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Students Reflect on History

A few weeks before Election Day, students went out in droves to support Barack Obama. In fact, one student, a junior political science major, reminded everyone that just as President Obama earned his honor, we were also entitled to share that same sentiment.

“One by one, students spontaneously came forward from the crowd to speak,” said junior Shelley Bruce an Alrlcan American. “That flag truly means something to me today, ” she said. “We try to be like our heterosexual counterparts and fight against what’s wrong.”

“Every election year, passionate people get left out of actually casting a ballot. Those like Acevero do not let registration restrictions hinder them from making a difference, especially in a campaign of this historical magnitude. "

“TheGridlock” Addresses Crime
On Campus, Prevention

BY LAUREN DRAN Staff Writer

The 112th and 113th Congresses have been the most popularly voted on since 1888. A vast majority of California voters have been registered to vote. A number of those who cannot afford the luxury of going to vote feel that it is not necessary to do so. Voters approve law that bans gay marriage

BY LAUREN DRAN Staff Writer

“Since there is a lack of parking, that should be an easy way for you to go to the polls,” said Michael A. Sesay, a freshman biology major. “We really bother me, just like you said all you need was one crime customer.”

The recent break-ins on campus have been tremendous for the safety of students. It is an easy way for you to go to the polls, and also an easy way for you to voice your opinions. “The police officers go in the dorms and dorms, and I have a feeling that the Chairs of the Student Senate are concerned about the violence on campus also, because they want to make sure that there is a robbery on Florida Avenue, then the enter the line is to be heard, Jones said.

With the recent breakdowns of the Student Senate, the only thing that can be done is to vote on the proposition. “If you get a couple of votes on this, people will still go out to the polls, and that is the fact that they are doing the job that it is not supposed to be done to the people,” said Michael A. Sesay, a freshman biology major. "It is not nearly as bad as it looks."
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Howard University Information Session

11:00 a.m., Friday, November 7, 2008

Browsing Room, Founders Library

The annual Goldman Sachs Global Leadership Institute in New York provides exceptional, second-year college students with training to enhance their leadership abilities. The program offers a unique international network through which participants can share ideas, learn from established leaders, work collaboratively and address global challenges.

Each year 150 students are selected from 100 top universities and colleges in over 20 countries. Each student selected as a Goldman Sachs Global Leader is awarded a stipend of $3,000 and given the opportunity to apply for admission to the Global Leadership Institute in New York during July 2009 and to apply for seed funding for projects that address critical social issues.

To be eligible for the Global Leaders program, students must be in their second year of study with a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or above. They must be nominated by a faculty member or academic advisor who can attest to their academic performance, career and social entrepreneurship interests, leadership ability, community service, and communication skills. Nominations forms, which are available in the offices of the undergraduate schools and colleges, must be submitted to the Office of the Provost by Friday, December 5, 2008.

A special information session for Howard University sophomores is being held on Friday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m. in the Browsing Room of Founders Library. Representatives from the Goldman Leaders Program will be available. Refreshments will be served. If you plan to attend, please email Ms. Deborah Elliott at debe/lotl@howard.edu.

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The Howard University Student Code of Conduct defines HAZING as:

Conduct that causes or intends to cause psychological, emotional or physical harm to any person as part of initiation into or affiliation with any campus-based organization.

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Big Biz Prepares for Less Friendly Washington

BY JASON CLARK
Commercial Writer

Linens-N-Things files bankruptcy

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BY CHARLES TAYLOR
Editor of the Biz

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BY HELEN R. HALL,
McClatchy Newspapers

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Absentee Ballots Offer Convenience for Students

BY LAURENZA SMITH Contributing Writer

As many Howard University students sought millions of absentee ballots to post in their homes, they hoped their absentee ballots would just as easily

"I think that absentee voting is a good thing, especially for the college student. I don’t think it’s a chance to vote, but it’s good for absentee," said Iris Moore, a junior journalism major from Chicago, Ill.

"The absentee voting method made more people happy," said James Dent, a junior broadcast journalism major from Oklahoma City.

"I’d vote if I could," said student residnet Regina Bivens-Logan.

Southeast D.C. Shelter Takes Homeless, Underprivileged to Polls

BY OLIVIA EVANS; Contributing Writer

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will be handing out paper transfers to voters in the nation’s capital. The new system of using SmarTrip cards will address fraud, associated with paper transfers and help voters.

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Beatiful Nails Require Maintenance, Money

BY CHELSEA TAYLOR
Combining Finit

Whether paying for an ongoing or getting ready for an interview, having nails that are well maintained and
look like you just stepped out of a salon can add a
little something extra to your appearance.

"In light of the election of our country's first African-­
American president, I have noticed a lot of my
friends are getting more excited about their
nails," said Jennifer Grove, a junior psychology
major. "At one point, I couldn’t afford to pay it
anymore so I just stopped getting them done.

Grove explained that her friends are more
willing to pay more for their nails, and that
they have become a part of their daily life.

"I know plenty of friends that are al­
ready getting acrylic nails," Grove said.

"I’ve had my nails done at least once a
month since the 8th grade," Grove added.

"I think it’s important to have good nail
health and to take care of them," Grove said.

"It’s important to have a manicure on a
regular basis," Grove said. 

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U.S. Criminal Justice System in Need of Reevaluation, Scrutiny

Alamuchvilie wrote two articles and a piece in The Hilltop, highlighting the issue of the case of Troy Davis. In 2001, Davis was convicted of killing a Savannah, Georgia, police officer named Mark Allen MacPhail, and sentenced to death. Davis has always maintained his innocence, but the case has been marked by questions of morality and the fairness of the trial. Despite Davis' claims of innocence, the case has been fought on behalf of Davis by a number of organizations and individuals who believe Davis is innocent and should be given a fair trial before he is executed.

In 2008, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear Davis' appeal, and he was scheduled to be executed on September 21, 2008. However, the execution was stayed by Judge Susan Bolton of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Georgia. Since then, Davis has continued to seek a new trial, and his case has become a symbol of the flaws in the criminal justice system.

Our View:
Troy Davis deserves the right to a fair and accurate trial, despite his prior convictions.

The death penalty is a controversial punishment that raises questions of morality and the right to take another human being's life. A crime itself might whole-heartedly believe that the defendant committed murder, but often people believe that the punishment should not be carried out if there is any possibility of innocence.

There is a number of people who believe that the death penalty is wrong, inhumane and cruel and unusual punishment. Although Davis admitted to being at the scene of the crime, he claims his innocence, and we, at the Hilltop, believe he deserves a fair and accurate trial before he is executed.

The United States Supreme Court has been a nation that provides equal treatment and justice for all those who fall subject to the system. Although Davis was convicted in a criminal trial on the night of June 17, in 1989, in Savannah, Georgia, we, at the Hilltop, believe he deserves the right to take another human being's life. Davis' conviction has been fought on behalf of Davis by a number of organizations and individuals who believe Davis is innocent and should be given a fair trial before he is executed.

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