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Students Bring Super Tuesday to Howard

By ALICIA MANN

The call to chapel was a familiar scene. "The SAT, Test Prep," a work- ing group based in the Howard University College Democrats and Republicans and HUSA, is a group of Howard students who call themselves "The SAT, Test Prep." It was the first time I had visited the club, but it was always an enjoyable experience, even though it was a long walk from my dormitory.

Super Tuesday was a milestone in Howard University's history as there was a much more involvement from the Lower Class of Blackstone. Students can now vote in this year's presidential election to determine who will be the next president of the Howard University.

Wearing a political campaign button from "The SAT, Test Prep," students were seated on couches in the club's lounge, discussing the importance of voting and the candidates.

"We're here to teach people about the importance of voting and to encourage them to get out and vote," said Alphonso Hill, a junior political science major. "It's important for students to be involved in the political process and to make their voices heard."
Hilltop Briefs

Students Have to Fork it Over to Lift a Fork

The cost of a student table at the Charter Day Dinner will be $1,500 for a table of ten. The Dinner is scheduled for March 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Washington Hilton and Towers. Charter Day commemorates the founding of the University which is in its 41st year. This will be the 18th Annual Charter Day Dinner.

Letter from the Registrar and Director of Records regarding Validation:
The spring 2008 late registration and change of program period ended on Wednesday, January 16, 2008. The registration records of students who have not satisfied their financial obligations to the University have been purged from the system. The University will not re-enroll students' course schedules unless there are extenuating circumstances that warrant consideration. At this point in the semester, registration requests will be considered a response to non-compliance from the appropriate academic Dean containing justification with supporting documentation of the circumstances. Extenuating circumstances are limited to the following:

- The student became ill or was injured during the late registration and change of program period preventing the student from completing their spring schedule and validation by the deadline date.
- The student's child, spouse or parent incurred a critical, catastrophic illness, injury or event.
- The student's registration or change of program request was indicated in a timely manner, but required additional review by a University official.
- There was an administrative oversight which prevented the student's registration or change of program from being completed in a timely manner.

Written requests should be submitted to MC Tyner Barkdole in the Office of the Provost immediately, but no later than Friday, February 29, 2008. Please include your name, UH identification number, home and mobile telephone number, as well as an e-mail and local address. Every effort will be made to respond to your request within 48 hours.

Sincerely,
Carol McKinnon
Registrar and Director of Records, Howard University

Davis: Rights Activist to Visit Campus

Since 2005, Howard University's Center for Afro-American Studies presents a spring series of guest lectures and discussions. The series is supported by a $25,000 grant from the Howard University National Alumni Association.

This spring, however, the series was postponed until fall because of the 9/11 attacks and the war on terrorism. The series has now become a spring series, with the first lecture scheduled for March 12, 2008.

The first lecture will be given by Dr. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., a retired Air Force general and the first African American to serve as a general in the United States military. Davis will be discussing his new book, "The Longest Night," which chronicles his experiences in the air force during World War II.

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Candidates, Voters and Super Tuesday

BY JADA SMITH

This week marks one of the most important days in the 2012 primary season. Super Tuesday, named after presidential primary using and relating to the day when the states hold primary and caucuses, is a pivotal test for the candidates seeking the nomination of their respective parties.

Typically, a candidate's success on Super Tuesday is critical for their chances of securing the nomination. The winners on this day often have a significant advantage in terms of delegate count and momentum.

Super Tuesday is named after the day when 11 states hold their primary elections. These states include Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, and West Virginia.

The winner in each state receives a majority of the delegates in that state, depending on the size of the state's delegation. A candidate who wins a majority of the Super Tuesday delegates is often viewed as having a strong chance of winning the nomination.

Super Tuesday is not just about winning states, however. It's also about winning the delegate count. The candidate with the most delegates is often considered the front runner for the nomination.

Super Tuesday is also significant because it is the last major primary event before the November election. The candidates who win on Super Tuesday are often the ones who can claim momentum and solidify their status as the front runner for the nomination.

The candidates who are considered the favorites on Super Tuesday are Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, and Newt Gingrich. All three candidates have strong support in certain states, but none of them have a clear path to victory.

The key to success on Super Tuesday is to win enough states to secure a majority of the delegates. The candidate with the most delegates is often considered the front runner for the nomination.

The winner on Super Tuesday will likely face a tough battle in the November election. The candidates will need to win over a diverse electorate and appeal to voters across the political spectrum.

Super Tuesday is a critical test for the candidates and a key moment in the presidential primary season. The outcome of Super Tuesday will likely have a significant impact on the primary race and the ultimate winner of the nomination.
PARADE FOR SUPER TUESDAY

The Delegate System Break-Down

BY JADA SMITH, Staff Writer

Convention is popular thought, the political arena has just begun. There are two Democrats and two Republicans voting for the chance to represent their parties in the general presidential election in November, and today makes all the difference.

Key Democrats, 3,837 out of 4,494 delegates are up for grabs today as 20 states are holding primaries or caucuses to drive them up between Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., and Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.

For Republicans, 1,172 out of 1,891 delegates are at stake as 20 states are holding primaries or caucuses to push them up between former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, R-Ark., former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, former Arizona Senator John McCain, R-Ariz., and current-pulling for the majority of these delegates.

The total number of Super Tuesday delegates are broken down into categories: pledged delegates and many delegates for the Democratic Party and pledged and unpledged delegates for the Republican Party.

Pledged delegates are already locked in for party and local level and are required to support the candidate at the party convention. The delegate system is a "winner-take-all" system.

In the Democratic Party, there are 796 super delegates - respected politicians who support whichever candidate they wish during the party convention - and 537 pledged delegates who are pledged to vote for either Clinton or Obama.

In the Republican Party, the majority of the delegates, 1,172, are pledged, while the remaining delegates are not. Unpledged delegates make up 64% of the total delegates and are not required to indicate a preference at the national convention.

Most unpledged delegates have a nationally Binding action, such as a write-in or lose it.

Supporting Today?

"Just because you're in a particular party doesn't mean you should only support that party. You should support a candidate who has the same views as you. People say that race doesn't matter, but it does. He's a black man, he has some idea about what black people go through. He would be the strongest presence to support us on the international scale. Barack's the man, you can't deny that. I don't support any of the Republicans that are running for this position, but I do support Obama,"

- Sonny Rainer, Junior International Business Major, Republican voter

"I am totally behind Obama. I read how he supports youth development and education, especially for African-American children. More privileged children have the opportunity to better schools and he stands for having that same education for all children."

- Chase Willis, Sophomore Sociology Major, Democratic voter

Compiled by Jada Smith, Staff Writer

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D.L.C. Services Use Story Time to Foster a Love of Reading

BY ABIA POLLARD
Charlottesville

The soft giggles and whispers of children not the least bit sound of reading takes place during a story time at the Library. The session is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the children's room of the Library.

The children enjoy the stories and are often seen sitting quietly, listening and participating in the activities.

The library offers various activities for children, including reading sessions, story times, and other educational programs designed to foster a love of learning.

Community Service Award Honors District Volunteers

BY ABIA POLLARD
Charlottesville

The Community Service Award is presented annually to recognize the dedication of individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. The award was established by the Community Service Foundation of the District.

The award is open to all members of the community, regardless of age or background. It recognizes individuals who have volunteered their time and resources to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

The award includes a certificate and a monetary award, which is used to support the recipient's community service efforts. The recipient is also given a year of free library membership.

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Perspective

Take Advantage of the Abroad Experience

Huong Hoang vividly recalls traveling all over the world, but he never experienced life in other countries. Although he was born in Vietnam, Huong has only lived in the United States of America. He is an immigrant, as are many other people who have come to America from different parts of the world. The world is his hometown, and he is eager to explore it.

Huong is a senior at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. As an exchange student from Vietnam, Huong has had the opportunity to experience life in a different country. He has made new friends, learned a new language, and gained a new perspective on the world. His experiences abroad have been truly transformative.

Huong believes that traveling and studying abroad are important experiences that can open one's mind to new ideas and ways of thinking. He encourages all students to take advantage of the opportunities available to them, whether it be through study abroad programs, travel, or simply exploring their own communities.

Huong Hoang is a senior at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.