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HU, Georgetown Face Off for First Time

The Bison will kick off their season this Saturday against the Hoyas.

BY DEONTAY MORRIS
Sports Editor

The Howard Bison will take on the Georgetown Hoyas for the first time ever in football history on Saturday at 1 p.m. in Greene Stadium.

"I find it hard to believe that Howard has never played Georgetown in football," said Ryan Foster, a sophomore public relations major. "Hopefully Howard will win so we can have some D.C. bragging rights."

The game will be the first of the season for both squads. The Hoyas will be led by head coach Kevin Kelley. Kelley is entering his second year as head coach.

"Our kids have been working extremely hard," said Kelley. "They're really anxious to play Howard."

The Bison are also anxious to finally play a real game after weeks of practicing and conditioning.

"I cannot wait to play Georgetown," said sophomore tight end Xavier Fowler. "We are definitely excited to get out there and show them who the best team in D.C. is."

This year, the Hoyas will be running a spread offense. Georgetown will be looking to get the ball in the hands of junior running back Charlie Houghton.

Houghton was the Patriot's League rookie of the year in 2006. On the defensive side of the ball, the Hoyas will look to control the line of scrimmage. All four starting defensive linemen are seniors.

"This year we're older and more experienced. We have to have good ball control and improve our defense," Kelley said. "If we can do those two things, we're going to have a chance to win every ball game."

The Bison hope to counter the Hoya's front four with a strong ground game. The running game will be led by Karlos Whittaker, Terry Perry and Ramon McElrathbey. Bison offensive coordinator Alvin Harper believes most of the games will hinge on the play of junior starting quarterback Floyd



Both the Bison and the Hoyas will kick off their seasons on Saturday at 1 p.m. as they come together for the first time in history.

Haigler.

"This far, he's done exactly what we want him to do," Harper said. "But, we have to see how he does with real game action against Georgetown."

The game has been nicknamed the "D.C. Cup." Bison and Hoya fans will be able to enjoy this game for the next five years, according to Howard's Athletic Director Dwight Datcher.

"They [Georgetown] had been trying to play a football game with HU for a few years. But for some reason it never happened," Datcher said. "With the way the economy is and us being the only two Division I football teams in D.C., it made a lot of sense to make this happen."

Tomorrow's game will be a white-out, so all Bison fans are encouraged to wear white in support of the team.

Attendance for Saturday's game is expected to be higher than other regular season games, rivaling with the Howard Homecoming and Howard-Hampton games.

Band Anticipates Debut Performance at Greene

BY KIRSTEN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

One week before the hustle of freshmen move-in week, the Howard University Showtime Marching Band was preparing for a new season and Saturday's home football game against Georgetown.

With their first halftime performance rapidly approaching and music from popular artists such as Lil' Wayne and Soulja Boy, band director Kelvin Washington anticipates the performance.

"We are looking forward to representing the university with much pride and executing the halftime show with precision," Washington said.

Each year, band directors Washington, John Newson and Cortrell Davis begin the season early with a rigorous band camp in order to acclimate the new members to the program.

"We arrived in the second week of August and since have been working on the fundamentals such as style and technique," Washington said. "Also, trying to master the fundamentals of playing as a group."

While most of the class of 2012 attended Freshman Week events in order to make friends and to get familiar with the campus, some freshman band members found the same comfort in band camp.

"It was a fun, new experience that forced me to make friends and become more social," said freshman percussionist Tonita Butler.

Some freshmen were surprised by the rigor and intensity of band camp but did enjoy the experience. "Band camp was more than I expected and was very strenuous on the muscles, but was definitely worth it in the end," said freshman trumpet player Jonathan

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Ribeau Speaks On Leadership in Trustee Forum

BY MYESHA BELL
Contributing Writer

Howard University President Sidney A. Ribeau, Ph.D., was greeted with a standing ovation at a forum held Thursday in Blackburn as he addressed the audience on male leadership.

The event, "Responsibilities of manhood: Learning how to lead and succeed," was co-sponsored by Undergraduate trustee, Victoria Kirby, the Undergraduate Trustee Visionary Leadership Council (VLC) and the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Alpha Chapter.

During his address on the subject of leadership, Ribeau mentioned Democratic Presidential candidate Barack Obama as a good example.

Ribeau referred to Democratic Sen. Obama saying, "The leadership he has demonstrated will change America forever."

He addressed his vision for Howard which involves students working to "change historic realities of poverty and injustice."

He told audience members leadership doesn't need to be dramatic, but rather it grows from integrity and values.

Ribeau described this type of leadership as "contagious," saying, "Leadership is what you do on regular basis regardless of what is popular."

Kirby encourages students to take advantage of the observable leadership at Howard.

"You will be able to gain insight about leadership especially visible leadership," she said. "He is going to be a great president. His management style is very engaging."

According to Kirby, this program has been in the works since last summer. The forum serves as a part of a leadership series geared to top university administrators to students.

This is the second event of the series, focused on black men in positions of leadership.

Ribeau emphasized having a sense of purpose and motivation, and advised the audience that the first step

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Kilpatrick Sentenced to Four Months in Jail

BY ANGELA P. SMITH
Staff Writer

Months after refusing to leave his job as mayor of Detroit, Kwame Kilpatrick finally pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and agreed to resign yesterday morning as part of a deal with prosecutors.

"I lied under oath... I did so with an intent to mislead the court and jury and to impede and obstruct the fair administration of justice," Kilpatrick admitted in court.

As part of yesterday's deal, Kilpatrick also agreed to plea guilty to two felony counts of obstruction of justice for committing perjury. He will serve four months in jail and five years probation. He will also pay \$1 million in restitution over the five-year probationary period.

The mayor will be formally sentenced on Oct. 28. He will also report to jail that

day. In March, Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty, his former chief of staff, were indicted on charges of perjury, obstruction of justice, misconduct in office and perjury.

The *Detroit Free Press* published sexually explicit text messages revealing that the two had lied under oath when they denied having an extramarital affair.

The two were also accused of lying on the witness stand about their roles in the dismissal of a deputy police chief. Despite extreme pressure to step down, the 38-year-old democrat held on tightly to his office.

Beatty, who did not plead guilty, will appear in court on Sept. 11.

Some residents of Detroit, such as sophomore marketing major Charles Sprinkles, are worried that Kilpatrick's resignation may bring a new wave of problems



Photo Courtesy of about.com

Kilpatrick will serve four months jail time and have to pay \$1 million in restitution. He will be sentenced formally on Oct. 28.

for the troubled city.

"Kilpatrick's departure won't bring immediate change. That will depend on who succeeds him," Sprinkles said, concerned with how the city will be governed in the future.

Kilpatrick's resignation will become effective

in two weeks. City Council President Ken Crockel Jr. will replace him until a special election is held.

Elected in 2002, Kilpatrick was the youngest mayor in Detroit history. He is also the son of Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-Mich.).

Presidential Hopeful John McCain Accepts Nomination

BY NATELEG WHALEY
Contributing Writer

Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.) took center stage in St. Paul, Minn. Thursday night as he accepted his party's nomination for President of the United States.

"In my life, no success comes without a good fight... Despite our differences, much more unites us than divides us," McCain said to the crowd. "We are Americans and that's an association that means much more to me than any other."

He acknowledged that though Sen. Obama has made strides toward a victory, he plans on residing in the White House this November. "Let there be no doubt my friends, we're going to win this election."

Thursday night's theme at the Republican National Convention was "Peace: A Safer and More Secure America," which reflected the general theme of the convention, "Country First."

"Change is coming," McCain said. "I'm not in the habit of breaking promises to my country. When we tell you we're

going to change Washington... you can count on it."

The Republican nominee's wife, Cindy McCain preceded her husband at the convention, saying that he is the right man to lead the country into a brighter future.

"These are perilous times. 'Not just for America but for freedom itself... I know John; you can trust his hand at the wheel. But I always thought it's a good idea to have a woman's hand at the wheel as well,'" she said, referring to his selection of Sarah Palin as his running mate.

Some analysts were not sure that Senator McCain would be able to match the speech given on Wednesday night by his Vice-Presidential running mate, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. Nicknamed, "Sarah Barracuda," Palin's speech was directed mainly toward attacking the opposition, implying that Barack Obama is a two-faced politician.

"I guess a small-town mayor is sort of like a 'community organizer,' except that you have actual responsibilities. I might add that in small towns, we don't

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Top Ways to Survive Science

A how-to guide for students trying to make the grade

BY NICOLE AUSTIN
Contributing Writer

Students with science majors have a no exception to the challenges that often arise with academic responsibility. However, many professors believe that students avoid unnecessary stress by planning ahead.

Develop a Relationship with the Professors

"Talk to your teachers, really get on it," said Mallory Cleveland, a sophomore biology major.

According to Charles Grant, head scientist at the University of the West Indies, interaction with the professor has the potential to give the student a great upper hand.

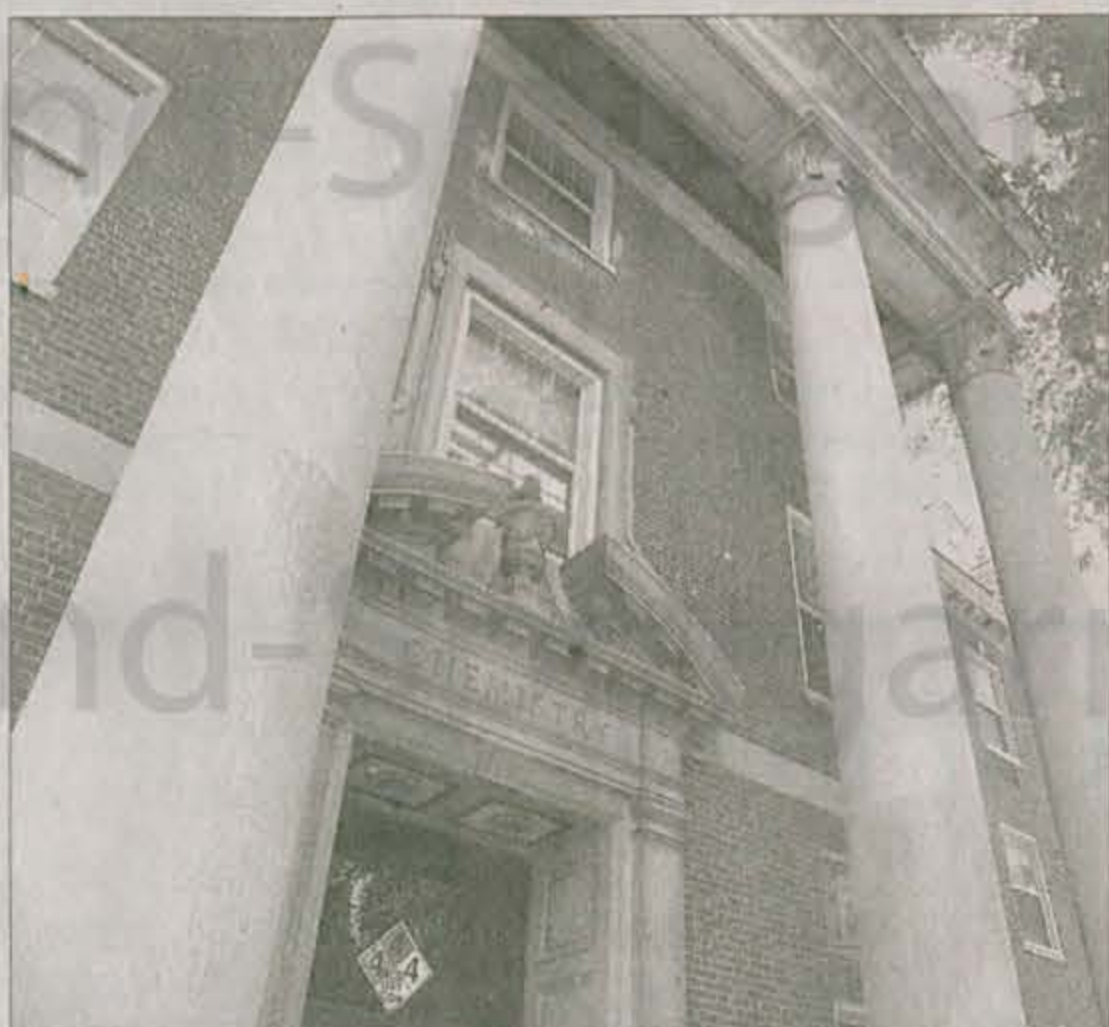
The one-on-one time can prove to be beneficial not only in gaining knowledge, but also achieving a good grade.

Studying is a Necessity

"You must have a good study habit," said Dr. Folahan Ayorinde, a professor and Interim Chair of the Chemistry department.

Ayorinde continued, "Many students find it helpful to study with friends. They will sometimes get a better understanding."

Like Ayorinde, Grant also feels studying can be helpful. "There is no such thing as too much knowledge," he said. "Science can be very difficult, especially if you let it get that way.



File Photo

Many science courses are taken in The Valley, rumored to be originally called "Death Valley" due to the tough workload of the courses taken therein.

Keep up with the reading and the notes."

Sophomore pre-pharmacy major Renu Thomas, encourages students to go over examples used in class.

Think Outside the Box

"To get an 'A' you must have a understanding of the material. Use the content you have learned in a different setting," Ayorinde said. "This

subject requires a lot of critical thinking. There is a lot of interconnecting content."

Grant encourages students to obtain a working knowledge of the material rather than just remembering what's taught for the test.

"Anyone can memorize material," he said. "It takes more than mere memorization to pass any science course."

Grant added, "You must have

the capability to not only retain the information, but you must also have the aptitude to put your own twist on it."

Associate Professor Atanu Duttaroy, who instructs a molecular genetics course, said students should think beyond the text and ask questions.

Attend Classes and Be Prepared

"Coming to class should be a given," said Grant. "I could never understand students who would be regularly late or absent. However, with no shock to me, they are the ones who I will see in my office at the end of the semester begging for an 'A.'"

Duttaroy encourages students to not only be prepared for classes but also to prepare for possible challenges faced in college.

"Be very prepared for all work from all sciences," Duttaroy said. "Pay attention to the labs and read the syllabus; it helps."

Transfer student Peter Claver-Obinna encourages students to always check with professors to make sure they are aware of responsibilities.

Claver-Obinna, a chemistry major, said, "Always ask questions because no matter how good you think you are, things can still throw you for a loop."



How many hours a week do you study?



"I don't really know; I study when I have to. I don't have a set time."

-Xiomara Okonkwo, senior, sports medicine



"Maybe 10, depending on my workload. A lot of my classes don't require much studying."

-Dominece Johnson, junior, fashion merchandising



"Probably anywhere from 12 to 15 hours. It's very stressful because I have [softball] practice too."

-Courtney Young, junior, political science



"Probably seven hours; I do work in the middle of the night at 3 a.m."

-Kwadrack Sumler, senior, legal communications

-Compiled by Shivonne Foster, Campus Editor

Band Anticipation Rises

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Neal.

Along with many new faces and sounds came much-needed new equipment. Now in partnership with major instrument manufacturer Conn-Selmer, the band was able to purchase new equipment for the upcoming season.

However, this week of preparation had an unexpected start for many band members. On Tuesday, unknown assailants broke into the band room. Campus and Metropolitan police are currently investigating this burglary.

Despite the break-in, with new equipment and a week of practice under their belt, the marching band directors and members waste no time at practice.

"Practice is all work, no play—a mentality that is necessary for the sound we are trying to achieve," Butler said.

Some band members do not only feel pressure to entertain the au-

dience they must perform in front of each week, but also their and directors.

"They push us to the extreme and do not settle for less, but at the same time they are very respectful and expect the same in return," Neal said.

There are many changes that have come with the 2008-09 band season but the band directors have high expectations and aspirations for their members.

"This group is young but has a better work ethic than previous years," Washington said. "They are not afraid to work hard in practice and put it all out there."

Many of these students recognize their long practices and strict scheduling as preparation not only for themselves, but for their peers as well. "We work hard for a purpose and it pays off for the whole band but most importantly for the audience," said sophomore percussionist Nicholas Pruitt.



Oscar Merida IV - Photo Editor

The Howard University Showtime Marching Band will make its first performance at Greene Stadium on Saturday against Georgetown University.

Physical Education Classes Resume

Students enrolled in four Human Health Performance and Leisure classes subject to "administrative challenges" will now have regularly scheduled classes, according to Administrative Assistant Betty Thompson in a memorandum on Thursday.

The Human Anatomy, Exercise and Wellness, Controlling Stress & Tension and Pilates courses have not held scheduled classes since the school year began.

Professors, such as Donna Lynn who instructs an 11:10 a.m. Pilates class on Mondays and Wednesdays, told students she was instructed not to hold classes by Department Chair Doris Corbett.

About 30 disgruntled students met with Corbett on Wednesday to voice concerns after some of their other classes were cancelled.

The Hilltop reported on that meeting in Thursday's paper. Thompson notified all students who provided contact information at the impromptu meeting of the change in classes via both e-mail and telephone Thursday.

The memorandum does not state any reason for the delay in course instruction.

-Compiled by Shivonne Foster, Campus Editor



Jessica Lewis - Staff Writer

Despite policy board by-law rules which prohibit the tardiness of its members, the meeting was delayed 35 minutes due to each member showing up late.

Policy Board Addresses HUSA President, Members

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Staff Writer

The Howard University Student Association (HUSA) Policy Board meeting scheduled Thursday at 6:30 p.m. did not officially begin until 7:05 p.m. due to the tardiness of every member of the policy board, Chairman Charles Taylor and the Corresponding Secretary, Lloyd Talley.

Due to the 35-minute delay, the agenda of the meeting turned to acknowledging the tardiness through a motion in legislation.

A policy board meeting cannot begin until five out of the nine members are in attendance. The fifth member, Rhett James, arrived at 7:03 p.m.

This disregard for time caused Talley to motion for an amendment to be added to the new by-laws that state that "policy board members shall not be more than 15 minutes late to any policy board meeting unless they have notified the corresponding secretary and/or chair five minutes prior."

Before this could be done, the board approved its new by-laws as its first order of business.

The approval sparked a debate about a comment that HUSA President Nicholas Owen allegedly made at the General Assembly meeting held on Wednesday, in which it was said that the Policy Board was overstretching their power.

The job of the policy board is clearly outlined in the Constitution. Owen's alleged disregard for the explicit words of the Constitution caused Talley to make a motion to send Nicholas Owen and other members of HUSA a memorandum regarding the roles of the policy board as defined by the Constitution.

The board passed the motion so that, in the view of Talley, "he doesn't look like an idiot."

Owen's statement caused James to say, "What are we doing as a policy board? We can make recommendations, but nobody has to listen to our recommendations."

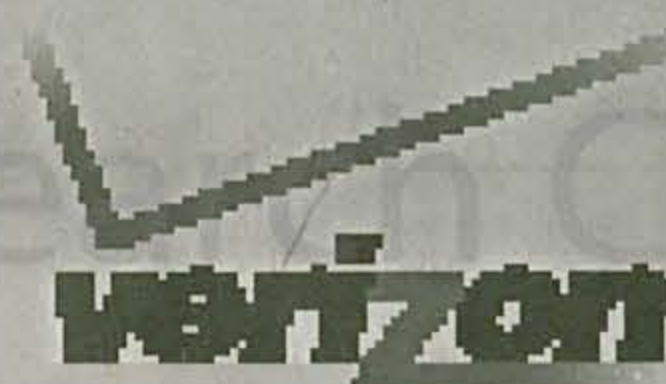
Talley shared a similar sentiment stating that "even if somebody breaks these by-laws, there is no penalty at the moment."

He compared the board to a police force with no power.

The policy board also discussed a recently requested report about the lack of knowledge shown by representatives on the Undergraduate General Student Assembly of their respective job duties.

According to Talley, the power to request documents from administration is a right exclusive to this branch of student government.

In the General Assembly meeting held Wednesday, a break was needed so that someone could read the Constitution to outline the assembly members' job duties.



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The Planned Parenthood video, "I Didn't Spew," has some members of the African-American community in an uproar. Rev. Glenard H. Childress, Jr., with the support of the Life Education and Resource Network, are fighting for the video to be banned.

Planned Parenthood Activists Protest Controversial Video

BY ANGELA P. SMITH
Staff Writer

The Life Education and Resource Network (LEARN), the largest African-American pro-life organization, is demanding that a Web site sponsored by Planned Parenthood remove the depiction of an African-American male performing oral sex to a Caucasian male under the supervision of a Caucasian school counselor.

The video clip, titled "I Didn't Spew," can be viewed on TakeCareDownThere.org.

The new Web site belongs to Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette (PPCW), the largest planning and reproductive rights organization serving Oregon and southwest Washington.

"This racist depiction should be the last straw for the African-American community," Rev. Glenard H. Childress, Jr., President of LEARN Northeast Chapter and founder of BlackGenocide.org, said. "Planned Parenthood's founder repeatedly made racist comments in her lifetime and now the organization has reached a new level of disgust."

Childress is referring to

Planned Parenthood's founder Margaret Sanger, the late birth control activist and advocate of negative eugenics.

"Abortion is a big issue to us in this upcoming election."

— Glenard Childress

Sanger was also praised by Adolf Hitler for her efforts in sterilizing those from races she saw as fit. Planned Parenthood still holds her ideology, according to BlackGenocide.org.

Planned Parenthood was unavailable for comment.

LEARN is also calling on the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, the NAACP, the National Action Network and the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) for a national boycott of Planned Parenthood's services and an apology for their "racist" practices.

But Childress has not been successful in receiving help from these

organizations.

"I am truly disgusted with these groups. Planned Parenthood is preying on blacks and they won't even do anything about this situation," Childress said.

Sophomore accounting major Chris White understands why black lawmakers and civil rights organizations are ignoring the issue.

"While it wasn't necessary for Planned Parenthood to have the portrayal of an African-American male and white male together in the video, I still didn't find the video offensive at all," White said.

Despite the lack of assistance from others, Childress and LEARN are still pushing for Planned Parenthood to take down the clip. They are also hoping that this election year will bring in a new administration dedicated to their causes.

"Abortion is a big issue to us this upcoming election," Childress said. "We are grateful for Obama's Democratic nomination for president, but we also know that Obama is an advocate of Planned Parenthood. Hopefully, we can expose the cruelties of this organization to him."

Additional Videos on TakeCareDownThere.org display other casual sexual encounters. PPCW shows the following scenarios:

- A girl appearing only from the waist up, who drops her slacks and asks those around her if they see anything. The counselor advises her to get tested for STDs.

- The counselor discussing what HPV is to two girls and a boy.

- A boy and girl kissing passionately and then interrupted by the counselor who begins a lesson on how to use a condom properly.

There is also the "Down There Song," which uses slang terms for sexual organs to encourage the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

KWAME SPEAKS: Africana Culture & Politics

Recently, with the release of Lil' Wayne's "The Carter III," there has been a feud between him and civil rights leader Al Sharpton. On one of the tracks on the album, "Dont Get It (Misunderstood)," Wayne states his discontent with the latter because of Sharpton's failure to understand the true nature of hip-hop and its lyrics. The civil rights leader has received media attention in the past year with his campaign against hip-hop and degrading lyrics.

The New Negro Movement, known more affectionately as the Harlem Renaissance is important to analyze because it engendered the cultural-political dichotomy that exists today between Sharpton and Wayne. This was important because it brought to the forefront the abilities of African Americans to perform cultural expressions, writings and other intellectual abilities for the first time in the public eye. Although Africana culture existed and thrived thousands of years before, it was during this time that the West collectively realized its viability.

While African Americans were performing in the theaters and concert halls of Harlem, they simultaneously fell victim to paternalism. European-Americans usurped the control of the basic institutions that pro-

duced Negro art, creating an environment that sought to control the expressions. African-Americans were forced into a corner; it was either "do what they say" or become a struggling artist. This is important because it laid the foundation for what we now can call a cultural-political vacuum in black leadership. The Harlem political leaders did not understand that the development of a cultural philosophy was important to understanding how to move politically. They sought political equality and ignored the cultural problems that existed in Negro art. Because they did not control the basic institutions that created cultural productions, African Americans could not develop an effective cultural philosophy that could dictate and inform their political and economic ambitions.

Harold Cruse, in his ground breaking work, *The Crisis of the Negro Intellectual*, stated that "In advanced societies it is not the race politicians or the 'rights' leaders who create the new ideas and the new images of life and man. That role belongs to the artists and the intellectuals of each generation." Since antiquity, Africans have always followed this model of societal continuity. The great thinkers and intellectuals of Ancient Kemet were always the movers

of the society. Politically, it is important to understand that our cultural imperatives must always be in play. The Harlem Renaissance and the failure of African Americans to recreate this in American society have played an important role contemporarily. Artists and other intellectuals, those who create and think critically, must be at the forefront of the development of our cultural philosophy today. It will be the main impetus to political and economic change.

While I shudder to call Lil' Wayne an intellectual, he is an artist, and as long as the "race politicians" like Sharpton continue the Harlem left wing legacy of not including art and Africana cultural identity in the social revolution, it will be difficult to move politically and economically. So when you look for Barack Obama to implement "change," it is essential that you also seek to empower the artists and intellectuals towards the building of their own institutions to develop the African-centered cultural philosophy that will lead to the collective change we need. We have seen the results of not doing so.

— Josh Myers,
Kwame Ture Society

The Kwame Ture Society is a research-based organization geared toward history, historiography and historicity. Kwame Speaks is a mechanism in which the Kwame Ture Society uses to communicate a unique perspective to the Howard University community on current and relevant issues. Questions and comments can be directed to kts_hu@yahoo.com

Get to Know: The Congressional Black Caucus

BY OMARI EVANS
Contributing Writer

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) is a national organization that has helped the black community in countless ways for almost four decades. However, many Howard students have only heard of the name and are not aware of the CBC's purpose or accomplishments.

"Yeah, I've heard of them," said Logo Kudayah, a sophomore architecture major. "But I have no idea what they do."

In 1969, 13 black U.S. House Representatives reached the conclusion that there needed to be a political organization that could lobby for legislation needed amongst the black community. Thus, they came together to form The Congressional Black Caucus. Initially called the "Democratic Select Committee," it was renamed the CBC in February 1971.

The goal of the original 13 members, according to Africanamericans.com, was "to promote the public welfare through legislation designed to meet the needs of millions of neglected citizens."

Thirty-nine years later, the CBC continues to follow their initial mission and has 43 members consisting of 40 congressional members, two non-voting reps and the only black U.S. Senator, Barack Obama.

In the early days, the CBC stopped the House from slowing down the black reps by putting them all into a small selection of committees such as house & education, and spread out black leadership into other committees such as the Powerful Judiciary Committee.

"This allowed blacks to rise up into different levels of power," recalls Major Owens, a former Congressman of New York's 11th District who has served in the CBC for 24 years and is author of *The Peacock Elite: A Subjective Case Study on the Congressional Black Caucus and its Impact on National Politics*. "It would not have happened if the CBC did not have the foresight to push leaders of the House to do this."

Owens continued, "Recently, the CBC guaranteed the Voting Rights Act to be renewed in 2006 for another 25 years. It's the centerpiece of black empowerment; without it, the House of Reps wouldn't have allowed more minorities to come into different offices and more levels of power. It has nothing to do with the right to vote; we had the right with the 15th Amendment. With this act we have the right to exercise that right without intimidation, especially in the South."

He says that the CBC continues to

make strides toward better funding for Historically Black Universities and Colleges as well.

"We also pushed the Grand Opening Act which cut the budget for wasteful programs," Owens said. "In 1986, we saw to the expansion of the federal aid to HBCUs. Such federal aid was originally established only for HBCUs formed prior to 1937. Now universities with over 40 percent black enrollment are eligible for grants on a formula basis." For example, Owens stated, FAMU gets about \$500,000 and Morehouse gets about \$2 million in federal aid.

"We helped pass welfare and food stamps for the poor and passed MLK day as a national holiday," he continued. "We also pushed legislation in the House to force them to help free South Africa and Nelson Mandela," said Owens.

He also added, "The CBC has stirred up the black community and got them more involved in politics, especially when Jesse Jackson ran for the White House in 1984 and 1988. Nowadays, other organizations replicate what the CBC has done as a black organization. Our achievements have ultimately resulted in Barack Obama running for President."

Owens stated that the CBC also increased voter registration across the country in addition to other things.

The Congressional Black Caucus has formed several groups that have also helped progress the nation such as the CBC Spouses, the Center for Policy Analysis and Research and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. Some believe that America will someday outgrow the services of the CBC, but Owens could not disagree more.

"People think we made it now with Barack Obama so we don't need the black caucus," he said. "Nothing can be further than the truth. We have a long way to go. We still have to look at the statistics; who's in prison? We still need better service for Medicaid and Medicare. We need to change racism in the execution of the law."

The CBC will be holding their 38th Annual Legislative Conference from September 24-27 at the Walter E. Washington, D.C. Convention Center.

Lorenzo Mores, Chair of the Political Science Department at Howard, believes that students should attend the conference.

During the convention, there will be many leaders — young and old — coming together to discuss issues pertaining to the nation and the black community. "There will be at least 20 issues discussed, such as the politics of hip-hop," said Mores.



The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) has served the nation's African-American community for almost 40 years. Notable members include Presidential candidate Barack Obama (D-Ill.).



Howard alumna Kwame Ture was a civil rights activist who, like Dr. King, fought for justice in the African-American community.



Oscar Merida IV - Photo Editor

President Sidney A. Ribeau spoke to students about leadership and humanity on Thursday.

'Humanity,' 'Respect' Important to President

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of effective leadership was to listen as much as you talk.

As Ribeau spoke he stopped in speech to pose questions to the audience, asking them their thoughts on what he should be doing during his administration.

Students said they would like to see morale raised within the administration so that it would trickle to those in the Administration Building.

"I believe I have something to add to make this better," Ribeau said as he highlighted his vision for Howard.

The vision he spoke of is to raise

respect and humanity in every class and environment at Howard, to demand respect, to work to transform places to have value and to encourage people to make a difference.

"Our motto is 'Culture for service and service for humanity'; those are the words we live by," said Steven Page, president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc, Alpha Chapter."

According to Page, students can encourage other males to take on leadership roles by reaching out to males with similar views, saying students should use "education to give back to their communities rather than into their own pockets."

McCain Accepts Republican Nom

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quite know what to make of a candidate who lavishes praise on working people when they are listening, and then talks about how bitterly they cling to their religion and guns when those people aren't listening," she said. "We tend to prefer candidates who don't talk about us one way in Scranton and another way in San Francisco."

Cameron Lewis, President of the HU College Republicans, believes that Palin delivered her speech well, but McCain did not disappoint or fade into the

shadows of the attention surrounding the governor.

"McCain is a seasoned politician and speaker and I've been very impressed with him," said Lewis.

He believes that the convention successfully accomplished the task of rallying Republicans across the nation to get behind the McCain-Palin ticket in November.

"I feel good about it [the convention]," Lewis said. "I feel that younger Republicans are being energized. There have been some other news issues and international media issues that have

been competing with the convention, but over all it seems to have gone well."

Despite Hurricane Gustav causing a cancellation of the first night of the convention, Lewis is convinced that the events were a success.

Thursday night concluded the major party conventions, with Senators McCain and Obama accepting their respective party's nomination.

The first series of the 2008 Presidential debates will begin on Sept. 26, and will take place at The University of Mississippi.

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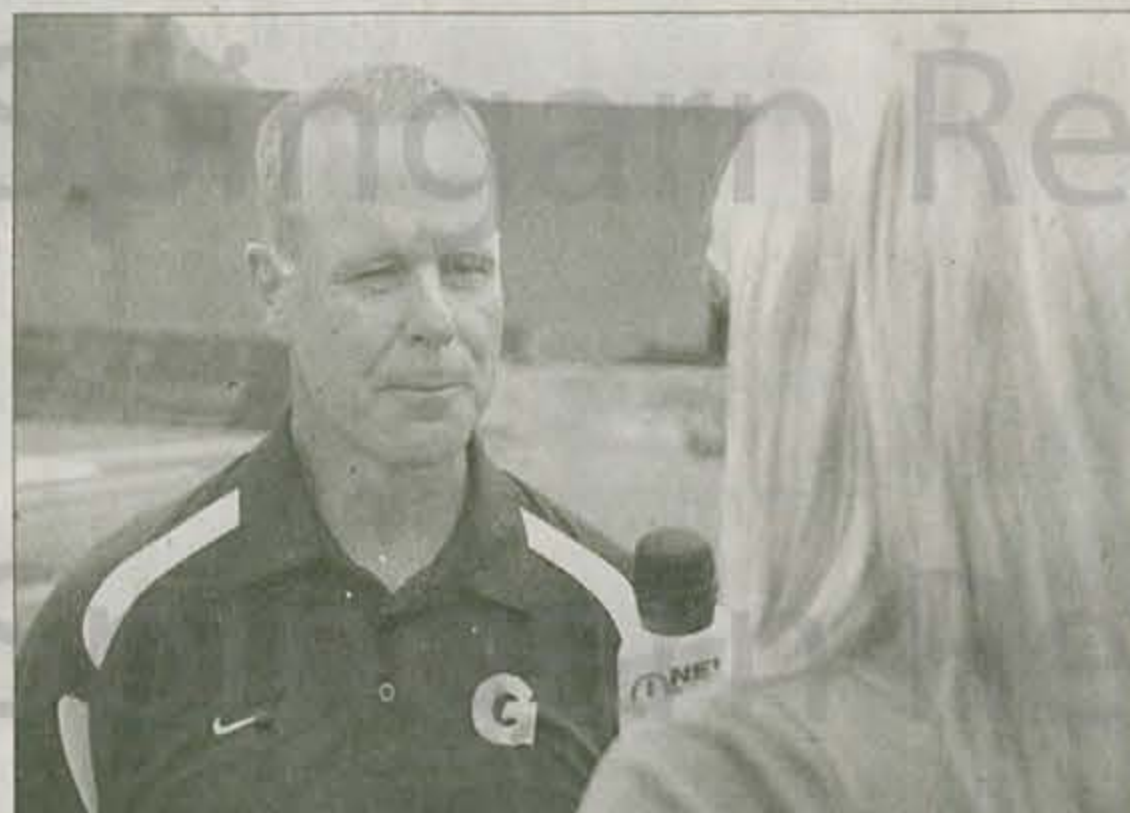
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BISON SET TO PLAY GEORGETOWN

SATURDAY: TALE OF THE TAPE



Georgetown's head football coach Kevin Kelley talks to a reporter about the upcoming game against Howard.



Recently, *The Hilltop* sat down to get a more in-depth look at the two teams participating in the D.C. Cup. Here is a tale of the tape for the Bison.

Who is the head coach?

Leading the Bison will be Carey Bailey. This will be Bailey's second year as head coach. Prior to accepting his current position, he was defensive line coach at the University of Minnesota.

What Conference is the team apart of?

Howard is a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

What was last year's record?

Last year the Bison finished the season with a record of 4-7.

Who were last year's statistical leaders?

Brian Johnson led the team in rushing with 691 yards. Endor Cooper led the defense with 69 tackles.

Who are the key players?

Some players that will be key for the Bison this year are linebackers Endor Cooper and Robert Parker. Also, offensive lineman Sean Woolford is expected to be a key contributor.

How many students attend Howard University?

10,500

School's nicknames?

Howard University is also sometimes referred to as the Mecca or the Capstone.

Famous Alumni?

Thurgood Marshall, Debbie Allen, Adrian Fenty, Vernon Jordan and Andrew Young.



Bison starting running back Karlos Whittaker has a friendly conversation with Hoya receiver Kenny Mitchell.



Bison head coach Carey Bailey and Hoya head coach Kevin Kelley talk some trash and poke some fun at each other.

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What Conference is the team apart of?

Georgetown is a member of the Patriot League.

What was last year's record?

Last year the Hoyas finished the season with a record of 1-10.

Who were last year's statistical leaders?

Charlie Houghton led the team in rushing with 467 yards. Chris Rau led the Hoya defense with 76 tackles.

Who are the key players?

Some players that will be key for the Hoyas this year are quarterback Matt Bassuener, defensive back Chris Rau and linebacker Nick Parrish.

How many students attend Georgetown University?

13,625

School's nicknames?

Georgetown University is often referred to as The Hilltop.

Famous Alumni?

Bill Clinton, Robert Gates, Patrick Ewing and Allen Iverson.

Howard School Spirit to be Displayed on Saturday

BY HAYLEY MASON
Contributing Writer

It is 6:45 p.m. and the resonance of marching band trombones playing fanfare is broken by the screech of the whistle starting the last scrimmage of the evening.

Navy blue jerseys scramble across the 50-yard line as the sound of clashing helmets and cleats digging into the newly laid turf take the forefront.

It is football season and on the eve of the first game, the Bison football team is gearing up for game time.

Students, faculty and visitors are expected to cram into Greene Stadium when Howard opens the season against the Georgetown Hoyas.

To get ready for the Bison, the Hoyas whipped themselves into frenzy

last week at the annual campus ritual, National College Colors Day.

This is a spectacle most colleges and universities observe, except Howard and most of the nation's other Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The holiday is a simple one. Students and faculty at universities across the country wear their college colors and paraphernalia to celebrate the commencement of the national college football season.

Although Howard did not observe the event, the students and administration feel that their spirits are high as the football season begins.

Franklin Chambers, Vice Provost for Student Affairs, said that Howard has its own version of Colors Day that has been celebrated for years, Blue and White Day.

Some students know about

this Blue and White Day, but say it's not comparable to National College Colors Day at mainstream colleges and universities.

"We ask all fans, faculty and staff to wear blue and white to the first home game and the Howard vs. Hampton game," Chambers said.

This gathering of support serves as an effort to show the team that they have something to play for.

"The administration supports us by coming to the practices and the games," said Todd Hughes, who has been playing wide receiver for the Bison for two years. "They encourage us a lot and it feels good to have them there."

Brittney Quarles, a second year cheerleader, hopes that the efforts will unite the school to truly care about the sport as well as the social aspect.

"No one seems to value sports

at Howard at all. We really are there to socialize at Howard games," she said. "It's hype at the beginning of the season, but besides that, no one goes for the actual game."

Sophomore Nelson Gillum also feels that students attend the game for the social aspect. He has not attended a game except the homecoming one.

He feels that this year, however, the game is a big deal. "I am going to the game on Saturday. It will be my first Howard football game to actually watch to see," he said.

Gillum hopes that the Bison win to build a strong following for the season.

"If they win, I will feel proud that we beat Georgetown," Gillum said.

Despite mixed sentiments by the student body, "the morale of the team is high," said head coach Carey Bailey.

Bailey admitted that he had not

heard of the spirited holiday, but thinks it would be a good idea to observe it at Howard.

The staff believes that the more attention the team gets, the greater the pressure will be to win.

"The best part of pressure is peer pressure. There shouldn't be acceptance of any form of mediocrity from anyone," Coach Bailey said.

"Once there's an expectation of excellence, things begin to transform into the type of mind set you need to have to be successful."

Make sure you come and watch the Bison football team in their first game of the season tomorrow. The game begins at 1 p.m. in Greene Stadium. They will be taking on cross-town rival Georgetown in the first ever D.C. Cup match-up between the schools.

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

September 5, 1994

San Francisco 49er Jerry Rice catches a NFL record 127th touchdown pass.

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"OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET IS OUR PURE LOVE OF THE GAME."

-VOLLEYBALL TEAM CAPTAIN "GAZELLED" ARTOIS.

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Charles Metz III - Cartoonist

Lack of Wireless Capability On Campus Is Unacceptable

We are living in an era of technological innovation and as pioneers of so much new technology, we are forced to keep up with these new inventions. And as college students we expect our school to keep up as well.

However, even though the school promotes such access, the wireless capability on Howard's campus is scarce.

Very few students have desktop computers and even those who do can not carry it to class. If someone wants to access the Internet while in the classroom, they're lucky if they can even catch a signal through an open window. Wireless signals in dorms - where most work for class is completed - is even worse. While ethernet cords can be connected

to a laptop to gain Internet access, no one should have to go through this inconvenience in the comfort of their own room. The late night walks to and from the I-Lab have

Our View:
Since Howard is supposed to be a wireless campus, the Internet capability issues should be fixed in the dorms and in the classrooms.

become the norm for those who are unable to access the Internet in their rooms.

If Howard truly becomes wireless, then the administrative process can become easier as

well. In addition to strengthening the signal throughout the dorms, overrides can be taken care of online, football tickets can be printed and dining dollars can be replenished.

Although these advancements could be taken care of on desktop computers, taking care of these things on a wireless computer could lessen stress and expedite these processes.

Like all other improvements that need to be made on campus, we understand that this would take time.

Nonetheless, the frustration of using the Internet on a laptop computer is unnecessary. We expect for this technological improvement to be made so that the students' wireless wishes will come true.

Perspective

Examination of Sexism in America

Whether Republican or Democrat, Sarah Palin's selection as the running mate of Sen. John McCain is not only a political issue, but a sociological one. While ignoring the important political implications of Governor Palin's selection, in the coming days it is equally important that we as Americans assess what her addition to the Republican ticket means for women.

Many women will argue that Palin is by no means a feminist. She is an ardent pro-life advocate and she is a proud member of the National Rifle Association. Point blankly, she is the ideal conservative who should make John McCain more acceptable to fundamentalist right-wingers. However, what is more sociologically interesting is the question that has come up countless times since she received the nomination: How can Sarah Palin, mother of five, be an effective mother and Vice-President of the United States?

This question gains additional validity considering that her youngest child, Trig, only four months old, has Down's Syn-

drome and her daughter Bristol is pregnant. It almost universally assumes that both of these children will need a great deal of support and care from their mother.

So the question of whether or not Palin can be an effective mother and Vice-President is a valid one. But, although this question is indeed valid, we must ask ourselves, "Would we ask the same question if Palin were a man?"

As a child of divorced parents, I received almost all of my care from my mother. While my particular case of child-rearing is not uncommon, it is quite commonplace for the mother to be the primary caretaker of children in households with two parents.

The modern woman is constantly forced to juggle the demands of work and family, and it has been a heated topic of debate on whether or not this is fair. Obviously, men are incapable of bearing children (for now at least), but even after childbirth, women continue to bear the majority of child care responsibilities. Unlike women, we men have the luxury of never having to consider how

taking maternity leave will affect our careers.

Sarah Palin's selection has truly forced me to examine my own views of parental responsibility roles. I think of my own childhood before my parents were divorced and how when my brother or I were sick, most of the time it was my mother who took off of work.

Even though my father was self-employed and kept his own hours, it was instead my mother, a school teacher, who would carry us to basketball practice, attend PTA meetings and make sure we were fed. Maybe my situation was unique and an outlier from more typical childhood experiences, but I am more inclined to think many of you shared similar childhoods.

So, when you are watching campaign coverage on CNN, Fox News or MSNBC and the question is raised whether Sarah Palin can be both an effective mother and Vice-President, ask yourself, "Is this fair?"

- Adrian Mood
Senior, Chemistry Major

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