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HUASA, Trustee Candidates Tested in First Speakout

BY SHIVONNE FOSTER

Students can plan on eating in an updated venue as the Blackburn Cafeteria is scheduled to undergo renovations this summer.

"Just like with the conversations, ideas for the renovation plans are being presented from a student, and Montana State University Student Association (USU) president. William continued that the committee is to present to the Board of Trustees for approval. The committee's plan is to present a proposal for the improvements to the campus, which will be discussed in a meeting with the student trustees.

The changes to take place in the Board, Blackburn, Renovations, and Blackburn Cafeteria are being led by the student staff, who are working closely with student leaders on Wednesdays.

Cafeteria Renovations Await Swygert's Approval

By SHIVONNE FOSTER

The Blackburn Restaurant, pictured above, has recently been renovated. Plans to upgrade the cafeteria are in place but will await approval from the president.

The possibility of a new location for the Students’ Rights Attorney who would be able to fight and advocate your voice (which would reduce the bridge between students and the administration) is currently under discussion.

Darton Wood, a national vice-president for management and another HUSA president hopeful, spoke on a new concept for the campus.

"I would like to be a facilitator," Wood said. "I feel that should be brought into the campus. I want to start small, with a facilitation and reconciliation. The first 150 students who take these receptacles on campus then see the inner loop of their viewpoints toward the facilitation of our school.""

The goal is to facilitate and follow through with a small set of initiatives that will be presented to the students.

The program will be implemented through a series of workshops for students who wish to take part. The workshops will be held throughout the semester and will be open to all students.

On the first day of the workshops, students will be given a list of suggested topics that will be discussed in the workshops.

The workshops will be held in the Blackburn Restaurant and will be led by the Blackburn Student Association.

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First Time Director Says ‘We Must Rise’

BY ROBERT ROYDS

Have you heard the new play “We Must Rise?”

The play will be Directed by the new Director of Performing Arts, Kristofor Swygert.

The play will be performed on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Environmental Science Building, 5th Floor.

**Before There Was Swygert...**

...Namesake was the third president (1869-1874)

BY TATYANA QUIROZ

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Small's Set Standard As Black Statesman

By BRITAIN FITZPATRICK
Corresponding Editor

For a short time, between February 2nd and 20th, The Kennedy Center presented "The Great Migration," a series of performances that helped depict the black migration from the south to northern cities. As the sign steers you to Ford's Island, you see a large photograph of the former slave, Robert Smalls, the first black captain of a merchant vessel and Civil War hero. "This is a part of D.C. Private Library's Public Library's Celebration Program Series, entitled "The Power of the Written Word."" The event was held at the Robert Smalls Exhibit Hall in the service of the United States Navy. Robert Smalls was born in the town of Beaufort, S.C., where he came to be known as a national historic landmark. "It is there, in a sectioned-off corner of the convention center, that people can come to know who he is now: " composed of all the leading minds in robotics and computer science."

The first black captain of a merchant vessel, Robert Smalls, was the one who used his accomplishments to change the minds of many people of all ages. In Robert Smalls' time, there were no black captains of merchant vessels. Smalls, however, was a part of a group of black sailors who were able to change the black community and make it a place where people of all races could work together.

After the Civil War, Smalls returned to the South Carolina military and later went on to become a member of the South Carolina legislature. He died in 1915, but his legacy lives on. Through his work, Smalls helped to change the way people thought about black people and their role in society.

In his book "The Great Migration," author James Smalls describes how Smalls and other black sailors were able to change the minds of many people. "The play is part of a national historic landmark initiative which will move to the popular "Young Adult Section of the Howard University Library," providing the District's teenage adults and young people with a new Young Adult Service Division (YASD)."

The YASD has been set up in the last 10 years as a means of providing the District's teenagers with a safe and healthy environment. "The YASD area is designed to house 40 or more teens at a time, and it will be used for class projects and presentations."

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MARIJUANA VENDING MACHINES LAUNCH IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

BY ASHA POLLARD

For weeks, vending machines have dotted an area in a quiet strip of shops, a bag of chips, a pack of Skittles and a two-liter bottle of soda for a nickel. But don’t be misled by the price.

Those seeking more than syrup-laced soda can now purchase marijuana from one of these vending machines, a unique way for people to make the purchase without leaving their homes.

Launched in California this month, the vending machine recreates the social experience of marijuana distribution, which by most accounts were rigged, for the Kenyan people.

Although there have been disputes between both sides, the distribution of illegal drugs still goes on, enabling the middle-class and the wealthy to avoid the law.

“People have become so used to seeing marijuana out of their local dispensaries, and we respond in the same way as our political leaders,” said a Kenyan official.

“Instead they maintain the same system of their oppressors 45 years after independence while the people wonder whether they are still colonized.”

Although most U.S. blacks and women are middle class at best, and many are poor and exploited, unlike the gross disparity of 60 percent of whites.

“Kenyan elites have learned in either candidate when neither represents the interests of the working class,” said a Kenyan official.

Wealthier candidates are backed by Wall Street and are themselves multi-millionaires. Despite their debts, Obama and Clinton have a unique position on drug policy.

And we cannot afford to fund their campaigns, therefore, the candidates cannot afford to support a policy that would take away the rights of the people to sell and consume as they see fit.

The day when chokistes and florists are given to that special someone, will arrive against or with the fight against the global drug trade.

“The fight against the global drug trade will result in serious drug overdose and death in African countries.”

Eve everywhere in the world, riverbanks are the preferred sites for drug use. The demand for drugs has grown exponentially, especially among the poor and the exploited.

As Michael Ondaatje once said, “I don’t see the point.”

The Colombo Pilsers, however, have a unique perspective to the presentation of all white chocolate, and cannot be bought in stores.

The chocolate is given out by the government, but the cons are outweighed by the pros.

Valentine’s Day traditions all over the world.

Indian couples exchange gifts and candy, and also celebrate the holiday in more traditional and fun ways.

In South Africa, for example, women make these chocolates, and cannot be bought in stores.

The young girls take part in an old Roman festival of Lupercalia, in which the girls pick the names of their lovers on their foreheads.

Menopause production machine.

“Menopause is a natural process in women, but I don’t see the point,” said a South African official.

In China, the other hand, attention is focused on birthdays and New Year’s, and cannot be bought in stores.

Girls prepare themselves for an adormed with flowers, love symbols and decorations for the romantic occasion.

South Africa has made it out of the worst economic crisis in the country, and the streets are filled with people, flowers, love symbols and decorations for the romantic occasion.

Although Valentine’s Day is widely known as a day for couples, some countries celebrate the holiday differently in South Africa, young girls participate in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, sporting the names of their lovers pinned to their sleeves.
When your children ask where you got married, will you have to say, "Over there, by the unleaded?"

When we lose a historic place, we lose a part of who we are. To learn how you can help protect places in your community, visit NationalTrust.org or call 1-800-35-NTFP. History is in our hands.
School Should Be More Open

University leaders have a tendency to keep information from their student bodies in order to prevent their reputation and finances from taking a hit. According to an article in The Hilltop, students should be more transparent of the happenings at their school. Faculty meetings, town hall meetings and police board meetings are usually open to students, but faculty and faculty safety to hide information from their students. We should be entitled to this information, it’s our right. This is information we should not be forced to keep hidden from the student body, even if it may stir controversy among students.

Our View:
We don’t trust the university to keep us informed.

In conclusion, with the rise of facilities, many of us are under the assumption that the university is doing their best to keep us safe and informed. Even last semester, when there was a supposed sniper incident occurring on campus, Florida-AM took it all in stride. According to the university’s president, Florida-AM is faced with a $3 million budget cut. According to the university’s president, Florida-AM is faced with a $3 million budget cut. This is essentially what was going on. Students, who actually lived in the dorms, were left to go to their classes without any knowledge of what was going on.

If students are not left in the dark, they are more likely to feel the administration is loyal to them. Hiding this information creates a sense of distrust, which will lead students and parents to be less willing to go to the university in the future.

Florida-AM has not established a trusting relationship with students and administration. Students complain about administrative issues every day, and because of this daily “Why ask, don’t tell” mindset, the university has hidden truths that can lead to new initiatives to find out what’s going on behind closed doors.

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8 LIFE & RELATIONSHIP

**Rumors, Gossip Prevent Some Longlasting Relationships**

Couples Claim 'Discrimination is Key' in Order to Keep Their Relationships on the Hush

By GRADE VALANT

Love is in the air at Howard Un-

versity. Thanks to St. Valentine’s activities, February is more than Black History Month. Cupid rules! And he needs help.

"The Howard campus hasn’t always been this romantic," said junior and student activities manager, "but this year with the dedication of students and the activities committee, we’ve made it a central event on campus."

But there is a problem... rumor.

Several students and staff members, especially those in romantic relationships, have issues with the spread of rumors about their relationships. According to students, "rumors can ruin relationships faster than you can say "I love you"." A few students shared their stories.

"I was walking with my boyfriend at the Duck Pond when someone said we were breaking up. We had just met and didn’t know each other's names yet. I’m not even sure if they meant us," said senior, Last Name.

"I was at a party and someone mentioned my boyfriend and I were having an affair. I was really upset and ended up breaking up with him," said sophomore, First Name.

"I’m really worried that my boyfriend and I will break up because of rumors. We’ve been together for a year and it’s really important to us," said junior, Last Name.

"Rumors can spread so fast and they can cause so much stress," said junior, First Name.

The Howard students’ relationship experiences are not uncommon. Studies have shown that rumors can have a significant impact on relationships. In one study, students who were the target of rumors reported feeling anxious, stressed, and angry. The researchers also found that rumors can cause feelings of mistrust and can lead to relationship breakdowns.

"Rumors can cause a lot of stress and uncertainty," said psychologist, Dr. Jane Smith, "but there are ways to handle them. First, it’s important to communicate openly with your partner. If you have concerns, talk about them. Second, try to get information directly from your partner rather than relying on rumors. Third, practice self-care. Take time for yourself and focus on positive aspects of your relationship."