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Exhibit Flaunts Fine Arts Students' Work, Moved to Blackburn

BY SHIVONNE FOSTER
Staff Writer

The Blackburn Gallery will play host to the 77th Annual Student Art Exhibition. The exhibition will continue through March 9.

In the past, the exhibition has been held in the Fine Arts gallery, but due to maintenance, the showing has been moved to the Blackburn Gallery.

"Many students don't know what's going on behind the walls of Fine Arts, and this turned out to be an opportunity for them to see what their peers are doing," said Roberta McLeod, director of the Blackburn Center.

Lea Monroe, a second year

master's program student focusing on sculpture and assemblage, is one of the student artists featured.

The San Francisco native designed a "symlage," or collage of symbols, entitled "Naturally San Fran." She used wood and metal pieces to complete the natural design.

"The piece uses urban and industrial looking materials as an organic treatment," Monroe said.

The featured student artists were hand picked by this year's juror Gwendolyn Everett, Ph.D., chair and associate professor of the Department of Art. Many of the featured students feel honored to be selected by a fellow artist.

The show, which began

Feb. 1, is for art majors at the university, whose works have been selected by this year's juror.

"I'm glad that it's jurored and that we have a way for students to be able to see the show on campus," Monroe said.

Many of the artists are pleased to have their work featured in the annual event.

"It's really a historic exhibition to put on your resume since [it's] the 77th annual," Monroe said. "It feels good to be a part of something that [has] a tradition and historically connects the work to some of the past students who have been featured."

To some, this year change of exhibit location may allow for more students to appreciate the

artwork.

"We always want to take the opportunity to display the work of student artists, unknown artists, international artists, local artists and especially artists of color," she said. "This exhibitions give many unknown artists a chance to display their work."

McLeod explained that it is often difficult for unknown artists to have their work on display in galleries until it's already been exhibited.

Many see the unforeseen change of venue as a chance for the artists to gain more appreciation from the Howard commu-



Alexthea Carter - Photo Editor

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Student artwork will be on display in the Blackburn Gallery until March 9 as a part of the 77th Annual Art Student Exhibition. Due to construction it was moved.

Bush Signs Stimulus Package, Causes Doubt

BY BRITTANY HUTSON
Nation & World Editor

President George W. Bush signed a two-year \$168 billion economic stimulus package on Wednesday. The package intends to revive the economy and avoid the possibility of an economic recession, in addition to providing American workers and businesses with tax rebates.

The White House announced the package will provide tax rebates to 128 million American households. Tax rebate checks of approximately \$600 will be given to individual tax payers, \$1,200 to working couples, and those with children will receive an additional \$300 per child. Citizens should receive their checks around May.

Bush said he hopes for the package to deliver a "booster shot" to a troubled U.S. economy.

"Bush's package is a good package," said William Brent, a finance professor in the School of Business. "It's a sound stimulus package from an economic perspective, but it should have been done before."

Brent's sentiment that Bush's plan may be "a little late" is similar to economists who are divided on the stimulus' potential to impact the economy in the midst of a two-year housing market slump and credit crunch, and following the

loss of 17,000 jobs last month.

"This [plan] is good, and it's directed toward the right side of taxable Americans," Brent said.

Bush's original tax plans were designed for rich Americans. According to Brent, there is a misconception that rich people will spend more and contribute to the economy.

"They tend to hold on to that money and not spend it, and not care about the lower level of people that don't get the tax breaks," Brent said.

He added, "I think it will be beneficial to the economy. That's assuming that people will spend the money as opposed to saving it. If people buy something at places like Hecht's, Woody's or The Gap, it is going to help their sales and help the economy overall."

Although top democratic lawmakers endorsed the stimulus package, they made it clear that they intend to hold Bush responsible for any economic woes.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said in a statement, "We have much more to do in the long term because many more Americans still need our help. We will continue fighting for those who have lost their jobs in the Bush economy and small businesses suffering in a looming recession," he said.

Senior marketing major

Cynthia Laurent is skeptical about Bush's true intentions for signing the stimulus plan.

"I feel like a lot of damage has already been done and that this is probably more of a strategic plan for President Bush so that he can end his term on a more positive note," she said. "I understand that he wants people to spend the money when they receive it, but I know a lot more people will be inclined to put it in the bank."

"When the economy's in a downturn and people are trying to save money, they are going to put that tax money right back into the bank versus spending it. I really don't think it will have a major positive effect on the economy," Laurent said.

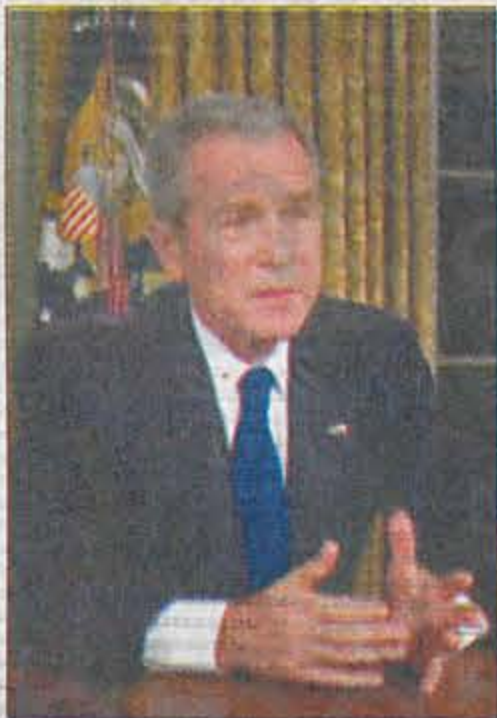


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The Republican Party staged a protest and walked out of the House of Representatives Thursday.

GOP Protests the House Majority, Walks Out

The entire Republican Party executed a protest Thursday, in the form of a walk out, as a symbol of their disapproval with the House majority.

Over the past six months, members of the U.S. House of Representatives have been trying to come to an agreement over the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which expired on Feb. 1, but has been currently running on an extension set to expire Saturday.

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act gives intelligence agencies the luxury of not having to get a warrant to monitor foreign-to-foreign communications involving suspected terrorists.

John Boehner (R-Ohio), who serves as the House Minority Leader, said while addressing both parties of the House, "We've reached out to the majority trying to find common ground, and we've been turned down at every turn."

Boehner insists that the Democrats refusal to renew the bill is more of a personal attack against the Grand Old Party (GOP), instead of a decision that protects the country's best interest. "The house floor is a scene of a partisan political stunt...it's an insult to this house and to the American people," Boehner said. "We will not stand for this, and we will not stay for this... let's just get up and leave."

DeVaughn Ward, president of the Howard University College Democrats, believes the bill is a "catch 22" because both parties offer a valid argument. "I think it's a necessary bill, and I can understand the republicans' frustration on it. It's about national security. But I can understand the democrats too because I can understand the need to protect citizens' rights," Ward said.

-Compiled by Jada Smith, Staff Writer

Career Exploration Week Brings Corporate to Campus

BY ALEESA MANN
Staff Writer

Howard University's Career Services Office (CSO) will host the Spring 2008 Career Exploration Week. The first event will be the Career Fest, which features a days worth of events that prepares students for Wednesday's Career Fair.

The fest will be in Blackburn from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Nordstrom will host a "How to Dress to Impress for Your Career" seminar at 5 p.m., which is a new addition to the Career Exploration Week which will advise students on how to dress appropriately for the career fair and in their career field.

Christina Hardy, executive assistant to the associate director of Career Services said that most years, there are dress coaches who help prepare students,

but bringing a well-known business attire outlet will help stress the importance of dressing appropriately.

"The seminar is bringing in Nordstrom, who actually never does things outside of their site unless it's big, something that they're sponsoring and putting all their money towards," Hardy said. "Nordstrom never participates in career fairs either, so that'll give students who are interested in retail and fashion merchandising a chance to come and talk to employers from Nordstrom."

More than 118 companies will participate in the Career Fair, which will be held on Wednesday. Bloomingdale's, IBM, Verizon and Wachovia are some of the companies expected to be at the fair.

To prepare for the Career Fair, Hardy suggests attending the Career Fest.

"The fest is where you'll get a lot

of your critiquing which is really key for the career fair," Hardy said. "It's really fast pace nowadays, and one look at your resume will be the indicator of whether you'll be talking to an employer or they'll just kinda say, 'OK, thank you and goodbye.' Also registering on MonsterTrak through the HU career services Web site is of course key if you want to be a part of the career fair."

Shannon Miller, a junior marketing major said that she will prepare for the fair by bringing her resume to the Center for Professional Development (CPD) in the School of Business to be reviewed.

Dennis Askew has already preparing for the career fair.

"I'm going to make sure I'm business dressed, and look at the list of [companies] on MonsterTrak to find the details and see which ones I want to target," said Dennis Askew II, a junior

international business major.

The career fair offers students various opportunities, from networking to work experience. For Askew, the chance to find employment is a major objective.

"I go for the opportunity of future employment, even if not for myself in this semester, maybe in future semesters, and just try to get a network of opportunities in what I want to go full time or for the summer," he said.

"My plans for the career fair are just to see what companies have openings and what openings pertain to my major," Miller said. "I'm always interested in seeing if my major has jobs openings because the market is flooded, so I want to see if my major and interest fashion are going to be lucrative. I also plan to talk to people in the field that I am interested in working in."

Interested employers conduct in-

terviews on campus at the end of the week.

The career fair is open to people interested in all disciplines, and according to Hardy, offers students who aren't quite sure of what they want to do the chance to find direction.

"This fair brings in every single different grouping of people, so it can give students who have no idea of what they want their career to go into some direction," Hardy said. "It can give those students who are thinking about changing their career field some direction as well, and, for students who are sure of what they want to do, an opportunity to earn an internship or job. [The fair is about] trying to learn what you can about the different fields that are out there while you're still a young person in college and have room to learn things."

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iTunes U Offers Virtual Learning

BY JESSICA MCCORVEY
Contributing Writer

Imagine closing your eyes on the metro and drowning out the busy sounds of commuters by listening to your favorite teacher's words of wisdom. Or maybe sitting on a park bench and watching one of the most fascinating biology labs you have ever seen.

For some students this fantasy has actually become a reality. iTunes has found a way to snatch the classroom away from campuses and deliver them to palms.

iTunes U was designed to give colleges and universities the opportunity to give audio and video content to its students in a creative new way. Based on the iTunes Store, iTunes U is dedicated entirely to education by showcasing thousands of audio and video files from institutions across the country in the same places that students download music, movies and TV shows.

In 2004, Tracy Euthey, vice president for information technology at Duke University, pushed the distribution of 1,400 iPod players to incoming freshman. The results of this launch helped develop Apple's interest in combining technology with education.

With the help of Duke's staff, faculty and students, Apple was able to launch iTunes U in the Fall of 2005. According to Apple's website, "(today) more than half of the nation's top 500 schools use it to distribute their digital content to students."

Some of these schools include New York Law School, Northeastern University, MIT, Stanford and Texas A&M University.

"I think that Howard students would benefit from iTunes U because most of Howard students have an iPod," said Keisha Herbert, a junior political science major. "Using the iPod for lessons will allow students to use technology, not disturb other people and also use their iPod for education instead of just entertainment."

Howard uses SmartBoards in some classrooms to conduct interactive lectures and BlackBoard allows students access to an online classroom. But iTunes U hasn't hit Howard yet and some think it could be useful.

"I believe that Howard University needs to modernize itself,



File Photo

iTunes U could allow students could be lectured on The Yard by allowing students to download lectures from their professors.

because we are behind other schools when it comes to technology," Herbert said. "iTunes U is great because it is more effective than a tape recorder. Not only will you be able to listen to a teacher's lesson, but also watch it. That's priceless."

Others see the mix of traditional pleasure and education as a potential distraction.

"I don't think students will benefit from iTunes U because students will not go to class, especially those who don't live on campus," said Kyle Spence, sophomore architecture major. "I feel that students will abuse the technology and turn it from a positive to a negative."

The situation might not be so polarized as some students see both

sides of the technology

Colleen Wedderburn, sophomore political science major from Uniondale, NY had this to say: "Honestly, I think I am on the fence. iTunes U can be useful because I can watch my teacher's lessons if I miss class, but I feel that if I missed class it was because that class wasn't very interesting to me. So if I wouldn't want to watch the teacher in public, why would I watch them on my iPod?"

Victor Eno, National Government professor at Howard University felt iTunes U would be extremely beneficial for students. "iTunes U is beneficial because it will help learning. I think that Howard students would be open to this idea if they are able to afford the resources," he said.

But Howard doesn't have to cast its own lectures to take advantage of the educational material offered by Apple.

Joshua Dennison, a freshman at the University of Maryland at College Park, said his professors assign lectures given by professors from other schools that are part of the iTunes network.

He said it gives him a chance to get classes outside his university without actually attending another school

Lectures, labs, music, and other courses available from different schools are available to all students. In addition to university content, Apple has programming available from PBS, and American Public Media.

ON THE SPOT!

What is your favorite electronic device?



Palm Trio 755
"That's my life."

Tyrone Dash II,
senior, biology



iPod
"I like music a lot. It's convenient to have all your music everywhere you go."

Lauren Wheeler,
junior, psychology



Cell phone
"It connects you to the world."

Dominic Smith,
junior, biology



Cell phone
"I use it the most. I would die without it. I get lonely without it."

Kailyn Hart,
junior, public relations

Compiled by Allexthea I. Carter,
Photo Editor

Campus Briefs

University of Kansas

The Kansas City Star reported that Army Secretary Pete Green announced a proposal to provide scholarships to wounded soldiers attending graduate school at the University of Kansas. The "Wounded Warrior Education Initiative," will take effect immediately by enrolling eight injured soldiers as students at KU. The project will be offered at other universities across the nation, if the initial one is successful. Soldiers pledge to return to the Army through active or civilian duty to help train and educate other soldiers.

State University of New York-Old Westbury

In an effort to increase academic excellence, State University of New York - Old Westbury has evicted 87 residential students from their dormitories for having grade point averages below 2.0, a *Newsday* report said. The Faculty Senate unanimously agreed the policy is an extreme form of punishment and is lobbying for the bill to be suspended. The faculty does support high academic achievement, yet they do not believe students should be penalized in this manner to achieve it.

San Jose State University

San Jose State University has become the first university college to cancel all campus blood drives due to a U.S. Food and Drug Administration policy that bars gay men from donating blood, according to the *San Jose Mercury News*. Preventing men from donating their blood conflicted with the school's non-discrimination policy. Therefore, after months of due diligence the president of the university and faculty took a bold stand against the FDA in hopes that their actions will encourage the administration to amend the policy that has existed since the 1980's.

Florida A & M University

Actress and Broadway singer Sheryl Lee Ralph performed "Sometimes I Cry" at Florida A&M University to encourage discussion and raise awareness about the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Students, faculty and members of the community filled Lee Hall auditorium eager to listen and learn, according to *The Fauna*.

She used song, movement and monologues to urge black people to protect them from a disease that does not discriminate on whom it infects and also encouraged regular testing.

Compiled by Annie White, Editorial Assistant

Five Killed in College Shooting

BY TRAVER RIGGINS
Campus Editor

Not even a year after the April 16 Virginia Tech shooting, more college students have fallen victim to a campus shooting.

A total of six people, including the shooter, are dead after an afternoon shooting at Northern Illinois University (NIU), according to CNN reports.

Around 3 p.m., the shooter stepped on to the stage of a lecture hall in Cole Hall on the Dekalb, Ill., campus and opened fire with a shotgun into the room of students. He continued firing with two hand-guns when ammunition from the shotgun ran out, said NIU President John G. Peters in a news conference that was posted to the universities Web site.

The gunman injured at least 21 people. Five died on the scene, including the gunman and one died at the hospital. University police responded to the scene at 3:03 p.m., according to Peters' conference and a campus lock down was initiated four minutes later.

Students on campus say the university responded quickly. Brian Agnew, a junior food consumer and nutritional science major at NIU said he was on the bus when the university sent an alert out over the radio warning of the danger and encouraging everyone be safe.

Many students are dealing with shock and fear after the incident. "I'm just trying to gather it all in," Agnew said. "You never think it can happen until it hits home."

Brad Cunningham, a sophomore business administration major at NIU, is friends with a girl who was in



File Photo

A gunman opened fire in a Northern Illinois University classroom yesterday injuring over 20 students.

the classroom when the shooting took place. He said his friend is fine, but the students are finding any way they can to deal with the shock.

"Most of the people I talked to were joking around, trying to loosen up I guess," Cunningham said.

Cunningham said students made references to violent video games and racial stereotypes in an attempt to break the tension and shock of the events of the day.

NIU has set up seven official counseling centers and Cunningham said counselors made rounds in campus common areas to offer support to students.

Agnew said that several student groups have set up grieving and prayer gathering for their peers.

This shooting is the latest in a series of five gunshot incidents at schools across the country week. According to the *Herald Sun*, a woman was stabbed and shot in an Ohio eight days ago, another shot and killed two students and then herself in Baton Rouge, La. On Monday, a high school student in Memphis shot another in the leg and on Tuesday a student shot and killed another student at a junior high school in California.

EXHIBIT IN BLACKBURN SHOWCASES WORK OF STUDENTS

Continued from FRONT, WASHINGTON

nity.
"There are a lot of talented students, and it's wonderful for some of them to have their work displayed," said Scott Baker, assistant director of the Howard University Gallery of Art.

Baker explained that the new venue is perfectly suited for the artwork because the art complements the event-popular room.

McLeod said, "There is a continuous flow of people who come in and out the gallery for events and functions, and now they too can look at the work."

Baker explained that the shows might serve as an opportunity for students who are not familiar with art to become more accustomed to it.

"When somebody who doesn't know interior design is looking at some of the layouts that

are on display they may not completely get it," Baker said. "But sometimes employers visit these exhibitions, so there are opportunities for students to be recognized by professionals."

Some students agree and believe that the artwork may be something new for much of the general student body.

"When you have that many different types of student work it can be overwhelming to somebody who doesn't understand, but it is food for students to be exposed," Monroe said.

However, the large viewing audience overwhelms some artists.

"As an artist, it's kind of a fear of 'Are people going to get it and what are they going to see?'" Monroe said. "You always feel a little safer about it being show in the art department gallery because it will be mostly the art professors and students who will have a dia-

logue and understand a lot of the works."

Students also may opt to have their artwork sold during the exhibition.

Monro explained that while she is not selling her pieces during this exhibition she does hope to sell them later, and will be checking to see if she won any of the student cash prizes.

"There is more of a value built in when a piece is part of a collection," she said. "I'm doing my thesis in May, so I'd rather have them sold then."

Faculty artwork will be featured in an exhibition in the Norman Parish Gallery at Georgetown University next month while the university's art gallery undergoes maintenance.

The next student art exhibition will begin before Commencement, as seniors will have the chance to display their last works at the university.



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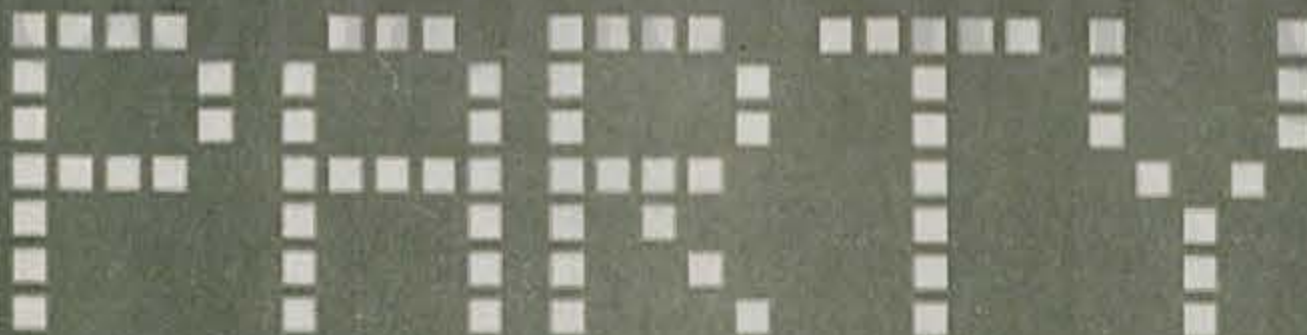
The artwork of Lea Monro, a second year Master's student, and other Fine Arts students can be seen on display in the Blackburn Gallery until the beginning of March. The Exhibit is the 77th Annual Student Art Exhibition.

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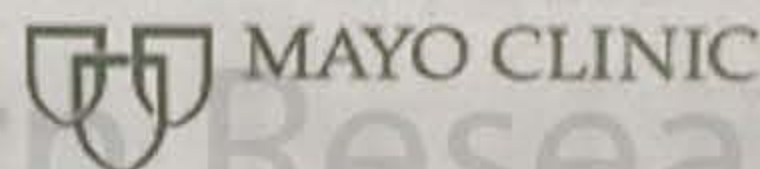
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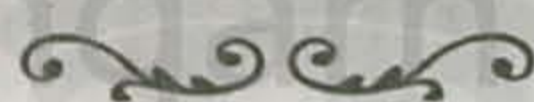


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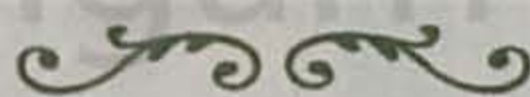
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Online Magazine Touches Up Beauty With Tips, Trends

BY DENISE HORN
Contributing Writer

Marcia Cole has worked in the magazine industry for 18 years. From alongside hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons to top stints at magazines such as *Word Up*, *Girl*, *Hype Hair* and *Heart & Soul* and deputy editor *Suede* magazine, she was always up to a challenge.

"But I always wanted to do something better and that was all encompassing about beauty," Cole said. The relentless go-getter earned the title of editor and chief at *2 Hype* at the young ripe age of 26, she followed her heart and learned from her missteps.

But her career was not always so easy. *Suede* was a short-lived publication and her online magazine *InsideSalon* also failed. "I've always followed what was in my heart and live my life according to what I love, rather than what I fear," Cole said. "And whenever the latter rears its ugly head, I take a step back so I can deal with it."

Fortunately, each one of her prior endeavors paid off. Cole used her bachelor's degree in fashion illustration from Parson's School of Design and a master's of science in publishing from Pace University to launch the online magazine, *AmberMag*.

Cole titled the publication, *AmberMag*, for women of color. "Amber is a semi-precious stone that can come in the lightest yellow to the darkest brown," Cole said. "I felt it really represented the myriad hues of African American and Hispanic women."

When deciding what her next step would be, Cole decided to create the online magazine so she could keep in touch with technology and trends. The "urban beauty source" features beauty picks, fashion tips to adore the urban woman's beauty, adorn her body and amuse her senses. Currently, the Web site boasts more than 65,000 visitors a month.

Cole faced difficult decisions when she decided to launch the magazine. "Will Howard's graduating class of 2012 find a magazine relevant after growing up in a world where the Internet is the king of content delivery? Will they pay for the subscription when they can get the information for free online," Cole said she asked herself.

In comparison to print magazines, *AmberMag* immediately allowed Cole to learn what readers want. "The other benefits are that you can gain immediate dialog with your audience and build an audience without the high cost per viewer acquisition that is the case with getting a subscriber," Cole said.

Some of that dialogue comes from icons in the beauty and fashion industry such as supermodel Iman and plastic surgeon Mark E. Jones, Ph.D., who has appeared on New York's MY9 and Fox networks. Iman and Jones serve as the consulting beauty experts for the Web site.

In addition to *AmberMag*, Cole is collaborating with photographer to the stars Hosea Johnson, to create a book catering to black beauty. Together, they are highlighting afros worldwide. The book will feature stories and pictures of black hair. Cole said, "It's a wonderful documentation of our style as the afro is truly a reflection of so many things within our culture."

The road to success is not easy, but Cole offered advice to Howard students.

"Be a student of the business you want to get in. Work. Very hard. Be humble and learn from the bottom up," Cole takes on several roles on a day-to-day basis from business to editorial offices to recruitment.

Currently, Cole is recruiting students to be A-List Ambassadors for fashion and beauty at various colleges. Interested students can contact Cole at alistambassador@ambermag.com.



Marcia Cole, founder of *AmberMag*, started the online magazine to offer women of color a source for 'urban beauty.'

Busy Student Uses Talents to Serve

BY COURTNEY BATTLE
Contributing Writer

Paris Jackson is a name that is known throughout classrooms, dormitories and the yard of Howard University. However, this senior telecommunications management major and business administration minor never even intended to attend HU.

Jackson had her heart set

on Clark Atlanta University but saw how proud her acceptance to Howard made her family.

Now that she is here, Jackson has truly made her mark. Since her sophomore year, she has served as a UGSA representative for the John H. Johnson School of Communications, the General Elections chair of the General Assembly, a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, and a member of Alpha

chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

In addition to her heavy organizational involvement, Jackson has started to dabble in graphic design and DJ'ing.

"Since I was public relations director for UGSA, I would design fliers for our programs and my talent just started to develop," Jackson said.

"I'll start off having no vision and create something that looks like trash. I take the trash and start to transform it until I see potential in it. Eventually I'll add an effect or change things until it becomes presentable and has quality," she said.

Her projects have ranged from campaign posters to Christmas cards. "To this day, I probably have designed about 50-60 different things and haven't asked for any money," she said.

On the other hand, DJ Pearl Jam, as she has become known recently, has strong ties to the musical world.

"As a child, I would always compose my own mixtapes on actual cassettes and give them to my family members at like six years old. A lot of people don't know this, but I was in the studio at a young age because I used to rap. Since then, I would always make my own music and give it to friends at school," Jackson said.

After her arrival to Howard, Jackson became a resident DJ for friends at parties, using her computer to liven up the atmosphere. Eventually, many referred to her as "DJ P.J." and she decided to officially start DJ'ing.

Even though her mother did not initially take it seriously, Jackson set a goal of being an established DJ by May 2007. DJ Pearl Jam was born.

"So far I've been asked to DJ house parties and campus events. Right now, I take on any gig I can get, I even do it for free because right now I'm just trying to get my name out there and have fun while doing it," she said.

On the road to graduation, Jackson remains modest about her accomplishments.

"To say that I have left a legacy at Howard is something that I simply do not know yet. One thing that I can say is that I have been true to Paris Jackson and the people in my life during my tenure here," she said.

The sky is the limit for Jackson when it comes to her future.

"I have no idea what field I will be working in within the next year," she said. "I do have plans on working in media sales, but I just wish I could do everything."

Jackson encourages others who are interested in graphic design and DJ'ing to follow their heart.

"It doesn't matter what obstacle may come your way, if you are passionate about something then you are destined to have it."

She is grateful to Howard University and others in her life for aiding in her maturation process.

"I can honestly say that I have come a long way from dancing on chairs in the café freshman year."



Paris Jackson has taken on many responsibilities during her years at Howard. She is active in student government and service organizations.

Weekly Entertainment Guide

CW Cancels "Girlfriends"

CW executives have abruptly pulled the plug on the long running sitcom, partially due to the effects of the writer's strike. The series ended Monday with an episode directed by the show's breakout star Tracee Ellis Ross. With only nine episodes left in the season, the network has decided to end the show without a series finale. According to AOL Black Voices, original cast member Jill Marie Jones was in talks for a return to shoot the last episode. A statement released by the network said the writers' strike has caused them to rethink their programming schedule and as a result they have decided to focus solely on shows to be renewed for next season.

The Wiz Celebrates 30 Years

The Sidney Lumet 1978's rendition of the popular movie "The Wizard of Oz" was released into theatres 30 years ago. A 30th anniversary DVD edition was released this week to commemorate the anniversary. The psychedelic film features Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Nipsey Russell, Lena Horne and Richard Pryor. Famed music producer Quincy Jones produced the score for this African-American classic.

In Living Color 2.0

Damon Wayans announced the debut of "WayOutTV," a joint effort with YouTube to display videos of sketch comedy scenes Wayans will produce, according to the Associated Press. The venture is affectionately called "In Living Color 2.0," by Wayans. The online site will be fashioned after the hit 1990's series that made the Wayans a household name. Celebrities Jennifer Lopez and Jim Carrey also began their career on the show.

G-Unit's Tony Yayo Free

The 50 Cent protégé has been cleared of all charges in his assault case. Yayo, whose real name is Marvin Bernard, was in court earlier this week to have all charges against him dismissed when Yayo's co-defendant said Yayo was not involved with the alleged crime. The same assailant claimed Yayo beat the victim involved in the assault case.

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2008 All-Star Weekend Tips Off

BY DEONTAY MORRIS
Editorial Assistant

The NBA will begin its annual All-Star Weekend tonight. This year the festivities will be held in New Orleans.

"Anything that brings revenue into New Orleans I am for," said Seth Heavey, a freshman political science major. "I am also excited that Chris Paul, the point guard for the New Orleans Hornets, will be in his first All-Star game."

The first event for the weekend will take place tonight, the annual Rookies vs. Sophomores game. In this game the NBA selects the best rookies and the best sophomores to compete against each other for bragging rights.

This year the second overall draft pick Kevin Durant hopes to lead the rookie team to victory. A win for them would be the first time ever the rookies would notch a W.

After that event there will be an NBA All-Star Celebrity game. Stars such as Common, Ne-Yo, Chris Tucker, Deion Sanders and Master P will be participating in the game. Lupe Fiasco will be performing at halftime. This is the fourth consecutive year the NBA has held the game.

"I like seeing the celebrities play," said Steven Thompson, a freshman management major. "I'm also [excited] to see Lupe Fiasco perform at the halftime show. He is one of my favorite artist."

There will be five events Saturday: D-League (Developmental League) All-Star Game, Skills Challenge, Shooting Stars, Three Point Shootout and the Slam Dunk Contest.

This will be the first year that the D-League game will be included in the festivities. This game will allow less-known players a chance to shine.

The Shooting Stars contest combines three elements, WNBA, NBA and retired NBA players on the same team. The three players will represent teams from the same city.

Team Detroit is the reigning champion of this event. Bill Laimbeer, Chauncey Billups and Swin Cash will attempt to repeat last year's outcome.

Miami Heat superstar Dwyane Wade will attempt his third consecutive Skills Challenge win. However, the competition is stiff as Wade faces Chris Paul of the New Orleans Hornets, Jason Kidd of the New Jersey Nets and Deron Williams of the Utah Jazz.

"I am hoping that Chris Paul wins this event because he is a Hornet," Heavey said laughingly.

The two main events of Saturday night will be the Three Point Shootout and the Slam Dunk Contest.

The two reigning champions are returning to defend their crowns, Jason Kapono of the Miami Heat for the Shootout and Gerald Green of the Minnesota Timberwolves for the Slam Dunk Contest.

The most anticipated event of the night will undoubtedly be



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The NBA All-Star Weekend is headed to The Big Easy for this year's festivities.

the Slam Dunk Contest.

Rudy Gay of the Memphis Grizzlies, Dwight Howard of the Orlando Magic and Jamario Moon of the Toronto Raptors will attempt to dethrone Green.

In order to generate new ideas, the dunk contest participants have turned to the fans for new ideas. This should make for one of the more exciting competitions in recent years.

"I always watch the Slam Dunk Contest. It is one of the most exciting things in sports," Thompson said.

On Sunday at 8 p.m. on TNT, the NBA All-Star game will tip off. The game features some of the most talented basketball players on earth.

The game will include three first timers, Chris Paul and David West both of the New Orleans Hornets and Brandon Roy of the Portland Trail Blazers.

The usual suspects such as Kobe Bryant, Tim Duncan, Jason Kidd, LeBron James and Yao Ming will be participating. Last year the West beat the East 153-132.

The game however will be missing one of the NBA's biggest stars, Shaquille O'Neal. This will be the first time in 14 years the game will be played without him.

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All-Star Game Promotion Goes Digital for 2008

All-Star campaigning has gone into an entirely new direction. Chris Bosh of the Toronto Raptors made a YouTube commercial asking NBA fans to vote for him. Brandon Roy of the Portland Trail Blazers sent out iPod nanos to NBA writers with a highlight reel pre-installed.

Slam Dunk Contest participants have asked for the help of the fans.

It all started when Rudy Gay, a small for-

ward for the Memphis Grizzlies made a video asking fans for help.

In response, reigning champ Gerald Green showed off some dunks telling Gay that those were his ideas. Jamario Moon of the Toronto Raptors did the same.

Fans will be able to send in their choices for the winner of the contest via text message.

The Slam Dunk Contest will be on Saturday at 8 p.m.

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Marcus Bird - Cartoonist

New York Accepts the Euro

Throughout the massive city of New York, known as the "Big Apple" the European dollar is now accepted.

The euro, which has been said to be the "future" of world currency, was equivalent to 1.457 U.S. dollars prior to this week, and it is the official currency of 15 of the European Union's member states.

It makes sense that New York City is the first place in the United States to accept the euro. New York is the largest city in the country, it's a major attraction for foreign tourists, and is an international city.

In addition, it is the financial capital of the United States. This new adaptation will eventually begin to spread to other parts of the country.

In addition, this recent acceptance is a sign of economic unity.

It will make it more convenient for people traveling in and out of the United States to purchase goods without going through the hassle of exchanging currency ahead of time. And with so many people working and traveling overseas, currency acceptance across countries has become much needed.

However, some people believe the change may also be indicative of the depreciation of the American dollar.

In fact, earlier this week, the euro's exchange rate decreased to 1.4569, which denotes decrease in the power of the dollar. It is predicted that the value of the dollar will continue to decline versus the euro and other currencies throughout the world.

Recently, the U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke suggested that there will be a cut in U.S. interest rates, which many think is the reason the value of the dollar declined this week.

Although future problems may incur because of the acceptance of euro, there probably won't be any turning back now. The euro's here to stay.

Our View:
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