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Midnight Stroke Ushers in Campaign SeasonBY TAHIRAH HAIRSTON
Staff Writer

It's time. Posters, T-shirts and handbills galore will clutter the campus of Howard University as today marks the official start of campaign season.

"Campaign Kick-off," sponsored by Entertainment Power Players, will be held today in the Punchout from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m.

The event serves as a way for students to get better acquainted with the potential leaders of their school. Rapper Mims was scheduled to perform at the event but cancelled.

This year's student elections consist of two Howard University Student Association (HUSA) slates and three Undergraduate Trustees.

Andrew Jones, executive president candidate, and Asia Smith, executive vice president candidate, are competing with Bryan Smart, executive president candidate, and Jerome Joseph, executive vice president candidate, for the top spots in the HUSA office.

Nnamdi Anozie, Corey Briscoe and Nastassja Spencer are all pulling for the spot of undergraduate trustee.

"I'm not running for HUSA president," said Andrew Jones, John H. Johnson School of Communications executive president. "I am merely part of a movement of students that are returning purpose to the Howard University Student Association."

He said the fact that he and his running mate, School of Business President Asia Smith, are from two different schools makes them diverse in leadership and able to overcome challenges in two different situations.

Joseph said he and Smart bring fun to the campaign and that they are people-candidates who have a general love for the student body.



Genna Turner - Copy Editor

Today is the beginning of Howard's election season. The "Campaign Kick-off" will be today in the Punchout from noon to 3 p.m.

"I personally think that I bring passion," Joseph said. "I try to keep the atmosphere where everybody can have fun. I don't want any hard feelings between me and a party or anyone."

He said he and his running mate love to talk to people and are very accessible, but at the end of the day, they get the work done to solve the issues of the university and student body.

Anozie, one of the candidates for undergraduate trustee, said his skills would be used best in the boardroom fighting for students.

The candidates for HUSA office and undergraduate trustee will be able to present their platforms and back them up with their experiences at the first speak-out of the season, today at 7 p.m. in the School of Business auditorium.

"This debate is focused on allowing those who held or hold the positions the ability to engage in questions about what the perspective candidates would do



Jazelle Hurt - Staff Photographer

Nnamdi Anozie, undergraduate trustee candidate, and campaign volunteers waited, energy drink in hand, for the start of campaign season.

in their position," said Edward Williams, General Elections Commission programs director.

The panel will consist of candidates from the 47th and 48th admin-

istrations, Marcus Ware, Will Roberts, Nicholas Owen, Kellen Moore and Undergraduate Trustee Victoria Kirby.

"I expect them to communicate their platforms effectively and I am also

looking for innovation," said current HUSA president Nicholas Owen. "I am not looking for false promises, but prac-

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**Daschle
Withdraws
Due to Tax
Discrepancy**BY JADA F. SMITH
Nation & World Editor

Tom Daschle, President Barack Obama's nominee for secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, officially withdrew his name from the nomination Tuesday after Daschle's financial records revealed that he had not paid some of his income taxes.

In a statement released by Daschle, he said that the job of health secretary is too important to be coupled with his personal shortcomings.

"Right now, I am not that leader and will not be a distraction," Daschle said in the statement. "The focus of Congress should be on the urgent business of moving the president's economic agenda forward, including affordable health care for every American."

Daschle failed to report \$15,000 in donations and more than \$80,000 in unreported income. After being nominated for the cabinet spot, he paid more than \$140,000 in back taxes.

Daschle is the second Obama cabinet nominee to have their tax history become a cause for concern by Congress. Timothy Geithner, the new treasury secretary, also failed to report some income on his personal taxes.

In an interview with Anderson Cooper, Obama admitted that he made a mistake by choosing appointees who failed to do what the average American



Olivier Doorduy - Abaca Press (MCT)

Tom Daschle's past financial records were the cause of his withdrawal from nomination.

citizen is responsible for doing every year.

"I think I made a mistake, and I told Tom that," he said. "I take responsibility for the appointees."

After promising voters a transparent presidential administration and a change from the usual politics of Washington, Obama acknowledged how contradictory it would be to overlook Daschle's indiscretion.

"Ultimately, I campaigned on changing Washington, and bottom-up politics and I don't want to send a mes-

sage to the American people that there are two sets of standards: one for powerful people and one for ordinary folks who are working everyday and paying their taxes," Obama said in the interview.

Junior political science major Charles Beavers said he doesn't understand why the new administration keeps running into trivial problems with their nominees.

"I am shocked at President Obama's lax vetting process," Beavers said. "This is the third or so nomination that has garnered negative attention."

**Fine Arts to Fine
Tune Issues Today**BY LAUREN GASPARD
Contributing Writer

The College of Arts and Sciences Student Council, in conjunction with the Fine Arts Division of the College of Arts and Sciences, will hold an Emergency Town Hall meeting today to address concerns of the students and faculty of the entire Fine Arts division.

The primary goal behind the meeting is to bring to light concerns with the Fine Arts building, Lulu Vere Childers Hall, faculty representation, the programs that students are enrolled in within the division and the upcoming accreditation of the Fine Arts division.

Tratobia Benjamin, the dean of the Fine Arts division, will be present, as well as a host of other professors and teachers within the Fine Arts division who are coming to support the event.

Andrea Jackson is the executive vice president of the Fine Arts division of the College of Arts and Sciences and encourages all Fine Arts students to come out and support.

"I have been trying to express to students how important this meeting is on so many levels, mainly the issue of accreditation," Jackson said.

The Fine Arts division will be going up for re-accreditation in the upcoming month, which involves the United States Department of Education reviewing applications of institutions — or departments therein — that seek accreditation to allow

students to receive federal financial aid and federal benefits.

According to the Department of Education, an "unaccredited" institution should be enrolled in with caution, because the requirements have not been met.

"This does not just affect incoming freshmen," Jackson said. "Imagine that once you graduate as Fine Arts majors, you interview for a company and it is recognized that Fine Arts has lost its accreditation. Your degree has the potential to lose some of its legitimacy, affecting upperclassmen and alumni just the same."

Jackson also said this is why it's important for the issue to be brought to the forefront so they are prepared and able to stay on top.

College of Arts & Sciences Executive President Bryan Smart also mentioned that the town hall meeting was called in response to repeated theft within Lulu Vere Childers Hall.

"Several students and faculty have come to us recently with strong complaints of valuables such as laptops and class equipment being stolen," Smart said. "Therefore, we felt that as a council, it is our job to address it."

Jackson voiced similar sentiments regarding the role that students play in these issues.

"The main goal of the entire council is student advocacy," she said. "It has been from day one. That's why everyone must come and bring these

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University Finally Projects Fall 2009 For Recycling Plan

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Staff Writer

"October," "December," "August" and "soon" represent the different deadlines by which the university has continuously pledged to administer a new university-wide comprehensive recycling plan.

As of now, Michael Harris, who replaced Paul Musgrave as the associate vice president for Administrative Services in the Physical Facilities Management Department, projects that the recycling plan which has already been drafted will be fully implemented by the fall of 2009.

This announcement comes after the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) drafted a resolution last semester to have a recycling plan implemented by Dec. 1, 2008. The date was agreed upon by Musgrave and Howard President Sidney A. Ribeau, according to Musgrave and HUSA President Nicholas Owen.

Yet, the date has come and gone and no visible signs of improvement have been seen around campus. HUSA Policy and Planning Director Jared Smith said he can understand if students are "discouraged" or "frustrated" by the lack of noticeable improvements.

However, he said the Physical Facilities Management is working on improvements around campus.

"From what they have been telling us," Smith said, "they are working on sustainability."

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "Sustainable development marries two important themes: that environmental protection does not

preclude economic development and that economic development must be ecologically viable now and in the long run."

Besides sustainable development — which can be epitomized by the remodeling of the biology greenhouse and the university's contract with Honeywell — Harris said the university is currently working on ordering additional bins for pick up of white and shredded paper.

However, Musgrave told *The Hilltop* in an October 2008 interview that the university is waiting to hire a team of managers to handle the implementation of the recycling plan. Until then, the university will wait to take the best route with the plan.

The team of managers was projected to be assembled sometime in Nov. 2008 to begin working to meet the projected December deadline.

To date, the team of managers has not been assembled, according to Harris.

"The [council] implementation under which we will monitor the plan has taken somewhat longer than we originally anticipated," he said. "This committee needs to examine the most effective option under which we can implement a recycling plan."

According to Smith, HUSA plans to draft another resolution to present a "united front" to the administration to show that students want to see a recycling plan implemented.

Students wishing to take a proactive approach to recycling can take their recyclables to various drop-off sites around the D.C. area located within 10 miles of Howard University. These free-of-charge sites are listed on Earth911.com.

From the Mecca to Korea

Howard alumnus Will White Jr. teaches Korean children



Blackmon noticed White for his creativity and work ethic.

According to Blackmon, a sophomore print journalism major who was a member of University Fashion Council while White was president, "He [White] continuously brought something new to the table, in regard to style, and was an inspiration to stay on your grind, no matter what."

White started his own clothing line, JeDure Black Market, which eventually led to creating swimwear for the Washington Redskins' Promotional Calendar for both 2007 and 2008.

His designs can also be seen on fellow Howard students, as he has created pieces for Vizion Dance Ensemble, of which he was a member, and various Bison Ball gowns.

White decided to take a year off from designing so that he could experience something new in life.

"I've known for awhile that designing is not the only thing I want to do," White said. "I'm a very extroverted individual so I want to do everything. I want the opportunity to plan events and talk to people about life. I want to be known for all my talents."

Although White has taken a break from designing, he does still continue to hone his skills by sketching. He has gathered a lot of inspiration from the volume and proportions of traditional Korean clothing.

"Dudes out here have style," White said. "There's a huge market of fashionable individuals, so there are many more options at your fingertips."

While White is not completely certain of his plans once he finishes out his teaching contract, he has faith that things will work out.

"If the economic situation in the U.S. gets better, I may come back," White said. "If not, I may go to a Spanish speaking country next. Who knows? Something will figure itself out."

In addition to teaching in Korea, Howard alumnus Will White Jr. has a clothing line called JeDure Black Market.

BY ASHLEY JOHNSON-ALFORD
Staff Writer

Life after college can be quite a reality check for some. For many, it can often be a scary experience, as they must get adjusted to new surroundings and a new way of life. This came as no surprise to Howard alumnus Will White Jr. who recently graduated in the spring of 2008.

Since graduating, White's preparation for the real world has been unique. While some students are preparing to take on jobs in their respective fields, White was preparing to move to Korea to work.

White has made himself at home in Korea, where he teaches English as a second language to Korean students, a program he said he found out about through a friend of his, right before graduation.

According to White, the move across oceans has made such huge impact on his life and has forced him to reevaluate himself.

"Korea really allows you to take a further look at yourself," White said. "There's no luxury of a common language understanding, so it definitely forces you to become a better person and take an inward look at yourself."

White said he balances it all by not forgetting to have fun and by truly taking in everything from the experience.

"I like to take day trips to the various mountains and just introduce myself to new things," he said.

White said little things such as these keep him from feeling homesick while in Korea.

"Sometimes I miss my friends, but if you spend time looking back, you'll never be happy," Will said. "This is my moment right now and I have to embrace it."

Junior human development major Elise Peterson is also a student teacher at the William E. Doar School for Performing Arts in D.C.

Peterson relates to White's experiences. She said juggling the responsibility of being a teacher and still being young is very difficult.

"It's hard trying to tell others what to do, because you're still young yourself," Peterson said. "There are times when I have my own homework to do, but I have to sit and correct their homework."

According to Peterson, those who choose to teach "really have to love teaching," especially at a young age.

Similar to Peterson, White said there are hardships that come with teaching. According to White, in order to excel, one must keep an open mind and know that it is truly something he or she wants to do.

White said Howard prepared him for whatever role he was going to take in life and that the situations he faced at Howard made him more resilient.

While at Howard, fellow-student Joe

Sports Trivia Answer!

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**Yale SCHOOL OF
MANAGEMENT**

Fine Arts Addresses Problems in Town Hall

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issues to the forefront."

While junior acting major Joshua Nelson will be unable to attend the program, he does hope that it ignites some changes within his department.

"We definitely need money," Nelson said. "Money will help improve the quality of our productions, help us put on more productions both big and small and, most of all, make more opportunities to exercise skill for students and faculty."

Nelson also said there are not enough events where students inspire



Tyrone Clemens - Contributing Photographer

The Fine Arts building has experienced several thefts over the course of the year.

students and there should be more student collaboration opportunities. "We learn better from one another because we can relate," he said.

There will be another meeting at the end of the month with Benjamin, all department chairs within the Fine Arts division and a special invite

to President Ribeau, to sit down and make a plan of action on how to resolve the problems presented.

The town hall meeting takes place today at 5 p.m. on the third floor of the Lulu Vere Childers Hall in room 3001. The meeting is open to all students.

Runners Rev Up for Election Season

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ticality, someone who will get the job done."

"Purpose" is the focus of Jones' campaign as he plans to focus on "the greater good of the student body."

Jones said, "The platform is believable because it is well-researched and it comes from students and is focused on students," Jones said.

Roberts, former HUSA vice president, is looking forward to seeing what the candidates have done for the university that makes them qualified to fill the position they wish to hold.

He said he wants to see how they implement work that has already been done at Howard and bring new ideas to solve student body issues.

Transparency and feasibility are two points for Joseph's platform.

He said they are going to pres-

ent ideas that actually can be carried out within the year that he serves, rather than ideas that are unattainable.

"Our transparency platform addresses visibility," said Joseph, College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Student Association representative. He said he plans to be readily available to the student body.

"I have no problem giving out my cell phone number, e-mail, or what ever it takes for students to reach me to address an issue that they might have," Joseph said.

Kirby, current undergraduate trustee, hopes that candidates have realistic ideas, are knowledgeable about exactly what their position entails and have plans to serve the student body and not fill a spot on their resume.

She said she doesn't want trustee candidates to promise something that the HUSA candidates would promise and vice versa.

"At this place that we are in history, it is time to catapult Howard University," Kirby said. "Serve the students but also the future of the university; set the pace for the next 10 to 15 years."

Anozie said his platform consists of innovative ways to further student and alumni participation.

"This is a solution-based platform," Anozie said. "We are not dealing with grievances, rather proposing solutions because the problems haven't significantly changed."

He said he and his campaign staff plan to change the way students are represented.

"Howard University interests should be number one," Kirby said. "Don't promise that you are going to fix the world, but make an impact that will at least make it better for when our brother, sisters, cousins, children and grandchildren come."



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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AUDITORIUM

Congress Approves Children's Health Insurance Bill

BY SHAKIRA THOMAS
Contributing Writer

On Thursday the U.S. Senate passed a bill that will extend the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), authorizing an additional \$32.8 billion over the next four years.

In addition to the 7 million children who are covered through the SCHIP program, 4 million more children will now be insured by 2013. The children will come from families with incomes up to 300 percent of the federal poverty line.

SCHIP is a program that was established in 1992, designed to provide health insurance to children whose families make too much money to qualify for Medicaid but not enough money to purchase private insurance.

While in office, former President George Bush did not allocate more money into the SCHIP program, saying the proposed legislation that would add \$35 billion to the program was too expensive.

In October 2007, Bush vetoed the legislation that would have reauthorized SCHIP and expanded enrollment in the program to approximately 10 million children. Later that month, he signed a legislation that would provide funding for SCHIP through March 31, 2009.

The extension of the program was expected to provide enough funds to cover children who were already enrolled in the SCHIP program.

Each state was given flexibility in designing their SCHIP programs' eligibility requirements, as long as they met the federal government's basic guidelines. Some states even renamed the program.



Pediatrician Dr. Bob Sears, left, discusses a vaccination schedule with Jessica Byers and daughter, Keaton, 7, during a checkup for her 1-month-old daughter, Olivia. The State Children's Health Insurance Program will allow millions more children to be insured by 2013.

Leonard Ortiz - Orange County Register (MCT)

The CHIP program in Pennsylvania was used as a model for the federal government's SCHIP program.

President Obama's goal is to one day have all children covered with health insurance. Even with the additional funds, an estimated 5 million children

will still be without health insurance.

"As the worsening economy causes families to lose their jobs and health insurance, it is vital that we redouble our efforts to ensure that every child in America has access to affordable health care," Obama said in a statement.

The revised SCHIP bill came with new provisions that were not included in the one originally proposed to Bush. One of the provisions will allow pregnant, legal immigrants and their children to skip the five-year waiting period before being eligible for SCHIP.

The other provision in the bill is to allow easier proof of residency. Some Republicans argue that this could allow illegal immigrants to get insurance coverage through SCHIP.

However, Democrats say these provisions are meant to reward legal immigrants and to improve the health of immigrant children. Some feel that immigrants that are legally in the United States should be able to receive medical care and get the health insurance they need.

Senator Max Baucus (D-Mont.) said legal immigrant children should get health insurance, just like all other children.

"When Obama signs this bill, the real victory will belong not to politicians, but to kids," Baucus said, according to the *Associated Press*.

Without health insurance coverage, children or adolescents will not be able to receive their scheduled immunization shots and vaccinations. Adolescents will benefit from SCHIP as well because the program covers citizens up to age 19.

Shannon Marbury said without health care coverage from D.C. Healthy Families, Washington, D.C.'s version of the SCHIP program, her children would not be able to get proper care.

"It is important for both of my boys to be seen by one primary care physician than to have them go to clinics where they would be seen by many different doctors," said the working 22-year-old mother of two. "My primary care physician also helped me make better food choices and referred me to specialists as needed."

Odd Angles

Strange news from around the world

- According to AOL, a group of pranksters in Austin, Texas hacked computerized road signs and replaced the cautionary messages to drivers with the words "ZOMBIES IN AREA! RUN!" The signs appeared on a major city street.
- Police in Columbus, Ga. arrested a 51-year-old man in a wheelchair for allegedly stealing a woman's purse and then spitting in the arresting officer's face. Police say the victim was resting on a couch in the lobby of a building when the wheelchair bound man rolled by and snatched her bag.
- According to the *Associated Press*, the number of men applying to be sperm donors has increased from 150 applicants a year to 400 since September. Betsy Cairo of CyroGam Colorado attributes the increase in willing sperm donors is because of the poor economy. She says that there are not nearly as many applicants during good economic times.
- Vermont firefighters responded to a call to help rescue a man that was stuck inside a chimney. The unidentified man said he did not know how he got there.

- Compiled by Jada F. Smith, Nation & World Editor

How Well Do You Know Your ABCs?

The United States government has a plethora of administrative agencies all identified by letter acronyms. Think you can name them all?

FSA (Farm Service Agency) – The FSA's goal is to improve the economic stability of the agricultural industry and to help farmers adjust production to meet demand. They seek to create a steady price range for agricultural commodities for both farmers and consumers.

FBP (Federal Bureau of Prisons) – The FBP seeks to protect society by confining offenders in the controlled environments of prisons and community-based facilities that are supposed to be safe, humane, cost-efficient and appropriately secure. They are also supposed to provide inmates with self-improvement opportunities and help them become law-abiding citizens.

FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) – FDIC is an independent agency that was created by Congress to help maintain the stability and public confidence in the nation's financial system by insuring deposits, examining and supervising financial institutions.

FEBs (Federal Executive Boards) – The FEBs act as a forum for communication and collaboration among federal agencies that operate outside of D.C. They seek to provide effective coordination among federal employees that work outside of the nation's capital.

FRS (Federal Reserve System) – The responsibility of the FRS (commonly referred to as the Fed) is to formulate the monetary policy of the country. The five board members of the fed are responsible for making all the decisions affecting the cost and availability of money and credit in the economy.

Information courtesy of Usa.gov

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Happenings From Home

News from various states in the country

TEXAS

After a herpes outbreak killed six young Asian elephants, The Houston Zoo and the Baylor College of Medicine are trying to develop a vaccine for the disease, while animal welfare activists are calling on zoos to stop breeding elephants.

MICHIGAN

A highway trash hot line that operated in Lansing was shutdown after 20 years because city officials say it has outlived its usefulness. The trash tip line was established in 1988 to notify officials about debris that had fallen from uncovered commercial vehicles.

NEW JERSEY

Atlantic City mayor Lorenzo Langford asked various city employees to take unpaid, temporary leave of absences and is considering demoting police officers to save \$4 million.

CONNECTICUT

The office of the Secretary of State said 13,456 businesses have filed paperwork to dissolve their companies -- an 18 percent increase in closings from 2007.

GEORGIA

A high school dance team at Jonesboro High School was disbanded after parents complained about a risqué routine performed at a basketball game.

TENNESSEE

A state House Ethics Committee hearing for a sexual harassment complaint against Speaker Kent Williams was delayed after the female lawmaker he's accused of harassing was hospitalized.

Information courtesy of USAToday.com

- Compiled by Jada F. Smith, Nation & World Editor

New Student Orientation: Congress' Freshman Class

Fun facts about the newest members of Congress

- John Boccieri (D-Ohio) is currently a reservist in the U.S. Air Force.
- John Fleming (R-La.) is a third degree black belt in Shotokan Karate.
- Mark Udall (D-Colo.) is the son of Morris Udall, who ran for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1976.
- Mark Warner (D-Va.) helped co-found Nextel.
- Jason Chaffets (R-Utah) was a placekicker for Brigham Young University's football team in the 1980s. He set two football records.
- Phil Roe (R-Tenn.) is a practicing OB-GYN.
- Bill Posey (R-Fla.) is an award-winning stock car racer.
- Walt Minnick (D-Idaho) worked as a staff member in the White House during the Nixon administration.
- Larry Kissell (D-N.C.) was a social studies teacher.
- Marcia Fudge (D-Ohio) earned a varsity letter in field hockey, fencing, basketball and volleyball in high school.

Information Courtesy of CNN.com

- Compiled by Jada F. Smith, Nation & World Editor

Coach Collier Exudes Dedication, Bison Pride

BY RYAN FOSTER
Contributing Writer

Seated behind a messy desk littered with papers and office supplies, a severe looking man in a Howard T-shirt gazes intently at the television positioned beside his desk. As he sits down, his eyes dart instinctively back to the screen where a player has just scored.

"I'm just copying a tape of last night's game at CSU," he assures. "Don't worry, you have my full attention."

Hailing from Jamaica Queens, N.Y., Matt Collier has loved basketball since grade school.

"When I was in high school, I knew I probably wasn't going to make it to college-level ball," he said. "But I had such a great understanding of the strategies and an interest in the game. Hands down, basketball is my favorite sport, then maybe football."

This interest and understanding is what led him to pursue a career in

coaching college basketball.

Due to the difficulty of finding a job in coaching, Collier wasn't sure he would be able to enter the profession. But after receiving a degree in sports management from his alma mater, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, he was lucky to secure a position as an assistant coach at the Globe Institute of Technology in New York, followed by a stint as coordinator of basketball operations at Drexel University.

As one of two assistant coaches, Collier handles a considerable amount of administrative tasks, including making phone calls and completing paperwork.

"Along with Assistant Coach Wilhelm, my main goal is to assist Head Coach Jackson in running the program," he said. "I handle ordering any equipment we might need, copying and sending out tapes of games and sometimes watching films to help prepare the team for future opponents." In addition to typical office duties, Collier also deals heavily with

the recruitment process and monitoring players academically.

"Another big part of my job is making sure the players are okay personally, and that's the part I take the most pride in," Collier said. "It's tough; playing a college sport takes up a lot of time, and players still have girlfriends, families and issues that come up."

"I had some trouble around this Christmas break and he helped make sure I had everything I needed," said junior Kandi Mukole. "He's not really like a big brother, but he's always behind us if anything ever goes wrong. He always wants to make sure we do our best."

Since his tenure at Howard University, Collier has a few favorite moments of his own.

"My two favorite moments working with the Bison would have to be beating Hampton at Madison Square Garden last season and winning the game against Oregon State," he said. "The Madison Square Garden game was great because it was such a huge stage and an amazing win. Not to mention I'm from New York. And the win against Oregon State was considered the biggest win in Howard basketball history, and we won it at home in front of our fans."

Although Howard's athletic department undoubtedly boasts some of the most committed and talented coaches, staff and athletes, according to Collier there is one problem: understaffing. The norm for a Division I basketball team is to have at minimum three full-time assistant coaches and an administrative position.

At Howard, there are only two assistant coaches, tackling a workload usually distributed among four or more people.

"It's a lot of work," Collier said. "We spend so much time doing other things that we don't necessarily have the time to work on things like developing players or other aspects of the program, including recruiting."

Regardless of an obvious understaffing problem, Collier said he loves working with the Bison.

"On the bus ride home after a win, the satisfaction you feel from being around your team is great," he said. "Everyone's joking and having a good time, and it's a great positive energy. I can't imagine any other job where you can get that experience."

As for future plans, Collier admits that, naturally, every assistant coach has a desire to run their own program one day, but he is very pleased with being a part of the Howard family for his fourth season. "When I leave my job, I want to leave it better than I found it," he said. "We still have work to do, and I'm committed to seeing that through."

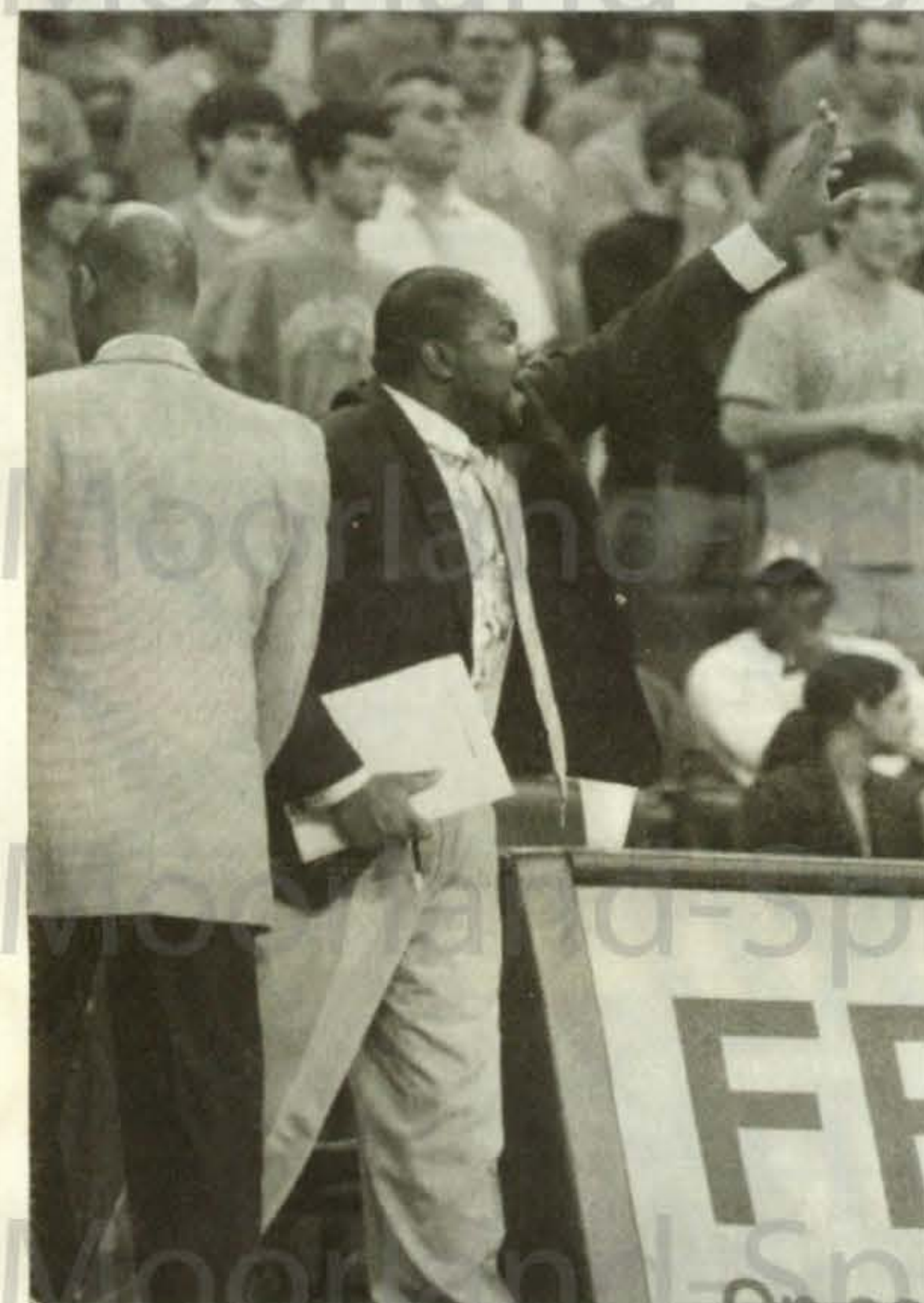


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Matt Collier is an assistant coach for the Howard men's basketball team. He has been a part of the Bison basketball program for four years.

Meet the Staff

Rimmon Martin

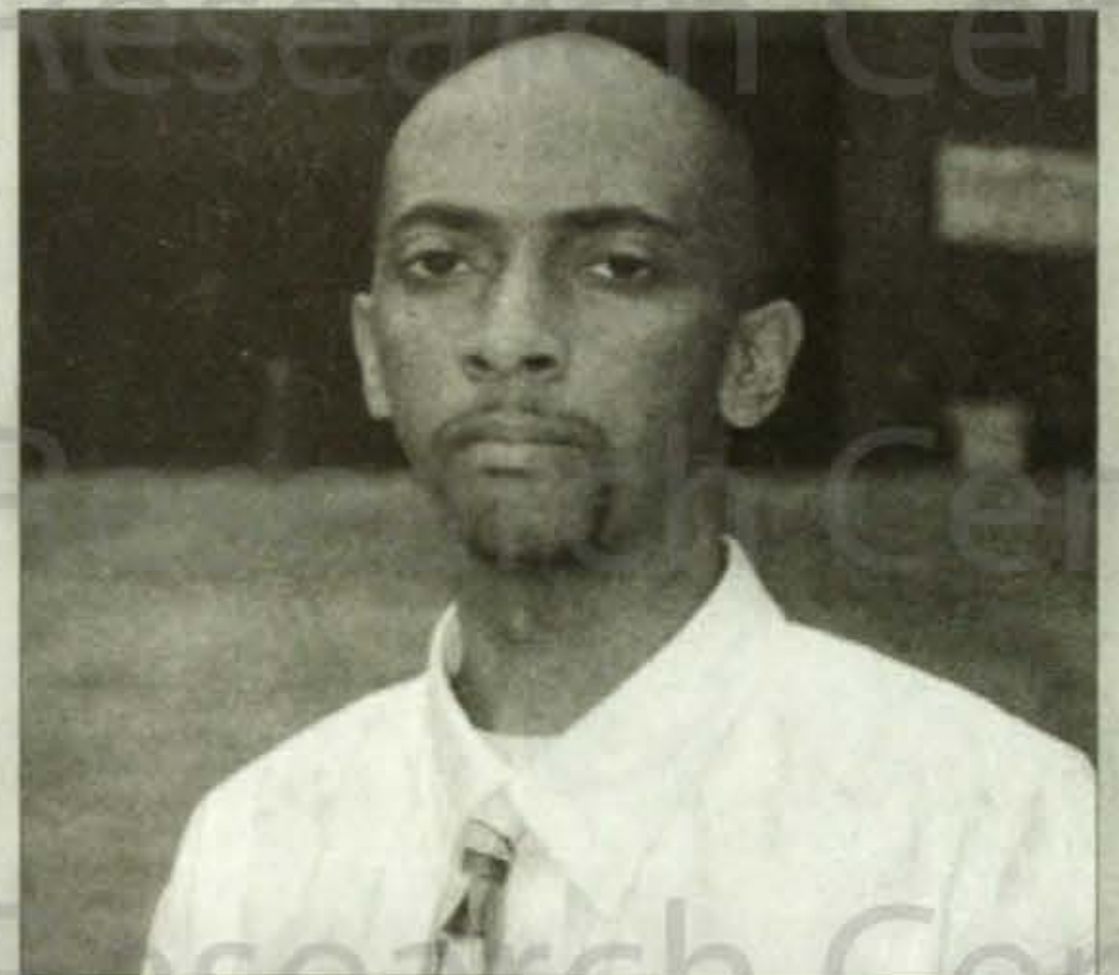


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Rimmon Martin is an administrative assistant for Howard's football coaching staff. He is also an aspiring rapper who once dreamt of starting his own record label.

BY RYAN FOSTER
Contributing Writer

The Hilltop: Where are you from and what college did you attend?

I'm from Rhode Island and went to college at Bowie State. I graduated with a degree in business administration.

The Hilltop: What are your daily duties as an administrative assistant?

My daily duties consist of processing all paperwork for the football, women's soccer and softball teams. I handle ordering equipment, uniforms and things like that. I also interact with players sometimes; whenever they need something written up or printed out, I handle that.

The Hilltop: What is the favorite part of your job?

My favorite part of my job is dealing with NFL scouts that come through here sometimes. I also like talking to the coaches about the game; they school me on things I don't know.

The Hilltop: Is this what you've always wanted to do?

My dream was to open my own business, so when I graduated, I attempted to start my own record label, called All Star Heights. I also taught conceptual physics and biology at Suitland High School for a few years. I hate to say this, but it's pretty hard for a young black man to get started in a career in business. It was something my teachers never really prepared me for. So I don't only work at Howard, I'm also a rapper.

The Hilltop: So tell me about your rap career. What's your rap name? Are you working on any special projects?

My rap name is Tha Kid MD. I'm actually working on a mixtape called "The Rap Kid Returns." My last studio session is this weekend. My first video should be coming out in March. I'm also working on a hip-hop movie titled *Day One (Individual Head-to-Head Action)*.

The Hilltop: If there is one thing you want the student body to know about you, what would it be?

I would just want them to know that I'm a multi-talented and hard-working guy that's just trying to get better every day.

Mike Tomlin Becomes 2nd Black Coach to Win a Super Bowl

BY DAVID WHITLEY
McClatchy Newspapers

After hundreds of questions the past week, the next-to-last one Mike Tomlin faced was about his appearance.

Was it about the clothes he wore to Monday morning's news conference?

No, though they were different. Instead of a coat and tie, Tomlin wore a tan blazer and blue dress shirt.

Recent winners like Tom Coughlin and Bill Belichick also didn't hold up well on almost zero sleep. When Tomlin took the podium, his 36-year-old eyes were bright and his voice resonated around the room.

But his youth didn't prompt the appearance question either. What could it have been?

Oh yeah, Tomlin is black.

No news there. But Tomlin's color didn't come up until the 15th of 16 questions. Now that's news.

"People don't look at Mike Tomlin as an African-American coach," said Roger Goodell, who was standing off to the side. "They look at him as a great coach."

And what a pleasant change that is. Two years ago when Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith faced off, every third question concerned breaking the coaching color barrier.

If those two were Neil Armstrong planting the flag on the Super Bowl moon, Tomlin was Buzz Aldrin.

There were far more stories about Larry Fitzgerald's hair than Tomlin's skin.

What next, a black president?

Barack Obama was supposedly the nation's first post-racial candidate, though it's hard to believe his color had no impact on the vote. It's not hard to believe the NFL is fast arriving at a place America dreams to be.

It's a league where a person gets a plum job based on ability, not color.

"That's what our system is designed to be," Goodell said.

It took a lot of redesigning over the years. There were all of two African-American head coaches in 2002. That prompted the Rooney Rule, which required teams to interview at least one minority candidate.

Unlike college football where some still operate like it's 1952, I don't think racism was a big hiring impediment in the NFL.

It was ignorance. The same

people talked to the same people who recommended the same people.

It's no coincidence that it took a maverick like Al Davis to make Art Shell the league's first modern-day black coach in 1989. Or that a total NFL outsider like Malcolm Glazer finally gave Tony Dungy a shot in 1996.

The Rooney Rule at least forced some fresh faces into the stale process. There are now six African-American head coaches. I don't know what number proves the NFL has reached race neutrality, but barriers have unquestionably fallen.

Youth and inexperience are no longer an issue (see: Tomlin and Raheem Morris). Failures are given second chances (see: Dennis Green and Herm Edwards).

In other words, black guys can be as unproven and unsuccessful as white guys and still get hired.

The ironic thing is Tomlin wasn't a product of the Rooney Rule. The Steelers had already interviewed Ron Rivera two years ago. Tomlin just came in and impressed them more.

Call it karma because owner Dan Rooney instigated the rule. Now he has the NFL's Obama, though we can only hope the president is half as good at his job.

Tomlin motivates like Vince Lombardi. He strategizes like Belichick. He quotes Robert Frost.

He is the first winning coach who is actually younger than the Super Bowl. Oh yeah, did we mention he's black?

Not a lot of people did the past week.

That alone says a lot.

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

February 4, 1971

Major League Baseball announces a special Hall of Fame wing for black players.

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Sports Trivia!

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Meeting the Parents: Major Milestone for Dating Couples

BY BRITTANY SIMS
Contributing Writer

Some say finding that special someone is difficult. But even more challenging is determining the right time to take those major steps in a relationship: saying 'I love you,' making the relationship public on Facebook, or even the most dreaded: meeting the parents.

So when is the right time?

"It depends on the relationship between you and your partner," said Monica Williams, a third-year medical student. "If the relationship was strictly platonic, you may introduce them early on."

For Christina Noble, a junior psychology major, meeting her boyfriend's parents wasn't something that was planned, but something that happened naturally.

"We had been talking for a few months and we really liked each other," Noble said. "We didn't plan when I was going to meet them, but we were ready for it when it happened."

Psychology professor Dr. Jules Harrell said there may be certain issues that need to be ironed out before couples decide to take that step. He said there are several issues that should be dealt with, concerning which members of the family you'll meet and how you'll meet them.

Other factors that may be considered can concern the parents' personalities, what to expect when meeting them and what this introduction means to the advancement of the relationship.

It may sound like a lot of pressure, but according to Harrell, some of that pressure can be reduced depending on the parent-child relationship.

"If you and your parents have an open, sharing relationship [with your parents], you'll probably be comfortable enough to introduce them to your partner early in the relationship," Harrell said.

Junior finance major D'Juan Thomas was nervous about introducing his girlfriend to his parents.

"I usually don't tell my parents about my personal life because it usu-



For young couples, meeting the parents is a big step in a relationship for which both parties should be well-prepared. It is best to be natural when meeting a significant other's family.

ally isn't that serious," Thomas said. "So when the time came, it was nerve wrecking. You can't just bring anyone home to moms and pops."

Phylicia Bridgewater, a junior human development major, got more than

she bargained for when she met her boyfriend's mother.

"She asked me if I loved her son," Bridgewater said. "I didn't know what to say so I told her I cared about him. I thought he was crazy."

While first impressions may go a long way, Williams warns people not to try too hard to impress anyone's parents.

"Do not put on a facade because you're presenting a false self," she said.

Williams said people should not

be too rehearsed and should instead be natural. She advised people to feel free to show their sense of humor, but to also show that they can be serious when it counts.

H-RATED: HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU



Movie: He's Just Not That Into You

Starring: Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Connelly, Kevin Connolly, Scarlett Johansson

Rating: PG-13

Release Date: Feb. 6, 2009

When Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo's dating advice book, *He's Just Not That Into You* debuted years ago, it was an instant hit. Women everywhere were clamoring to get at the goods on why men dump women and how to tell when he's just not interested. Now brought to the big screen in 2009, "Into You" is sure to charm audiences whether one is familiar with the book or not. Featuring an ensemble cast including Jennifer Aniston, Ben Affleck, Jennifer Connelly and Justin Long, this film is a refreshing break from romantic comedy monotony.

Abby Kohn and Marc Silverstein direct in this ensemble film about a group of interconnected 20 and 30-somethings in their lives in Baltimore, Md., as they attempt to man-

age the intricacies and nuances of the dating world.

Perhaps the one thing that will make audiences fall in love with "Into You" is that it has something so many other romantic comedies lack: reality. Every character is relatable, from Gigi, the neurotic, desperate friend played by Ginnifer Goodwin, to the guy trying repeatedly to get the attention of a girl who just refuses to give it, Conor played by Eric McCormack of "Entourage" fame. The movie highlights those first few unpleasant moments that anyone may encounter once they throw themselves into the dating game. From the first meeting, (Will he or will he not turn out to be a jerk?) to the first uncomfortable phone call (Who should call first? What do you say?) "Into You" captures the true-to-life situations of its viewers, who may find themselves remembering their own very similar awkward moments.

Even more surprising than its great story line, characters and script, was the casting. "Into You" features a large and well-known en-

semble cast. Oftentimes, all-star casts' performances are watered down by the appearance of so many familiar faces that the film's sheer star power overwhelms the actual quality of the acting in the movie. However, unlike the rest of its genre cohorts, this film allows for each character and cast member to shine in their respective roles. Even the most miniscule of characters is a delight to watch, and never once did I find myself wishing a character was at all different.

The acting in this film was wonderful, finding the perfect medium between serious and humorous, so I give it a four out of five stars. Directing, script and plot development were all fun to watch, so I have to give them a five out of five. Overall, "He's Just Not That Into You" gets 4.5 out of five stars. This is sure to be the best romantic comedy you've seen since "Love Actually."

Overall Rating: A

— Reviewed by Kirsten McRae, contributing writer

Lost In Wonderland



During my agonizing and historical trek to the 44th presidential Inauguration, I encountered a plethora of interesting people. However, none were as interesting as Ms. Fancy Pants.

A couple of friends and I happened to run into her at the hot dog stand in L'enfant Plaza. As we engaged in a conversation, she began to explain to us—in extreme detail—how her family had left

her at the Inauguration and how she would curse them out "Grand Style" when she met with them again.

As Ms. Fancy spoke, I watched her. I listened to the tone she spoke in; I watched the movements and gestures she made and almost immediately I drew the conclusion that she was single.

The longer we talked, the more she went on to tell us about, how after graduating from college, she briefly moved to New York City but opted to settle in D.C., or "Chocolate City" as she called it. She discussed purchasing her first house on Rhode Island Avenue and losing it when she transferred the lease to her nephew. Never once did she mention a husband, but her appearance suggested she lived a fun life and managed to maintain a lucrative job regardless.

Ms. Fancy's antics were intriguing, but my thoughts had long since been captivated by what she had to say. As she spoke, I wondered what she did for a living,

how much she made. Had she ever been engaged, or even in a long-term relationship? Had she had any abortions? Did she wish she had children?

As my silent pondering commenced, I became furious. I began to think about every "successful woman" in my life, and realized they were all single. Does being a "successful woman," by societal standards, automatically equate to being single? After daydreaming into oblivion, I rejoined the conversation with Ms. Fancy Pants until it came to an end.

For as long as I can remember, I have never been a proponent of relationships. I have never wanted to have children or be married. I don't want to have anything to do with being a status quo, attached and involved person.

Speaking with Ms. Fancy Pants was semi-empowering for me because she showed me that women can be powerful and happy on their own. But, as I spoke with my friends about my theory of being

happy, powerful and single, they were anything but understanding. They told me, "Everyone wants a relationship" and "You're going to be miserable." But I beg to differ.

Has the world fed women an image that says we're not whole unless we are cleaning diapers, cooking dinner and working a full-time job? I don't understand the notion that one would want to be over-worked for life, with a measly ring and a shared home to feel loved.

So, Fancy, this one is for you. Thank you for helping me realize what you powerful, single gals are all about. I mean, who wouldn't want to live the life of a luxurious bachelorette—minus the tomfoolery? Just sign me up.

Edén Godbee is a junior broadcast journalism major from Atlanta, Ga.

He's Just Not That Into You if...

- ...you go to check him in while someone else is checking him out.
- ...his ringtone for other girls is "Freaky Girl" by Gucci Mane.
- ...he gets calls from "his mom" at 1 a.m.
- ...you count the time you had dinner in the cafe together as a date.
- ...he can't do the long distance relationship...he lives in Meridian and you live in Cook.
- ...the only time he calls you is to see what he missed in political science class.
- ...he always wants to come over during visitation hours, but doesn't want to hug you in the Punchout.
- ...he answers all your questions with one-word responses.
- ...you can't visit him because he "lost visitation."

- compiled by the Hilltop Staff

Caught In Style

Layers

"...lately fashion has become one of my passions."



Who: Brittney Anderson, junior, sports medicine
Where: Chemistry Building

What are you wearing?

Black Leather Jacket, Urban Outfitters
Printed Scarf, Aldo
Sweater, Urban Outfitters
T-Shirt, Urban Outfitters
Jeans, Urban Outfitters
Brown Leather Boots, Nordstrom
Knit Hat, Icing
Bag, Louis Vuitton

I want to be a dentist and I want to have my own practice.

How does majoring in sports medicine go with dentistry?

Well, I was going to go into sports medicine. What I really wanted to do earlier was be a team physician for like a national team with the NFL or NBA and then I had an internship last year at an endodontics office and I really enjoyed my internship and everything they had me do.

So how would you describe the Howard fashion scene?

That was one of the first things that I heard about Howard. Just that it was a big school on fashion and everything, and then when I came here, it just seemed like everybody knew how to dress. But it was just because everybody was from a different place so they were just kind of representing where they're from.

Dentistry isn't a very fashion-forward field, how do you feel about that?

As of right now, I don't know. I'm not going to go straight to dental school. I think I'm going to take a year off and really figure out what I want to do because lately fashion has become one of my passions, so I'm not sure if I want to expand on that.

"...you don't have to have a lot of money to dress fashionably."



Who: Carrie Lofton, sophomore, marketing
Where: Douglass Hall

What are you wearing?

Knit Hat, H&M
Printed Scarf, Target
Striped Shirt, Forever 21
Brown Leather Belt, Forever 21
Jeans, American Apparel
Boots, Nordstrom
Earrings, Vintage
Ring, Charlotte Russe
Bag, Versace

I would describe my style as trendy but original, because I put my own touch on it. I love dressing up.

Why do you like dressing up?

I feel like you should dress up everyday, just because it makes me feel good and I like the world to see my good side.

Would you say that you dress for other people or yourself?

No, I dress for myself. It just makes me feel good to know that I look nice.

Is it hard staying fashionable and being on a budget?

It's really hard to budget. But I've always believed that you don't have to have a lot of money to dress fashionably, so you have to know when to quit shopping. But it's never stopped me from looking nice.

What's your favorite thing in your closet?

My favorite thing in my closet would be my accessories: hats, scarves, jewelry and shoes.

What do you like about accessories?

Accessories bring out the outfit and it allows you to put some creativity on there. Plus, I like getting jewelry that not everyone else has, so I can stand out.

"If I'm having a bad day, I can dance and I won't think about it anymore."



Who: Ashley Marshall, sophomore, psychology
Caught: Blackburn Cafeteria

What are you wearing?

Brown Tweed Fedora, Urban Outfitters
Purple Sweater, H&M
Denim Vest, Urban Outfitters
Jeans, Forever 21
Scarf, Target
Boots, Carson Pirie Scott
Purse, Thrift Store

I'm a dancer. I've been dancing since I was three.

What kind of dance do you like?

Right now, hip-hop I guess; but, when I was younger, ballet.

What about dancing do you like?

I don't know. My mom put me in dance when I was three and I hated it a first; I cried. But she made me stay with it and dance is kind of my outlet, so if I'm having a bad day, I can dance and I won't think about it anymore.

Does your style and dance affect one another?

I think being in the dance world and the hip-hop world has affected my style a little bit. I'm not like full hip-hop, but it does. It gives me little quirks that other people wouldn't necessarily see, but because I'm in the dance world, I see it all the time.

Do you have a favorite dancer?

I have favorite choreographers. My favorite choreographer right now is Luam. She's a hip-hop choreographer; she choreographs for everybody. Also there's this other local choreographer in Chicago. His name is Miguel; he's raw.

- Photos and interviews compiled by Eboni Washington, Contributing Writer



Terrance James - Chicago Tribune (MCT)

Girl Power: Women Continue to Make Big Moves in U.S. Politics

Not only has it been a great year for black people (it's always a good time to be black, though!) but it's also been a historic and groundbreaking year for women.

On Tuesday, former First Lady and New York Senator Hillary Clinton was sworn in as Secretary of State. On Jan. 20, 2009, Michelle Obama became the nation's first black First Lady.

Nine days later, the Lilly Ledbetter act was signed into law, setting a statute of limitations for pay discrimination against women. And let's not forget about good ol' Sarah Palin because even though she was not our favorite, she still made history when she became the first female to gain the Republican vice-presidential nomination. Throughout the past few months, these women exuded Girl Power at its finest!

The women's suffrage movement in America began in 1848 at the Seneca Falls convention in New York and was spearheaded by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott. For the next 70 years, women's suffrage activists would work to ensure equal rights for women, including the right to vote. In 1920, the 19th Amendment made it illegal for state and federal agencies to place gender-based restrictions on voting.

Although Hillary is not our first female Secretary of State, her dedication to this country and historic presidential campaign makes her the best person for the job. Clinton ran a race to the White House that did not necessarily end

Our View:
The glass ceiling is continuing to shatter; it is a great time for women to be involved in politics.

up in the Oval Office, but definitely proved that women can do anything that men can do. In her June 2008 concession speech, Clinton declared she and those who voted for her had put 18 million cracks in the glass ceiling by electing the first female presidential nominee. Clinton will surely go down in history as a First Lady, a senator and a Secretary of State. Time can only tell what the future has in store for Secretary Clinton.

Sarah Palin took the world by storm when Republican presidential nominee John McCain announced that he had chosen the Alaskan governor to be his running mate. Palin set the tone for hockey moms across the country and became a staple character on Saturday Night Live.

In the end, some said her candidacy contributed to the Republican defeat, but she remained competitive throughout the McCain-Palin campaign. Was she competent? We'll leave that up to you to decide. Nonetheless, Palin, too, opened doors for women in politics.

Ivy league graduate, attorney, mother, wife and fashion icon: these are just a few words that describe our First Lady Michelle Obama. Besides being the first black woman to hold this coveted position, Michelle Obama is without a doubt the most dynamic woman to ever live in the White House to date.

Throughout 2008, she was under intense media scrutiny for her, "for the first time in my life" comment and outspoken nature. She has graced the pages of magazines that range from the *New Yorker* to *Vogue*. Needless to say, Michelle Obama has set a new standard for future First Ladies.

For hundreds of years, women remained minuscule entities in the realm of American politics. Nowadays, they are giving men a run for their money and still make it home in time to help cook, clean, sleep and begin this cycle all over again.

Women in politics have become forces to be reckoned with and we don't see this cycle slowing anytime soon.

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Perspective

Reflection: "I am Not My Skin"

I love my sisters! I am not speaking of my blood sisters, but of my sisters I encounter every day at Howard University. I love my small sisters, my tall sisters, my light sisters, my dark sisters and my in-between sisters. I love their varying styles, personalities, backgrounds and perspectives. Sadly, not many of my sisters share this same view.

I attended "I Am Not My Skin" on Monday and was hurt by the fact that there were so few of my sisters in attendance. Hosted by Sister Stars, it was a dialogue that discussed "the complexity of my complexion."

Each young lady in attendance had a chance to articulate if they love themselves and for what reasons. Responses varied from "just because" to "because I'm just now learning how." The beauty of these answers lies in the fact that they were honest and had nothing to do with our physical features.

We discussed an assortment of topics concerning complexion, such as being considered too dark/light, being labeled a certain type of woman simply because of your skin tone and the fact that we encounter these situations daily on campus. We laughed, cried and shared things that are painful for some of us to speak about.

I can honestly say the discussion made me appreciate my time at Howard even more. However, what I do not appreciate is the fact that so many of my sisters are still looked at so negatively. I feel as though when I graduated from high school, I left all my childish ways on the ground and walked away from them.

Unfortunately, I cannot say the same for some of my brothers and sisters who continue to carry such ignorant ways and parade them around campus everyday. My question for them is: does hating your own family help to better

yourself? No, it surely does not.

Rather than spew hatred at each other, we need to shower each other with love. Do not feed into hating each other simply because someone has done it to you and continue to do it to others. Help break such a vicious cycle, not by tearing your family down and adding to the ruins, but by constructing a new foundation built from love and kindness.

Dr. Tosin Adegbola, host of the discussion, asked each of us to do something for her. She asked us, starting today and everyday after, to tell one of our sisters how beautiful they are, whether it is directly or indirectly stated. I promised her that I would and I am starting now. So to my sisters (and brothers) reading this, you are beautiful in every way!

- Jalisa Goodwin, freshman
English major

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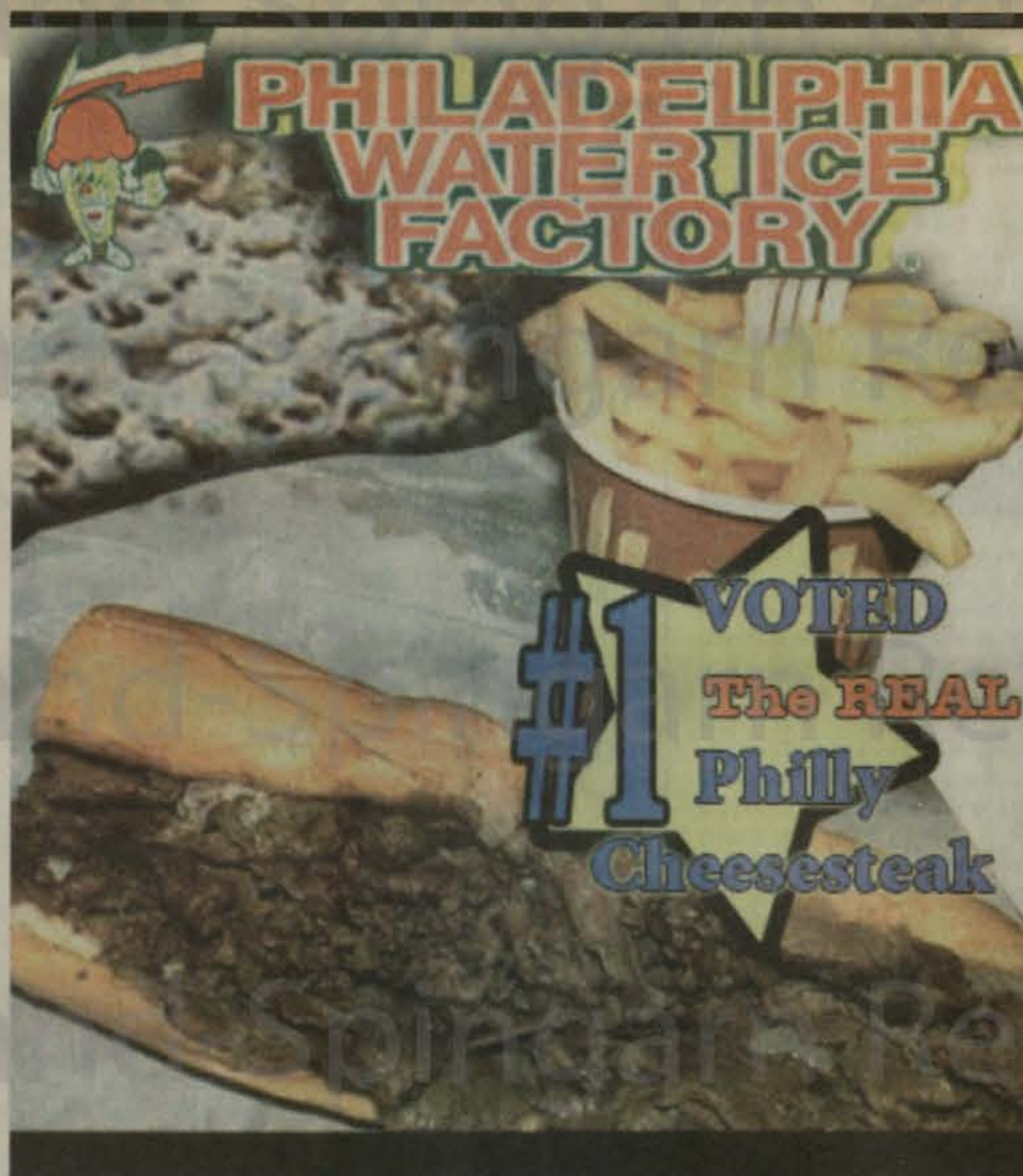
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SAVE THE DATE! On FEBRUARY 3, 2009 FROM 1 PM TO 2 PM there will be a massive voting take-over on essence.com. VOTE FOR fellow bison ANDREA HILL and her fiancé RASHAD SANDERS IN ESSENCE MAGAZINE'S WILL YOU MARRY ME CONTEST. ANDREA and RASHAD are one of five couples that have a chance to win a \$50,000 wedding!!! They are currently in SECOND PLACE, and you can push them in FIRST. YOU CAN VOTE AS MANY TIMES AS POSSIBLE. Howard has always been a school that supports its own, so please support a Howard alumna, to be victorious in Essence Magazine's Will You Marry Me contest! The contest ends February 12th. The actual link is <http://essence.com/packages/willyoumarryme/vote/html>.



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50% off
on beef cheesesteak w/coupon.
exp 2/6

Would you like to be recognized for your accolades at the Biggest Event of the School year? Stop by the HUSA Office Blackburn Suite 102 today and get information about the 2009 Excellence Awards. Awards include:
Bison and Bisonette of the Year
Male/ Female Underclassman of the Year
Graduate and Professional School Male/Female of the Year
Male/Female Athlete of the Year

Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity Inc.,
Alpha Tau Chapter
Presents: Spring 2009 Rush Week

Wednesday 2-4
Parading Through our Past Into the Future:
Chemistry Auditorium
7:16pm
Thursday 2-5
Second Line
Thursday: Formal Rush
Biology Auditorium
7:16pm

Come join the Health Professions Society (HPS) for our next general body meeting on February 4th from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Blackburn Forum. Refreshments will be served.

CALLING ALL PERFORMERS!!!!
HUSA AND THE PAN-AFRICAN YOUTH SUMMIT WILL BE HOSTING AUDITIONS FOR AN UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL ARTS SHOWCASE!!!!
WEDNESDAY 7:30PM 3RD FLOOR DOUGLAS HALL!

NCNW
Welcome Back Party
Feb. 5th 6:30 pm
Blackburn Game Room

Campaign Kick-Off.
2/4/09 @ Noon in the Punchout