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Oscar Merriola IV - Photo Editor

The Bison seemed to be ahead of their game when the lights went out during the third quarter, but the return of the lights was met with a surge of energy from the Hampton Pirates.

Lights Out at the Battle of the Real HU

A 40-minute light outage changes the momentum of the Bison's first conference game.

BY TENI-OLA OGUNJOBI
Staff Writer

The annually anticipated battle of the two HUs ended with a Hampton victory 38-27. Though the Bison dominated the entire first half of the game and most of the third quarter, a mysterious 40-minute light outage on the field set Hampton up for a comeback. The Pirates' offense scored 17 points with a little over six min-

utes left in the third quarter and 21 points in the fourth quarter. The technical difficulties seem to have really changed the direction of the game.

"I don't know how coincidental the light outage was; lights just don't go out. But I can say that [there] was a humongous change in momentum after the break," Bison head coach Carey Bailey said.

The Bison put the first points on

the scoreboard toward the end of the first quarter. A 12-yard touchdown pass to freshman wide receiver Willie Carter from junior quarterback Floyd Haigler gave the Bison a 7-0 lead at the start of the second quarter.

With tremendous effort from the defensive lines of both teams, neither team scored in the second quarter. Strong defense kept the Bison lead intact at halftime. During halftime, the band enter-

tained fans in wait of the second half.

"I'm glad that we're in the lead, I just hope we can keep it up and come out on top for the next half of the game," junior physical therapy major Lauren Witherspoon said.

She said, "The game is exciting just because of the positive rivalry that exists between the two teams."

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HUSA Bussing For Votes

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Staff Writer

Out of the thousands of students at Howard, the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) and College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) Student Council only needed a few for the Virginia voter registration bus trip.

The trip scheduled for Saturday, September 13 at 7:00 a.m., was recently cancelled due to the lack of students willing to participate. In order for the trip to happen, 54 students were needed to fill the bus, but only 33 students signed up.

"The purpose of the trip was to get people in Virginia registered to vote," said COAS president Bryan Smart.

HUSA President Nicholas Owen explained, "We couldn't get enough people to sign up for the bus trip."

At 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 12, students who signed up for the bus trip received a text message alerting them to be in front of residence life at 5:00 p.m. with their ticket in hand; otherwise the trip would be cancelled.

Once there, students were asked to show their ticket and sign their name on a list.

Smart explained the reason for the impromptu meeting was that "Dean Gibbs decided that in order to have the bus, we had to have all 54 people to residence life by 5:30 p.m."

Owen said that no blame is to be attributed to residence life.

Smart also says that some of the people that signed up for the trip were not able to get back to Howard in time for the meeting to sign the list because they lived off campus.

"So we tried to get other people to sign up within that hour's span," Smart said. "What we did was, we made an announcement in the Quad and asked everybody who had a [game] ticket to come to ResLife. We wanted to see if we could sign up some more people because we knew that everybody who signed up for the trip, wasn't going to be able to make it back [for the meeting]. It kind of worked for a little bit."

Around 15-20 girls residing in the Quad signed up for the trip; however, by 6:00 p.m., there were only 33 names on the list.

Other methods were attempted to fill the seats. For instance, the leftover 21 seats were offered to the Howard University cheerleaders. Unfortunately, this option was not acceptable, as it would displace 21 people from the 10:00 a.m. bus trip.

There were two bus trips scheduled to leave Saturday morning. The first at 7 a.m. would have been used for the HUSA and COAS trip. Another, at 10 a.m., was used for ResLife. The first scheduled bus would have used one of the buses for the ResLife trip, which was sold out.

Therefore, HUSA and COAS could only use people that signed up to go on the 10 a.m. trip if they wanted their trip to happen. Unfortunately, their trip did not happen.

"You can attribute it to a lack of urgency [displayed by students on campus in terms of activism], but also we could have done a lot more on our part as far as publicizing the event and also explaining to them why we need to go register people to vote in Virginia," Owen said.

Owen explained that they wanted to get people registered to vote outside of Howard's campus to make sure that everyone is registered to vote for this historic election. However, they needed students to act on the issue in order to make it happen.

Officials Question FEMA's Response to Ike

BY ERIKA SLIFE & HOWARD WITT
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

HOUSTON — The nation's fourth-largest city lay paralyzed, sweltering and almost completely blacked-out Sunday as frustrated residents waited in vain for promised federal disaster aid to be distributed more than 36 hours after Hurricane Ike tore through the region. Worried authorities extended a dusk-to-dawn curfew to prevent looting across the eerily darkened city.

Meanwhile, rescue teams fanned out through flooded neighborhoods of Galveston Island, the hard-hit coastal community south of Houston where Ike made landfall, pulling nearly 2,000 victims to safety. Miraculously, Galveston officials said they had discovered only three bodies. Hundreds of other stranded Ike victims were rescued in devastated communities further east along the Texas Gulf coast.

The official death toll from the huge Category 2 hurricane stood at 12, but authorities cautioned that the casualty count could still rise as search teams made their way deeper into devastated neighborhoods along the Texas and Louisiana coasts.

Meanwhile, oil industry officials began tallying the hurricane's toll on the nation's strategic energy facilities. At least 10 offshore oil platforms were destroyed in the storm, officials said, and the Houston-area oil refineries that produce 20 percent of the nation's gasoline remained shuttered and offline. It was unclear how soon they would be brought back into production and how big the impact would be on the nation's gasoline supplies, but prices at the pump soared to \$5 a gallon in some cities.

As frustrated Houston residents

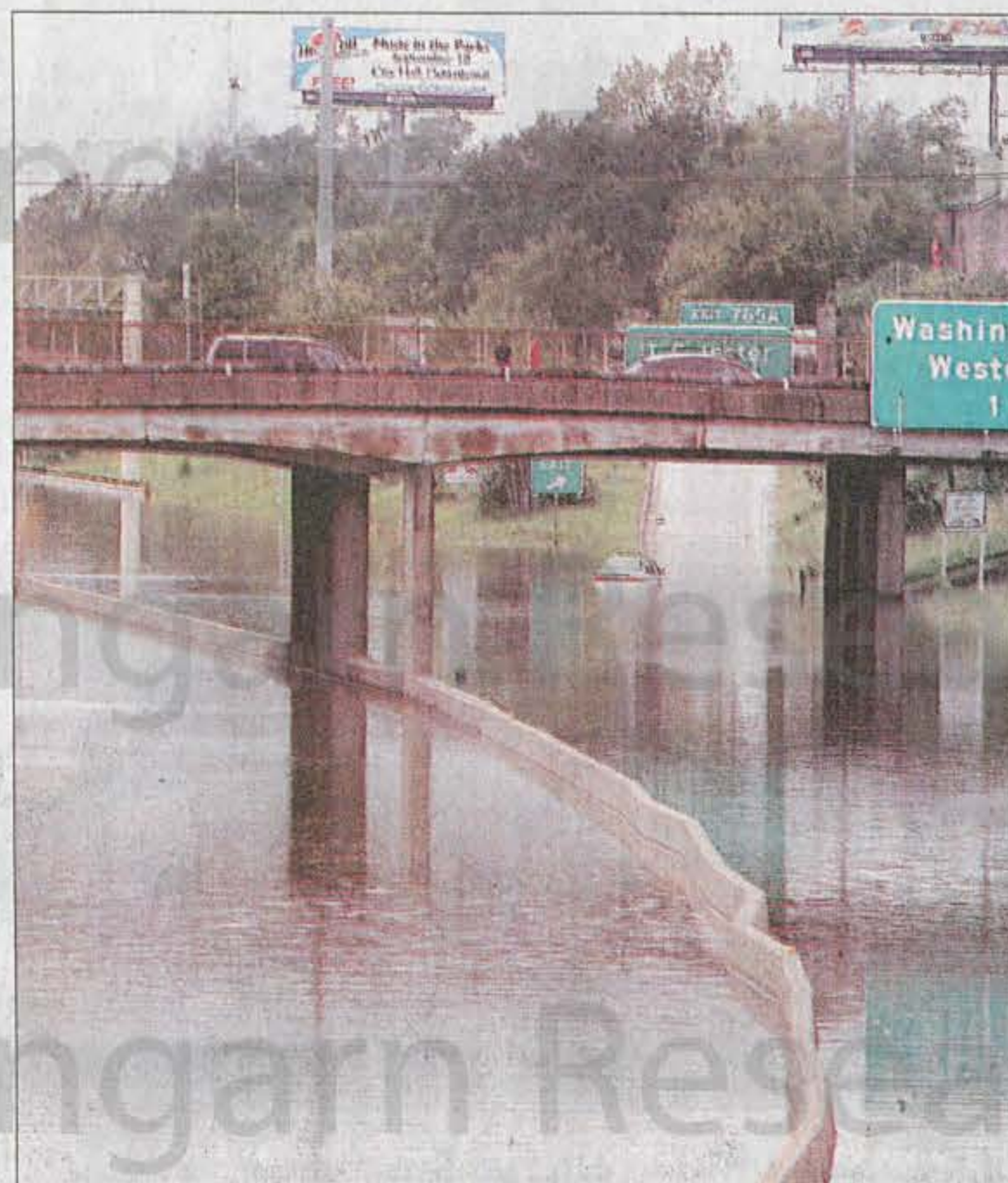
began searching for scarce supplies of gasoline, food and clean water, both Republican Gov. Rick Perry and Democratic Mayor Bill White pointedly questioned whether the Federal Emergency Management Agency was devoting enough resources to deliver supplies to the region and help restore power to nearly 5 million area consumers languishing without it.

Officials of the three private utility companies that supply electricity to the Houston metropolitan region said it could take them a month to restore power to everyone, a potentially debilitating delay to the area's economy, which supplies energy, aerospace and medical services to the entire nation.

"The future of America depends on a state like Texas and a city like Houston to get back on its feet as soon as it can," Perry, a close political ally of fellow Texan, President George W. Bush, told a news conference in Galveston, Texas. "That is the reason we are going to be adamant in our requests for (federal) help to get the power back on. Not only is it the right thing to do for your citizens, it's the right thing to do for your country."

White asked FEMA officials why they had not begun to deliver vital food, water and ice supplies to 24 pre-established distribution points throughout the city, considering the loaded trucks had been positioned in advance of the storm in cities only a few hundred miles away. "We expect FEMA to deliver those supplies and we will hold them accountable in this community," White said.

Michael Chertoff, the secretary of the federal Department of Homeland Security, replied at a later news conference that the supplies were on the way and that "the federal government is lean-



Ron Jenkins - Fort Worth Star-Telegram (MCT)

Hurricane Ike has left Houston streets flooded and FEMA has failed to deliver once again.

ing forward as far as it can" to provide assistance to the stricken Houston region.

But Rep. John Culberson, a Republican who represents the western part of Houston, excoriated FEMA for failing to supply even police and other first responders who were assisting in the hurricane disaster. At a staging center for first responders in his district, Culberson said police were out of food and water and he appealed to area residents to do-

nate provisions from their own depleted pantries.

He also noted that phone repair crews from AT&T were sitting idled at the staging center because they had run out of fuel for their trucks.

"It's just outrageous," Culberson told a radio interviewer. "I think it's inexcusable. I was horrified to discover that our first responders needed our help."

Dormitory Loitering Interferes With Nightlife, HU Traditions



Campus Police plan to enact a campus curfew to address the safety concern of students congregating outside of university dormitories, like the Howard Plaza Towers.

BY NATASHA BETHEA
Contributing Writer

It's a cool Friday night at Howard. Visitation has not yet begun. Students who are looking for a free way to socialize and mingle with their peers congregate in front of the Harriet Tubman Quadrangle "The Quad".

It's here that some students spend hours socializing, but recently campus police informed the students that they are loitering and that it will no longer be tolerated.

Campus Police is reportedly taking a stand against students loitering in front of all the dorms.

"A lot of problems are caused when students gather in front of the dorms. Their safety is at risk and they don't realize that," Officer Fletcher Dixon said.

Dixon was one of the officers that came up with the idea to implement a program where loitering would not be tolerated.

He believes a lot of the robberies, sexual assaults and altercations happen because of students loitering around dorms.

"Not only are students loitering in front of the dorms, but we also have local residents who are preying on students and waiting to catch them off guard," Dixon said.

Dixon explained that students are informed during freshman orientation about the loitering policies.

"We tell the students that they are not home anymore," he said. "It gets real out here. Yes, it's our job to protect you, but you have to let us do our job and abide by our rules."

"I think that it is ridiculous that campus police is trying to do that," said Nicholas Jones, a freshman finance major.

He believes sitting on the wall located in front of the Quad, that some students know as the "Booty Wall," is a long tradition.

"My dad sat on the booty wall, my cousins sat on the booty wall, so when I came to Howard I wanted to sit on the booty wall," Jones said.

Jones and his friends now gather in the courtyard in the Bethune Annex, where they can socialize without getting in trouble.

Freshmen may be aware of campus police stopping loitering in front of the dorms, but some upperclassmen, like Julius Trimble are not, saying, "Really, I did not know Campus Police were stopping that."

- Nicholas Jones,
freshman, finance major

Trimble, a junior management major, remembers meeting most of the people he knows at Howard in front of the dorms.

"It is an ideal social environment, especially during times of no

visitation," Trimble said. "I believe that having the freedom to sit in front of the dorms is crucial to social development at Howard."

Safiya Allsop, a junior legal communications major, believes that campus police should regulate loitering in front of the dorms.

"My freshman year I stayed in the Quad and I would constantly be annoyed by students outside yelling and playing loud music. I could not study or sleep with the noise," Allsop said.

Allsop believes that students being outside of the dorms at all times of the night are a nuisance for the residents that live there.

Officer Dixon explains that campus police is trying to come up with a campus curfew, if students continue to loiter in front of the dorms.

"Safety is our number one priority and we will go to extreme measures to achieve that," Dixon said.

"We will not keep getting blame for students not adhering to our rules," he continued. "We are the law of this campus, we are not security guards. Students need to trust us and realize that what we are saying is to protect them."

Chapel Recap



Alexthea I. Carter - Staff Photographer

Reverend Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr. delivered the word at Sunday's service in Cramton Auditorium.

BY JAMELA JOSEPH
Contributing Writer

Chapel attendees shouted with praise, sung with joy and rose to their feet as Cramton Auditorium transformed into a place of worship through the beautiful voices of the Choirs, the graceful movements of the Liturgical Dance Ministry and the powerful message entitled "The North Wind," delivered by Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.

"Great Praise," a selection by the Howard Gospel Choir, left attendees with a feeling of elation. The choir's love for the Lord was revealed through their song as they danced freely and sang powerfully, encouraging the congregation to dance and sing to the words of the Lord.

The Liturgical Dance Ministry exemplified the power of the Lord through their interpretive body movements, causing the Church to give a standing ovation.

Following, "Even Me," another selection by the Howard Gospel Choir, Soaries began his sermon.

Soaries is the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, N.J. He has led First Baptist in the construction of a new \$20 million church complex, founded many nonprofit organizations and helped 185 children find adoptive families.

He is also the former chairman of the United States Election Assistance Commission. His leadership and community service has been honored by several publications including the *New York Times*, *Ebony* magazine, *Black Enterprise* and *Government Executive* magazine.

The congregation graciously welcomed Soaries as he appeared delighted to be visiting the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel once again.

Soaries used the scripture "Song of Solomon 4:16" to help Sunday's attendees get a better understanding of the way the Lord works.

In this passage, the biblical writer invokes both the north winds and the south winds into their life. Soaries talks about the warmth of the south winds and the harshness of the north winds.

He explained the qualities of the winds in further detail, relating the winds to an experience that is close to home for many students.

"When we ask God to give us answers for a test knowing that we have not studied, that's a south wind," Soaries said.

The congregation filled with laughter and applause, revealing that they indeed understood what a south wind was capable of.

Soaries also referred to the south wind as his kind mother who constantly supported him. On the other hand, the north wind represented his father, a stern man who always felt the need to correct him.

Soaries goes on to tell the congregation that north winds will come whether you want them to or not and they will be ready to knock you down; however, we can be blessed by even the north winds.

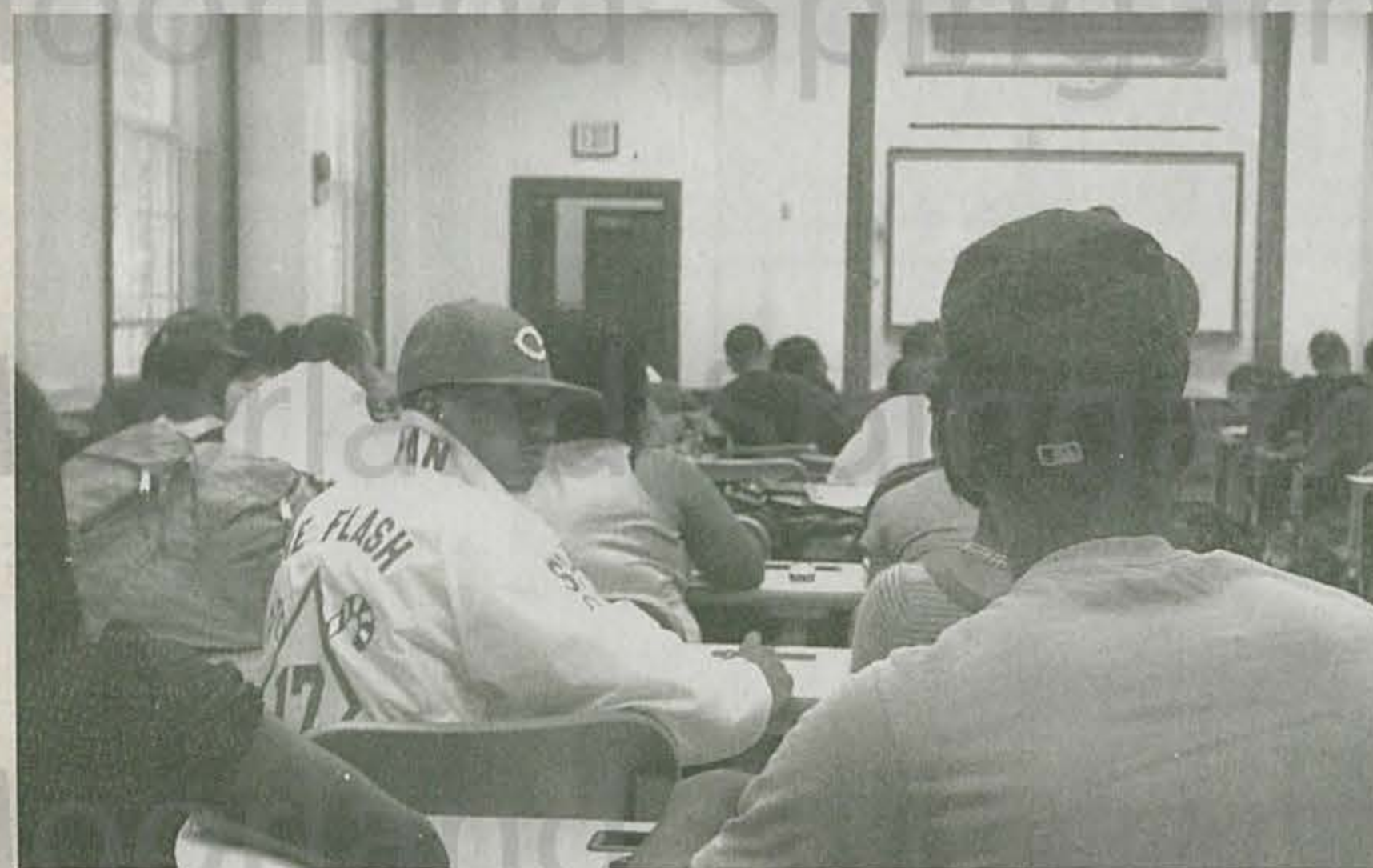
Soaries said it is important to experience the tough north winds and the kind south winds because they both help build character and allow you to better appreciate the good things in life.

"It took both to produce the first black man to be Secretary of State," said Soaries of his many accomplishments.

He encouraged the congregation not to be intimidated by the north winds, but to awake them and welcome the south winds.

"Through it all, I will give God the praise," Soaries said.

Decrease in Advisers May Cause Longer Lines



Alexthea I. Carter - Staff Photographer

Students in the College of Arts and Sciences now have three less advisors to reach out to. The College's Educational Advisory Center will soon add new faces to the staff to fulfill previous positions.

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Staff Writer

The College of Arts and Science's Educational Advisory Center has recently experienced a dramatic decrease in the number of available advisors going from five advisors and a director to two advisors and an interim director.

"Our director retired as of December 31, 2007," said Dr. Annette Davis, Interim Director of the Educational Advisory Center (EAC). "Ms.

Patton resigned right after graduation. Mrs. Hann retired after the end of July 2008; she had been an advisor here for probably about 25 years."

The EAC handles matters concerning course overrides, course registration, planning a scheme for graduation, helping students choose a major and any general advising that students may need.

For years, the EAC has faced challenges with the number of students coming to their office during the registration period. The lines begin to

form outside of the door with at least twenty students waiting 30 minutes before the center opens in the morning at 9:00 a.m.

Senior biology major, Danielle Williams equates the lines during registration week to "the lines in the A-building." Williams continues, "You go see your advisor and they send you here and there. It's unorganized, and they have to handle everyone."

Williams tried to avoid the EAC during the first week of school as it becomes "crazy," and she gener-

ally tries to get everything together after the lines are gone in the following weeks.

Davis said that what helped the center this year with the decrease in staff was that "the former director, Ms. Jean Bryan, came back during the crunch of registration and completed all of the advanced standings. I made sure that what came through was appropriately done."

For days, Davis sat behind her computer going through paperwork steadily.

A change made in years past has helped cut back on the traffic in the EAC. Students, who have declared a major, must see their major department for advisement.

"We work with undeclared majors," Davis said. "When students apply to Howard University and they designate a major, they start working with their faculty advisors from the very beginning."

However, students come back to the EAC once they have obtained 15 credit hours to make a scheme for graduation. Due to the extended registration period this semester, students wishing to obtain a scheme have been able to do so since September 8.

Currently, Davis says that applications for employment should be coming in very soon as they do plan to hire more advisors.

Until then, students will be divided into two groups according to their last names.

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The Best Political Move Ever



BY EDWARD WILLIAMS
Contributing Columnist

I have been reluctant to give Governor Sarah Palin, the Republican Vice Presidential Nominee, any more publicity. Not because of any political bias, but simply because, as a leading GOP senator said, "I don't know much about her." But, I believe that it's time for me to give America a few things to ponder over as it relates to her historic and random VP nod. Now, I'm sure the consensus among most Democrats is that she is the worst candidate to be a heartbeat away from the presidency (and with McCain's health issues, I literally mean one heartbeat) in American history; however, I will refrain from drawing a conclusion on how effective she will be in office. Instead, I would like to look at the politics of her selection and electability. **Whether you like her or not, Governor Palin may be the best political move in American history,** and I'll tell you why.

1.) She's a woman:

I know that's rather shallow of me, but in an election year where millions of disgruntled Hillary Clinton supporters are looking to show their frustration toward the Democratic Party, Gov. Palin may be just what they've been waiting for. Now, I don't believe that all 18 million or even the majority of Clinton supporters will jump ship for Palin, but some will, and in an election where every vote counts, it could tighten the race even more.

2.) She's ultra-conservative: Sarah Palin is no Dick Cheney. She's nearly a perfect shot, whether shooting caribou from the ground or shooting wolves from a helicopter. She is a huge proponent of the right to bear arms and a life member of the National Rifle Association. She is also unmistakably pro-life. Indeed, this week on the campaign trail she noted that she does not believe in abortions, even in the case of rape or sexual assault.

Finally, on this point, she believes in God's divine will over the U.S. When speaking to a youth group at a church event, Gov. Palin made it clear that she believes that God ordained for us to be in this war in Iraq—talk about manifest destiny.

3.) She is controlling the media: Last week, I was watching CNN, which for those who know

me know may be an addiction; nevertheless, I was watching Anderson Cooper 360 on a split screen with an airport tarmac awaiting the arrival of Gov. Palin back into Alaska (now maybe there just wasn't any news to report, but with an ensuing hurricane, a cold war demonstration in Venezuela and the election of Pakistan's Bhutto's widow to the presidency, I doubt this was the problem). As Anderson noted, the media was doing something that it had not previously done, even for presidential candidates, because of the interest that viewers demonstrated in Palin. This interest pervades even the polls, where last week, most likely due to Palin, John McCain enjoyed his first lead since becoming the presumptive Republican presidential nominee.

Not to mention McCain went from not being able to fill a high school stadium to having an overflow at convention centers in the last two weeks.

4.) She is running against Obama: So maybe you're thinking of course she's running against Obama, he's on the other ticket; but what you may not have noticed is that she has managed to put herself against Obama by making him compete with her, at least in the eyes of the media. This is a masterful political move. She is attempting to reduce the Democrat's presidential nominee to the level of the Republican vice-presidential nominee, mostly on the basis of comparable experience. Well, if she's challenging whether or not Obama is comparable to her, then what does that make Obama's comparability to McCain? That's right, non-existent.

If this political move is successful, the country will not be asking whether or not Obama would be a better president than McCain—it will be asking if Sarah Palin is more qualified to be vice president than Obama is to be president. It is these chess-like moves in politics that make every election cycle exciting. Which strategies work and which ones don't are ultimately dependent on the awareness the American people have that such moves are even occurring.

So as the election season runs on, you can either be an active player or just another pawn on the board.

Think you're a political guru? Email us your opinion at hilltopnw@gmail.com

Congressional Lobbyists Maintain Bad Reputation



Senator Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) leaves a meeting with a lobbyist in early 2008. Lobbyists have earned a reputation for being sneaky for political benefit.

BY JADA F. SMITH
Nation & World Editor

According to an annual Gallup Poll of U.S. citizens on the Honesty and Ethics of various professions, most Americans said that lobbyists have the lowest honesty and ethical standards of any profession in the United States.

Congressional lobbying has a reputation in Washington for corruption, bribery, political influence and even sleaze, due to the actions of some lobbyists hired by big corporations to further hidden political agendas. However, few people are aware that the average congressional lobbyist represents almost every social issue in the nation.

Charles Beavers, a junior political science major, is an aspiring lobbyist and believes that they are a critical part of the federal government's infrastructure.

"Lobbyists speed up the legislative process," Beavers said. "They represent specific interests of those who want to have their agenda put into government."

Companies and organizations hire lobbyists to bring specific issues to the attention of politicians, with hopes of furthering the issue's stance in Congress. There are lobbyists who

represent pets, health care, teacher's benefits and homeownership.

"Everybody has lobbyists; Boy Scouts of America, the NRA, churches and even lobbyists for children's health care. They are each hired to make sure certain issues that normally wouldn't be heard are brought to the government's attention," Beavers said.

The infamously bad reputation of lobbying stems from a long history of companies standing by an "any means necessary" attitude when it comes to getting their interests met in Congress.

"Giving money to lobbyists is OK up to a certain amount, and then it becomes illegal; but, there are ways to get around it. For example, money will be transferred under the table or the company will send the politician on a free vacation or something. But, in these instances, the politicians are just as guilty as the lobbyists are," Beavers stated.

At the beginning of the current presidential campaign, Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama said that he would not be taking money from lobbyists and other special interest groups, and Republican presidential nominee John McCain has long held a stance on decreasing the influence of lobbyists in Congress. However, both have come under scrutiny for former associations with lobbyists.

The American League of Lobbyists (ALL) released a statement against the comments made by both senators.

"As a profession, lobbying is an easy target and a candidate automatically garners public support with each declaration," said League President Brian Pallash in the ALL press release.

"What I have trouble with is the hypocritical nature of these comments. Both candidates have worked with lobbyists, recognize the value of their input and received legal campaign contributions from lobbyists, and yet never hesitate to throw us to the wolves when it behooves them to do so."

Beavers egresses that the senators are hypocritical. He asserts that not all lobbyists work for big oil companies; some are tireless champions for bringing the soldiers home, cleaning up the environment and bringing unemployment rates down amongst other things.

"I think Senators McCain and Obama have denounced them because a lot of times you'll have lobbyists who do not have the American people's interests at heart. For example, one company in particular holds about 60 percent of government contracts. People don't like that because that means they have a lot of sway and influence in the government."

School Districts Provide Benefits, Incentives For Recruitment of Public School Teachers



Nate King, a Kindergarten teacher in Kansas City, Mo., makes funny faces during storytime. Public schools in low-income areas around the country are suffering from a shortage of teachers and such groups as Teach for America are offering incentive-based recruitment programs to fill those voids.

BY JADA F. SMITH
Nation & World Editor

Every year, students across the country enlist in the military to reap the financial incentives towards a college education. Men and women who join the armed forces are offered full college tuitions or student loan repayments.

However, for those students who are disinterested in joining the military, school districts around the country are offering college graduates similar incentives, minus the life-threatening sacrifice.

The Student Loan Forgiveness/Deferment/Cancellation Program for college graduates is offered every year by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as an incentive for recruiting more teachers in the public school system. The program identifies subject-matter teacher-shortage areas and then generates a list of low-income schools.

The teachers who apply for the Loan Forgiveness program are then assigned to the low-income schools and often qualify for loan forgiveness, deferment or cancellation.

Krystal Cousins, a graduate student at Texas Southern University, is currently serving in her first year of the Student Loan Forgiveness

program in the Houston Independent School District (HISD).

"I joined the program because I thought it was a good opportunity to get my student loans paid off," said Cousins, who is currently teaching English at a high school in Houston. "It's really a win-win situation because I now have a good job, I'm getting my student loans paid off and hopefully I will be able to make a difference in the life of at least one child."

Although the teachers are required to stay in the program for at least two years, some consider the opportunity a stepping stone to further their careers and reap the financial benefits.

"I ultimately want to teach on the collegiate level and I consider this a chance to get experience in the classroom. The time commitment is only two years, so it's all-around beneficial," Cousins said.

Similar teacher-incentive programs have emerged around the country. Teach for America seeks to address "our nation's greatest injustice," educational inequality. According to the Teach for America web site, 17,000 individuals have participated in the program, impacting the lives of over 2.5 million children.

The Teach for America Corps program trains college graduates to become exceptional teachers, and it also offers preparation for ongoing professional development. The Corps has a growing network of graduate-school and employment partnerships that seek to hire Teach for America alumni.

Agnes Johnson, a junior at Fisk University, believes that these programs are especially important because there is a major lack of qualified teachers in the public school systems in the United States.

"I think these programs are great for bringing educators to schools and they offer great incentives, but the only drawback would be people who join the program only for the incentives," Johnson said. "The last thing our public schools need is teachers who are only in it for selfish reasons and don't really care about the kids."

The programs seek to rectify two problems plaguing the United States: the lack of teachers in public schools and the burden of student loans for college graduates. For Cousins, the programs sufficiently address both needs. "I wouldn't even consider the time commitment a sacrifice. The rewards of this program far outweigh the number of years put in."



Running back Ramon McElrathbey stiff-arms a Hampton player on a first down catch. McElrathbey had 96 total yards in his first game as a Bison.

Oscar Merida IV-Photo Editor

The Pirates Sink the Bison

Hampton wins 37-28, but not without controversy

continued from FRONT, GAME

The Pirates are good; we will come back strong in the second half," said Hampton freshman mass communication major Ashley Lassiter.

The third quarter started off just as the second, which lacked competitive edge, but after the light outage, fans were in for an action-packed game that kept them on their feet.

The Pirates kicked a 19-yard field goal followed by a 62-yard touchdown pass within a minute of each other, giving them a 10-7 lead.

Howard answered with an 11-yard touchdown run by Haigler. Seconds later, Hampton wide receiver Kevin Teel took the Bison kickoff 87 yards down the field and scored a touchdown. This touchdown gave the Pirates a 17-14 lead heading into

the fourth quarter.

For the final quarter of the game, Hampton turned up the intensity on the field as they pulled away. Sophomore quarterback Herbert Bynes threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Justin Brown.

Then, a second kickoff return from Teel resulted in a touchdown. Hampton running back Jerry Cummings ran for a three-yard touchdown.

Although the Bison scored twice with a 14-yard touchdown pass to running back Ramon McElrathbey and a 30-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Brandon Sherman, it was not enough to overpower the Pirates.

They were able to score five touchdowns and a field goal in 20 minutes to take home the victory.

"We played Bison football. Our of-

fense and defense executed their rolls; it just came down to our special teams. We've got to work at it and get better," junior defensive lineman James Robinson said.

The lights going out at Armstrong Stadium may have been a deciding factor in the game, but coach Bailey disagreed with the officiating of the game, also. The Bison had 13 penalties.

"A lot of the calls were not fair; the game was not fair to the spirit of competition. It should have been based solely [on] plays and not on officiating. The conference needs to get better,

"Our officiating is horrible and if you see the playback, you [will] know what I'm talking about. Overall, I am pleased with our guys' efforts in the game. Hampton understands how to win and they were able to comeback," Bailey said.

Box Score

Howard Bison Vs. Hampton Pirates

BY DEONTAY MORRIS

Here is the box score from the annual Battle of the HUs. Turnovers, penalties and special teams caused the Bison to remain defeated after their second game of the season. The Hampton Pirates improved their record to 2-1. The Bison take on the Florida A&M Rattlers this Saturday.

Total Yards:

Howard 505, Hampton 418

Total Passing Yards:

Howard 448, Hampton 253

Total Rushing Yards:

Howard 57, Hampton 165

Penalties:

Howard 13-104, Hampton 6-72

Turnovers:

Howard 3, Hampton 5

Individual Passing:

Howard Floyd Haigler 456 yards, 3 TDs.
Hampton Herbert Bynes 253 yards, 2 TDs.

Individual Rushing Yards:

Howard Floyd Haigler 41 yards, Ramon McElrathbey 16 yards.
Hampton Larry Coker 124 yards, Jerry Cummings 23 yards.

Receiving Leaders:

Howard Brandon Sherman 128 yards,
Willie Carter 107 yards,
Ramon McElrathbey 85 yards.
Hampton Jeremy Brown 133 yards, Kevin Teel 59 yards

Once Highly Touted Draft Picks Struggle Severely

BY TOM COWLISHAW
Dallas Morning News (MCT)

Thirty-two months ago, they were on top of the football world. Now, it's hard to say who has fallen farther—Matt Leinart or Vince Young.

They were the quarterbacks in the spotlight of the greatest BCS championship game ever played. USC's Leinart was outstanding. Texas' Young was even better.

I couldn't imagine how either one could miss as an NFL quarterback.

Leinart seemed to have a great arm and an uncanny ability to make plays at the biggest moments. It was speculated that he would have been the No. 1 pick in the 2005 draft had he not chosen to stay in school for his senior year.

There were always concerns about Young's throwing motion, and the offense he ran at Texas was anything but pro style. But his ability to lead was undeniable.

I figured—as did many scouts—that he had to come into the NFL with at least as much skill as Randall Cunningham had coming out of Nevada-Las Vegas. And Cunningham managed a pretty decent 16-year career that included an All-Pro four times.

And yet, a week into their third NFL season, Leinart can't get on the field in Arizona and Titans fans want Young off the field in Tennessee.

Young's career is one of the most

difficult to analyze of any player I have seen. If it's all about winning at the quarterback position, then Young is fine. In fact, he's better than fine. He's outstanding.

Young's first start for Tennessee came when the team was 0-3 in 2006. He led them to an 8-8 record to earn Offensive Rookie of the Year honor, and he led them to the playoffs in 2007.

In Sunday's opener, in spite of two interceptions and a late knee injury, Young led the Titans to victory once again.

But the numbers just keep getting worse. If quarterbacking in the NFL is all about passer rating, then Young just can't play.

His numbers since he came into the League are worse than those of San Francisco's Alex Smith, whose career with the 49ers appears to be over. They are worse than "Train" Rex Grossman's in Chicago. They are worse than Joey Harrington's, who can't find work in a league that employs 96 quarterbacks.

So how do you weigh the tangibles against the intangibles in Young's case? And what would his numbers look like if he were a Cowboy, throwing the ball to Terrell Owens and Jason Witten and handing off to Marion Barber instead of throwing the ball to Bo Scaife and Justin Gage and handing it off to LenDale White?

I'm not suggesting his numbers would match Tony Romo's. But every

quarterback, to some extent, succeeds or fails because of his supporting cast, and Tennessee has not bothered to surround Young with top-level talent.

I still think the Titans need to find a way to get behind him and return him to the lineup whenever his injury heals. In Young's case, with so much unrefined skill, the jury is still out.

The same is true with Leinart. How do you make a judgment on a player with 15 NFL starts in two seasons? It takes a much larger body of work than that to be declared a bust.

Most people expected Leinart to emerge from the preseason as the Cardinals' starting quarterback. A three-interception game, in just 12 attempts, against Oakland pretty much handed the job back to veteran Kurt Warner.

Arizona has done a better job than Tennessee of supplying Leinart with talent. The Cardinals just won't let him use it.

One of the problems is that Leinart was drafted by coaches no longer in Arizona. Maybe he's just not Ken Whisenhunt's guy.

But with the financial investment that both teams have made in their quarterbacks, the Cardinals and the Titans have to want these two to succeed.

For such promising players to be failing this deeply into their pro careers is a stunning development. It may have as much to do with organizations failing them as the other way around.



Mark Hoffman - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (MCT)

NFL Titans quarterback Vince Young has struggled in the NFL after a historic college career.

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Homecoming 2008 Expected to Live Up to Legacy, Entertain

Last week, tickets went on sale for Homecoming 2008: Eden, an Epoch of Eminence. For the past few years, students have ended their Homecoming festivities wanting more and this year there seems to be a lack of homecoming buzz around campus.

While many students are excited about the events that the 2008 Steering Committee have planned, the long lines to purchase Homecoming tickets seem to be non-existent. Hopefully, this is due to the earlier sale dates and the more efficient way that things are being dealt with.

Also, the fact that there are two locations to purchase tickets this year may have caused the lines to be shorter at each location. Some students have voiced that they did not know that tickets had gone on sale, despite the Hilltopics and signs posted around campus.

Homecoming at Howard is a tradition that people from

across the world travel to enjoy. However, past year's disappointments have made students apprehensive about purchasing event tickets. This year's unusually high ticket prices have also discouraged students from taking advantage of

Homecoming to live up to the legacy alluded to in hip hop songs and alumni conversations. For the past few years, the artists who have appeared on campus failed to excite students and visitors.

While we understand that it is hard to get celebrities to make appearances, this is Howard and people travel to see the best. Hopefully, the recent rise in ticket prices means that students and visitors are paying for a treat.

In addition to the lack of celebrity excitement, the weather has also caused delays during homecoming.

While this is out of the control of the 2008 committee, hopefully the rain and cold weather will subside long enough for the Howard community to welcome back its alumni.

It is our hope that the 2008 Steering Committee will deliver a Homecoming worthy of the highest acclamation and we are confident in their ability to do so.

Our View:

Homecoming 2008 should live up to the rich tradition of bringing students, alumni and visitors together and dispell the disappointments of recent years.

the early sale dates.

Although the 2008 committee is expected to produce a Homecoming that does justice to the rich legacy, taking a chance on the previous years' disappointments is a risky one for the financially struggling student.

This year we expect

Perspective

Gentrification is a Crime Against Humanity

In the September 11, 2008 editorial, I was particularly disturbed to learn that some view gentrification as a necessary course of action in order to improve safety and aesthetic value around Howard. Gentrification is a recent phenomenon that disenfranchises poor people across the globe by denying them of a basic human right: housing. While developers and city governments reap the financial benefits of displacing the poor, we, the so-called "leaders" of the global community pardon this crime against humanity because having retail stores and entertainment within walking distance of our dorms is appealing.

Firstly, the editorial justifies gentrification on the grounds of safety and aesthetics. If this is indeed the motivation behind supporting the displacement of poor blacks, why not instead shift the focus to making these areas safer for everyone, including the original residents? Crime is directly correlated to poverty, which is caused by the lack of sustainable employment.

Our concern should be making certain that those in the lower socioeconomic status have jobs that are sufficient enough to support their families. Regarding aesthetics, displacing residents is not the solution to making any area more beautiful. While a certain area may be in need of beautification projects, the people themselves are not ugly, nor should

they be subject to displacement on this premise.

There are several alternatives to gentrification. Developers that are building million dollar homes should be held accountable for rebuilding affordable housing complexes for every one that they destroy. People living in the community should seek to control land and use it for community development.

Voters should only support local politicians that vow to resist gentrification and then keep these same office holders accountable. Programs should be implemented to decrease crime and increase employment. Lastly, city governments should take a greater priority in maintaining the aesthetics of all areas, not just high income neighborhoods.

This matter has surpassed color lines between black and white. Gentrification has become a matter of class discrimination, which has embedded itself in the black community. The black upper middle class is no longer in touch with the poor and this is painfully evident in the way in which we view gentrification. Where is our solidarity?

This is proof that black unity is almost non-existent. It frustrates me that we can watch our people being kicked out of their homes and replaced with white upper class people. Why is the presence of white residents suddenly a marker of safety and beauty? Why is black presence

implicated as synonymous with a less desirable place to live? Although this was not explicitly stated, the underlying insinuation certainly suggests that the removal of poor blacks is a necessity.

Howard students will move on to become politicians, policy makers, teachers, lawyers and a host of other influential people in this world. We will be doing a complete disservice to our people if we continue to be short-sighted in our thinking about issues that affect people living in poverty. Just because something does not affect you directly does not mean your duty and obligation to your people is null and void. Even as college students, we have the opportunity and resources to be a voice for poor blacks, and speaking out against gentrification is just one way to do so.

We must see gentrification for what it is while looking at the bigger picture: It is nothing more than a systematic effort to keep money and power in the hands of a select few. This effort also disproportionately affects people of color in cities across the world. Gentrification in its entirety has ill intentions; it is solely motivated by the acquisition of capital and access to power. For anyone to justify this, especially a black person, is misinformed, misguided and just plain wrong.

- Morgan Thomas
Junior, Business Administration

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