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Ray Ray McElrathbey (above) is another transfer athlete who had trouble getting certified earlier this season.

## Transfer Athletes Hit A Wall with Eligibility

*Office of Compliance Receives Student, Parent Complaints*

BY DEONTAY MORRIS  
Sports Editor

The Howard University football team has not only been battling opposing teams, but also the Howard University Compliance Office.

The office ensures that student athletes meet NCAA requirements.

Two football players and one parent have accused Chief Compliance Officer Altha B. Williamson of being unprofessional, rude and having a complete lack of care about their situations.

"Mr. Williamson told me he's going to do everything in his power to get me kicked out of Howard University," said Oscar Gonzales, a transfer student-athlete.

*The Hilltop* contacted Williamson and he directed questions on the matter to the Office of the Provost.

Gonzales enrolled at Howard in January for the spring semester. He transferred from Auburn University and signed a scholarship to be on the Bison football team. Gonzales thought everything was fine and that he would be able to play in the 2008 season.

However, the week before school started, some of his credits were not accepted, causing him to be six credits shy of eligibility.

"I was extremely mad when I received this news," Gonzales said. "I could have easily taken two classes during the summer. I would be on the field playing right now but no one told me this until August when it was too late."

Gonzales is not the only player upset with Williamson and the Compliance Office. Will Croner, another transfer football player, also had an unpleasant experience when he returned to Howard after the summer.

"When I transferred in January, everything was fine - I was eligible. I even participated in spring football drills," Croner

said. "In the summer, however, I received a call from Williamson stating that my credit history [at Howard] had been deleted, so he asked me to bring him another transcript from my previous school."

Croner continued, "When I came back, my situation was re-examined and it turns out that 12 credits that I had before were not being accepted because of curriculum changes. These changes made me ineligible to sign my scholarship and I was without housing for almost a month."

Thornton, Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer, sat down with *The Hilltop* on Thursday.

"We're not in the business of blaming and pointing fingers," Thornton said. "We are currently trying to find out how we can make the certification of our athletes' process more efficient."

The parents of senior running back Kenneth Austin-Bruce also felt disrespected by Williamson. According to Kevin Austin-Bruce, Kenneth's father, everything was fine during the summer.

However, last Friday, the day before the Battle of the HUs, Williamson walked onto the field and told Austin that he was not eligible to play.

"Williamson would not even give us an explanation on the field about why my son couldn't play," Austin-Bruce said. "My wife and I followed him to his office where he made us wait for one hour before speaking with us. His office was sloppy and very unprofessional. As it turns out, it was only one form that needed to be signed. At no time was this form ever made available to our son."

This problem is unfortunately not uncommon. Like every other Howard student, athletes are subject to a lack of communication and organization from various offices.

On Sept. 1, 2008, six days before the Mayor's Cup game

against Georgetown University, 36 Bison players were not certified to play - which is almost half the team.

According to the Georgetown Hoyas' head coach Kevin Kelly, every player on their team was unavailable to play on game day.

"No coach can succeed in this environment. Before the Georgetown game there were over 30 players not eligible to play," said athletic booster and Howard alumnus Kenton Smith. "If the Provost had not stepped in and cleared players himself on Saturday, the team might have been forced to forfeit the game. That is completely and utterly unacceptable."

The academic advisor for Howard's Athletic Department is head softball coach Tonja Braxton. She understands that it can be difficult to get transfer students on the field on time.

"Often, potential student-athletes come to visit here and they bring unofficial transcripts," Braxton said. "When they meet with an advisor, they may be told about 60 credits will be able to transfer but when they come only 30 to 40 end up being accepted."

Interim Provost Dr. Thornton was very adamant about receiving complaints and coming to a resolution.

"We can't do anything if the complaints are not available to me," Thornton said.

He also spoke on potential reforms to increase efficiency and to be proactive in getting players certified to play.

"We're looking at getting the compliance office moved under the Athletic Department. Also, we're looking at adding more academic advisors across the university," Thornton said.

Thornton held meetings with the Compliance Office, football coaches and the Athletic Department to rectify the issues with the football team and more broad ranging issues with the compliance office.

## Rally in Columbia Heights To Free Felon Troy Davis

BY OMARI EVANS  
Staff Writer

Troy Davis is going to die next week, and there's nothing he can do about it.

But the 40 or so protesters who gathered in Columbia Heights with Amnesty International USA Thursday night are doing something.

Davis is set to be executed Tuesday for shooting and killing police officer Mark Allen McPhail with a .38 caliber gun at a Burger King in Savannah, Ga., - a crime many believe he is not guilty of.

He was found guilty of the crime in Savannah in 1989. There was no physical evidence. He was convicted solely on the testimonies of nine witnesses.

Throughout the years, Davis has defended his innocence and has asked for a new trial. Hours before his scheduled execution in July 2007, Davis' life was spared, and in November 2007, the Georgia Supreme Court heard his case for an appeal. In a four-to-three decision, the court denied him a new trial.

"The Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA), signed into law in 1996, has made it much more difficult for death row prisoners to find relief in the courts, even with very strong claims of innocence," reported *The New Abolitionist*, an anti-death penalty publication based in Chicago.

Brian Evans, an Amnesty International USA campaigner to abolish the death penalty said, "This rally case is symbolic of the kind of justice we have in the death penalty, particularly in

the South, where most of the executions take place. The appeals process is broke and the system does not show enough concern, especially when a police officer is killed."

He added, "This rally and all the campaigning has been very effective in showing that Georgia can't execute somebody quietly."

Amnesty International USA is an organization that aims to investigate and expose abuses, educate and mobilize the public to create a more just world, according to the group's Web site.

David Schwarzman, a Howard biology professor, attended the rally. "I think the death penalty is disgusting," he said. "It's even worse than committing murder by an individual, because it's in the name of the law."

Schwarzman continued, "To send an innocent man to death is horrible!"

Another professor, Gemma Puglisi of American University, who was also at the rally, has been helping Davis since July 2007 and has become a family friend since then. She saw Davis Sunday, and believes he is in good spirits and appreciates everything that everyone is doing for him.

Puglisi believes that Davis' case can be extended before it's too late. "I think anything is possible at this moment," she said.

Shujaa Graham, a California Death Row survivor who has been fighting for social justice since 1982, came to speak at the rally.

"I believe that he has a case of innocence here," Graham said. "If Davis can go to court based upon the witnesses that they have now, I can assure you the jury will not convict him."



Supporters rallied in Columbia Heights to spread the word about Davis.

## A Challenge To Journalists

*Carnegie Corporation President Charges Students*

BY JESSICA MORRIS  
Contributing Writer

"What are you doing now to be worthy of the past?" is the question Dr. Vartan Gregorian posed during his lecture in the Ralph J. Bunche Center Auditorium.

"The cliché is that African Americans are entertainers and athletes," Gregorian said. "No one mentions the great scientists, doctors, leaders and journalists. So I encourage you to invest your time as your University has invested its time in you."

Gregorian came to Howard to speak on the future of journalism in international affairs. He is the first distinguished lecturer in the distinguished lecturer series hosted by the Howard University Johnson H. Johnson School of Communication's Preparing Future Journalism faculty program.

Gregorian is the 12th President of Carnegie Corporation of New York, a grant-making institution founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1911. Prior to this position, he served for eight years as the president of the New York Library and for nine years as the 16th President of Brown University.

Gregorian started off his speech saying, "American educa-

tion is the most democratic in the world educating men and women of every race and economic background."

A problem with America that Gregorian pointed out is "We [Americans] would like everything in American to be light and fun. News is lighter and it ignores the real heavy issues in the world."

"It is the job of journalist to keep us from being ignorant to the world," he explained. "Journalists are the guardians of our democracy; they must be rigorously trained and very well educated."

When addressing the fate of international journalism, Gregorian points out that newspapers are being cut down so much that many no longer have a foreign section and if they do have a foreign section it is very small.

"AP [Associated Press] is the backbone of foreign news, but even that is in danger because they can not sustain the necessary expansion," he said.

He went on to say that if you are interested in pursuing international news, your best bet may be to go to England or another foreign country where foreign news is still booming.

Gregorian said, "America needs to invest in more international coverage. I hope and pray that AP does not disappear."

To help this problem, Gregorian proposed, "There is no such thing as free information. In the School of Journalism, every teacher should have one local and one national paper and students should have one local and one national paper subscription that is included in their student activities fee."

According to Gregorian, if 2 million students were subscribed to the paper, this would help the papers to sustain themselves.

Overall, in the competitive market of today Gregorian said that "quality is what will get you a job in journalism: quality of mind, quality of leadership and quality of journalism."

Dr. Rochelle Ford, the director of the Journalism Faculty closed the lecture by issuing a challenge to students, "I challenge you to take time to invest in yourself look at the newspaper."

She continued, "Take time so we can have a better understanding. Don't be afraid to dig deep and gain a deep understanding of culture and knowledge."

Junior broadcast journalism major Jenifer Kouakeu said, "It [the speech] was very informative. He expressed how we need to gain wisdom to be better communicators for the rest of the world."



Marvelyn Brown, who is HIV positive, was in the HU Bookstore on Thursday signing her book, "The Naked Truth: Young, Beautiful and Positive."

## 'The Naked Truth'

BY JAN RANSOM  
Contributing Writer

Marvelyn Brown recalled the first time she spoke about being HIV positive six months after her diagnosis on World AIDS Day. She did not know where to start or how to begin. She said, "My name is Marvelyn and I have HIV."

In her tell-all book titled "The Naked Truth: Young, Beautiful and [HIV] Positive," Brown, who is 24, presents an in-depth informative memoir in an effort to empower and educate those who are HIV positive and to encourage "those who are not to stay that way."

She stood before the intimate crowd that gathered on the second floor of the Howard bookstore on Thursday, as she reminisced about how it all began. It was July 13, 2003 and Brown had been in intensive care for two and a half weeks. The doctors were unaware of what was wrong with her and after a series of tests, they still did not know anything, she said.

The doctors informed her that she had 24 hours to live. Her mother began planning her funeral and family members said their last good-byes. She said she was later told that she had pneumonia which caused her to have a fever of 106 degrees. That was until she was removed from the intensive care unit and placed into a general room where she was then informed that she was HIV positive.

"I had heard about it but it never registered in my mind because I didn't think HIV affected me," Brown said, recalling her initial reaction and adding that she did not know how serious the disease was.

At the age of 19, Brown had contracted the HIV/AIDS virus while in a monogamous relationship with a 23-year-old man she described as her prince charming. Word of her status spread quickly and life as she knew it began to change. She said she was forced to eat out of paper plates, plastic silverware and she had to wash her clothes separately from others. She was in college at the time and she said that people began to isolate themselves from her once they learned of her status. Shortly after, she dropped out. Brown said she was shunned by the church she attended and was told by some that she had gotten what she deserved.

She stopped going to church. She remembered that her family did not know how to deal with it because they were not educated about the disease. Brown said she felt isolated and rejected. A former top track and basketball star, she began to experience feelings she said she was not used to. To escape, she began living in her car.

"Everyday I just wanted to die - I just wanted to die," Brown said. "This disease is so hard and the stigma was so great. I would pray to God to take me. I couldn't deal with it."

After a near death experience in which Brown avoided a head-on collision with a tractor trailer, she said she had an epiphany. "I almost died and it had nothing to do with HIV," Brown said. "I realized this wasn't a punishment from God and that my life was valuable and that there was so much more that I could be doing with my life."

At the time of the incident, Brown had been living with HIV for four months, practically in hiding. That is when she decided to face HIV and embrace it by educating others. She advised the audience to get tested, be responsible and get educated. If the virus is detected early enough, the individual has a better chance at living longer and slowing the progression of the virus.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a disease of the immune system caused by HIV, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, which destroys white blood cells and weakens the body's ability to fight infections, making individuals susceptible to a number of illnesses.

The disease can ultimately lead to death and there is no cure. It is transmitted as a result of direct contact with blood or other bodily fluids that contain HIV, such as semen, vaginal fluid and breast milk. Risky behavior like unprotected anal, vaginal or oral sex, or the use of contaminated needles, blood transfusions, pregnancy, childbirth and breast-feeding increases the risk of exposure to the disease.

Angela Richardson, a junior public relations major, commended Brown for writing her book and speaking to others about the disease. Richardson's 24-year-old cousin was born with the disease and her aunt passed away from the virus after she was diagnosed with cancer.

"It makes me so much aware and it makes me want to be safe," Richardson said. "I am so thankful for her to write this book because so many young people don't know the causes and the effects of HIV and AIDS. I'm just grateful that she wrote this book for someone like me to relate to and for other people who don't have any relation to it to become at least more educated about it, want to go to the health store and get condoms and just want to learn more about it and do their own research." Condoms and health care cards were handed out to the audience.

Ada Babino project coordinator for the student health center under a grant called SHAPE, which stands for Strengthening Health Advocates Promote HIV/AIDS Education, which promotes social outreach and prevention education on campus, also attended the program. Babino advised the audience that there is free HIV testing two days a week at the student health center and that it only takes 20 minutes.

Jeleen Durrant, a graduate student in mass communications and media studies, said she will go get tested after the book signing. Durrant said she was so moved by Brown's story that she nearly cried.

"People don't realize how real this is," Durrant said. "Here is this woman we can touch her - she's close. We could look at her and she looks just like you and I."

Blacks make up 13 percent of the U.S. population but account for nearly half of the new HIV/AIDS diagnosis according to the Center for Disease Control.

In D.C., one in 20 people are HIV positive. D.C. health centers provide free HIV medication to all who need it.

According to CDC, the rate of AIDS diagnoses for black women is nearly 23 times the rate for white women. Of the black women who are now living with HIV/AIDS, 74 percent contracted the disease as a result of heterosexual contact.

Male-to-male sexual contact is a primary factor for 48 percent of black men living with HIV/AIDS. HIV/AIDS rates for injection drug-use and high-risk heterosexual contact are about the same. AIDS diagnoses for black men is 8 times the rate for white men.

Brown grew up in Nashville, Tenn. She now resides in Brooklyn, N.Y. Copies of her signed book are now available in the bookstore.

## 'Colored Section Only' Produces New Mr., Miss School of Communications



Travis White - Staff Photographer

Students filed into the Blackburn Grand Ballroom last evening to watch what promised to be one of the most spectacular events of this Homecoming season, the Mr. and Miss School of Communications Pageant.

After weeks of preparation, and a straight 24 hours of priming, the lights went low and the spotlight came up, unveiling the school's theme of "Colored Section." Fifteen contestants and about three hours later, the winners were announced.

Melech Thomas, a junior speech communications major, walked away with the Mr. School of Communications crown after capturing the hearts and minds of the crowd with an original piece regarding the state of the black people. The new Miss School of Communications, Hayley Mason, a junior broadcast journalism major, added a further touch of grace to the evening as she serenaded the audience with an inspirational ballad.

Compiled by Marquis H. Burnett, Contributing Writer

## How To Get an 'A' in Business

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

BY JESSICA LEWIS  
Staff Writer

Professor of Business Law Samuel Harvey offered these words of advice to students trying to make it in the business law course.

His input applies to more than just his students. It helps all students enrolled in the School of Business seeking a business degree.

According to Business Law Professor Samuel S. Paschall, the course is departmentalized.

"We have a common syllabus, a common textbook, two common midterm examinations and a common final," Paschall said. "So it's really not how to get an 'A' in my course, it's how to get an 'A' in the business law course."

### Read the material three to four times

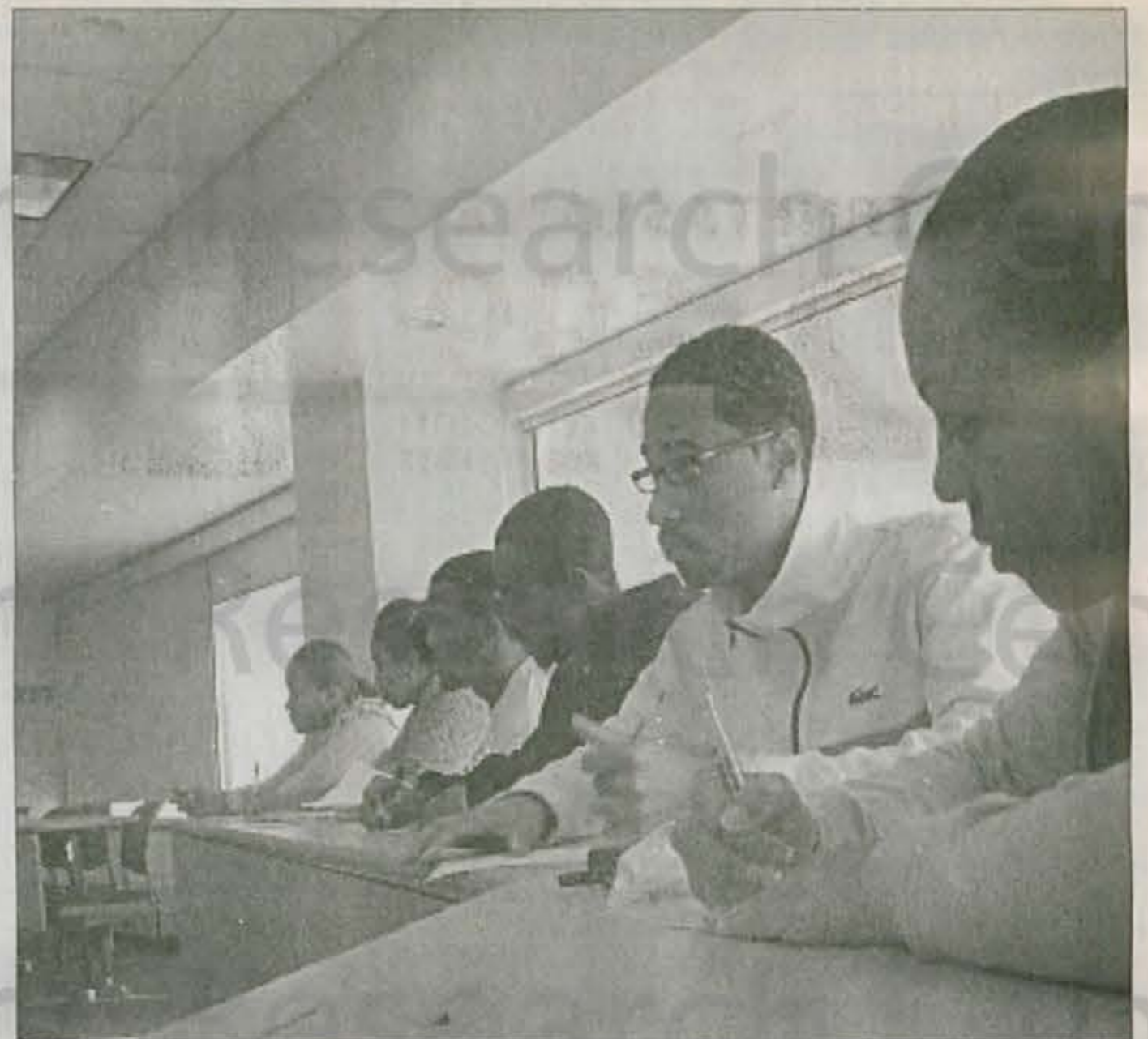
"Basically when students have not performed well, I ask them how they studied and they say, 'I read most of the material,'" Paschall said. "And that's just unacceptable in any course in college."

He asked that students read the material three to four times minimum; then, do some underlining, take notes and merge those notes with your class notes.

He added, "The unanimous and constant reason why students don't do well is they've read [the material] maybe one time. They can't do that in this course."

Harvey also said to study thoroughly and completely. "It's probably unusual for them in the amount of work that we're asking, but it's quite possible if you do what we ask," he said.

Paschall doesn't believe that the course is challenging, but thinks "the challenge is that it requires reading. You can't do the reading last minute."



File Photo

Many professors believe that the way to survive classes in the School of Business is by students taking notes in class and then reading those notes three to four times before tests.

### Practice makes perfect

"We give out our exams from last semester; and we go over the exams to practice writing under pressure," Paschall said.

The format of the tests "are not true or false and multiple choice. They are hypothetical situations that you have to respond to and create your own answer," Paschall added.

He said, "What it takes is a good understanding of the concepts - that's the beginning point. Then, apply the knowledge to the particular hypothetical," Paschall said.

The way a student may familiarize themselves with the hypothetical situations and ultimately master the test is to write out the answers to the questions

located in the back of the chapter.

"I would ask students, after they didn't do well, how many questions they answered from the back of the book; and students have not even read the questions in the back of each chapter, moreover, sat down and wrote out the answers," Paschall said.

He stated, "People just didn't do the work."

He added that many of the test questions are derived from the questions in the back of the chapter and if students practice, they will have a better chance at doing well on the test.

### Studying and Study Groups

"If you're not putting in a couple hours a day, two to three days a week on a regular basis,

and not just before the exam, then you're not prepared," Harvey said.

Paschall proclaimed that study groups offer a great experience to check answers and practice.

"Get in your study groups and bounce ideas off each other," he said. "Write out the materials to the questions. Come to the professor and the professor will be happy to review them."

Whether students choose to study in groups or not, Paschall suggests that at the minimum take an hour to do the reading before class, take notes during class and devote another hour to studying after class.

Paschall said, "I think students try to get by without doing the minimum requirements and that just won't work."



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Many students at Howard and other universities are on financial assistance from the government. However, students who have been convicted of a crime will not be able to receive financial aid for college.

## Financial Aid Unavailable for Students With Criminal History

BY ANGELA P. SMITH  
Staff Writer

Since the fall of 2000, question 31 of the FAFSA form has prevented thousands of students with drug convictions from receiving federal loans, grants and jobs through Work Study programs from attending colleges and universities.

The infamous question, which originates from the Aid Elimination Penalty that was added as an amendment to the Higher Education Act in 1998, asks students if they have ever been convicted of the possession or sale of illegal drugs and if the offense occurred while receiving federal financial aid. If the answer is "Yes" or if the question is left blank, federal aid is denied.

Critics say that the penalty cuts off the possibility of higher education to students who are trying to rehabilitate themselves.

According to David Guard, associate director of Stop the Drug War: Drug Reform Coordination Network (DRCNet), the penalty has disqualified almost 200,000 students from receiving college aid, to date.

"It's really sad because [the penalty] mainly targets poor, minority students, often for what are minor offenses," Guard said. "Get caught with

just a small possession of marijuana and your federal financial aid is gone."

Along with many other groups, Stop the Drug War (DRCNet), an international organization founded in 1993 to end drug prohibition and fight for interim policy reform in U.S. drug laws and the criminal system, has campaigned to repeal the drug provision for nearly a decade.

In February 2006, the campaign reached some success when Congress reformed the drug provision from denying college aid to all people convicted of drug crimes to only stripping the eligibility of those whose drug offenses were committed while they were in school and receiving federal aid.

Organizations continued pushing to revoke the entire law for the 2008 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, but Congress ignored their demands when passing the Higher Education Opportunity Act on July 31.

"We were all very disappointed with Congress," Guard said. "We were told by staffers on Capitol Hill that many members of Congress were scared of being called 'pro-drug' and not being re-elected if they voted to strip the drug provision. They failed to see that this is a serious education

issue." Chris Paige, a sophomore accounting major, was also displeased with Congress' decision to allow the penalty to remain.

"Anybody who is willing to try and change their life around by attending college should be granted student aid," Paige said. "People make mistakes; but not being granted financial aid shouldn't be a repercussion of their actions."

While students are affected by the drug provision each year, there are other options available to help with college costs. Many students with drug charges are still eligible for state loans and grants.

There are also scholarships that provide assistance to students who have lost aid under the law, such as the John W. Perry Fund, established by Stop the Drug War.

In 2013, current authorization for the programs in the Higher Education Act will expire. Guard said that he and supporters are already planning a strategy for the next Congress, presidential administration and reauthorization of the legislation.

"We're going to work hard until financial aid is restored to these students impacted by the penalty," Guard added.

## Company Offers Free Headsets For Some Chatty Ticketed Drivers

BY JADA F. SMITH  
Nation & World Editor

Due to laws around the country that require drivers to have a hands-free device when using a phone on the road, Headsets.com is now offering free headsets to those who have been ticketed for talking while driving without a hands-free device.

A study done by the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis revealed alarmingly high numbers of fatalities caused by cell phone related car accidents.

The study showed that 2,600 people are killed each year from the verbal distraction and up to 330,000 are injured. The numbers propelled Headsets.com President and CEO Mike Faith to offer a step toward a solution to the problem.

"I just feel compelled to try and do something about this tragedy," said Faith in a press statement.

Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and D.C. currently have laws that completely ban all handheld cell phones while driving and nine other states have partial bans on phone usage.

The bans have significantly helped to reduce cell phone related car accidents.

According to Drive Now Talk Later, an advocacy group for cell phone safety, driving while talking on the phone increases the risk of causing a crash by 400 percent.

However, instead of advocating for hands free devices to thwart accidents, the group says using cell phones while driving should be eliminated all together.

"Using hands free equipment does not improve driver performance. It is the phone conversation that distracts," according to a fact sheet on the

group's Web site.

Headsets.com, an online retailer of telephone headsets, is trying to encourage people to change their driving behavior and choose to practice safe driving habits.

Faith acknowledges that giving away the headsets for free is merely a step in the right direction to curbing an even bigger problem.

"We'd rather that people didn't take calls while driving, hands-free or not. There's just no way you can chat on the phone and keep the same attention on the road," Faith says. "Of course, we encourage everyone to pull over if they have to make or receive a call — it's the only way to be really safe."

Anyone who has been ticketed under the law can send a copy of his or her citation for making calls while driving and, in return, they will receive a free headset.

"I think this is a really good gesture on the company," said Joseph Scott, a Tennessee driver. "It benefits both drivers who chose to talk on the phone while driving and those who don't because it's an extra precaution toward keeping everyone on the road safe."

Scott added, "I live in a state with a partial ban so the rules aren't as stringent. But I do know how dangerous cell phones and driving can be — especially people who text while driving. That's the worst."

Scott hopes that strict laws will soon be created to fully ban people from text messaging while behind the wheel, because it demands more attention than a verbal conversation.



Drivers who have received citations for using cellular phones while driving are now eligible to receive free headsets.

## KWAME SPEAKS: Not Republican, Not Democrat But Black

Many believe that this year's election will bring about change, hope and a new beginning for America and the global community. I would venture to say that every student on campus is aware of the candidates running for President and their party affiliations: Barack Obama (Democrat) vs. John McCain (Republican).

However, I am sure that most students have failed to understand the historical relationships that these parties have with African Americans, and what their current relationship really entails.

Historically, African Americans have tied their political fortunes to different American political parties. During the years of abolition, we were staunch supporters of the Republican Party because of its anti-slavery stance. During the years of the Civil Rights Movement, we were behind the Democratic party because of their emphasis on civil rights legislation. However, as usual, when dealing with these types of issues, it is not that simple.

To quote Neely Fuller, Jr., "If you do not understand white supremacy, then everything else will surely fool you." It is essential for blacks in America to understand what the system of white supremacy is in-

cluding how it manifests itself in our social milieu.

It is essential for blacks in America to understand the concept of Eurocentrism. Eurocentrism and white supremacy dominate our lives on a daily basis and many of us internalize them to such a high degree that we uphold their sanctity.

The pillars of Western society were built upon these basic concepts, and as the United States stretched its power these concepts solidified internationally. To truly understand the Democratic party is to understand that it is a white supremacist institution. To have any type of understanding of the Republican Party is to know that it is a white supremacist institution.

As African-American people living under this system, it is imperative that we understand this and realize that these parties did what they did in order to remain in power (i.e. Abolition, Civil Rights).

We have to begin to understand that they are concerned with African-American people only insofar as our vote, resources and capital is concerned, not necessarily our humanity.

The examples are endless of how much this country and the global powers

value black and/or African life. We have to understand that a political party within that very system cannot possibly be for the reclamation of the humanity of our people.

We must know that political parties, regardless of their stated platforms and purported moral values, regardless of whether they are conservative or liberal and regardless of whether they allow a black man or white woman to run on their ticket, are defenders of the very status quo that has always worked to the detriment of our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

When we understand these concepts collectively, we will no longer organize our time and energy for the Democrats, or go out canvassing for the Republicans. Our greatest defenders from David Walker to Kwame Ture, were never tied to a party, they were tied to their kinfolk.

For those that truly love our people, when we come to understand the dynamics of American political party affiliation, it will be clear that our energies must be directed to the building up of our community on *our* terms. That is our goal, and "we all we got."

—Josh F. Myers



Howard alumnus Kwame Toure was a civil rights activist who, like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., fought for justice in the African-American community.

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WHO AM I?

HOMECOMING AMBASSADOR AND GRAND MARSHAL

I am originally from Chicago, Illinois but raised in Cleveland, Ohio;  
I had my FIRST major role in 1995;  
My Grandmother was a stage actress;  
My parents are multiracial;  
I moved to NYC to pursue a career in acting at the age of 18;  
I wanted to be a science teacher and attended Pratt Institute in New York;  
I have received both Golden Globe and Oscar nominations;  
I am a self taught guitarist and pianist;  
Physics is "main love" and I am interested in completing my education and obtaining a doctorate;  
Some of my movies include: "The Jacksons: An American Dream", "The Players Club", "Big Momma's House", "Glitter", "The Salon", "Get Rich or Die Tryin",  
"Idlewild", "The Perfect Holiday"

HOLLYWOOD IN EDEN MASTER OF CEREMONIES AND HOST OF THE STEP SHOW

I am ONE of SEVEN siblings;  
I have appeared on "Showtime at the Apollo";  
I have hosted concert tours for young music idols such as Chris Brown, Ne-Yo and  
T-Pain;  
My inspirations have come from Martin Lawrence and Chris Rock;  
My Father is a Bishop and my Mother is a Pastor;  
I am series regular on MTV's "Wild N Out" with Nick Cannon;  
This is NOT my first time attending Howard Homecoming;  
I am from the state of Michigan but live in Ventura, California;  
One of my movies is "Fast and Furious IV" featuring Vin Diesel;  
I have also starred opposite Bow Wow, Meagan Good and Khleo Thomas

PARADE MARSHAL

I am originally from Oakland, California;  
I turned down the chance to become a professional Track and Field Athlete to pursue a career in acting;  
I trained at the Ivanna Chubbuck Studio and Tasha Smith Acting Studio;  
I have earned an NAACP Image Award;  
I have appeared on The Bernie Mac Show;  
I am a Howard Alumnus;  
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Charles Metz III - Cartoonist

## White Supremacy Groups Voice Opinions About Obama, McCain

The role of white supremacy in the 2008 presidential election is a topic that has not really been discussed, mainly because Sen. Barack Obama has tried to eliminate race – the highlight of his platforms. However, these racist groups still exist and have an opinion about each of the candidates.

Surprisingly, many white supremacist groups are against Sen. John McCain and would rather see Obama in the White House.

This anti-McCain approach is not being ignited because these groups want Obama to lead the country, but because they think that if Obama is president then their membership would increase.

White supremacists believe that those who share their ideology will become so upset at the fact that a black man is president that they will want to identify themselves with other white nationalists.

Sen. Robert Byrd, the

current president pro-tempore of the U.S. Senate and former Ku Klux Klan member, actually endorsed Obama in May of this year. Byrd has apologized for his association with the Klan on numerous occasions and has no association with them today.

White supremacist groups

**Our View:**  
*White supremacists must get over their hatred and vote based on the current economic and international issues that are affecting our country.*

have always been fueled by hate, fear and ignorance. The realization that a Martin Luther King, Jr. and a Barack Obama can exist within 40 years of each other has affected both white supremacists and blacks.

Many of our grandparents witnessed the life and death of

MLK and have lived to see the nomination of Barack Obama. Likewise, many Ku Klux Klan members have lived to see the same phenomenon and are angered by it.

Although much progress has been made since the 1950s and 60s, racism still exists and there are people who are willing to execute acts of hate.

The outcome of this election should not be determined by the race or gender of the candidate. But, it should be determined by the platforms of the candidates. There will always be groups that are against people in positions of power. The democracy under which

we are governed allows for this type of protest.

Nonetheless, hatred should never be permissible, and those who may be plotting to danger either candidate should realize that there are far more important issues at stake than race.

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