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Dow Jones Makes Historic Single-Day Tumble

Congress Rejects Bailout Plan for Finance Industry

BY KEVIN G. HALL
McClatchy Newspapers

Congressional leaders and the Bush administration vowed Monday to try to revive a failed \$700 billion rescue of Wall Street after 133 Republicans and 65 Democrats in the House of Representatives defied their leaders and killed the controversial plan, plunging the United States and global financial markets in panic.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Benjamin Bernanke warned that failure to pass the legislation would trigger a deep freeze in credit markets, which would shift Wall Street's problems to Main Street in ways large and small.

"I am very disappointed in today's vote," said a visibly angry Paulson, standing outside the White House. "There's been significant turmoil in financial markets in the past few days. Markets around the world are under stress. Families, too, feel the credit crunch as it becomes more difficult to get car loans or student loans."

"I am committed to continue to work with my fellow regulators to use all of the tools available to protect our financial system and our economy," Paulson continued. Our toolkit is substantial but insufficient."

He vowed to keep working with Congress in search of a solution. "We've got much work to do and this is much too important to simply let fail. ... We need to get something done ... as soon as possible," Paulson said.

After almost two weeks of feverish efforts to draft a compromise bailout that all sides could live with, the House rejected the rescue plan by a vote of 228-205. Republicans defied their president, their presidential nominee and their party leaders, as 133 rejected the plan and only 65 voted in its favor. Democrats voted 140-65 for the plan.

Looming defeat of the plan sent stocks plunging even before the vote was final. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 777.68 points, or seven percent, the largest one-day point drop ever, but well below the Dow's 22 percent drop on Oct. 19, 1987.

Similarly, the S&P 500 sank 106.85 points to 1106.42, down 8.8 percent. The tech-heavy Nasdaq took the biggest hit, falling 199.61 points to close at 1983.73, down 9.1 percent.

Investors fled any asset viewed as risky; in after-hours trading, contracts for next month delivery of oil skidded down \$11.45 to \$95.44 a barrel. Gold, a safe haven in times of investor fear, was up \$23 to \$911 an ounce.

All told, markets lost more than \$1 trillion in value, analysts said. As stocks skidded, so did the value of 401(k) retirement plans and individual retirement accounts held by ordinary Americans.

Leaders in Washington vowed to go back to the drawing board. "We put forth a plan that was big because we have a big problem," said a somber President Bush during a White House photo op with Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko. "Our strategy is to continue to address this economic situation head on and we will be working to develop a strategy that will enable us to move forward."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) sounded a similar note: "The legislation has failed. The crisis has not gone away. We must work together in a bipartisan way to have another bite at the apple."

In reference to Pelosi's speech, House Republican Leader John Boehner of Ohio said, "We could've gotten there today [except for] this partisan speech that the speaker gave on the floor of the House. We've got to put partisanship aside."

America's financial crisis has spread far and wide. The governments of Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg nationalized some banks in moves that parallel recent actions by the U.S. Treasury Department and Federal Reserve. On Tuesday morning in Asia, the Tokyo and Hong Kong stock markets opened down sharply.

Underscoring the global nature of the financial market that's now in turmoil, the Federal Reserve also boosted complicated reciprocal swap agreements with the central banks of Canada, England, Japan, Denmark, Norway, Australia, Sweden, Switzerland and the European Union.

"Too many people had too many problems with it," said Rep. Sue Myrick (R-N.C.). "They were very uncomfortable."

The simplest explanation is that the entire 435-member House is up for re-election on Nov. 4, and members were flooded with calls and e-mails opposing what was viewed on Main Street as a bailout of Wall Street.

"The thing was couched in the terms that it was a bailout of Wall Street fat cats. And I can assure you that there's no enthusiasm for bailing out Wall Street fat cats," said Rep. Ben Chandler, D-Ky., who voted no.

BY CHRISTINA BURTON
Business & Technology Editor

After the House of Representatives rejected the plan that was touted to save America from serious financial demise, America went into financial demise.

Immediately after word got out to financial markets that the House could not pass the 109-page bill proposed by lawmakers from both Democratic and Republican parties, the Dow Jones took the largest single-day tumble in history, and by the close of the trading day, \$1.2 trillion disappeared.

The bill, which its creators said would save the crippled American financial markets and boost jobs and consumer spending, needed 218 votes to pass to the Senate, but only got 205 members of the House to favor it. The House will not be in session today and Wednesday, but leaders from both political parties say they will continue to work to make sure the economic situation does not worsen.

"The constituents are stuck thinking this is a bailout of Wall Street," said Chluma Ajene, a Howard graduate who worked at Goldman Sachs this year. "But Wall Street is more correlated than people think."

He said that banks' subprime lending is what led to the ultimate problem today with a bad financial market, but Wall Street's debt-buying and selling is what ties Main Street to Wall Street. "Yes, debt-selling is fine," Ajene said. "But [banks] reduced the standards and started buying anything and everything to make a quick buck."

One of the \$700 billion bailout's main original goals, prior to its rejection, was to put a cap on the compensation that institutions' chief executives receive. But



U.S. Rep. Eric Cantor (R-Va.) is one of many Republicans who blame party politics for the bailout failure.

if the plan does not get passed and signed by President George W. Bush soon, other failing financial firms' CEOs may get the chance to escape with billions after their buyouts and bankruptcies.

Students at Howard are concerned mainly about student loans, though. Banks like Bank of America and Wachovia, who is talking about selling itself, do not offer student loans any longer, making it harder for students to fund their college educations. Ajene said there needs to be a bailout of investment firms that are near failure, saying that without Wall Street, banks that let students take out loans would be afraid to lend because no one would be there to buy the debt.

"If Wall Street can't provide liquidity to the system, Main Street can't do much," Ajene said. "No student loans, or home loans. Street is the

engine of America's debt-driven system."

He said he does not think the bailout will suffice, but said it does not need to. "The government should never try to solve all of the problems," he said. "The \$700 billion plan would have helped to ease the tension and, eventually, Wall Street would get on its feet. It's like rehab after an accident."

Other pieces of the legislation included helping for mortgage payers, more regulation, including studies, and accountability from the financial markets, a \$250 billion pot of rescue funds for immediate use at U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson's discretion and buybacks of mortgage-backed debt from hurting investment companies and creditors by the Treasury.

Political leaders say they will continue to work on a plan that will be passed within the week.

"Congress is messing up," Ajene said. "Each day they waste equals two more months of recession."



This chart shows the closing prices on the Dow every 15 minutes, Monday and daily, for the past two weeks. The Dow closed at a historic low yesterday.

Lehman Failure May Affect Students' Futures

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Staff Writer

The School of Business has been working to ensure that its students are prepared for the possible setbacks that the crisis on Wall Street may have on students' futures.

Recently, Wall Street has seen historic failures that have put the economy in jeopardy. Monday, Congress denied Washington Mutual failed in the largest bank failure in American history; Lehman Brothers declared bankruptcy due to bad investments; Merrill Lynch was forced to sell its assets to Bank of America in order to avoid the fate of Lehman Brothers; and the U.S. government has proposed a \$700 billion bailout for Wall Street.

Not only is the School of Business working hard to keep the failures of Wall Street from affecting the success of the students, but it is joined by its student council in the initiative to secure students' futures. The council is in the tentative planning phase for the "What's Next"

series. "We're trying to develop programs where we can expose students to different opportunities," said Asia Smith, School of Business Student Council president. "We're going to help them figure out what comes next and what's going to happen now."

She continued, "We are trying our best to help students who may have had offers or internships with these various companies." One such student is Francis Roberts, a senior international business major with a concentration in emerging nations who interned with both Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers.

"I'm in the School of Business Honors Program and we don't receive funding from the school itself, so a lot of our funds come from investment banks," Roberts said. In addition to the school depending on investments from Wall Street, Roberts' future was also tied to the fate of the Wall Street Crisis. "After I interned with Lehman Brothers this summer, I received an offer to return after graduation to work full time," he said.

The school, therefore, began to work diligently to ensure that each of its students had the same opportunities made available to them now as they did before the crisis hit. "A lot of what has been happening this year is the school has been bringing in a lot of different investors not affiliated with Wall Street," Roberts said. "They have also hosted a series of different programs trying to prepare us for other options. First it was study abroad, then international diplomacy and foreign affairs."

Roberts was once unsure regarding the state of his offer after the crisis and Lehman Brothers' declaration of bankruptcy. However, last week, he received notice that his future was secure again. "I was notified on Wednesday that the company that took over Lehman Brothers would honor the contract. So I still have a job offer after graduation," Roberts said.

Both the school and the student council have worked hard to make sure that all students have a future career pending graduation.

Fall Career Week Offers a Wealth of Options

BY BRITTANI MONCREASE
Contributing Writer

Marissa Charles, a junior legal communications major, walks down the halls of the John H. Johnson School of Communications. First, she passes the Communication and Culture Department, then the Dean's hallway. As she approaches the elevator to exit the building, she notices another hallway marked "Career Services Office."

Out of curiosity, she takes a right and enters the office. The employee at the front desk greets her: "May I help you?" Without hesitation, Charles begins to ask questions.

The Career Services Office helps Howard students find employment opportunities. Although it is located in the John H. Johnson School of Communications, the Career Services Office is open to all Howard students, even alumni.

"Instead of students having to go off campus for those services, they are available at Howard," Charles said.

Under the guidance of Joan M. Browne, Ph.D., director of the Career Services Office, a Career Resource Library is also available to students. It is run by mostly students.

Each year, the Career Services Office hosts Fall Career Week.

At this year's fair, which will be held on both Wednesday and Thursday of this week, will include more than 100 companies, representing fields such as technology, communications, biology, law, government, health and fashion. Both companies and graduate schools are recruiting students.

Events leading up Fall Career Week include the 38th Annual Career Fair, the 37th Annual Graduate School Recruitment Fair, Dress for Success Fashion Parade, Student & Employee Networking Lunch and more.

Brown said, "This is an opportunity for all students, undergraduates and graduates of all majors, to find jobs that will launch their professional careers or interview for internships that will give them beneficial experience that can be added to their resume."

Career Week will provide information on internships, study programs and jobs. Ladi Sanu, a graduate student with a concentration in economics, said, "There is even an interview room for employees to interview right on campus."

Students who are interested in attending the Fall Career Week hosted by the Career Services Office can log on to www.howard.edu/careerservices and register.



The annual Fall Career Week, hosted by the Career Services Office, is beneficial to students looking to network with companies.

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A Day In the Life

The CEACS Student Council Balances College Needs with Community Service

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Staff Writer

The College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences (CEACS) Student Council must commit their lives to Howard as they balance full course loads with full-time jobs.

Since each council member ran on separate tickets with separate platforms, the transition from ordinary students to student leaders has not been a smooth one.

Now Lucky Adike, CEACS president, Broderick Baker, CEACS vice president for engineering, and Kyle Spence, CEACS vice president for architecture, must combine their platforms to create one dynamic administration.

"We all ran individually, and for the most part, it has been working fine," Adike said.

He continued, "[There are] pros and cons, honestly. People...you don't know and...have not discussed your dreams with before suddenly...have to be integrated."

Spence shares similar sentiments.

"We have to combine our platforms," he said. "Broderick had some ideas, Lucky had some ideas and I had some ideas. We're all coming from different perspectives."

Another aspect of the CEACS Student Council that is different is the

appointment of two separate vice presidents for engineering and architecture.

"In 1997, former Howard President H. Patrick Swygert put [The School of Engineering and the School of Architecture] programs together," Spence said.

Since the merger, each year's student council has been working hard to maintain some type of symbolic relationship.

"The biggest problem has been bridging the gap between the two schools," Spence continued.

While Adike acknowledges the merger problem, he identifies freshmen retention as an area the school needs to strengthen.

"We have a huge problem with freshmen retention over the years," Adike said. "Sometimes you'll have a graduating class of five people in a department. We have a lot of freshmen come in, but after Calculus I and II, they start to think, 'Yeah, I think I love film production.'"

To combat the problem, the council, with the approval of the college, has divided the freshman class into teams of 10 with designated leaders. The team leaders are upperclassmen who are selected according to their academic achievements.

Adike said, "We started this program about two weeks ago, and for two weeks, we have recorded tremendous success."

The council defines success as the ability to identify problems. The freshman class teams were set up to model the School of Business teams, which the college will compete with soon.

"The next big thing we have coming up is the soccer game," Spence said.

Adike said, "Just to break the ice, we're going to play a little game with the School of Business."

Another program the council is excited about is the "I Inspire" series.

"We have students that are math geniuses, science geniuses and people that are just skilled and talented," Adike said.

He continued, "So we are trying to give back to the community [by] ...going to Banneker High School and Cardozo High School to speak to their students, typically juniors and seniors."

The program is aimed at breaking down the barriers that hinder children of color from succeeding in math and science.

"These students of color have these boundaries set before them [and think] that they cannot succeed," Adike added. "They are taught that engineering and architecture are for certain people, and they are supposed to be less."

Although the "I Inspire" series only has two schools currently lined up, the council hopes to add six schools to its roster by the end of the academic year.



The College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences Student Council aims to bring engineering and architecture to minorities.

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Furia Flamenca performed during the "STOMP!" event at this year's Dance D.C. Festival over the weekend. The public event, hosted by the D.C. Commission of the Arts and Humanities, melts various dance styles together.

Dance D.C. Festival Celebrates Its Fifth Anniversary

BY OLIVIA EVERSON
Contributing Writer

The D.C. Commission of the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH) celebrated its fifth annual Dance D.C. Festival with a weekend-long series of events featuring performers of various genres and dance workshops open to the general public.

"The festival seems to get better every year," said Andre Jones, a performer with Tappening dance group. "More people come out and gain an apprecia-

tion for the art of dance."

"Take Me Out to the Go-Go!" drew the largest crowd. The sound of smooth beats attracted residents and visitors to the downtown area with music from artists such as Op Tribe, Mumbo Sauce and CCB.

Hosted by Rane, a radio personality from WPGC 95.5 FM, a little drizzle put a delay in the activities that took place on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. on 9th and H Streets.

"The music was great," said Ivana

Farrar, a 24-year-old resident of D.C. "I enjoy Go-Go and came out because the event was free."

A variety of artists participated in "STOMP!" a melting of people from various cultures who performed for the audience doing foot rhythms. Sounds from Tappening and fellow dance group Furia Flamenca were heard at the Columbus Plaza on Saturday.

The mission of the DCCAH is to educate residents and visitors about artistic expression. The DCCAH creates pro-

grams and activities that reflect the various cultures residing in the community.

"The festival celebrates the vitality of folk and traditional performers in Washington, D.C. and introduces the audience to distinct and culturally diverse music and dance expressions," according to the D.C. Commission of the Arts and Humanities Web site.

The main goal of the Dance D.C. Festival, which began in 2004, is to "bring together many traditions and backgrounds for one weekend to unite

under the universal language of dance," also stated by the Web site.

Everyone from students, teachers and professional are welcome to apply to be in the Dance D.C. Festival of 2009. Performers are selected based on talent, enthusiasm and commitment to the art of dance and overall application. Applicants come from various ethnic groups, economic backgrounds and different parts of the city.

Applications for next year's festival can be found at dancedcfestival.org.



Hispanic Heritage Month kicked off Sept. 15 with a list of events around the city. Some of the events include salsa lessons from The D.C. Historical Society.

District Celebrates Hispanic Heritage

BY OLIVIA EVERSON
Contributing Writer

Twenty-two years ago, Julianna Garcia and her family crossed the Mexican border into America, the land of opportunity. When they left Mexico, her mother told her, "En América puedes alcanzar tus sueños," which means, "In America you can achieve your dreams."

More than 45 million Latinos currently reside in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

They make up the largest minority and will be celebrating their heritage this month. Beginning on Sept. 15 the celebration continues until Oct. 15.

Activities, classes and events are being held nationwide. The largest event locally, the Latino Festival of Washington, will take place on Sept. 28 on Mt. Pleasant St., NW from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The much-anticipated Parade of Nations, which features vibrant costumes and festive music, will begin at 2 p.m.

In D.C., the Smithsonian American Art Museum will host such events as flamenco dancing, bilingual art tours and guest lecturers will be featured everyday.

The D.C. Historical Society and The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute are recognizing other events such as salsa lessons, fiestas and immigration and entrepreneurship workshops.

"This month is the only time Hispanics are recognized and discussed in a positive way," said Michael Rodriguez, a member of the Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

"We are usually only discussed when the is-

sue of immigration is mentioned. This month we are grateful to be recognized," he added.

All the events are family-oriented. People of different backgrounds are encouraged to attend.

"Last year the festival was packed," said

Lilly Alvarez, an 18-year-old from northwest D.C. "There were many tasty food vendors, activities for kids, dancing lessons and musical entertainment."

Garcia, who now has a family of her own, will be taking part in events across D.C.

"Family was a big part of my life and continues to be today," Garcia said. "We are strong people who are proud of who we are and where we come from."

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated to recognize the accomplishments, cultures and unique characteristics of Hispanics across the nation.

This month of recognition began in 1968 by an initiative created by former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The dates of Sept. 15 signify the birthday of five Latin countries.

Oct. 15 is a few days after Día de la Raza, which is similar to the American-celebrated Columbus Day. "Hispanic Heritage month means celebrating all ethnicities of Hispanic decent. It is not only for us," Garcia said. "But for those who are interested in learning about a different culture and tradition."

"We are strong people who are proud of who we and where we come from."

-Julianna Garcia

Metro Briefs

Washington Wins The Trawick Prize

"Start Here," a painting produced by Maggie Michael, a newly emerging, innovative artist from Washington D.C., was named best in show and awarded \$10,000 at this year's 6th annual Trawick Prize Art Awards.

Michael was honored as the first place prize winner out of 15 finalists. Her work, along with other notable pieces, was displayed at Heineman Myers Contemporary Art Gallery in Bethesda, Maryland.

The Trawick Prize (Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards) displays the finest works produced by the area's top local artists. Presented by the Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District, the competition features a variety of art ranging from painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and other types of visual art.

Famed Novelist Chinua Achebe Visits The Area

World renowned scholar, novelist, literary critic, essayist and poet, Chinua Achebe, visited George Mason University as a presenter in this year's Fall for the Book Festival and to receive the 2008 Mason Award.

Achebe, who is of Nigerian decent, is also widely hailed to be the father of African literature. This year he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his illustrious first novel, *Things Fall Apart*. Achebe's genius transcends various genres of literature, whether it is fiction, essay poetry or children's literature. Some of his other works include *Arrow of God*, *Anthills of the Savannah*, *Be-ware*, and *Chike and the River*.

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TRUE LIFE:
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There's a part of Howard that invariably ingrains itself within you once you've been here for any amount of time. Whether it leaves you subconsciously bobbing your head to a Go-go beat, or getting HoChi cravings at odd hours, it's there.

Most of us may not even notice it until we cringe at the sight of our freshman year pictures, momentos from days when we were oblivious to the people we would become.

Every day, every hour and every minute we spend on campus, we become a little more like one another. Despite all our differences, Howard embeds a sense of maturity and confidence within each of us.

We learn persistence and perseverance in dealing with administration; we become innovative in dealing with maintenance; and we become health conscious in our food choices at the cafe. Just as much as we are forced to give to Howard, Howard gives to us.

As an institution that always demands the best from its students, Howard molds us into resourceful individuals who know who to make something out of nothing, or more appropriately, a classroom out of 30 desks and 59 students.

And of course, no one can get through Howard without undergoing a style evolution.

When East Coast meets West Coast, the South and the international community, a blend of cultures, ideals and styles is inevitable. As a result, there's a Howard subculture that we all become a part of.

We learn to get hyphy, juke, wine and two-step. We chill and we lime; we realize everything is cool as long as we "don't tweak."

Guys give up their 3XL shirts and baggy jeans for neon graphic tees and straight leg denim. Some give up their weekly barbershop visits and decide to grow dreads.

Girls feel free to wear dresses with boots and trade their Bebe clothes for thrift shop finds. Some cut their hair off and go natural.

It's as if there is an invisible social safety net, and wherever you go, whatever you try, you're bound to meet people who share the same views. It doesn't take long for us to grasp the idea that when we stop trying to fit into a certain look, we become more comfortable in ourselves and more confident in our identities.

Whatever transformation we make, it's never as apparent as when we go home. Old friends embrace the changes we make, while some people may say we've become "uppity" and never talk to us again.

Although I've never attended another college, I doubt you'll find too many campuses that embrace change and differences to the extent that it is accepted here.

So, go with the flow. You're here so you might as well take advantage of the opportunity to try something new, and if it doesn't work, you can always go back home and act like it never happened. Regardless of whatever you do, wherever you become and wherever you go in life, know that you, yes you, are Howard.

Students Cope With Wall Street Woes

Poor economy forces some to change course, others ride out the wave

BY CHELSEA TAYLOR
Contributing Writer

Despite the uncertainty of the financial sectors of the current economy, Dr. Barron H. Harvey, Dean of the Howard University School of Business, remains optimistic.

"The economy is going to affect everyone, not only business majors," Harvey said. "Lawyers and [individuals in] telecommunications are also going to be affected."

He feels however, that the decline in the United States economy will be temporary.

A week and a half ago, Wall Street's economic concerns mounted with the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers, an investment giant with over 158 years of business.

Shortly following their announcement, Bank of America revealed they would be buying Merrill Lynch, a financial services firm. And American International Group, known as AIG, called for emergency reconstruction.

With the United States in financial turmoil, it seems that the questions of whether the economy is in a recession have finally been put to rest.

The United States is steadily entering into what many believe could become the second "Great Depression," and these realizations have some business students at Howard reevaluating their intended career paths.

Patrice Kahn, a sophomore finance major, has decided to switch her major to nursing. "I just want more stability," Kahn said. "No doubt every job market in the country will be affected by the mess on Wall Street, but I need a career I know will be in demand whether the economy is thriving or suffering."

Other students, such as Natalie Neilson, a freshman international business major, who has dreams of becoming an international lawyer, is sticking it out.

She says that business is a definite for her and that she will not switch her major in conjunction with the current financial crisis.

"In terms of my major, the economy kind of scares me, but I will not be switching my major," Neilson said. "I have never even considered it."

Harvey suggests that students con-



The misfortunes of Wall Street have students worried about their job security after graduation. Some have decided to change their majors.

tinue their business education and develop marketable skills.

"Education is the foundation for lifelong learning, but students should be realistic about their future intentions," Harvey said. As far as seniors entering the industry, he feels the economy will be on the upswing by graduation.

Many companies that recruit at Howard University, such as Ford, GM, Chrysler, Merrill Lynch and JP Morgan, may have reductions in hiring this year.

Although many students have offers now for careers after graduation, Harvey feels that they should be persistent in making sure the offer still stands, especially if it is in the nation's financial sector.

Students who have not secured post-graduation employment should anticipate a tighter and more competitive job market.

"If they normally hire five students, they may only hire three this year," Harvey said. "There may be a reduction in career hires and in internships, but hiring and internships will go forward."

Regardless of the problems within the job market, Harvey is certain that companies will maintain their relationship with Howard.

He suggests that students in the School of Business always look to the future and be patient in their search for careers.

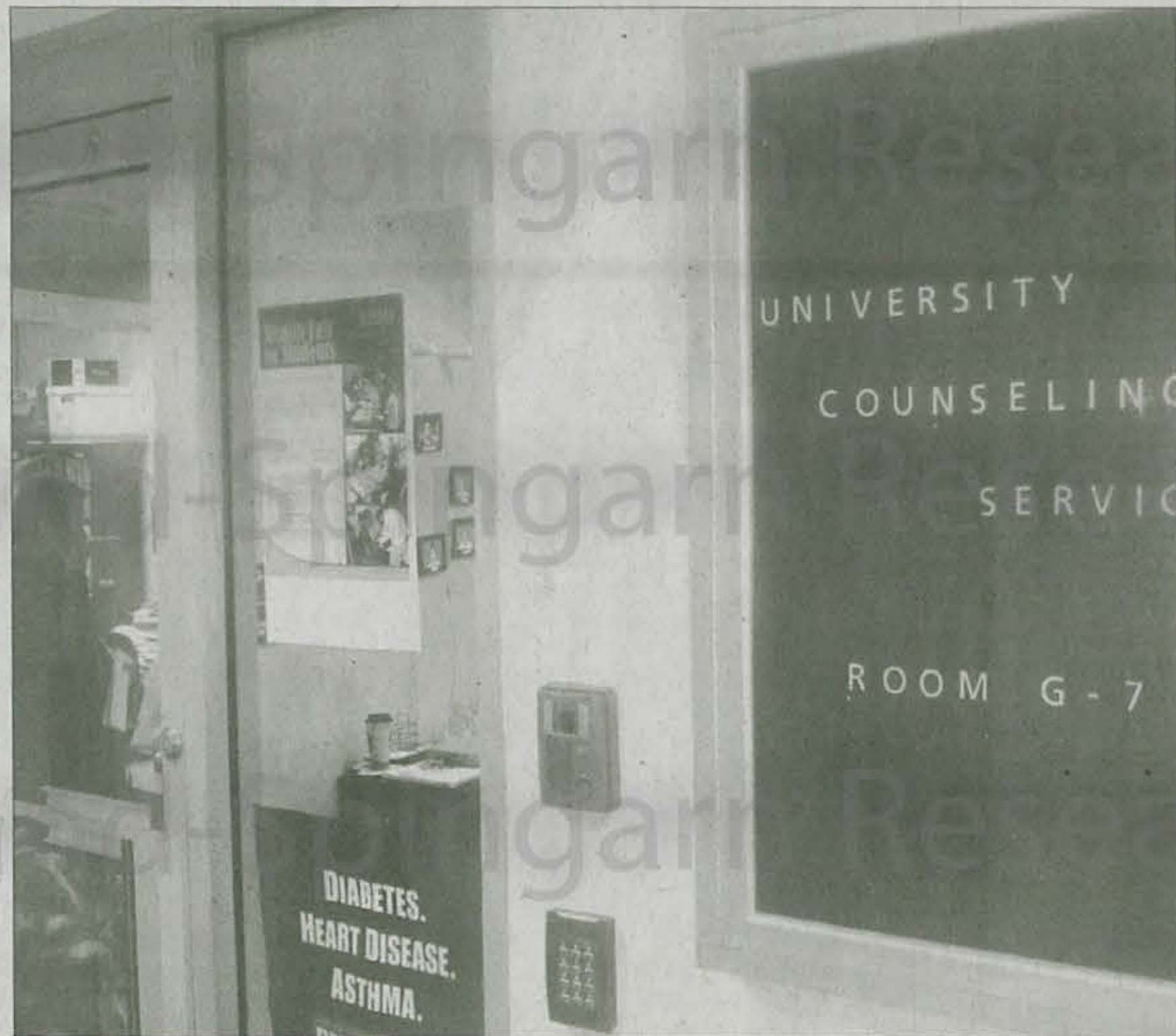
He also suggests that the students become educated about what is going on.

"An understanding of what is happening in the economy will prepare students for anything the job market throws at them," Harvey said. "Don't be afraid to utilize any contact you encounter for internships and network."

Although Kahn admits she will miss the business curriculum, she hopes she has made good judgment on her decision to forego her finance dreams.

"I wish all the students who decide to stay with business the best," Kahn said. "Hopefully I didn't make a mistake by leaving and they aren't making one by staying."

Mental Health Issues Addressed Through Campus Services



Oftentimes in the black community, people are afraid to seek help for mental health. They feel as if it is a personal matter that they can solve.

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Lindsey Renee admits it was not always easy for her to realize she needed help.

"I never thought I had a problem," she said. "I just knew I was stressed and feeling a little lost."

Renee, a sophomore marketing major, thought stress was just another part of student life. Little did she realize, the key to happiness and healing was right here on Howard's campus.

Statistically, African Americans do not receive the mental health evaluations equivalent to their white counterparts.

Often times, African Americans and other minorities do not have access to mental health assistance and are not knowledgeable about the availability of such. More disconcerting is the general taboo that circulates the discussion of mental help in the black community.

Dr. Ayana Watkins-Northern, acting Dean of Counseling and Career Development, said that the problem lies within several ongoing issues.

"Society has a misunderstanding of mental health," Watkins-Northern said. "It is no different than physical health, but it is looked upon differently because it is not as tangible as a headache or a broken bone."

Senior psychology major and current President of the HU Psychology Club Janae Leath thinks the taboo is less about seeking mental help and more about maintaining a degree of privacy.

"In the African-American community, we tend to be very personal," Leath said. "We like to keep our shortcomings within our family circle. Seeking outside help would be allowing a stranger to enter into your life and judge who you are."

According to a 2007 study by the National Mental Health Association, 63 percent of African Americans believe that depression is a "personal weakness." Furthermore, almost two-thirds of respondents said they believe prayer and faith

alone will successfully treat depression "almost all of the time" or at least "some of the time." Statistics such as these have alarmed mental health personnel across the country — especially those here at Howard.

The University Counseling Service, which operates out of the C.B. Powell Building on the corner of 6th and Bryant Streets, has become a safe haven, not only for students in crisis, but also for individuals who just need someone to talk with.

While Renee was reluctant to open up to the University Counseling Center, Leath expressed that she would not object to visiting the center.

"To have someone to talk to about your problems and help you sort them out when you can't do it yourself is very beneficial," Leath said. "When you know there is always someone you can talk to that will understand and listen, you have something to look forward to. We are all human and need this outlet."

Although the counselors at the University Counseling Center are trained to recognize severe situations, they also are available to assist other personal issues as well. Commonly, students visit about homesickness, stress, loneliness, self-esteem, pregnancy, shyness and a host of other matters.

Dr. Mirta Carruthers of the University Counseling Center, wants students to know that the doors to the center are open regardless of the reason.

"Ninety percent of visitors to the University Counseling Center come for issues, not major psychiatric problems," she said.

Watkins-Northern added that a common misconception is that if a person goes to counseling, they are in crisis.

"Everybody who goes to a dentist does not need a tooth extracted and everyone who sees a lawyer is not a criminal," Watkins-Northern said. "Everyone who sees a counselor isn't mentally ill."

On Sept. 30, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., the Howard University Counseling Center will hold an open house. The purpose of their open house is to reach out to the Howard community and to show its students that the counseling center is nothing to be afraid of.



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Students Should Maintain a Certain Level of Professionalism Outside Class

The wardrobe of the typical college student usually consists of sweats, T-shirts, flip-flops and organization paraphernalia. Students on Howard's campus, however, are known to add a little more pizzazz to the typical college student attire.

Although there is an obvious disparity between the majority of the average Howard student's day-to-day dress and that of other college students, there is room for improvement in each style of dress.

Name-brand bags, designer clothes and jewelry are flaunted daily and nothing is wrong with that. However, as students preparing to become working professionals, there needs to be a certain level of professionalism that is displayed not only in our work ethic, but in our overall physical appearance.

Instead of going to class in the pajamas you wore the night before or, in contrast, the dress that you're planning on wearing to the club the next weekend, we

should strive to present ourselves in a manner that represents our home training and Howard legacy.

Everyone is entitled to dress in whatever they feel is definitive

minority students to become leaders in the business world. If they were to travel to the Blackburn Center and see young women in cut off boxer shorts or young men in house shoes then it is fair to assume that their perception of our university would be altered.

The professional dress initiatives implemented in the School of Business and School of Communications are examples of the level of excellence that both outsiders, and the administration within, expect from Howard.

While it is not necessary for someone to have to wear a business suit in order to express professionalism, wearing the appropriate amount of clothing is expected.

We will soon be the doctors, lawyers, entertainers and scholars that lead this country. In preparation for this great task we, as students, should strive to display the highest levels of professionalism in our work and in our dress.

Our View:

As future business leaders we, as students, should strive to dress appropriately everyday so that we can represent ourselves and our school well.

of their own style, but there is a level of decency and appropriateness that each student should assume.

Dressing in the latest fashions and following the season's trends does not mean that you should have to walk across the Yard or through the hallways in revealing or sagging clothing.

Companies across the globe travel to Howard to recruit

Perspective

One Question For The GOP: Are You Serious?

Calling for a transparent campaigns goes hand-in-hand with life in a democracy. However, recently Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) has let his campaign become so literally transparent that almost anyone can see right through it.

I thought the final straw was McCain choosing Sarah Palin as a vice-presidential pick.

Then, I thought McCain was trying to get out of last Friday's debate was what would blow things over the top.

But when I looked up Palin's interview with Katie Couric of the CBS News on YouTube, saying it was painful would be an understatement.

Her foreign policy experience? Russian planes fly over Alaska all the time.

"Our next door neighbors are foreign countries, they're in the state I'm the executive of," Palin told Couric. When Couric asked what experience in decision making and international diplomacy Palin has had, she responded, "It's from Alaska that we send those to make sure that an eye is being kept on this very powerful

nation, Russia, because they're right there - they're right next to our state."

That's deep-and I even got a geography lesson out of it.

It was also recently revealed - and confirmed - that Palin didn't even have so much as a passport until 2007. But life's hectic, who has time for those anyway, right? Especially with Alaska being the happenin' international hot-spot Palin is trying to make it out to be.

It was clear from her speech during the interview Palin was not ready, had no idea how to make herself somehow relevant to the issues on a larger scale and was intimidated by the magnitude of what Couric was referring to in her line of questioning. Either that, or she was just trying hard not to laugh at the situation she found herself in.

The most telling show of confidence the GOP has in Palin was the fact that after Friday's debate, vice-presidential candidate Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) was asked to speak on behalf of the Democratic party. On the Republican side, Palin was nowhere to be

found. Instead, the GOP requested former presidential candidate Gov. Rudy Giuliani of New York be interviewed.

The Vice-Presidential debate on Thursday in St. Louis is going to be must-see TV. Especially since Palin can't even be trusted to conjure up coherent answers in a live television interview, let alone go head-to-head against someone like Joe Biden.

I'm in no way saying go out and vote for Barack Obama without knowing his stance on the issues. I'm just angry - and a little scared - that someone with no experience, who can't articulate her thoughts under pressure and changes her stance on the most pivotal issues of our time - so that she can appear to be better aligned with her ancient running mate - could ever make it this far with so much at stake for so many people.

The scariest thought of all is what could happen if these two move into the White House.

-Phillip Lucas
Junior Print-Online Journalism Major

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SMIZZOKING @ THE BLACKBURN
The jazz stars of the future perform five of their own compositions as Howard's own super septet takes the stage as part of the weekly noon fine arts series. Don-vante McCoy (trumpet), Brent Birdhead (alto), Richard Milburn (tromb), Isaiah Allen (tenor), Joshua Walker (guitar), Jeremiah Hayes-Wright (piano), Karine Chapdelaine (bass) and Carroll Vaughn Daahiel (drums) dedicate their performance to new Howard President Sidney A. Ribeau. **Wed. Noon, Blackburn Center Art Gallery. Free**

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