biology major Miguel Orellana was named CCSA men's Swimmer of the Week last week.

BY AVERY GREEN  
Contributing Writer

A slow but steady steam rises from the surface of the water as the men of the Howard swim team begin their morning workout.

The pool, which at first seems like flawless glass, immediately shatters with a splash as the first swimmer pierces through its depths.

Two days out of the week these athletes must wake up at 5:30 a.m. in order to prepare for their individual events as well as to perfect their swimming techniques.

One swimmer in particular, Miguel Orellana, is a prime example that dedication and commitment to excellence does not go unnoticed.

This sophomore biology major and Washington, D.C. native is quickly becoming the Howard Sharks' new threat for overall points and standings. In their opening meet against Towson State, Orellana helped his team finish second in the men's 200-yard medley relay.

But his roots to swimming go way back in time. Orellana be-

gan swimming around the same time he learned to walk. His parents insisted that his swimming skills were a necessity.

"They [believed] they were missing out because they didn't know how to swim, so they felt their children should know how if something ever happened," Orellana said.

From then on he and his older brother learned how to swim, and he has never looked back since. In his second year at Howard University, Orellana seems to have prospered under Coach Rawlings' belief in self-accountability.

Recently, Orellana was named the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association's Player of the Week for his performance against Towson.

Not only did he contribute in the relay, but Orellana won first place in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 10:12:87. He also posted a time of 4:55:51 in the 500-yard freestyle for a second place finish.

Orellana's own expectations allow him to set manageable, yet challenging goals for himself as he realizes that "in college you're expected to take more of a responsibility in your own train-

ing, not like in high school where you had a coach to tell you where and how to do things."

Miguel's work ethic has been acknowledged by his teammates as well.

"He's a very hard worker, very committed and willing to push it to the next level in every practice set," said Charles Canady, a freshman spanish major and fellow teammate.

Canady believes Coach Rawlings realizes Orellana's leadership abilities and talents, and utilizes them in meets as well as in practices.

"Coach puts me behind him [purposely] so I can chase him, because he's a really good pacesetter," Canady said.

Orellana has balanced a social life with his rigorous training and a very demanding workload as biology major.

"Outside of the water, Miguel is just another one of the guys, playing video games, laughing, joking and just being a good friend," Canady said.

This sense of camaraderie is an essential component to an already promising team "in terms of the new blood, because there is a lot of raw talent in these first year guys," Orellana said.

## COOP'S GOOD GUYS of the WEEK

1. New England Patriots - Beat the undefeated Cowboys 48-27 on Sunday.

2. Colorado Rockies - Made it to the World Series.

3. Adrian Peterson - The Rookie Minnesota Vikings tailback showed flashes of Barry Sanders, racking up 328 total yards against the former dominant Chicago Bears defense.

4. Vinny Testaverde - Played quarterback has played in the NFL since the 80s and he led the Carolina Panthers to victory on Sunday.

5. Andre Woodson - The Kentucky quarterback pushed the team to triple OT win against No. 1, LSU.

- Compiled by Matthew Cooper,  
Deputy Sports Editor

## Homecoming Provides Distractions for Football Team



Homecoming events, like the popular Yardfest, can serve as a distraction from the game for football players.

BY LAUREN GASPARD  
Contributing Writer

Every year, Howard University and its students prepare for the what is arguably the biggest Homecoming in America. People from everywhere come to take part in the sights and sounds of the legendary events at Howard University. Alumni reunite, and current students make new friends.

But with all of this activity, classes are still in session, students still have their daily routines and are still expected to follow suit. The Bison football team is no exception. For years, the Bison football team still has to practice and be conscious of the activities in which they participate throughout the week. Despite practice, meetings and curfew, the gentlemen still manage to enjoy themselves.

Just as the students, the football team is excited for the big game as well. Branden Bufford, a sophomore cornerback for the Bison says the hype of Homecoming still sparks excitement for him. "I love Homecoming, and I am very excited. This is the second go-round for me, and I am familiar with the do's and don'ts of the week in general, unlike last year."

Even though the homecoming game is a big deal, Bufford doesn't treat the spotlight any different. "Focus is most important when it comes to any sport. Yeah, it's a good time when you have that big of a turn-out for the game, but the ultimate goal is to

walk away with the 'W.'"

A native of Washington, D.C., senior defensive end Jarrett Burgess said Howard Homecomings are nothing new to him. "I'm always excited about Homecoming! I mean, it's the biggest and most talked about Homecoming in the nation," Burgess said.

He said that even as a child, the Homecoming at Howard was the event of the year that could not be missed. "It's funny because Homecoming ignites the same amount of excitement now as it did then and this is my fifth Homecoming since being a student. Only this time I get to play an essential part in the entire week, I get to be center stage on the football field."

Many players share universal feelings about the fact that the events do not break their focus or attention on the big game. Sophomore free safety Maurice Cheeks feels that his personality and character factors into why he is able to sustain his focus throughout the week.

"I can honestly say that I am a focused young man when it comes to important tasks. Football is one of those things," said Cheeks. "Football is number one on the list for the weekend, and everything else comes after. Besides, we'll have more fun when we win anyway."

Sophomore cornerback Donrico Washington stressed that the overall attitude maintained in the duration of the week is what keeps the focus in tact.

"As a football player, the main focus for the team is the game on Saturday, every Saturday not just Homecoming," Washington said. "Our goal throughout the week is to dominate our opponent come game day. Anything else that will not be conducive to helping us attain that goal is not of substance."

Overall, the guys plan to make the best of the weekend, despite minor setbacks. "I plan to go to the Gospel Show, the Step Show, and a portion of Yardfest that doesn't conflict with practice of course," said Burgess. Cheeks said that part of his focus is to exercise good judgment. "I'll most likely only be attending the step show this year because it is the only event that takes place after the game, I just don't want to take any risks when it comes to being on point for practice."

Cheeks encouraged everybody to come out to not just the Homecoming game, but the games thereafter. "Homecoming is definitely a lot of fun, especially since we get a chance to showcase our talent in front of visitors as well as alumni. But I wish that we could get the same turnout for our regular season games from those people as well."

Washington said crowd participation is a small, but important, factor in performance. "We feed off of the excitement from the crowd. The more amped you are, the better we feel which is why we need your support."

## SCOREBOARD

No Games Played Tuesday

### UPCOMING GAMES

10/18 Volleyball @ Burr Gym vs. Delaware State  
7 p.m.

## BCS Standings Open With a Big Surprise

BY BRIAN DAVIS  
Dallas Morning News (MCT)

Leave it to the BCS to provide another unexpected twist in this topsy-turvy football season.

Ohio State was No. 1 in the first Bowl Championship Series standings released Sunday. No surprise there. But South Florida, a school that started playing football in 1997, is second, and Boston College is third.

LSU (No. 4) and Oklahoma (No. 5) are two powerhouses used to the BCS chaos. But relative newcomers South Carolina, Kentucky and Arizona State are also in the Top 10, which means there are plenty of new teams to watch over the final month and a half.

The BCS standings will be updated every week until Dec. 2. The top two teams in the final standings will play in the Allstate BCS national championship game in New Orleans.

"The thing that makes this year a little bit different is that we have unknown teams at the top," said Jerry Palm, who runs CollegeBCS.com. "Who's South Florida? Who's Boston College?"

"A lot of people probably don't know where South Florida is located."

Everybody knows about the Buckeyes (7-0). Jim Tressel's club, which boasts the nation's No. 1-ranked scoring defense, whipped Kent State, 48-3, Saturday when LSU and California suffered upset losses.

USE, located in Tampa, Fla., is ranked third in the USA Today coaches poll and the Harris Interactive poll. The Bulls (6-0) were first in the computer rankings thanks in part to their 26-23 overtime win over Auburn on Sept. 8. The Tigers are 17th in the BCS standings.

Boston College (7-0) is off this week but has two tough challenges ahead with Virginia Tech (Oct. 25) and Florida State (Nov. 3).

Oklahoma fans should keep their fingers crossed for more upsets. Their Sooners won't get much help from the rest of the Big 12. OU is 11th in the BCS computer rankings. Texas Tech is the only top-25 team left on OU's schedule.

LSU (6-1) is second in the computer rankings and should benefit from the Southeastern Conference's rugged reputation. Palm believes LSU would finish ahead of OU in the BCS standings if both have only one loss.

"If you're Oklahoma, you

don't want to see a one-loss SEC team — pretty much any of them — there at the end, and you don't want to see a one-loss Southern Cal," Palm said.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said Sunday his team hasn't played to its potential yet.

"So much of the time, whether it's media or the fans, they want to already place you in this great place, and we're not there yet," Stoops said. "We have to get better in a lot of areas. We're improving. I still feel that we should be better than we are."

Texas and Texas Tech are also on the BCS radar. The Longhorns are 22nd, and the Red Raiders are 24th. Both teams have a lot of ground to make up, though. Tech (6-1) may have the upper hand because it has yet to face OU.

"The most important thing we can do is see how much better we can be as a team tomorrow," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "Do it again and do it again."

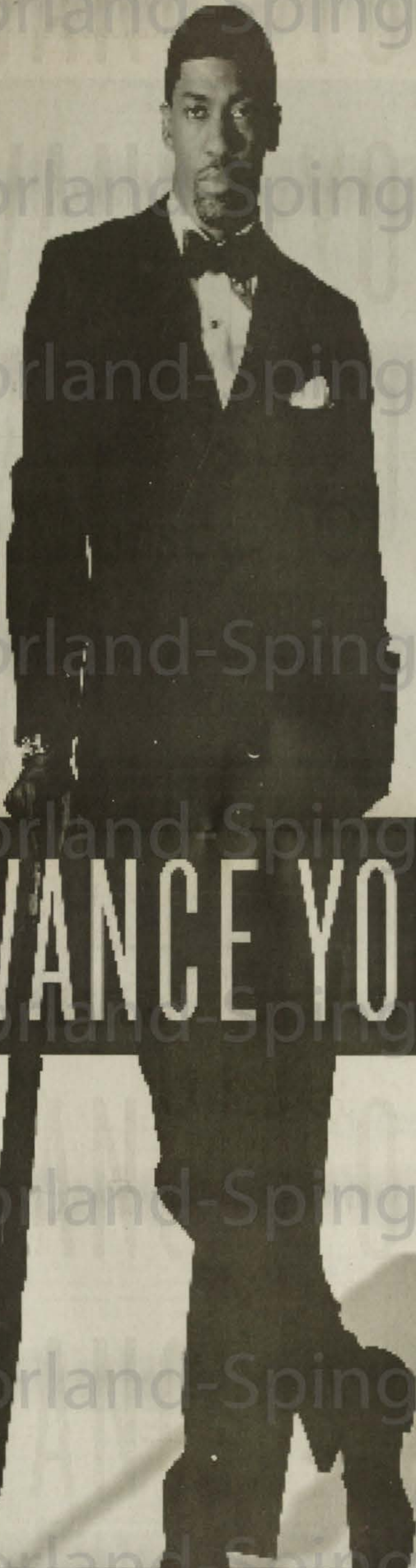
— Dallas Morning News staff writer Brandon George contributed to this report.





The Howard University Bookstore Presents:

GET IS, APPAREL, ELECTRONICS, BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLIES



HOW TO USE  
MANNERS,  
CONFIDENCE,  
AND STYLE  
TO GET AHEAD

ADVANCE YOUR SWAGGER

FONZWORTH  
BENTLEY

Thursday, October 18, 2007

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

2225 Georgia Ave., NW, Washington DC 20059 1.800.919.5997 or 202.238.2640

Go to [WWW.HUBOOKSTORE.COM](http://WWW.HUBOOKSTORE.COM) for more information on our events.



# Purpose



**The most talented people.**

**World-class technologies.**

**The best of both worlds.**

[www.honeywell.com/careers](http://www.honeywell.com/careers)

**Dave Cote**

Chairman and CEO,  
Honeywell International  
"The Honeywell Performance Story"  
Wednesday, October 24, 2007  
11:00 a.m.  
School of Business Auditorium

**Honeywell**



# Darfur Fights for Power

Continued from FRONT,  
SUDAN

And like their southern counterparts, the Darfur rebels' basic demands are for more political power, a bigger piece of the national wealth and a chance at self-determination.

Experts say the south's experience is making some Darfur rebels question the wisdom of negotiating with the central government.

"Because of this, our friends in Darfur are saying that they are not going to deal with [the central government] under any circum-

stances," said Eltyeb Hag Ateya, a political scientist at the University of Khartoum.

This week, Sharif Harir, leader of a Darfur rebel group known as the Sudan Liberation Army-Unity, threatened to boycott a critical round of Darfur peace talks scheduled for later this month in Libya, saying he wouldn't negotiate with a government that didn't include the southern rebels.

The absence of his group could critically weaken the talks. Two weeks ago, a splinter faction from his group took credit for staging a devastating raid on an African Union peacekeeping base,

killing 10 soldiers and perhaps complicating the deployment of a larger, U.N.-led force that's been authorized by the U.N. Security Council.

Sudanese experts believe that Western diplomats erred in pushing a two-track peace process, one for the south and one for Darfur.

"We need to look at peace and security in the whole of the country," Ateya said. "We are not to say, 'Let us finish with the south first.' Let us deal with the global crisis of Sudan."

**The Hilltop is hiring...  
grab an application  
from Blackburn  
suite 117.**

## Hilltop Writing Workshops

**Wednesdays @ 6 p.m. in  
the P-Level of the West  
Towers**

**Learn from the Best and  
Brightest Student  
Journalists in the Nation!**



## CLASSIFIEDS

The *Hilltop* prints Hilltopics every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The first 20 words are \$10 and .25 for each additional word.

**ALL CLASSIFIED ADS MUST BE PAID FOR AND SUBMITTED SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE.**

**\$5 LATE FEE FOR ALL CLASSIFIED ADS NOT SUBMITTED SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE.**

Payment acceptable Cashier's check or money order . Any questions please contact

The *Hilltop* Business Office (202) 806-4749 or by e-mail [www.hilltopbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:www.hilltopbusiness@gmail.com)

### NSaa Dance Ensemble

interest meeting

Wed. Oct 17th, 2007 @

5pm at front entrance of Douglass Hall

14th Annual

JROTC Day  
Hosted by

HU's Army  
and Airforce  
ROTC

Performances by

US Army  
Drill Team

and the

Showtime  
Marching  
Band

Featuring

13 local high school  
JROTC drill  
teams

Wednesday, Oct 17  
from

9am - 1pm

at  
Greene  
Stadium

Bison Yearbook  
will be taking  
organizational  
photographs on  
Saturday  
November 3, 2007  
along with  
Sunday  
November 4, 2007.

Please respond by  
coming to  
G-06

(Bison Yearbook  
office in Blackburn  
Center) with  
your availability.

Photographs will  
begin 9 am and  
will end at 8 pm on  
both days.

Thank you

*This Week in HUSA  
Today,  
Wed. Oct. 17th*

*HUSA in Your House,  
Bethune Annex, 7pm  
Also, the Student  
Advocacy Dept. has  
openings.*

*Apply today.  
Applications  
available in  
Blackburn Suite 102*



## Need Cash?

Visit Zippyjobs.com, the only website that was built specifically for DC area college students.

Find jobs that are made for people just like you. It's fast, free and easy.

1. Search Zippyjobs.com

2. Choose the job you want

3. Make the money!



You could also  
win a  
**FREE**  
Wii!



Howard University zippyjobs

## OPEN HOUSE

Thursday 4-7 pm & Sunday 1-4 pm

LeDroit Park condos starting at \$269,000

Model Now Open  
Corner of 2nd & W, NW



Special incentives available to Howard University Community

202.898.0014

[WWW.MCGILLROW.COM](http://WWW.MCGILLROW.COM)

MILLER 24/7 VILLAGE REALTY