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## Gender Bias Among Faculty Under Investigation at Rutgers



Nhat V. Meyer - San Jose Mercury News (MCT)

Female faculty members have been filing complaints at Rutgers University. The women say they have been discriminated against in the workplace.

BY SUSAN SNYDER  
 The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

Rutgers University is investigating complaints of discrimination from female faculty in its political science department, including allegations of pay inequities and charges that male senior faculty members have held long-standing, decision-making dinners that exclude women. The women first complained to the university in 2007 and in August took their complaints to the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General. While the university's probe continues, the matter involving five women is now in private mediation.

The Rutgers investigation comes after a university-appointed faculty committee found "significant evidence" of "biases that have created a difficult environment for women" in the political science department, the university said in a prepared statement. The committee of four professors from other departments recommended greater oversight of the political science department, a strategic plan for it and a "close review" of all of its faculty salaries. The department, which is based at Rutgers' main campus in New Brunswick, is made up of 18 male faculty and nine female faculty,

according to the university. The report was completed over the summer and first reported on this week by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The university declined to release the report. Sean Mickens, a senior political science major at Howard University, said there may be a correlation between the department and the allegations. "Socially speaking," he said, "I think it's safe to say politics has been a male-dominated field." However, he added, the department's main focus may have little or nothing to do with the issue. Gender biases in the workplace, Mickens said, can be found in any setting. "It's something that's universal no matter what," Mickens continued. Douglas Greenberg, the university's new dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, said the allegations have topped his agenda since he took the helm in the middle of August.

He termed the report's findings "very, very worrisome." "I'm looking into absolutely everything in this report," he continued. "Before I act, I have to be sure I understand the situation as fully and completely as I possibly can." The report cited examples of salary disparities. One senior female faculty member earned \$113,029 after 35 years at Rutgers, while a senior male faculty member made \$123,359 after 16 years. Political Science Department Chairman Dennis Bathory declined comment Wednesday. Phone calls and e-mails to female faculty members also went

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Alexthea I. Carter - Staff Photographer

Lorenzo Morris, Ph.D., (left) and Cameron Lewis (right) were just two of the six panelists who addressed issues in the "Election 2008: What's Black Got to Do with It?" forum.

## 'What's Black Got To Do With It?'

Panel Discusses Concerns Within the Black Community

BY JESSICA LEWIS  
 Staff Writer

After 30 minutes of heated debate, President of the College Republicans, Cameron Lewis said, "If you review the campaign, there's nothing there hinting at the black community." Lewis spoke these words at an event entitled, "Election 2008: What's Black Got to Do With It?" The program held Thursday evening was hosted by the Howard University Political Science Society with College of Arts and Sciences and Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honors society.

The event consisted of various questions posed by the moderator, Victoria Kirby, which dealt with a variety of issues on how Obama's presidency would affect the average black citizen to the black female.

The questions were posed to a mixed panel consisting of Lewis; Gregory Carr, Ph.D., professor of African-American studies; Aaron Jenkins, staff member for Senator John Kerry (D-Mass); Dr. Lorenzo Morris, chairman of the Political Science Department, Rasheem-Ameid Rooke, "A Brother's Point of View" co-host and Ray Baker, Howard alum and public speaker.

These men delivered a debate that often times veered away from the posed questions, giving the audience a diverse two-hour discussion on modern-day politics. In the panel discussion, Morris said, "I have lived in the part of Chicago that he worked in and he knows how to help the community."

Jenkins said, "Obama's election could have ramifications across the globe. We do not know what our brothers and sisters go through in other countries."

Morris added, "In any part of the world, there is a great empathy towards any continuation of the Bush administration. There is a poster in France that says that Bush is only slightly better than Satan."

According to Lewis, "It's your obligation to speak on race. When people question Barack Obama along the lines of his race, I think this is what it comes back to. I don't want you to sugarcoat it, these are the issues."

Morris said that it isn't necessary for Obama to constantly remind the public of his race, saying, "You do not want to overstate the black cause when you look

it and you have Michelle Obama walking behind you."

According to Carr, "Barack Obama is trying to present himself in the most nonthreatening way possible."

Baker brought the panelists' attention to the speech that Senator Obama delivered in Philadelphia concerning race.

Towards the beginning of the speech, Obama said, "And yet words on a parchment would not be enough to deliver slaves from bondage, or provide men and women of every color and creed their full rights and obligations as citizens of the United States."

"What would be needed were Americans in successive generations who were willing to do their part ---through protests and struggles, on the streets and in the courts, through a civil war and civil disobedience, and always at great risk ---to narrow that gap between the promise of our ideals and the reality of their time," he said.

Rooke said that the reality of our time is that Obama's presidency may adversely affect black individuals who are facing hard times.

"It might not be all that beneficial to the black man on the street [because] the education system is doing exactly what it was made to do, let you fall through the cracks," he said. "For the man that did, he is now going to be looked at like 'A black man is president, you have no excuse.'"

Jenkins brought to surface another reality that black Americans face, reminding the audience that there are "more prisons in our country than schools." He is not the only person to focus on this issue. In Lil' Wayne's song, "Misunderstood," on his latest album, "The Carter III," he also states that with the amount of money the government spends on sending people to jail, it would be less to send those same individuals to college. In April 2003, Human Rights Worldwide reported that although only 12 percent of all Americans are of African descent, 44 percent of all inmates are black.

However, all the panelists did acknowledge the increase in registered voters across the nation, and Rooke charged the audience to look at who is running for Congress in addition to president.

"This white man, who does not care anything about you, will get in riding on the coattails of this black man," he said. "Voter registration has gone up because of you and cultural constituency."

## Bison Kick Back in Bye-Week

The men's football team gets a short break, time to recuperate

BY NATASHA BETHEA  
 Contributing Writer

In a room full of friends, Branden Bufford kicks back and catches a football game on television. As he sits back and engages in conversation, he can't help but think about the weekend, a break that is a long time coming and much needed.

Bufford is a junior physical education major and also plays defensive back on the Howard University football team. This week, the players do not have a game and are looking forward to accomplishing a lot of things this holiday weekend.

"The number one thing I am looking forward to is catching up on rest," Bufford said. He explained that this has been a tough season and all of the players would appreciate if they could get as much rest as they can get this weekend. "A lot of the players on the team are hurt and this gives them an opportunity to rest up and get better for the Homecoming game," Bufford said.

Being a student-athlete, it is very important and sometimes hard to stay focused on classes. Student-athletes have to be able to balance their sports with academics.

"This weekend gives me more time to study," Bufford said. "Hitting the books is definitely a priority this weekend." Bufford and fellow teammate Brandon Drayton plan on studying hard for their Sports Governance course, in which their midterm is quickly approaching.



Oscar Merida IV - Photo Editor

Football players are grateful for the bye-week they have coming up this weekend. Some will be taking advantage of the long weekend by relaxing, visiting family.

"Sports Governance class can be difficult, so I definitely plan on studying for that this weekend," Drayton said. "The midterm is coming up and I want to make sure I use this time to study for it."

Drayton is a freshman sports management major who is also a wide receiver on the Howard University football team. "Studying and sleep are my main goals this weekend,"

Drayton said. Martin Corniffe, a junior finance major who plays safety on the team, also believes that studying will be his main priority this weekend.

"I have two major midterms next week in Business Law and Business Statistics. I plan on studying hard for them," Corniffe said. Corniffe plans on going to his aunt's house in

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# How to Get an 'A' in Economics

*A survival guide for students trying to make the grade*

BY OLIVIA EVERSON  
Contributing Writer

Slopes, supply and demand, fiscal policy and equilibrium are a few key terms to understanding the study of economics.

Yet, many students may find themselves struggling if they are unable to construct charts and are not 'up to par' with their economic vocabulary.

For some, economics can be a difficult subject if a general interest is not present and time is not set aside for studying the material and the text is neglected.

But passing the class with an 'A' is not an impossible objective.

Omari H. Swinton, Ph.D., an associate professor in Economics, stresses that efficient studying is a key component of achieving an 'A' in Economics.

"Just studying something to study isn't helpful," Swinton said. "Professors are under utilized. [We] get paid to help you. We know what [you should] study."

Professors and faculty stress that for each credit hour a student is taking, an hour should be set aside for studying each day.

Tamara Smith, a freshman economics major, suggests that students need to be actively involved in the classroom and need to volunteer themselves to answer questions and read out loud.

"Being present and participat-



Many professors and students believe that having an interest in Economics courses will help to make the grade. Knowing the vocabulary is another key component in obtaining a good grade. Professors say for each credit hour, an additional hour should be allocated for studying.

ing in class is important," Smith said. "Professors get to know your name and may be more generous when it comes to grading because they know you are participating and trying in class."

Understanding the vocabulary is another key aspect Smith recommends

to performing well in class.

She said, "If you don't know the vocabulary, then you won't know what the professor is talking about when he mentions words like 'multiplier' and 'nominal GDP.'"

Economics text books are often

times very dense. Reading can become tedious to those with no real interest in the subject matter other than wanting to get an 'A' in the class.

Interactive online Web sites, such as Economicshomeworkhelp.net, can offer students a different alternative to

learning the subject matter.

In some circumstances, it may clarify problems and definitions when a professor's office hours are not compatible with a student's schedule.

"I used to use Cliff Notes to help with my economics problems," said Derrick Watson, a sophomore English major. "It was so convenient when I didn't have my book."

Studying — and most importantly studying the right material — is pivotal to earning an 'A' in Economics.

Second, understanding the text and the vocabulary of economics is also crucial.

Third, students should make sure the professor at least knows their names.

"Students are encouraged to come to office hours," Swinton said. "Students can't wait until the end of the semester to ask for help."

The Department of Economics has a student association titled the Abram Harris Economic Society.

The objective of the society is to provide support and an open forum for students of any major who has a genuine interest in Economics.

The association discusses issues in the community, especially those surrounding the African-American community.

Students who need help can join the Abram Harris Economic Society to get a better understanding of what economics involves, among other things such as tutoring and group studying.

## Discussion Focuses on HIV, AIDS Epidemic in the Black Community

BY ANGELA P. SMITH  
Staff Writer

The Black AIDS Institute (BAI) presented "Black AIDS Update D.C.," an informational on the latest research, treatment and prevention trends on HIV/AIDS, Thursday at Blackburn Center Reading Lounge.

Staff from the BAI also led a discussion on a special report written by the BAI delegation at the International AIDS Conference in Mexico City, Mexico in August titled, "Left Behind-Black America: A Neglected Priority in the Global AIDS Epidemic."

Working along with HIV in Black America, D.C. Chapter Coalition and Office of the Director, Physical Facilities Management and Howard University, the BAI also provided facts on the current state of AIDS in the District of Columbia, one of the 10 cities the BAI selected across the nation to present info.

Though blacks in the District were estimated to comprise 55.4 percent of the population in 2006, they accounted for 78.9 percent of new reports of HIV cases and approximately 81.2 percent of living AIDS cases, according to the BAI.

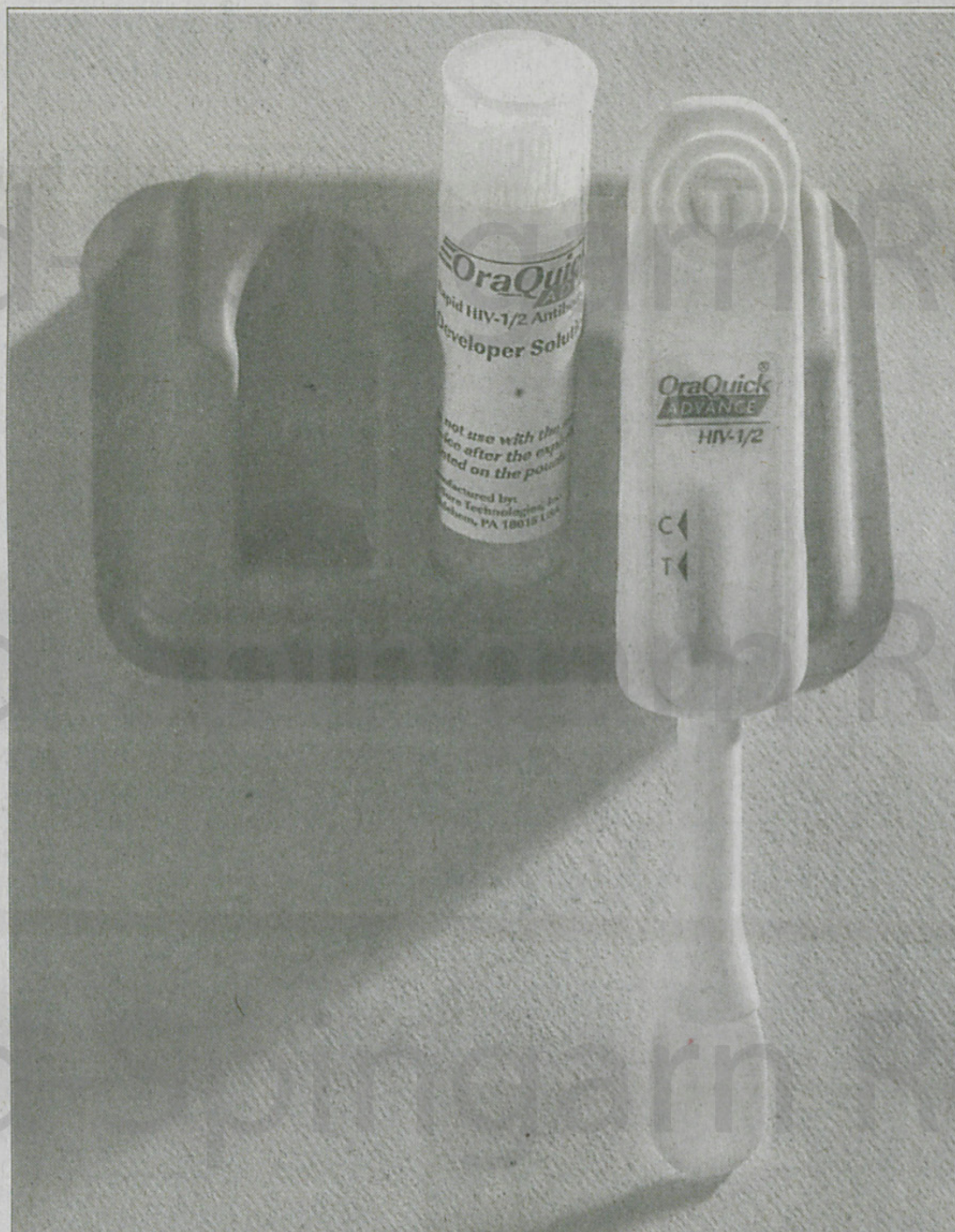
Additionally, blacks only make up 13 percent of the population nationally, but they accounted for almost half of the estimated number of HIV/AIDS in 2006.

Members of other community-based organizations in the D.C. area also gave presentations focusing on men, women and youth affected by the AIDS epidemic at the program.

The discussion also delved into more controversial issues including the church's role in sexual education and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Jesse Thomas, a junior psychology major, posed, "How do you talk about sex in church?"

Irwin Royster of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington said, "Some ministers will say that their whole congregation is holy and sanctified, so there's no need to discuss AIDS."



The Black AIDS Institute (BAI) joined with several organizations to discuss the most recent trend in HIV/AIDS in the black community. Free HIV testing, similar to the home testing kit above, was offered to attendees.

He continued, "Others will acknowledge that people do have sex, even if they're in church and set up HIV testing in their churches. Just go to your pastor, nurses' aide, ministry and speak your concerns to them."

D.C. fellows of the Black AIDS Institute's African American HIV University (AAHU) Community Mobilization College helped coordinate the day-long event, which

also included HIV testing.

Tanya Henderson, AAHU fellow and Howard alumna, said the BAI tested 32 people at Howard, surpassing their goal of 20.

"We definitely wanted to do this at Howard University," said Henderson, who is also a former faculty member. "It was important for us to get the message out to HU students and the D.C. community."

## Genographic Project Provides Students With Ancestry Clues

BY TAHIRAH HAIRSTON  
Staff Writer

Spencer Wells, Ph.D., presented "The Genographic Project" to Howard on Thursday to discuss ancestral origins. For those who have ever wondered where their ancestry originates, this project can provide them with surprising answers.

Wells is a population geneticist, an explorer-in-residence with *National Geographic* and the director of "The Genographic Project."

He attended the University of Texas and Harvard University with a major in biology, and he has received numerous scientific awards, grants and fellowships.

Wells has written two books, his second one being, "Deep Ancestry Inside the Genographic Project."

He noted that his goal is to explain the patterns of human diversity, rather than to follow in the footsteps of Charles Darwin, who believed that humans share an ancestry with apes.

"Where did we originate as species and what journey did we take to get here?" Wells asked.

He continued, "Historically, this has been done by digging up bones from the ground but this has only given us possibility but not probabilities."

According to Wells, origin is actually a genealogy question and everyone at some point wants to find their ancestors in history but tends to hit a brick wall.

"The Genographic Project" uses samples of DNA from various people, indigenous and traditional, to decipher where humans migrated from and to analyze and connect the differences that make up human species.

"If you took all the DNA out of your cells, it would stretch from here to the sun about 400 times, it contains lots of information," Wells said.

"On occasion, [DNA] makes a typo, 50 changes per geno and they become markers of descent," he said. "If you share a marker of descent with someone — no matter where they are — it means that you share some part of your ancestry with them."

This makes the discovery of ancestry broader than one thinks and makes humankind closer in relation.

According to Wells, "Humans are 99.9 percent identical at the DNA level, there are few small changes in DNA and those changes connect people to their genetic ancestry."

*No classes Monday...*

*Have a safe and wonderful weekend!*



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# Rutgers Investigates Faculty Gender Biases

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unanswered, or members declined to speak including the five who filed the complaints with the state: Beth Leech, Cynthia Daniels, Jane Junn, Lisa Miller and Susan Carroll. Their filing alleged that the women's pay was not fair in several areas, such as base salary, merit awards, research account funds, summer salaries and course time.

Mickens said that salary may be based on how many academic awards one has received, as well as how many speaking engagements and accolades one has under his or her belt.

"Females tend to negotiate towards more time off to spend with their children," Mickens said.

This contrasts with males, who are more likely to negotiate for salary.

The complaints from the female political science faculty surfaced in April 2007. A review of salaries by former staff in the office of the dean of the School of Arts and Sciences concluded that there was no evidence to support the allegations, the university said.

The female faculty members also complained in a letter to Rutgers President Richard L. McCormick.

Unsatisfied with the staff review, the university named a faculty committee in December 2007, which produced the critical report.

Professors serving on the committee were: Joan W. Ben-

nett, plant biology and pathology; Noemie Koller, physics and astronomy; Jerome Kukor, associate professor of environmental sciences; and Susan Schurman, labor studies and employment relations.

Greenberg declined comment on the alleged dinners by male faculty members in the department. The internal report, according to the Chronicle, found that many in the department considered the dinner meetings an "unofficial decision-making venue."

The report found that men in the department operated like a "club," the Chronicle reported.

"Members of this club apparently have no clue about modern norms of what is acceptable in the workplace," the report said.

## BATTLE OF THE WEEK:

### Homecoming vs. Midterms

Unless you want to be here for five homecomings instead of four, midterms should win every time.

Friendly advice from your peers at The Hilltop.

**MONDAY...  
IS THE NEXT HILLTOP  
BUDGET MEETING.**

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-PLAZA LEVEL-  
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**ENJOY THE LONG WEEKEND AND BE  
SAFE GETTING HOMECOMING WEEK  
STARTED!**



Jacqueline Charles - Miami Herald (MCT)

Workers sew garments in a factory in Haiti. Haitians born illegally in the Dominican Republic have no rights in the Dominican Republic and struggle to advance.

## Haitian Immigrants Fight for Equal Rights

*Children of illegal immigrants in the Dominican Republic fight for citizenship*

BY OSCAR AVILA  
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

HAINA, Dominican Republic - Officially, Carlos Noel does not exist.

Although his French last name is a giveaway that his family roots go back to neighboring Haiti, Noel is not an illegal immigrant living in the shadows like his parents. Noel was born in the Dominican Republic and according to the constitution, entitled to citizenship.

But under a strict new policy, the Dominican Republic government has refused to issue ID cards to Noel and tens of thousands of others whose parents were illegal immigrants.

That policy, which flouts a ruling by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, essentially leaves Noel without a country. The dispute is another example of how countries, including the U.S., are debating how to treat the children of illegal immigrants.

The more pressing concern, according to human-rights advocates, is that the Caribbean nation is fostering a permanent underclass of Haitian descent, residents who will forever feel like outsiders in their homeland. That could provoke social unrest on an island that sends thousands of migrants to the U.S. looking for economic opportunities.

Noel, 27, sounds more resigned than bitter when he talks of his situation.

"It takes away my motivation," he says. "When I look ahead to my future, I see a future that is uncertain, limited."

As the hemisphere's poorest nation and one grappling with political unrest so severe that UN peacekeepers have been deployed, Haiti has sent workers to the Dominican Republic for decades. The migrant flow initially headed for the sugar cane fields but now is also drawn to the island's construction boom and vibrant tourism industry.

No accurate count exists, but non-govern-

mental organizations estimate there are about 500,000 Haitian migrants in the country, more than five percent of the population. With growth has come a backlash.

The Dominican Constitution says anyone born in this country is a citizen except those whose parents are "in transit," or in the country temporarily.

Under a new strict interpretation, Dominican officials call anyone without a legal ID card "in transit." Observers say that interpretation would include Haitian migrants living in the country illegally for decades.

Gloria Amezcua, a coordinator with Jesuit Refugee and Migrant Services in the capital of Santo Domingo, said Dominican registrars have been ordered not to process ID applications if parents cannot produce residency cards. Even more troubling, she said, the government is applying the new policy retroactively and stripping citizenship from some Dominicans of Haitian descent.

Without ID cards, those of Haitian descent can only attend public school through 6th grade. Lacking education and a work permit, they typically are destined for menial jobs. They also are denied public health insurance.

"You are condemning them to this cycle of poverty," Amezcua said.

Noel's mother sells coffee on street corners, but he had dreams of attending college and someday running a hotel. Instead, he ended up following her path and spent his days selling empanadas on the sidewalk. He now toils as a janitor and maintenance man.

As in many countries, the new get-tough approach on illegal immigrants has proven popular. The National Private Enterprise Council, an influential business organization, unveiled a migration plan this month that backs the denial of citizenship to the children of illegal immigrants.

The organization calls the migration boom a threat to Dominican-born workers. "We

have to find a solution to the 'Haitian issue' with new public policies," said Francisco Jose Castillo, the group's vice president.

In contrast to the Dominican approach, those born in the U.S. are automatically citizens regardless of their parents' legal status.

Marselha Goncalves Margerin, advocacy director for the Washington-based Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights, said seeking Haitian citizenship is not feasible for most people born in the Dominican Republic.

Besides the legal issues of citizenship, there is a fundamental question of identity, Goncalves Margerin said.

"They play baseball, they speak Spanish, they dance the bachata," she said. "These are Dominicans."

Noel, for example, says he knows almost nothing about Haitian history and can barely speak Creole.

"I think it is just a minority, a fringe, who are racist. The racism comes from above, in the government policies. That is what hurts," Noele said.

Although the U.S. State Department has decried state-sanctioned discrimination against Dominicans of Haitian descent, Goncalves Margerin says she believes the U.S. should be more aggressive in lobbying a country that has trade privileges of the Central American Free Trade Agreement.

Fritz Cineas, Haiti's ambassador to the Dominican Republic, was also skittish about publicly criticizing a policy that is "an internal matter." But Cineas said the dispute speaks to a wrongly held perception that Haitians are a threat.

"If the Haitians decided to go home tomorrow, there would be many activities that would be paralyzed," he said. "We are contributing to the development of this country, not taking away from it."

## October Supreme Court Cases

The Supreme Court officially began its new term on Monday, Oct. 6. The Hilltop compiled a list of arguments that the Justices will hear during the month of October. The following is a list of cases that were granted certiorari. Certiorari is the procedure for removing a case from a lower court or administrative agency to a higher court for review.

- **Vermont v. Brillon**  
The Court will hear a case that will examine the right to a speedy trial for a poor person who is represented by a public defender.

- **Corley v. U.S.**  
The Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether a claim that a voluntary confession made after a suspect's arrest on federal charges but before he appears before a magistrate must be suppressed when there was a delay before that appearance occurs.

- **Rivera v. Illinois**  
The Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether a conviction can stand if the defense counsel sought to exclude a juror by making a peremptory challenge, but the juror was seated anyway.

- **Puckett v. U.S.**  
The Supreme Court has agreed to decide how the federal appeals courts should handle prosecutor violations of plea bargains when the violation was not challenged during the trial.

- **Montejo v. Louisiana**  
The Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether a poor defendant needs to affirmatively accept the appointment of counsel in order to invoke his Sixth Amendment protection from future police-initiated interrogation in the absence of the attorney.

- **Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. v. U.S.; Shell Oil Co. v. U.S.**  
The Supreme Court has agreed to hear an appeal from Shell Oil Co. and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. The Court must determine who will pay for cleanup at a Superfund site.

- **U.S. v. Navajo Nation**  
The Supreme Court will hear an appeal in an ongoing conflict over the royalty rate for coal mined on Navajo Nation land.

- **Hawaii v. Office of Hawaiian Affairs**  
The Supreme Court has agreed to decide on a case concerning the authority of the state of Hawaii to sell 1.2 million acres of state land without resolving prior claims to that land.

- **Kansas v. Ventris**  
The Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether a prosecutor can use a defendant's statements made to an undercover informant to refute the defendant's testimony at trial. The case calls for an interpretation of the Sixth Amendment.

- **Boyle v. United States**  
The Court has decided to take a case about narrowing the scope of the 1970 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). The case asks for them to reexamine what proof is required to define an enterprise under RICO.

- Compiled by Omari Evans, Staff Writer

## KWAME SPEAKS: Why Pan-Africanism?

Why Pan-Africanism? A 1981 publication of Ujima, the voice of the Howard University Student Association (HUSA), posed this poignant question. This is a question that still must be answered 27 years later.

In order to effectively answer the question of the necessity of a Pan-Africanist political, social and economic orientation, we must first define the term. P. Ollisanwuche Ezedibe, in his seminal work, *Pan-Africanism: The Idea and the Movement*, offers a definition that describes Pan-Africanism as "A political and cultural phenomenon which regards Africa, Africans and African descendants aboard as a unit. It seeks to regenerate and unify Africa and promote a feeling of oneness among the people of Africa and among the people of the African world. It glorifies the African past and inculcates pride in Africa."

One of the greatest thinkers of the 20th century, W.E.B. Dubois in a 1933 *Crisis* article puts it this way, "The Pan-African movement aimed at an intellectual understanding and cooperation among all groups of African descent in order to bring about the industrial and spiritual emancipation of the Negro people."

Simply put, a Pan-Africanist-oriented agenda is aimed at politically, socially and economically unifying an already culturally unified African people.

"Africa Must Unite!" was the rallying cry of the father of African Nationalism, Kwame Nkrumah. Across the Diaspora,

those who trace their cultural heritage to the African continent must come together to bring about the liberation of each other. As Nkrumah later would say, the fates of African descendants and continental Africans are "Inextricably tied."

How can we as African-Americans be liberated, when neocolonialism and aggressive foreign policy with regards to Africa still exists? The same ideology that contributes to the underdevelopment of Africa contributes to the poverty of African-Americans. We must fight these ills together from a united front.

For African-Americans, Pan-Africanism means opposing Africom since we are in a strategic position to do so. For continental Africans, Pan-Africanism means using their international leverage to control resources, assuring that their counterparts in other parts of the world are taken care of. In other parts of the world, Pan-Africanism means providing resources and support across the Diaspora to ensure that all Africans are provided for. We cannot reclaim our humanity as African American people without reclaiming it for continental Africans, Afro-Caribbeans and Afro-Latinos and vice versa.

Before we were interrupted by the Maafa, the unity of African people created the earliest forms of modern democracy and governance. Preceding this, the unity of ancient Africans allowed them to create the first and greatest civilizations. Marcus Garvey fa-

mously stated, "What we have done, we can do." White supremacist's dominion in our lives, make Pan-African unity a powerful alternative.

Africans across the world face many challenges, brought about through the aforementioned Maafa. The root causes of these problems are centered on factors and agendas that come from the same source, white supremacy. Therefore to combat this, a unified agenda of unity must first occur.

This is what we as an African people must do to return to Ma'at. We must utilize the teachings of Sankofa across the Diaspora to return to where we were before we were so rudely interrupted.

Dubois also stated in *Darkwater*, "That a belief in the humanity is a belief in colored men." Every organization of individuals of African descent, interested in the humanity of African people, must be oriented towards a Pan-African agenda.

This is the goal of organizations such as the Kwame Ture Society, and many others across the globe.

The Howard University Student Association is also involved in this important work, today at 6 p.m. is the deadline for individuals interested in completing applications for its Inaugural Pan-African Youth Summit.

- Josh Myers



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

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

## Bison Football Team Look To Re-energize for the Big Game

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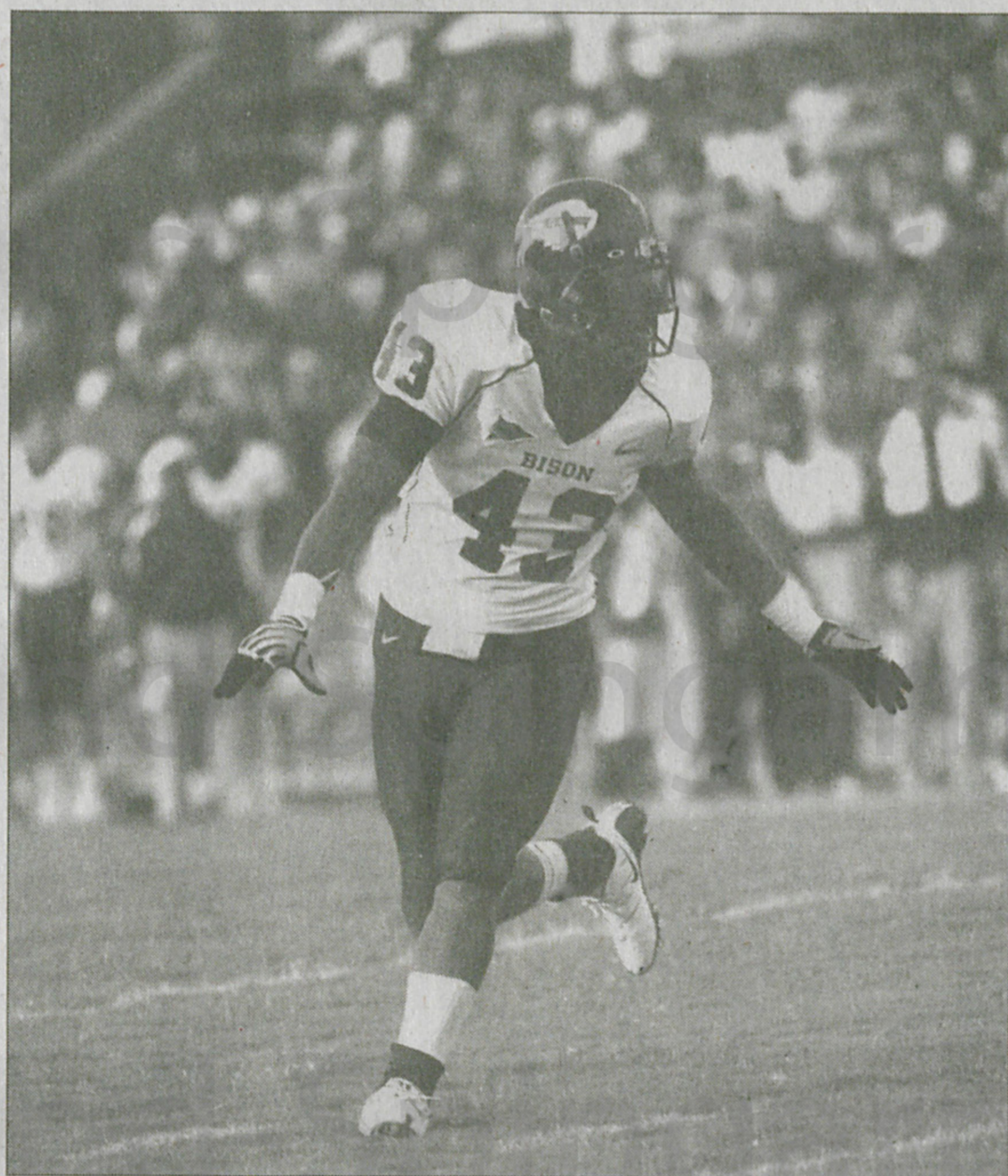
Maryland where he can focus on his studies and rest. "It will feel good to be in a different environment for once," he said. "There I can relax and ultimately get my work done."

Studies and rest are not the only things the players plan on getting into this weekend. "I would like to go back home to Detroit this weekend if I get a chance," Bufford said. "But if not, I plan on catching a local high school football game." He said it is always good to see how the young guys are doing. "They come to our games, so it's only right to see how their season is going too," Bufford said.

"I'm looking forward to chilling with my friends and getting into a little fun over the weekend," Drayton said. Drayton is glad that he has this time to kick back and have some fun outside of football.

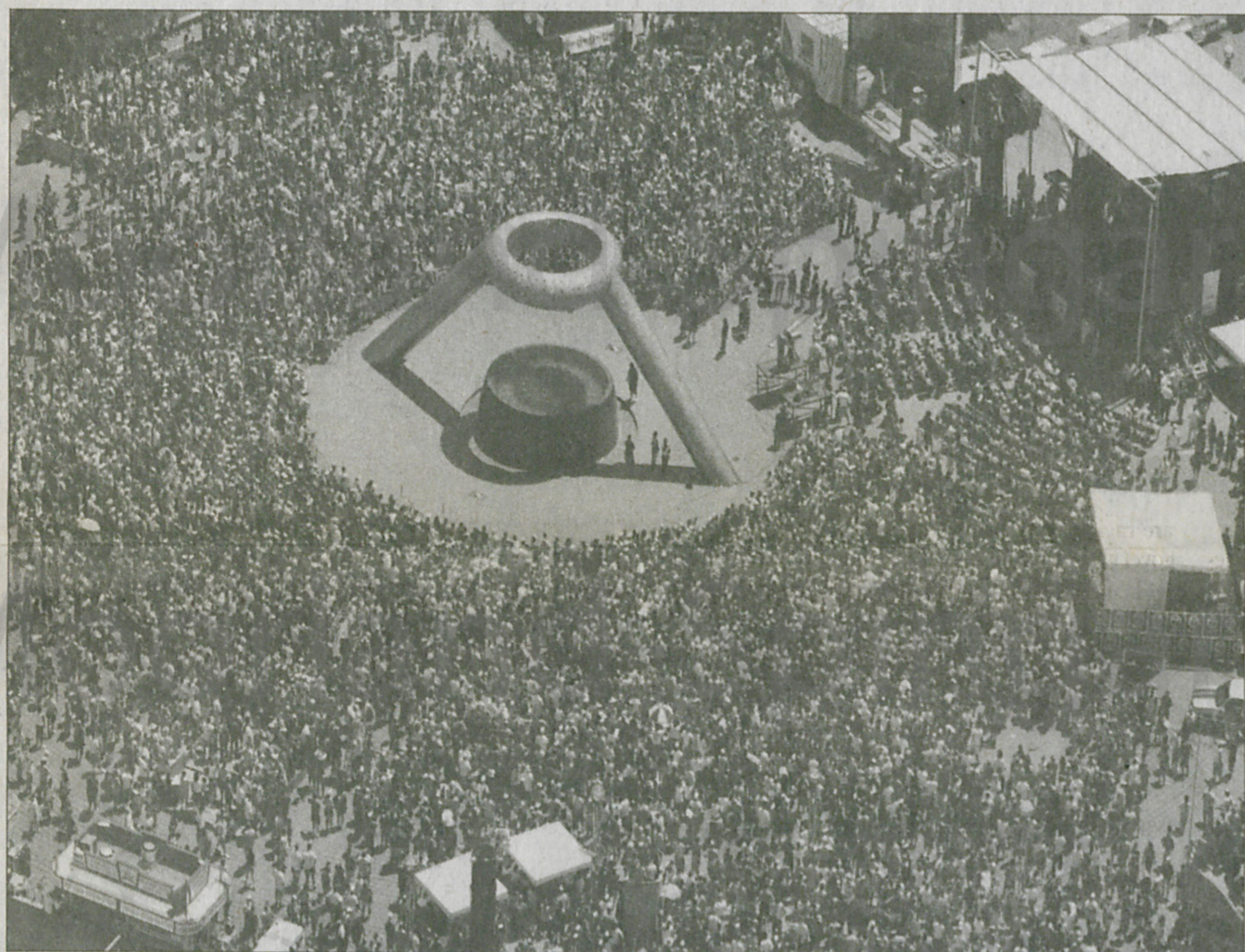
This break is also important for the team because it helps them prepare for the Homecoming game. This year they are facing the Morgan State University Bears and they want nothing more than to get a win.

"This break gives us time to study up on our opponent," Bufford said. "We plan on getting a 'W,' so after this little break we are coming at them full-force."



Oscar Merrida IV - Photo Editor  
Players such as defensive back Robert Parker III are looking forward to the weekend off.

## Detroit Red Wings Raise Championship Banner



Eric Seals (MCT)

Thousands of Detroit Red Wings fans crowded into Hart Plaza on June 6, 2008 to celebrate the winning of the Stanley Cup Championship.

Last night, the Detroit Red Wings raised another Stanley Cup championship banner into the rafters of the Joe Louis Arena.

The Red Wings led the NHL in wins last year with 54. This is the fourth Stanley Cup they have won in the last 11 years. They are looking to be the first team to repeat as champions since 1998.

- Compiled by Deontay Morris, Sports Editor

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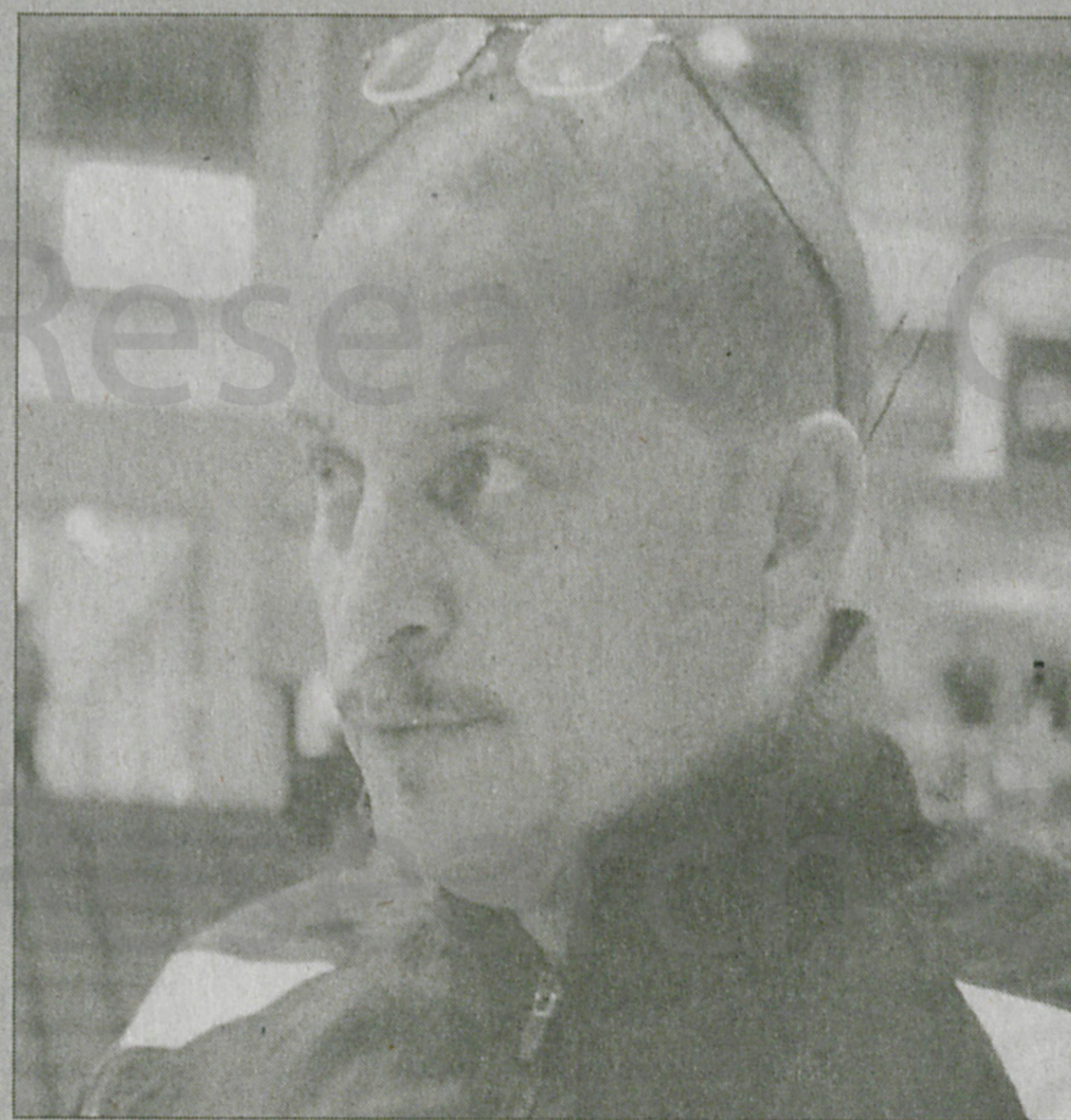
Jeffrey Leonard of the San Francisco Giants hits a home run in four straight playoff games.

Courtesy of www.todayinsports.com

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## Meet The Coach Orlando Larracuente



Oscar Merrida IV - Photo Editor

Volleyball head coach Orlando Larracuente is optimistic about the season.

BY TENI-OLA OGUNJOBI  
Staff Writer

Bringing over 20 years of coaching experience back to Howard athletics, Orlando Larracuente is amid his third season as the head coach of the Lady Bison volleyball team.

Larracuente, a native of Puerto Rico, started his volleyball coaching career in 1989 at Long Beach Polytechnic High School in Long Beach, Calif. He coached both girls' and boys' teams until 1994, leading them to a number of league championships and an overall record of 122-31.

Larracuente made the move from the West Coast to Maryland in 1994, where he continued to teach and coach in the public school system. He spent two years as trainer and the head coach of the D.C. Juniors Volleyball club 18 and under girl's team.

Afterwards, he went on to head the Walt Whitman High School girl's varsity volleyball team. He coached them through an undefeated record and state championship title in the first season, in addition to four division championships overall.

Larracuente received many honors including the *Washington Post* All-MET Coach of the Year, *The Montgomery Journal* and *The Gazette* Coach of the Year for girl's volleyball.

Now in the middle of their 2008 season, the Lady Bison volleyball team has shown major improvement. Although their 6-14 record so far may not exemplify the teams full potential, their 2-0 conference record leaves optimism for a satisfactory season.

Players such as senior outside hitter Elyssa Lee sees the difference a little time and intense coaching has made within the team since last season.

"We trust each other more this year than last year," Lee said. "We have grown and we have more experienced players."

Utilizing unique coaching methods on his players is what has made Larracuente a success and has given him longevity in the sport of volleyball.

"He is the most passionate coach, always in the gym or in his office willing to help us be better. Although he is particular with technique and tough on us at times, he does it to help us to achieve our full potential," Lee said.

Coach Larracuente sat down with *The Hilltop* to talk about the season and his expectations for the remainder of the season.

**The Hilltop:** What's the difference in this year's team in comparison to last year's?

**Larracuente:** The difference is that this is more of my team because I was able to recruit 10 out of 11 players. Previous seasons, I worked with players that were already here. I was able to train this team with a certain mind set and set different expectations for the season.

**The Hilltop:** What techniques do you focus on?

**Larracuente:** This game is about ball control, so we focus on techniques to control the ball. We do a lot of movements that are used in the game and distinctive to the sport.

**The Hilltop:** What skills have your team mastered?

**Larracuente:** I am a very tough evaluator — the players have to work extremely hard to say we have mastered something. We are a young team and we are in an evolving process. I can say that we have improved our serves and blocking. We were number one in blocking recently and I take pride in that because we are not a tall team.

**The Hilltop:** Who or what keeps the team on one accord? Are there any standout players so far in the season?

**Larracuente:** Ideally, the person to keep the team on point is the setter, but since we have a freshman setter, that responsibility falls on the shoulders of the entire team. There have been some standout players including freshman Gabrielle Martin, sophomores Gazelle d'Artois and Nicole Brown and senior Elyssa Lee. Overall, the team has to put in leadership efforts.

**The Hilltop:** Which opponents have been challenging to play?

**Larracuente:** We face a pretty tough schedule. We had four straight weekends on the road where we went against a few good teams in North Carolina and in our other tournaments. We held up against teams that had really good records like Houston Baptist University and Long Island University.

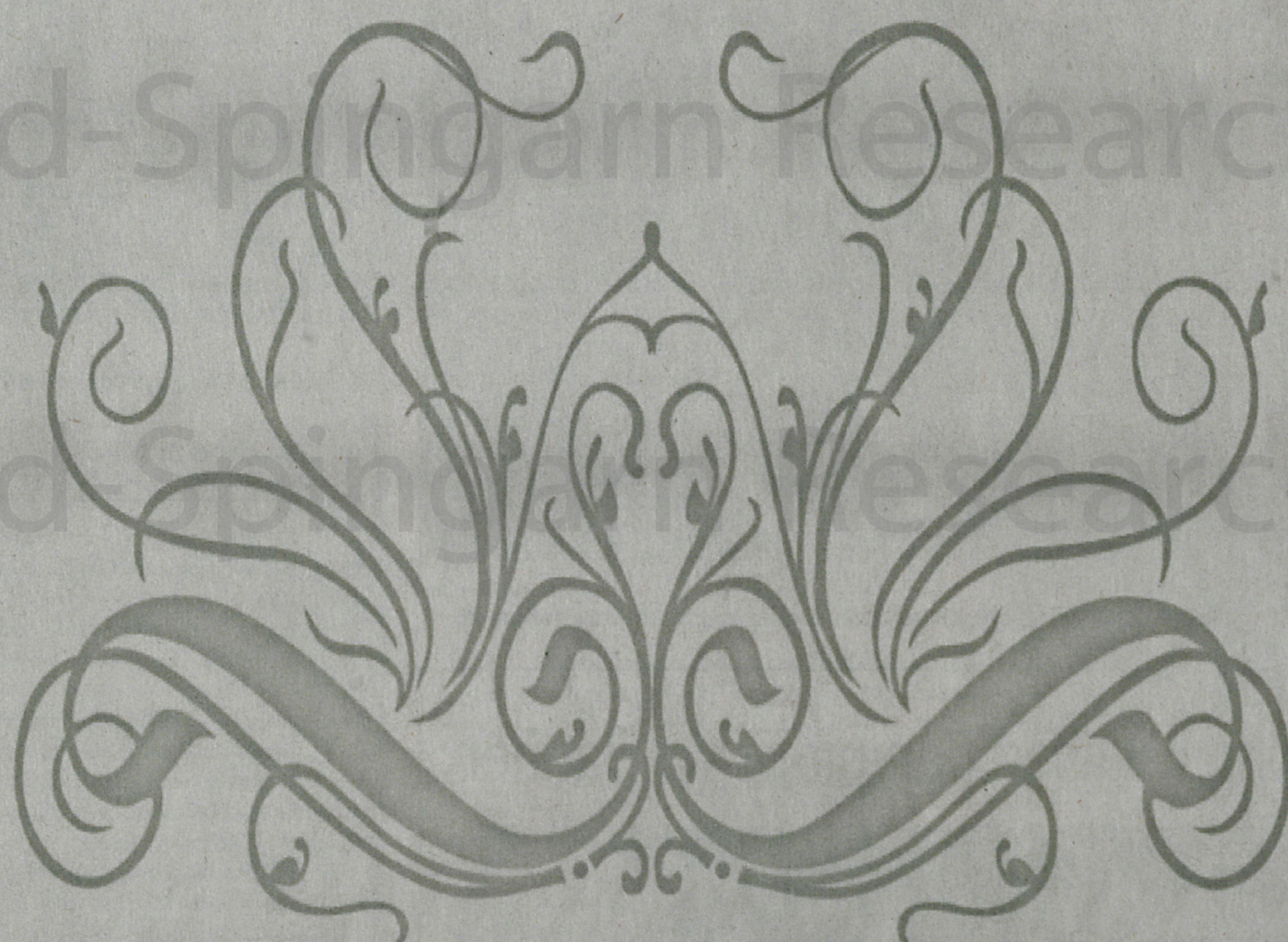
**The Hilltop:** What makes your coaching style unique?

**Larracuente:** I'm a teacher first; I have been trained to teach. I try to develop a close relationship with my players and make sure they know that I'm in their corner and that they can call me. If they want to work, I'm here to teach them.

**The Hilltop:** How has rebuilding for the team been going?

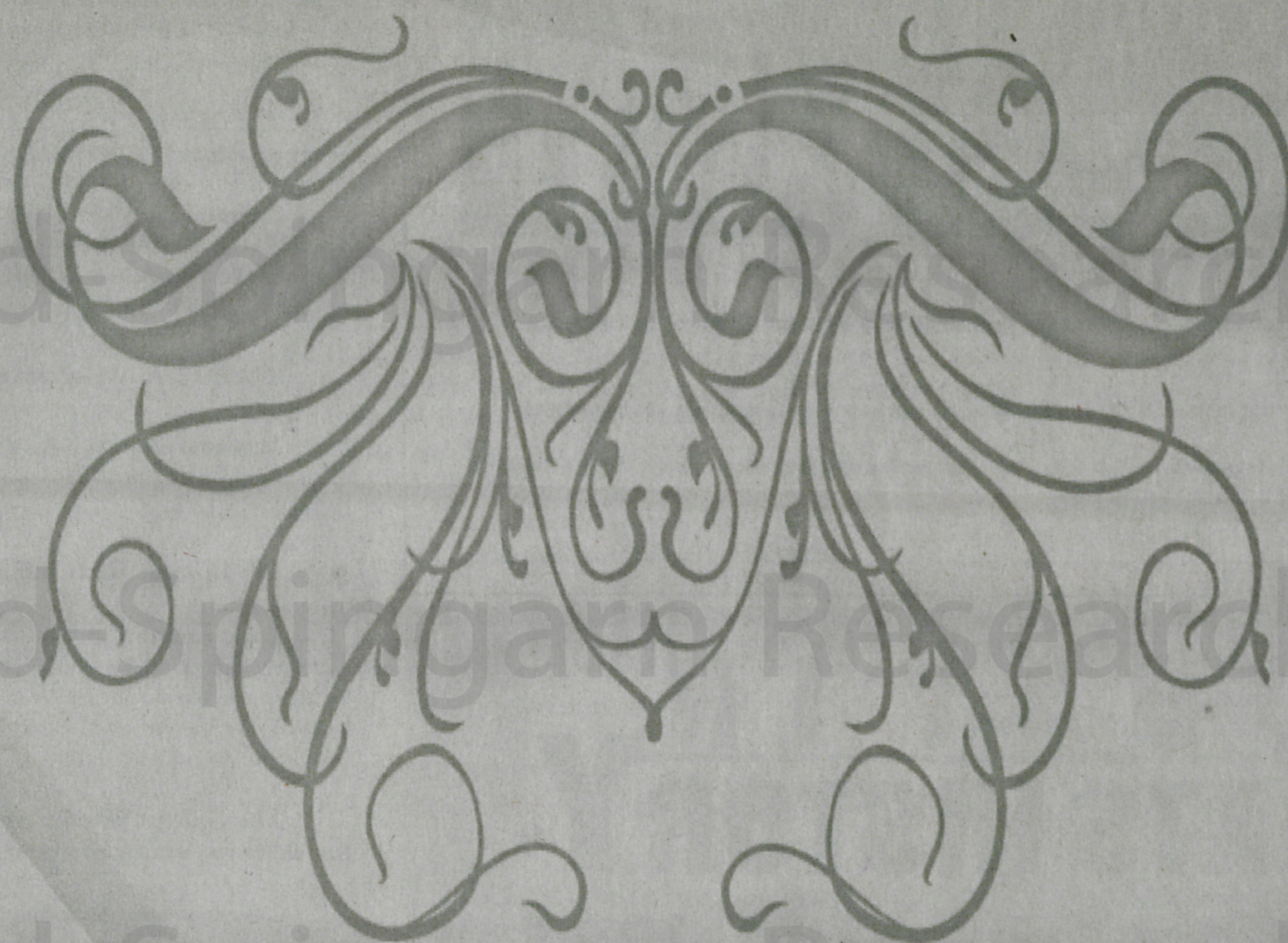
**Larracuente:** It's been challenging but fun at the same time. It's also been educational and rewarding to know what the team was three years ago and to see where we are now and where we are headed. We know how much work needs to be done to reach our goals. We want to have dynamic players in our conference and leave a great legacy. These ladies are laying the foundation.

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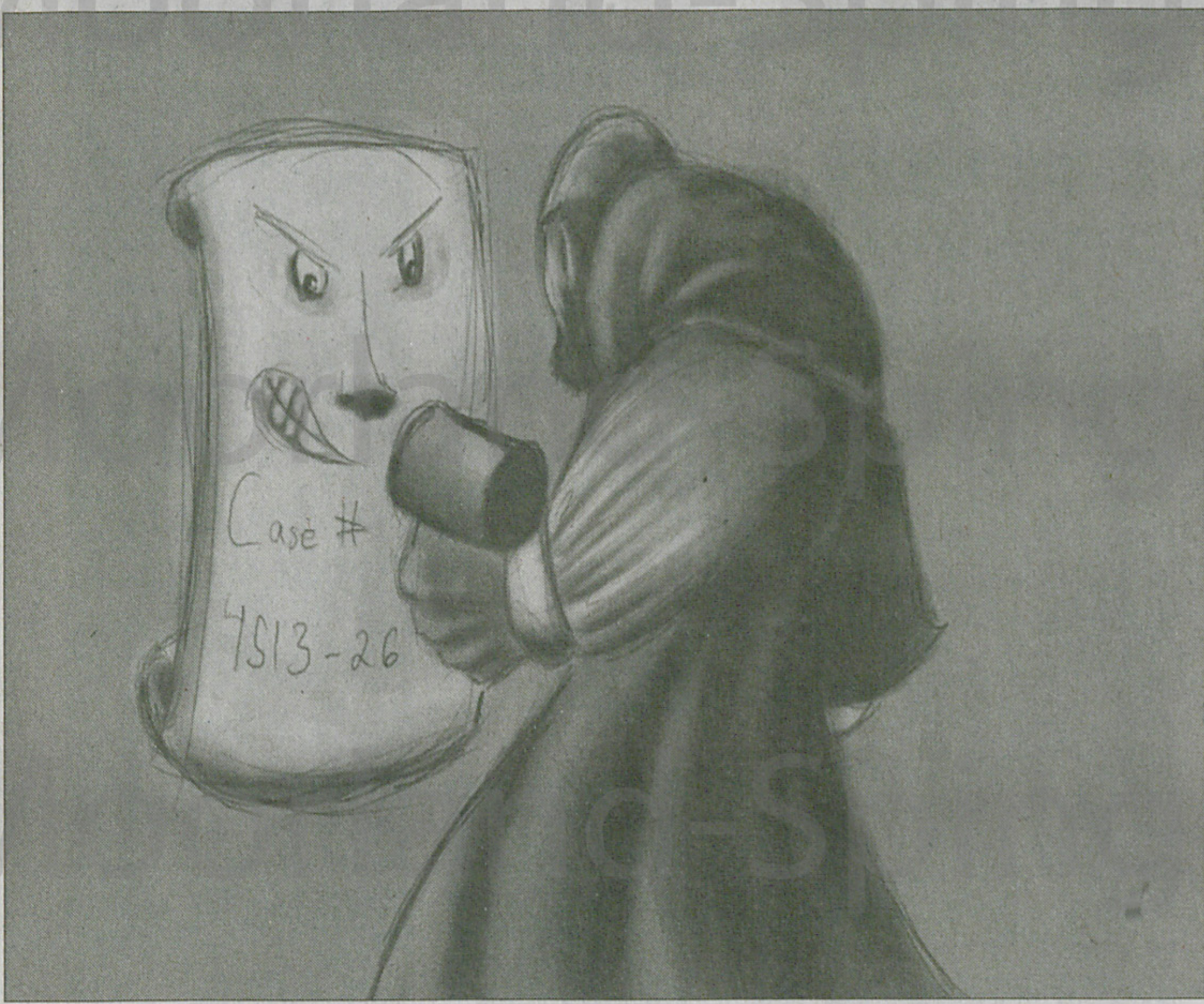
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Charles Metz III - Cartoonist

## Presidential Election Influences Conservatism of Supreme Court

As the countdown to the Nov. 4 presidential election lessens, voters are being targeted by both candidates, who are each attempting to finish their campaigns strongly. News outlets across the world are producing ads, commentary, debate coverage and interviews that can make or break the McCain-Palin, Obama-Biden race. Now that voters are deciding on their final candidate choices, an important factor should be considered: the Supreme Court.

Seven of the nine Justices were each appointed by Republican presidents and if McCain is elected, then this pattern will continue for at least another generation. The already conservative, right-winged federal court system will experience an even bigger turn to the right. For minorities and pro-choice activists, this election could mean much more than the lowering of gas prices.

Justice Stevens, 88, Justice Ginsburg, 74, and Justice Kennedy, 71, are each expected to provide a vacancy in the court during the next president's first term. During Bush's tenure as

**Our View:**  
*Voters should consider possible judicial nominations when voting.*

president, he heavily relied on conservative judicial nominations to remain connected to his conservative supports. The landmark case of Roe v. Wade has been used as a political tactic by Republican politicians since its passing 35 years ago. McCain is likely to appoint new justices that are consistent with his pro-life stance. Palin also

is pro-life and uses her own life's testimonies to sway voters who are against pro-choice. Earlier this year, Palin gave birth to a son who was born with Down Syndrome and her teenage daughter is also expecting a child. Barack Obama maintains a stance against the overturning of Roe v. Wade legislation. In addition to the possible reversal of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court could possibly hear cases on the Voting Rights Act and appeal of Troy Davis' life sentence.

The conservative majority of the Supreme Court has the power to greatly change some of America's most landmark cases.

Although the economic and foreign relations issues are the driving forces behind the outcome of November's election, voters should also be conscious of possible changes that could influence Supreme Court appointments.

## Perspective

### No Victory Lap Just Yet

So here we are. The second presidential debate has just taken place and Obama is poised to make history on Nov. 4, 2008. According to almost any poll, Obama has sizable leads nationally and in several battleground states. Obama has created such a lead that he's campaigning in the Republican stronghold of Indiana. If all the signs point to a Democratic victory in November, why I am so nervous? Why am I unable to feel confident that America will rise to the occasion and elect the more qualified man to lead this country from its current economic crisis?

The answer is so simple — you don't even have to take a class with Dr. Carr to know why. No literature needs to be read; no research conducted. And if you search your heart, you know why. For those of you still wondering what I'm getting at, the Democratic nominee is a black man named Barack Hussein Obama. While I love my country and sincerely believe it's the best country in the world (to my Caribbean and African colleagues, your countries should be the best to you), I do not ignore its glaring flaws. While America is a great country, it is far from perfect and fair. So here we go.

The McCain campaign

wasted no time beginning the attacks with xenophobic and racist undertones following the second presidential debate. A police officer introducing the Republican ticket at a rally took inexplicable glee in emphasizing Obama's middle name: Hussein. The McCain campaign quickly condemned the officer's comments which were made while the officer was in uniform no less. In addition, conservatives are latching onto Obama's connection with a former domestic terrorist William Ayers. News groups (other than Fox News) have confirmed that Obama does not have an intimate relationship with Ayers who was a part of the Weathermen group in the 60s.

So why would the McCain campaign insist that Obama has a stronger relationship with reformed terrorist-turned-urban education professor William Ayers? It's a simple yet brilliant strategy: his middle name is Hussein and he's been associated with a terrorist. Surely that makes Obama a terrorist who is unfit to hold our nation's highest office, right? It's bad enough too much is being made of Obama's connection with Mr. Ayers, but then McCain/Palin rallies are filled with supporters who honestly believe Obama is Muslim. Not that

being Muslim is a negative thing by any means, but to many poorly informed and ignorant American citizens, being Muslim means you are instantly associated with the Islamic extremists who attacked us on 9/11.

Now the real kicker of why Obama may lose this election: race. Despite polls that show Americans believe overwhelmingly that he is more likable, more knowledgeable and more compassionate, people still feel hesitant voting for Obama because he's black. To think Americans will vote for a lesser candidate because of the complexion of his skin is extremely sickening and worrisome. Pundits predict that his race could cost him 3 to 5 percentage points nationally. It is for that reason I will be holding my breath until Nov. 5.

America, I hope that the talking heads are wrong. I pray that we, as a nation, are capable of rising above something as shallow and meaningless as a man's race. C'mon America. The whole world's watching. Let's show them our mettle. Surely we've learned from our long, sordid history. The test is on Nov. 4, and I sure do hope we pass.

- Adrian Mood  
senior, chemistry major

**CORRECTION:** In the Oct. 9, 2008 story, "Conquer Homesickness with Support," was written by Natasha Bethea.

**CORRECTION:** In the Oct. 8, 2008 story, "Howard Professor Passes After 20-Year Career," Wheaton, Md. was referred to as Wheaton, Miss. Also, Abner was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Madeline Smith, who died in 2004, not 2003.

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