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Robberies Raise Concern for Student Safety

After twelve robberies in one month, Campus Police chief urges students to pay attention



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Crimes on campus are prevalent and many students worry because the emergency system does not work at all.

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Staff Writer

Between August 16 and September 16, 12 Howard students have been robbed, armed and unarmed and two have been sexually assaulted. This number, provided by the

Howard University Campus Police Department, does not include unreported crime.

Five of the twelve robberies have occurred on campus. In addition, one of the sexual assaults occurred on campus.

Students may be disturbed to discover that the emergency Blue Light

systems on campus do not work and will not dial for help if you press the button.

Instead, students may hear the sounds of someone else dialing or a voice. Neither one is helping you.

Chief Leroy K. James of Campus Police is in negotiations to replace the broken systems but finds that the cost of the project is slowing the progress. He reports the project will be finished within the coming months.

"I don't want to put in something that's mediocre," he said. "I want something that is available to you when you need it."

James said in the meantime, "I urge students to call the dispatch number since most students have cell phones. [Use your cell phone so] that when you're in a situation where you need help, you get help."

The number to the dispatch is

(202) 806-1100 and is to be used whenever a student finds themselves in a situation requiring police assistance.

Besides fixing the Blue Light system on campus, James has also put together a council to find out from the students what is going on around campus.

The council is called the Chief of Police Safety and Security Advisory Council and is aimed to help James, "hear the perspectives of the end user: the students."

The council consists of members from the School of Divinity, School of Law, Howard University Student Association (HUSA) and many other heads of various departments.

HUSA Vice President Kellen Moore said, "Chief James has allowed a member of HUSA to sit on the council and I've been making a point to be a part of the council."

He continued, "He seeks our perspective and we relay our experiences with campus security. We can speak on our satisfaction or possible dissatisfaction with campus police."

Although the council has only met once during the summer, Moore feels that it has the potential to impact change.

"During the meeting, one of the questions that I had was whether or not the university could make students aware of different crime issues or crime incidents," Moore said.

Students have certainly been

made aware of crime issues. At least once a week students receive crime alerts from James. So far, the total is 12 in four weeks.

"I know recently there was a robbery on the Yard and I know a lot of students have been asking for a greater campus police presence," Moore said. "That is what's going to be the value of this council. When a student is to express concerns with security on campus, this council is going to be the outlet to get those concerns addressed."

To help reduce crime, James stresses the combined effort of students, faculty, staff and police.

"This time of the year as compared to second semester, there is more crime traditionally," James said. "Criminals know when school starts. They strike and they strike fast because they know what they are looking for."

He added, "When they see someone at eight, nine or 10 o'clock at night on their cell phone and iPod, they know that person is not paying attention."

Although James does not recommend talking on the phone while walking at night, he does suggest calling ahead of time to let somebody know where you are traveling from and so that person may notify authorities if you do not call back.

James said, "The biggest thing I ask students to do is pay attention! You really have to watch your back."

South African President Thabo Mbeki Agrees to Early Resignation

BY OMARI EVANS
Staff Writer

The past couple of weeks have been challenging for South African President Thabo Mbeki.

After facing strong opposition from Jacob Zuma and the African National Congress (ANC), President Mbeki agreed to an early resignation on Saturday.

The ANC's 86-member National Executive Committee decided Mbeki needed to resign based on accusations of arrogance, aloofness and centralizing of power.

Mbeki was president of South Africa for nine years.

He succeeded Nelson Mandela and led the nation toward economic growth; however, a widening gap grew between the rich and poor of the country. He is also well-known for his unscientific stance on AIDS. "Personally, I don't know anyone who has died of AIDS," he was quoted in 2003.

According to the *New York Times*, Mbeki's office confirmed that he would leave the presidency "after all constitutional requirements are met."

The push for Mbeki to resign was put into play last Friday when a high-court judge in South Africa ruled that the government mishandled the prosecution of Jacob Zuma, the leader of the governing party of South Africa. The ruling makes it likely that Zuma will become South Africa's next president.

Jacob Zuma and Thabo Mbeki first met as covert operatives in Swaziland in 1975, while both were trying to make their way up the chain of command of the ANC.

When Mbeki resigns, an acting president will be appointed from the South African Parliament. Since Zuma is not a member of the majority, he is not eligible to be the replacement. However, he is expected to run next year in the parliamentary elections and

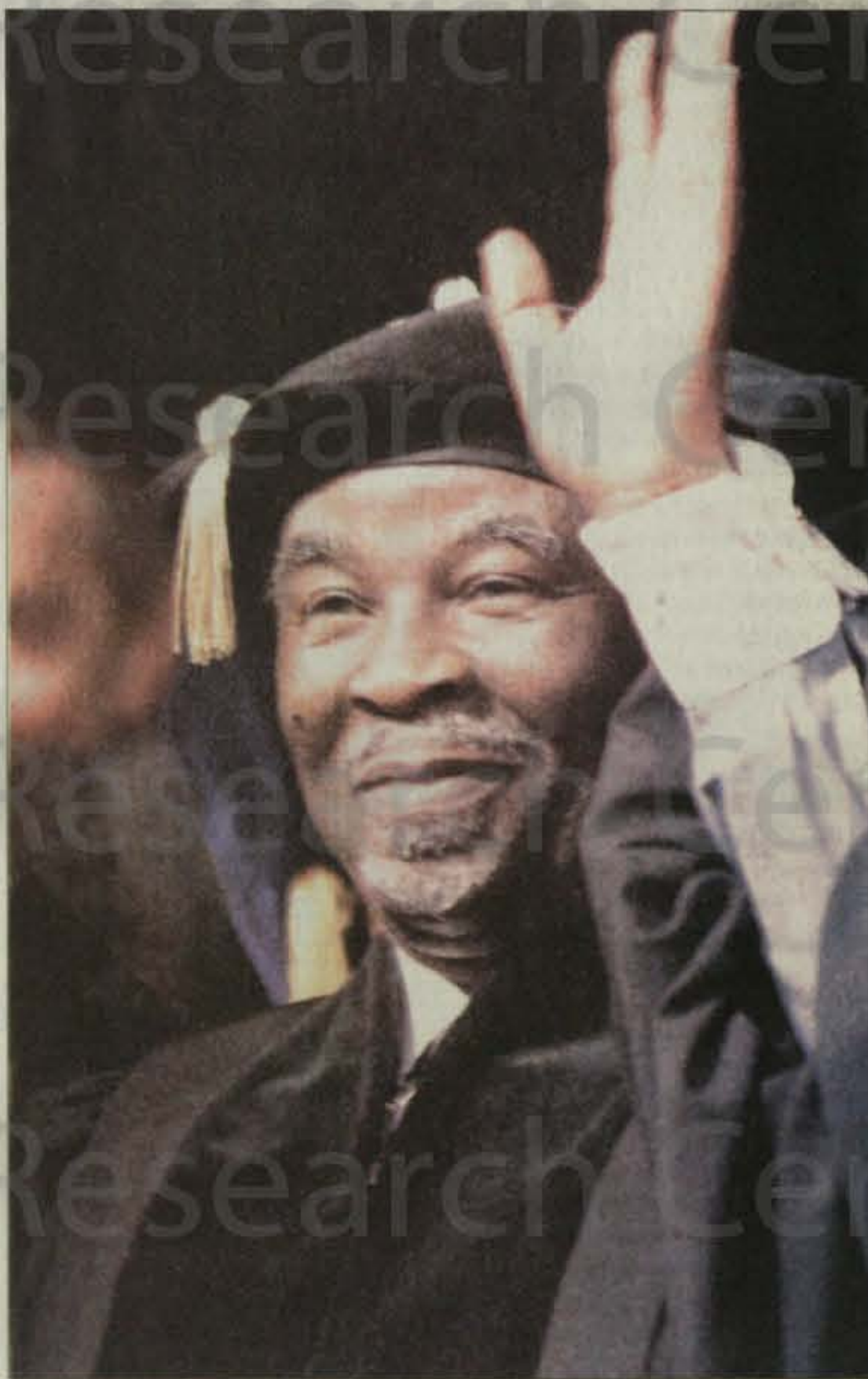


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Thabo Mbeki, Nelson Mandela's successor and South Africa's president for nine years, is resigning after accusations of arrogance, aloofness and centralization of power.

take over as president after that. The elections will likely occur between February and June, according to the *New York Times*.

Political experts are predicting that the speaker of the National Assem-

bly and the ANC chairwoman Baleka Mbete is likely to be the Parliament's choice for acting president.

As their national elections draw near, South Africa's future hangs in the balance.



Oscar Merida IV - Photo Editor

Rattlers Poison Bison

On Saturday, the Howard Bison lost 51-24 to the Florida A&M Rattlers. The loss drops the teams record to 0-3. The Rattlers got off to a fast start; they led 17-0 after the first quarter and never looked back.

Phillip Sylvester of the FAMU Rattlers ran rampant against the Bison defense. He had 131 yards and one touchdown.

One of the bright spots for the Bison was senior linebacker Endor Cooper. He led both teams with a total of 17 tackles. Also, Will Croner played exceptionally on both sides of the ball. He scored a touchdown and had five tackles.

The Bison look to garner their first victory this weekend against the Savannah State Tigers in the Miami Classic. For more game coverage, turn to page six.

-Compiled by Deontay Morris, Sports Editor

Siblings Bring a Piece of Home for Some Bison

BY CHRIS CARAWAY
Contributing Writer

The Yard is filled with students from all over the world, but what if another student had come from the very household that you came from?

Attending school with a brother or sister may be like bringing a piece of home along with you.

"I wouldn't have it any other way; it makes life so much easier because you have an instant friend as soon as you step foot on the campus," said Erin Brownlee, a junior business marketing major.

Erin's fraternal twin sister, Ericka Brownlee, is also attending Howard University.

"Having a twin is more than having a brother or sister," said Ericka Brownlee, a junior telecommunications management major.

She added, "The bond is much closer than a friend because we've shared so much since before birth."

Both girls are resident assistants at Meridian Hill Hall.

It often helps to have an older brother or sister here, because they are experienced with Howard and know how the school works.

Micah Campbell, a sophomore psychology major, came to Howard a year after his brother, Trey.

Both brothers are psychology majors and Trey is in his junior year.

"I feel like it's someone watching over me," Micah said.

"Being that he was here before me, I am able to go to him for all of my questions and problems."

He added, "It was cool because he made it an easier transition from high school to college."

Trey said he likes the company of his little brother as well, and being at Howard at the same time

has drawn them close.

"This is our time of independence and growth and we're sharing it together," Trey said.

"He's not only my brother, but my best friend. I can go to him for almost anything."

Some siblings look to each other as an unwavering support system.

"At such an important stage in our life such as college, it [is] important to have the support of someone who loves you unconditionally and accepts you for who you truly are," Ericka said.

Though going to school together can bring siblings closer, classes and activities in which siblings are active can affect time siblings spend with each other.

Often, students have different class schedules and that can sometimes cause time conflict.

"Now that we're older, we have different schedules, so we aren't together as much," Erin said.

Kenyatta Hobson, community director of Meridian Hill Hall, has seen brothers and sisters come to Howard through the years.

"[They do] well if they know how to embrace their identity and press beyond the familiar time," Hobson said.

"Those that have embraced their own identity have been successful at Howard."

Another way to embrace one's identity is to succeed academically.

"Sibling rivalry, as a result of jealousy, is one thing that can be a factor and pressure from the parents and also from peers [who] compare you to the sibling who is excelling," said Debra Roberts, an assistant psychology professor.

Coming from the same family can also cause students to participate in the same activities.

"Siblings share some genetic material, so with the interaction of



Erin and Ericka Brownlee are fraternal twins who chose to come to Howard together. Both students are resident assistants in Meridian.

heredity and environment, it's not surprising that people would gravitate to some of the same things like school," Roberts said.

"In addition, they come from the same family, so socialization plays a role in the experiences they seek out."

Chapel Recap



Dr. Susan K. Smith spoke to the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel congregation on Sunday from the book of Micah 6:1-8 about God's requirements for us.

BY JAMELA JOSEPH
Contributing Writer

Reverend Dr. Susan K. Smith, the senior pastor of Advent United Church of Christ in Columbus, Ohio, delivered a powerful sermon during Sunday's chapel service, strongly encouraging the congregation to obey the requirements of the Lord.

Smith is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and received her B.A. in English Literature from Occidental College and her doctorate in ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. She is heavily involved in outreach ministries and serves as minister of music at her church.

Following a selection by the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Choir, "Bless the Lord O My Soul," Smith, deeply moved by the voice of the choir, began her sermon with a reading from Micah 6:1-8.

The Scripture speaks about the good the Lord did for the people of Israel. God's people are not sure how to serve him, but they are told to "act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Smith said most people don't really want the Word because the Word is hard; we manipulate it for our own agenda.

She also informed the congregation that the Word does not make room for exceptions because it always calls for people to follow through with its requirements.

The auditorium filled with laughter as Smith referred to her struggle with obeying the duty to love her enemy.

She spoke about the time her children wanted to say goodbye to their stepmother, whom their father was divorcing. She found it difficult to be kind to a woman who had taken her husband.

However, she listened to what the Lord was commanding her to do and took her children to say goodbye, and she, though filled with tears, gave a farewell, also.

"The word tells you to do difficult things like being passionate to people you cannot stand," Smith said.

She continued to acknowledge some of the requirements people are met with everyday.

"Your parents say you can do what you want as long as you pass your classes or to be a pianist or a dancer you have to practice, and if you want to be a doctor you have to go to med school," Smith said.

She also referred to the requirements of political leaders, which include doing whatever you need to do in order to win.

She brought attention to John McCain's decision to make Sarah Palin his vice president.

"I am trying to understand why America thinks it's okay for a woman to go to four or five colleges before she got her bachelor's degree to compete with a black man who went to Harvard and graduated at the top of his class," said Smith of vice presidential nominee Palin.

Smith then went on to bravely state her belief of Barack Obama's fear of saying something in public relating to black people.

"On the day he accepted the presidential nomination, he could have at least said Martin Luther King's name," she said.

At the end of the sermon, the congregation shouted out words of praise, jumped to their feet and applauded Smith, showing that they understood that there will be requirements in every area of life.

"God has been good to us, so there are going to be some requirements," said Smith.

Students Celebrate Ramadan on Campus

BY TAHIRAH HAIRSTON
Staff Writer

The ninth month, Ramadan, is considered the holiest of the Islamic calendar, which is why prayers are more rewarding during this time.

Ramadan is a celebratory month of prayer, asking for forgiveness from God and fasting in which there is no eating or drinking from sunrise to sunset.

September 1 marked the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, which is the start of Ramadan for Muslim students at Howard and millions of Muslims all over the world.

"The fasting is not just a physical thing; in my household, we also fast from television and radio and only do things that are enlightening," said freshman vocal jazz major Saria Abdul-Malik.

Ramadan is meant to refocus attention to God and practice self-sacrifice.

"My sister says that if you leave Ramadan and feel like all you have gained is hunger, then you really haven't indulged yourself in the essence of Ramadan," Saria Abdul-Malik said.

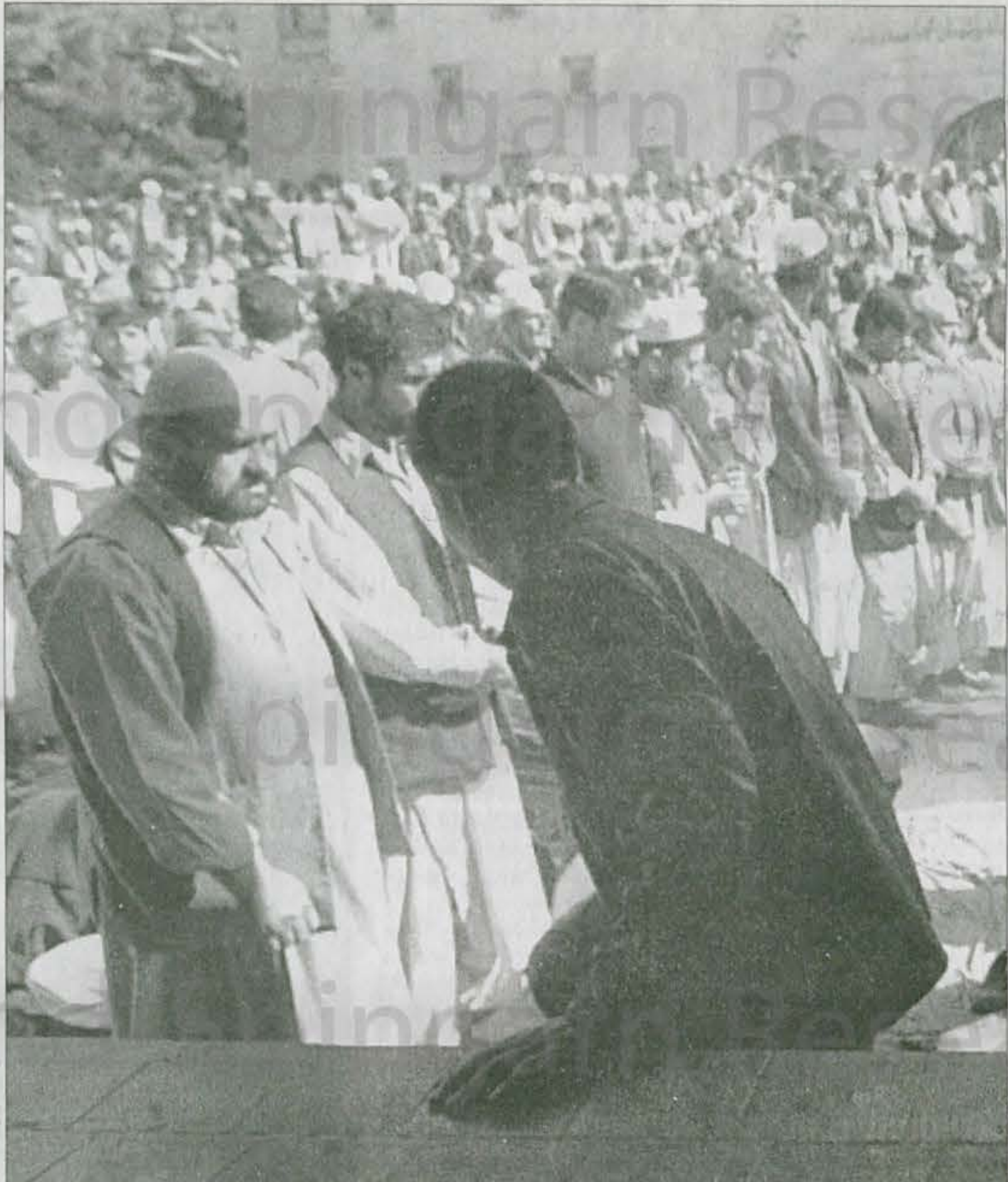
Abdul-Malik added, "You are meant to learn patience, humility and gratitude through prayer and fasting."

The ending of Ramadan is acknowledged with the celebration of Eid al-Fitr, during Salat al-Eid (Eid Prayer), everyone goes to the masjid (mosque) to pray and give thanks to God. Afterward, there is a feast with friends and loved ones.

Muslim Student Association president Moulaye Ahmed noted, that there is an Eid al-Fitr celebration, co-sponsored by the MSA, RFC and the Dean of the Chapel, on October 9 in Cramton Auditorium.

Other activities on campus for Ramadan include Iftar, which is a breakfast dinner where various students come together to get to know one another and pray to God.

There is also Jum'ah prayer, a religious service, held in Drew Hall



Students on campus celebrating the Ramadan holiday may attend a weekly Jum'ah prayer service, held in Drew Hall Lounge on Fridays. At the end of the Ramadan celebration, there will be an Eid al-Fitr celebration on Oct. 9 held in Cramton.

lounge every Friday during the Ramadan celebration at 1:15 p.m.

"In Islam, it is believed that the Quran started to be revealed during Ramadan," Ahmed said. "This is why Ramadan is so special in Islam; and the Quran also tends to be read

more during Ramadan than any other month."

What makes the celebration of Ramadan so powerful is the fact that millions all over the world are experiencing the same spiritual and personal growth. Ahmed said, "For

me, it is a time to recharge my faith and refocus more on my purpose in life, which is to worship Allah alone, and not the material world."

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Money, Money, Money



BY EDWARD WILLIAMS
Contributing Columnist

In "For the Love of Money," the O'Jays sang "some people got to have it...some people really need it," and with last week's unprecedented market activity, nobody can hold on to it, money that is. Lehman Brothers, an investment bank which survived the Civil War, the Great Depression and both world wars, has gone bankrupt.

Merrill Lynch, the most well-known investment bank in the world, has been bought. AIG, the country's largest insurer, is now owned by the U.S. government. Several other banks are teetering on the brink of existence, and the market has been over a roller coaster than this summer's hottest amusement park ride.

With the market in such turmoil, the candidates have taken this week to address their plans for the economy. Do what will Senator McCain or Senator Obama do to save us? Let's take a look.

Senator McCain: If Senator McCain is elected president of the United States, he has pledged to maintain the tax cuts pushed for and signed by President Bush; he plans to cut the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 25 percent, and he plans to open market relationships with other nations through free trade agreements.

As it concerns the market turbulence of last week, McCain said on Monday, September 15, 2008 that he would not support a government bailout of AIG, and then days later, after the U.S. government issued the bailout, that he did not fully understand how great an effect AIG's failure would have on the average American.

Senator McCain made one other large blunder last week, he made the political mistake of saying that the "fundamentals of our economy are strong," on a day which the stock market closed down at its lowest levels since September 11, 2001.

Senator Obama: If Senator Obama is elected president of the United States, he has pledged to give a \$1,000 tax rebate check to every American household to assist with high energy prices; he has proposed amendments to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); and he has repeated his plan to take corporate tax breaks away from companies who export jobs to foreign nations.

When it comes to last week's market activity, Obama did not last week's market activity, against the AIG bailout, which his opponent McCain, has had no remorse in exposing. Many of Obama's political moves this week have been based on exposing McCain's flip-flopping on economic issues.

For most Americans, the economy is issue number one. This may be the one major issue that the Democrats have capitalized on. However, if Senator Obama wants to capitalize on the recent swing toward the economy, he has to provide substantive explanations of exactly what he would do and how that would help.

Unfortunately, Senator McCain can easily be tied to the Bush economic policies and must shield himself from this unpopular economic strategy.

As long as the economy is the topic of discussion, the Democratic Party has the opportunity to control the conversation and really run off with this election; but, Americans don't want to hear what your opponent doesn't know or won't do. We want to hear how our next president is going to clean up this mess.

Think you have what it takes to be The Hilltop's resident political guru? Are you in the know about global news? E-mail us your opinion at hilltopnw@gmail.com

National Black MBA Association Makes Global Expansion



Tyrons Clemens - Staff Photographer

The National Black MBA Association is one of the largest gatherings of African-American MBA holders in the United States. The organization recently expanded globally.

BY ANGELA P. SMITH
Staff Writer

The National Black MBA Association, Inc. (NBMBA) has expanded its organization with the addition of its first international interim chapter in Toronto.

"We are very pleased with the momentum that the Toronto chapter has built to date across Canada," Damon Knights, President of the Toronto chapter, said in a press release. "We are excited that the National Black MBA Association will have the honor to open the market."

Officially launched on August 21, the new Toronto chapter opened trading at the Toronto Stock Exchange at the TSX Broadcast Centre to celebrate the event.

Supporting the new chapter are Canada's most notable corporations and business schools. Members of the chapter's advisory board include Kevin Warren, CEO of Xerox Canada, John Peoples, President and General Manager of SC Johnson Canada and Ranji Persad, President of NCR Canada.

Schools lending support are the Schulich School of Business, the Rotman School of Management, the Richard Ivey School of Business and the Ted Rogers School of Management.

According to Knights of the Canadian chapter is to increase the economic and intellectual wealth of black Canadians.

"Studies by Catalyst and the Conference Board of Canada indicate that there is still a need to increase diversity in Corporate Canada," Knights said. "It's great to see our vision resonating with the corporate and academic communities."

Excited for the future, the professional membership organization already has set high goals for its newest chapter.

"We are targeting to host the NBMBA annual conference in the near future, which would bring over 12,000 professionals, recruiters and students to the greater Toronto area, making it North America's largest development, recruiting and networking event for black professionals," Ivan Francis, Toronto chapter's Vice President of Strategy and Marketing, said.

"We are also in the process of rolling out

our Leaders of Tomorrow program, which will focus on providing mentoring to at risk youth."

According to the Toronto chapter's mission statement, the recently founded chapter plans to "increase the number of successful blacks in Canadian businesses by providing innovative community programs to stimulate intellectual and economic growth, building partnerships with key stakeholders who help facilitate this growth and increasing awareness in graduate management education programs and career opportunities."

The Toronto chapter's long-term goal is to grow Canadian chapters nationwide.

NBMBA is a nonprofit organization of MBAs, business professionals, entrepreneurs and MBA students.

Founded in 1970, NBMBA has nearly 8,000 members and represents more than 95,000 MBA graduates in 43 chapters across the United States and Canada.

The group prides on connecting individuals, companies and business schools through education, career, leadership, entrepreneurship and lifestyle.

Peace Corps Provides Cultural Experience, New Opportunities for College Graduates



Fresno Bee (MCT)

The Corps allows people to travel around the world. Peace Corps volunteer Winifred Huff is shown with a village chief and his family in front of the family's hut in Samoa.

BY ANGELA P. SMITH
Staff Writer

Whether it is teaching biology in a Nigerian high school, promoting HIV/AIDS awareness in Zimbabwe or building a school for children in Bolivia, the Peace Corps offers a spectrum of opportunities. Peace Corps volunteers work in the following areas: education, youth outreach, community development, business development, agriculture and environment, health and HIV/AIDS and information technology.

Howard alumna, Melissa Dagher, serves as a health volunteer for a local AIDS organization in Caia, located in the central region of the southern African country Mozambique.

"I basically do organizational development," Dagher said. "I help the organization create more efficient activities and I help them learn how to find and keep funding. Overall, I just help them to become a stronger organization so that they can better serve their community."

Additionally, Dagher finds time to work with the local high school in Caia. She has recently helped the school start a science fair for the students.

Dagher sees her service in Mozambique as a unique experience and spiritually getting to know Mozambique and its culture," Dagher said.

"I have created genuine relationships and friendships with Mozambicans. Also, as an American living here in Africa, it is important for me to pass my experience here to my family and friends at home, so that they can get a realistic perspective of what Mozambique or Africa is like."

Established in 1961 after John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries, the Peace Corps is an agency of the federal government devoted to world peace and friendship.

Three simple goals of the agency are helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women, helping to promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the people served and helping to promote a better understanding of other people on the part of Americans.

Over 190,000 Peace Corps volunteers are assigned in 139 countries across the world, includ-

ing the Caribbean, Central and South America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Peace Corps volunteers are of virtually every race, ethnic background and religion. People of color who serve as Peace Corps volunteers are 17 percent; married, seven percent; single, 93 percent and over age 50, five percent.

To qualify to become a Peace Corps volunteer, applicants must be 18 and a U.S. citizen. There is no upper age limit. And while it is not absolutely necessary, a four-year college degree is preferred.

Anyone who has a willingness to serve and a knack for trying new things would make a good Peace Corps volunteer, according to Dagher.

"I've always wanted to travel and learn a new language, so the Peace Corps was a natural path for me to follow," Dagher said.

Dagher has served in Mozambique for nearly a year and her contract will end in December 2009.

"After leaving [Mozambique], I'm not quite sure if I'll go to graduate school," Dagher said. "But I do know that I plan on keeping with this line of work."

Bison Football Team Still Looking for First Win of The Season After 51-24 Loss to FAMU Rattlers

BY ED HILL
Special to The Hilltop

Florida A&M University used two big plays on defense to jump out to an early lead and then cruised to an easy 51-24 win over Howard University in a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference game at Greene Stadium.

The Rattlers took the opening kickoff and drove 44 yards in 10 plays before being stopped and forced to settle for a 26-yard field goal.

The Bison responded and appeared on the verge of countering but then came the first of perhaps the two biggest plays of the game.

On Howard's possession, the ball was snapped over the head of Bison quarterback Floyd Haigler and FAMU's Joseph Wims scooped up the loose ball and rumbled 65 yards for the TD.

Florida A&M (2-1 overall, 1-1 in the MEAC) was not finished. The Rattlers struck again on the Bison's ensuing possession when Qjer Hall intercepted a Haigler pass and returned it 67 yards for another TD.

The two plays came in a span of less than a minute and the Bison found themselves down, 17-0 only six minutes into the first quarter.

"All week, I was concerned about FAMU," said Howard Coach Carey Bailey. "They have phenomenal speed, talent and depth. They have always [had] that, but now they are very disciplined. We were dominated."

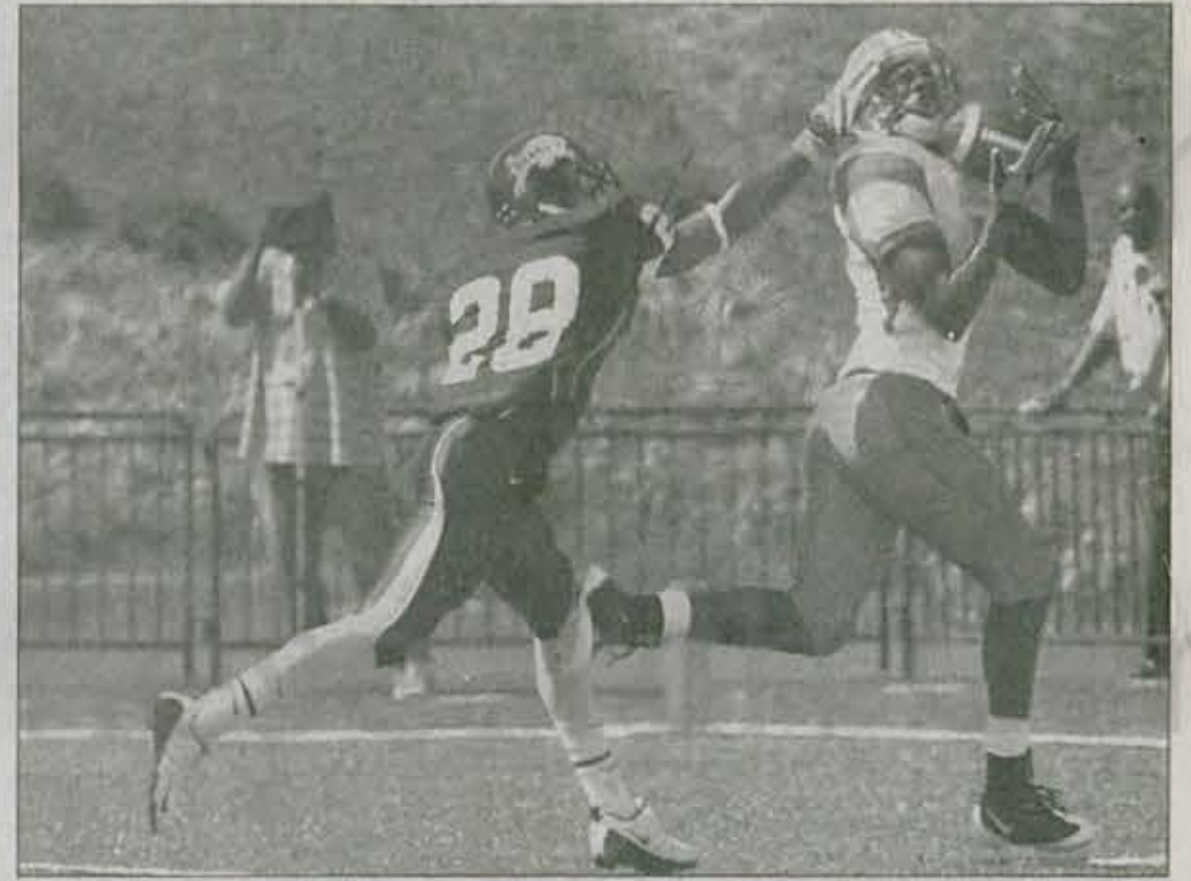
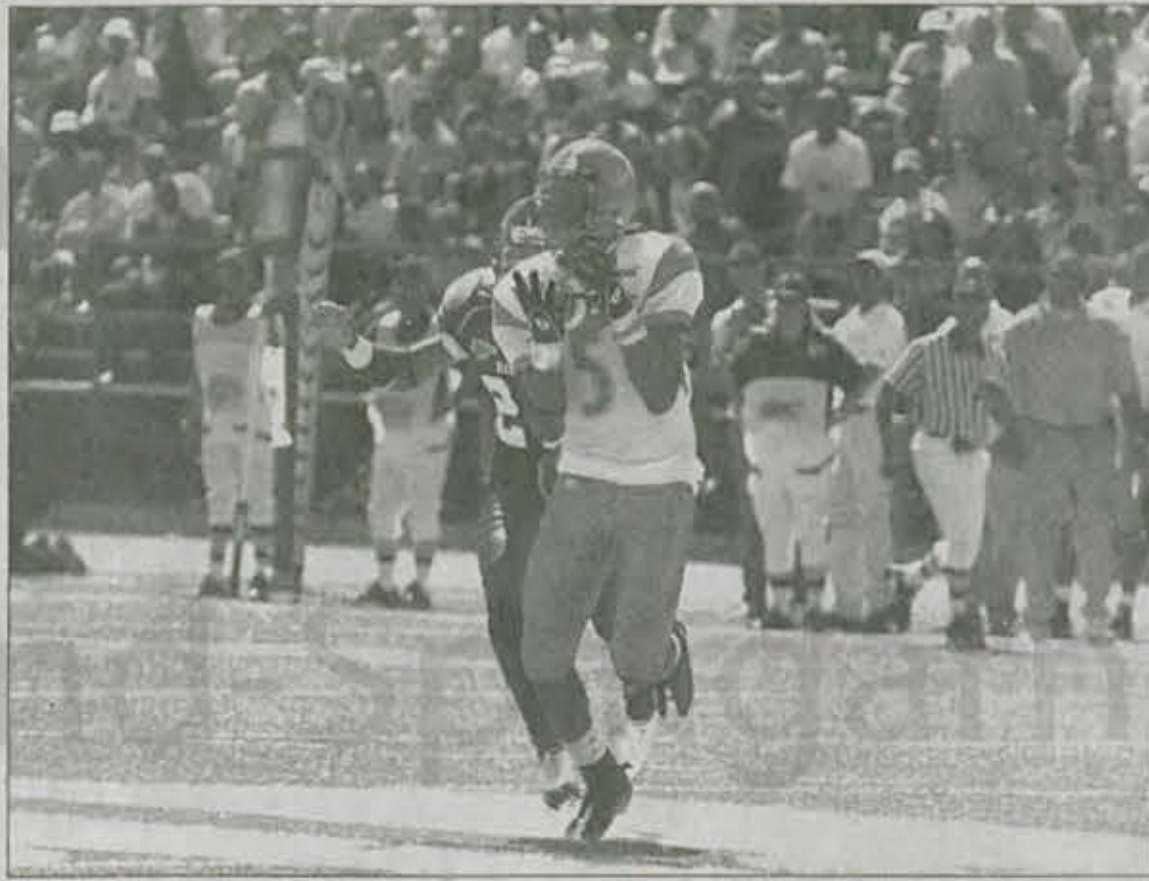
With the quick early lead, the Rattlers found a comfort zone and began to use their two-quarterback system effectively.

Eddie Battle and Curtis Pulley both played a role in the 24 points that FAMU rang up in the second quarter.

First, Battle put together a short drive that he capped off with a 43-yard TD strike to Adrian Smith.

Then it was Pulley's turn as the 6'4", 200-pound red-shirt junior transfer from Kentucky took his team 71 yards on only five plays. Phillip Sylvester finished off the drive with an 11-yard jaunt, but it was Pulley who accounted for the other 60 yards of the drive.

Battle returned and engineered an exclamation point 93-yard drive that took 10 plays and used up almost five minutes with the 6'2", 215-pound red-shirt



The Bison loss their third straight game against the FAMU Rattlers Saturday. At the end of the first half, the Bison trailed the Rattlers 34-0. Howard's secondary was hurt by deep passes a few times throughout the game. The Bison look to get their first win of the season next week against the Savannah State Tigers.

Oscar Mermdis IV-Photo Editor

sophomore quarterback taking it in from the one-yard line.

"Anytime you get a solid two-quarterback system, it is a big plus," Coach Bailey explained. "You have to prepare for them differently, but the big thing is that they are doing exactly what they are supposed to do."

FAMU Coach Joe Taylor said, "Our quarterbacks are two unselfish guys. It was our plan to alternate them and play them as long as they were effective."

Battle was seven for 12 for 154 yards and a TD while Pulley was seven of 11 for only 41 yards and a TD, but he picked up 66 yards rushing on eight carries.

The Rattlers closed out the scoring with a TD and field goal in the third quarter. Howard (0-3 overall, 0-2 in the MEAC) finally got untracked in the fourth quarter when Haigler tossed touchdown passes of 13-yards to Willie Carter and one-yard to Ulysses Alexander, who saw his first action of the season.

Will Croner, who doubled as defensive lineman and fullback, scored the other TD on a one-yard plunge.

"We are a young squad, but we did not quit," Coach Bailey said. "We are not just good enough to get off to a slow start and fall behind 17 points. We have to learn from this."

Haigler put up some good numbers (30 of 47, 306 yards, two TDs), but he was intercepted three times and sacked four times.

"I take full credit for some of the mistakes we made today," Haigler said.

"There were a couple of times when I made bad reads and did not get the ball away. But you have to give FAMU credit. They had something to do with the way we played."

The Bison will be looking for their first win of the season when they travel to Miami to take on the Tigers of Savannah State in the Miami Classic at 6 p.m. on September 27.

Bison Tennis Teams Assuredly Head to Georgetown Classic

BY EDEN GODBEE
Contributing Writer

The incessant and almost melodic pitter-patter of tennis balls hitting the ground resounds during the Howard tennis team's daily practice.

Head tennis coach Larry Strickland looks on in approval and gives constructive criticism to his players with a certain air of confidence, similar to that of a tennis professional. Strickland is entering his 24th year as the head coach of the Bison men's and women's tennis programs.

"I'm enjoying this year as much as my first year. I consider it an honor and a privilege to coach here," Coach Strickland said.

With this year's fall season underway, Strickland is confident but notes that there are improvements to be made by his players.

On September 4-6, the tennis team competed in their first tournament of the year, at the Dr. Walter Robert Johnson Invitational in Petersburg, Va.

"We took a small team and accomplished what we set out to do," Strickland said. The squad saw Chad Jones place third in the Flight B singles, defeating his teammate Amato Nocera.

Christopher Brown lost in the Flight C semifinals to Arsenio Culver of Norfolk State. George Diggs was overthrown by Petr Krakora (NSU) in a tough quarterfinal match up.

Jones and Nocera were victorious in the Flight B doubles title after downing Stephon Allsop and Bryan Jackson from

North Carolina Central, while Krakora and Miroslav Vicek defeated Chris Brown and George Diggs in the semifinals.

Two of the more experienced players on the women's team, Michele Gee and Alyssa Works, teamed up for this competition.

The women's tennis team saw Works and Gee win the draw A singles title, downing Morgan State's Viktoriya Lukyanenko. In the doubles competition, Works and Gee paired up and defeated Kendra Plummer and Aja Daw-

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- Carlos Parry,
Head Athletic Trainer

son of Virginia State in the quarterfinals.

"This season will differ from others in many ways; [mainly because] our team is a relatively young team and that adds a new dynamic to everything," said Michele Gee, a junior. "The most important thing is that every member of our team is committed to working hard and striving for excellence."

This year's recruiting class is one of the largest that Howard has seen in some time. Adel Brown (Hyde Park, Mass.), Amber Brown (Toms River, N.J.),

Eric Chavous (Washington, D.C.), Omar Haloui (Rabat, Morocco), Tonique Merrill (Newport News, Va.), Ashley Moore (Miami, Fla.) and Sydney Sears (Silver Spring, Md.) are all playing roles for the team immediately.

"Our freshmen are very talented and our upperclassmen are showing strong leadership," Strickland said. "This season will be different; every year the team changes with the new freshmen but we just go out and play our best and win."

Howard is next in action at the Georgetown Classic, which will showcase talent from the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), George Washington, James Madison and Georgetown University.

Freshman Eric Chavous said, "I'm really excited about the Georgetown Classic because it will be my first time competing on the collegiate level. I can't wait to see how we compare to Georgetown and the other participants."

The Georgetown Classic will take place at the McDonough Tennis Complex on the campus of Georgetown University, September 19-21.

"I'm going into it with optimism. I don't know what the other teams will have as far as their recruits; we are just performance-oriented this time of year," Strickland said.

"And as far as winning goes, the awards are what others think of you and the results are what you think of yourself."



The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 38th Annual Legislative Conference 2008 will be held at the Washington Convention Center from Wednesday, September 24th to Saturday, September 27th.

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Wall Street Failures Cause Students To Rethink Plans, Job Possibilities

Millions of Americans, working professionals and students alike, are being affected by last Monday's stock market plunge.

Lehman Brothers, a 158-year-old investment banking company, plunged and filed for bankruptcy after a long episode with credit crisis and decreasing real estate values.

Thousands of Merrill Lynch, AIG and Lehman employees are now without a job in an already failing economy. In response, stock markets fell while bond prices hit the roof.

The Dow Jones fell an average 300 points across the board. The Wall Street crisis is even being likened to the Stock Market crash of 1929 and

The Great Depression of the 1930s.

Business students, especially graduating seniors, are being affected by the recent stock market crashes. Fortunately, Howard University's School of Business students are informed and are be-

coming advised by professors on what to do in the wake of this crisis. The financial crisis that our economy is facing is proof that we are not living in a fantasy world. The plan that you dream up at a young age rarely happens the way that you foresee it. It is up to you to prepare yourself for those unavoidable forks in the road.

Having a life plan is always a good idea; but in finance professions, it is important to have Plans B, C, D and E. While the field can be quite lucrative, it is also subject to stock market crashes and bankruptcies.

Americans have ranked the economy as their top concern of this year's election. Now that Wall Street has experienced such a grave devastation, it is pivotal that voters closely examine the economic plans of Obama and McCain so that this will not happen again.

Our View:
Our economy is not stable; and as future business leaders, Howard students should prepare themselves for this reality.

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