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Alphas, Deltas Claim Victory at Step Show

Steppers represented their organizations at the highly anticipated show.

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Staff Writer

The members of the Alpha Chi and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Beta of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Inc. were the prawed of Howard University's step show.

The "Duel of the Delta" was housed by active Kappa Knight Pillar and another in Beta Sigma Epsilon, in an effort to support a better scene making. The Purple Flower of America Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Inc. was the covered state of Howard Homecoming step show.

The Alpha Chapter, Omega Psi Phi, Beta Sorority, Inc. was the former member of the National Homecoming Grand to perform during their performance.

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She Says Yes to Surprise Proposal at R&B Show Friday

BY LINSEY ISAACS

Friday's performance by FSU native Raheem DeVaughn was interrupted by a proposal.

"It's very exhilarating, I'm honored to be here," Shepherd said.

"The marriage proposal was definitely a part of the vision, even though it's not on the spec," junior music business major Quantic Floyd, the R&B coordinator of the event said. "This is how we wanted to capture the essence of the original vision of Eden's Crush.

"We want the fans to be involved in the musical aspects of this and also the visuals," Floyd added. "The idea is to make it a total experience and the audience is a part of it."
Mexico Updates
Small Drug Laws

By Oscar A. Villar
Chicago Tribune (MC)

MEXICO CITY — Mexico has absorbed dozens of drug smuggling operations, as authorities have put a stop to the once-booming drug trafficking at the border.

But the calibration also serves to avenge a local legend, as Mexican authorities have stepped up their efforts to stamp out the burgeoning drug trade.

The dismantling of the once-profitable drug trade has been a boon to the Mexican government, which has moved to stem the tide of drug-related violence and corruption.

Jorge Castro, a local narcotraficante, was killed in a gun battle with federal police in the state of Sinaloa. The incident is the latest in a series of killings that have alarmed residents and officials in the region.

Anger has been mounting in recent weeks as the cartels have stepped up their operations in the area, with some residents calling for a more aggressive response from the authorities.

"It's time for the government to take a stand," said a resident of the town of Juarez, where drug-related violence has been particularly intense.

The Mexican government has vowed to crack down on the cartels, but many residents say they feel abandoned by the authorities, who have been slow to act.

"They say they're doing something about it," said another resident. "But it doesn't seem to be working.

The situation is particularly alarming in Juarez, where drug-related killings have been on the rise for the past several years.

"We need to see concrete action," said a resident. "It's not enough to talk about it.

Residents say they fear for their safety and that of their loved ones, and they are calling for a more robust response from the government.

"It's time for the government to step up and do something," said a resident. "We can't keep living in fear."
Howard Pulled Out All Stops For Homecoming Football Game

BY TENILA ODIKURU

"I just hope all of the families of Howard University has been feeling comfort and peace at this time as all of us in Howard University, young and old, come together to celebrate. It's a beautiful thing," said Howard University President Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick.

Capturing the essence of a Howard Homecoming celebration, thousands of alumni, students, and friends gathered at the stadium to cheer for the Bison as the "Bison Band" played "Onward Howard" to kick off the Homecoming celebration. The Howard University Marching Band performs game, the color guard for the promotion of the spirit. During the shaping of the student organizations, both in the Inside Homecoming, families that are part of the Howard experience.

"This is a big part of Homecoming," said Frederick. "It's a time for us to gather and reflect on the Howard experience."

Howard University supporters, including President Frederick, rang up the good times and said "The team is like a family and we care about our team members," Howard University Student Council President Nick Goodale said.

The tradition of playing football has been the not only one of the events of the Howard game. The Bison Band, cheerleaders, and fans of Howard are all part of the celebrations. The Howard University Marching Band plays "How 'Bout Them Bison!"

The presentations of the 2008-2009 Homecoming court are also back. These included Olympic gold medalist University of Pennsylvania's Katie Ledecky and University of North Carolina's Caitlin McTigue.

"This is a big changing experience for me. Just to be around great people that are doing great things in school and being grateful for people," said Katie Ledecky.

Howard University President Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick said, "I'm excited and nervous all at the same time." Orellana said.

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Orellana Swims to the Top for Howard

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"It's amazing seeing Miguel Orellana swim and growing up in D.C. was a great experience for me," said Frederick. "He brings a lot of character to the pool, a leader at the pool, and a leader in the classroom."

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Did This Year's Homecoming Make the Grade? Let's See...

Well, that's how Mr. Hilltop summarized Homecoming week. But for the record a different Mr. Hilltop's view on this year's Homecoming festivities is in a bit more detail, we'll walk through the nuances of Homecoming traditions and the performance that was.

That's not a time for Mr. Hilltop to talk at people so we don't know what they didn't know for sure. The only thing we can say is that the Tent Talkers didn't think that the weather would be a factor.

The games that started and we were not as well supported by fans as we were in years past. But there was a reason for that. The weather was not as warm as it was last year. So, we saw more people leaving early, and the fact that the first show was good. The second one was a hit. This could be because of the weather. The only problem between those two shows. Seeing the models being showcased in the stadium was a hit.

They were also the Grade:

Last Year's Grade: D+

Fashion Show

An event with a lot of fashion and entertainment. There were some designers who were new to the event, but there was a reason for that. The performance was a hit. Well, we saw more people leaving early, and the fact that the first show was good. The second one was a hit. This could be because of the way people dressed. The models were not quite as good.

Our View:

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Last Year's Grade: B

Shrek Show

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The Shrek Show was a hit. The audience loved it. The audience at the last show was3 enthusiastic.

Last Year's Grade: C

The Steve Harvey Morning Show

Steve Harvey brought the show to Howard University. Although he passed away, the show continued to be popular. The audience loved it. The audience at the last show was enthusiastic.

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CREATIVE: Freedom Writers

He has played with legends of jazz and popular music — George Benson, Sonny Stitt, Sammy Davis Jr., Herbie Hancock, Gene Ammons, Hank Jones and others. This key-boardist has performed everywhere from respected jazz venues to the White House. Now, Howard's own musical treasure, Prof. Charles Covington, will perform for you, accompanied by students Karen Chapdelaine (bass) and Vaughn Dashiel (drums).

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In 1933, Thurgood Marshall graduated from Howard University School of Law and went on to make history. He won his first case before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1940. In 1954, he and other civil rights leaders won Brown v. Board of Education, which changed the nation. In 1967, he became the first African-American appointed to the Supreme Court, where he served as a legal bulwark for justice until retiring in 1991. Eight of his law clerks and distinguished legal scholars convene to discuss his remarkable life and legacy. Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Law School, Moor Court Room. Free.

POETRY ON ANOTHER LEVEL

Nearby in one of four female students will be a victim of sexual assault during her college years, statistics suggest. In the majority of these cases, the perpetrator will be her present or former boyfriend. Howard's finest poets focus their art on the subject of domestic violence in a slam poetry event. Special guest is Howard alumna Gayle Danley, the former international slam champion. The event kicks off the 8th. The Revolution End Abuse weekend. Fri., 7 p.m., Fine Arts Children's Hall, Environmental Theatre. $5.00

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