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Pan-African Youth Summit Kicks Off Today at Howard

BY JADA SMITH Nation & World Editor

As a part of their mission to uplift and unify the Pan-African community, the Howard University Student Association

(HUSA) is hosting the Inaugural Pan-African Youth Summit which will kick off today in the Blackburn Center.

Each of the summit's five days are focused on central themes that the event's organizers hope will raise awareness about the issues plaguing the Diaspora community. Education and the arts, the political economy, health and nutrition, gender roles and the African family and spirituality are examples of what will be discussed.

Coordinator of the event, Josh Myers, said that he hopes the event will serve as a tool to encourage intellectual discussion among the descendents of Africa.

"The goal is to bring together young conscious voices of the

African Diaspora-together with elders in the Pan-African movement to convene and converse about problems and solutions that affect the worldwide African

He said that the summit is expecting 50 attendees from outside of the professor of African-American studies, United States, 100 from outside of How- commends the students for trying to ard, 100 registered Howard students and continue a legacy of Pan-Africanism at

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Gregory Carr. Ph.D., assistant Howard.

> "I think the Pan-African Youth Summit is from a long tradition of Howard University students convening meaningful intellectual conferences," Carr said. "They did it in '68, in the 50's around the civil rights, the 80's around apartheid. I'm pleased to see their generation take the baton. It will make a difference."

Myers hopes that those who attend the events will not only learn from the sessions, but will be inspired to make change in their respective communi-

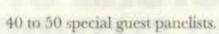
"Problems only get solved together," he said. "We have to work across national boundaries to get things done. We have a lot to do as a people."

The first panel begins at 9 a.m.

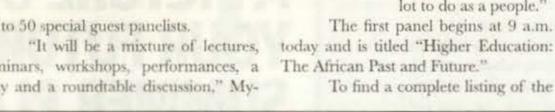
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"The Michelle Obama History Quilt" represents a work of art from the Diaspora. Among other topics, the Pan-African Youth Summit will address issues in the arts.



seminars, workshops, performances, a play and a roundtable discussion," My-





The flag on the right represents the many countries the peace walkers visited on their journey of walking for world peace. The walkers can now add the District to their list of destinations. Danny Garcia, second from left, has walked over 25,000 miles for peace.

Local Community Walks for Peace

BY GENET LAKEW Staff Writer

On Saturday, Feb. 21, D.C. welcomed the peace walkers. A community walk-a-long was held at 3 p.m. beginning at Meridian Hill Park, also known as the Malcolm X park, to Saint Stephens Church.

In a close knit cluster of six to seven individuals, the group has literally been walking around the world for the past three and a half years.

On that sunny but breezy and cool day, among the dog walkers and joggers, the peace walkers were on the go again.

In October 2005, five walkers joined the Trail of Dreams to begin their journey from Atlanta to spread PEACE - Passionately Engaged Affecting Communities Everywhere. On Jan. 21 of this

year, they returned to the states for the

final portion of their voyage expanding

from New York City down to Atlanta, "Oh my goodness, it's hard to single one thing out because everyday has been thrilling, absolutely thrilling. We are

meeting fabulous people everyday, having amazing experiences," walker Brenda

made the decision to close out her life in themselves what they can give up for the her native land to join this worldwide walking initiative.

"And who knows after that. I've sold everything at home; I know that my time there is finished," said Kay. "So I want to be completely free to just follow my heart with whatever needs to be done and could serve as the vessel for peace.

Trail of Dreams team has crossed six continents and visited 17 countries so far. The two large flags the walkers carried at Meridian Hill Park were composed of a collage of flags from around the word. The walkers are slated to complete their journey on April 21.

The Trail of Dreams World Peace Walk project has traveled to both wealthy and poverty stricken nations. It was important to see all sides. Williams said. Her and her colleagues have seen the worst of the worst and the best of the best cities

Williams believes that in order to discuss peace, the root causes of poverty and disparity must be investigated head Kay is an artist from Australia and on. Privileged people must begin to ask greater good.

> Also, instead of analyzing poverty from a political, cultural, social or corporate point of view, Williams suggested simply looking at the family structure.

The family is where it all begins Despite varying languages and religious According to its Web site, the orders the heart of the family is strong,

> "In some sense, we're hitting this wall and either we're going to keep hitting the wall and knock ourselves out, or we're going to begin to dismantle that wall and get beyond it," said Williams.

> In her travels, Williams discovered that different countries and cities face some of the same fundamental problems. For example, she paralleled the prison development in Baltimore

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Protesters at NYU are met by police officers who aimed to keep a demonstration from getting out of control. Some of the protesters were apprehended by authorities.

Tuition Increases Hit NYU, Protest Follows

BY OMARI EVANS Staff Writer

Several students at New York University were suspended Friday after protesting a tuition increase and a lack of administrative transparency.

The protesting lasted for three consecutive days, with students barricading themselves in the Kimmel Student Center, Feb. 18-20. Protesters were asked to leave by 1 a.m. on Friday, but the students remained. By 1:30 a.m., cops came into the building and forced the protesters out.

The students put up banners saying, "This is what democracy looks like!" and "Negotiate Now." The group that led the demonstration, Take Back NYU!, had about 70 members representing them at the protest and had a full list of demands.

"We were never once given an opportunity to engage in genuine dialogue with the administration and our grievances were not once formally addressed," said Clara Green, member of Take Back NYU!.

According to the group's Facebook page, they want an annual release of NYU's annual operating budget, disclosure of NYU's endowment holdings and the inclusion of an elected student representative to attend the NYU Board of Trustee meetings.

"As occupiers, we were attempting to corner the NYU administration into a position where they would be forced to meet with us," said Green. "What we did not fully understand was the degree of trickery and deceit they would employ to force us out of the building. Worst of all was their final act - they told us they were going to meet with our negotiators, and in good faith, the negotiators went into the room to speak to the administration. When they entered the room, they were denied negotiations, told they were suspended until further hearings and could not return to the rest of the occupying students."

Austin Thompson, senior political science major and spokesperson for the Political Education and Action Committee (PEAC), the group responsible for the tuition protests on the Yard Tuesday, said the NYU students were courageous, but it inevitably failed. Although, symboli-

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Baseball Returns With Howard Club Team

BY TERRICKA JOHNSON

Editorial Assistant

March 2 will mark the official return of Howard baseball courtesy of the Howard University Club Baseball Association.

The team, which is led by Marc Lee, assistant dean of residence life, will be competing as a member of the National Club Baseball Association.

"As a young man, I played baseball for about seven years. I didn't continue on into college, but I was drawn to it because it was a thinking man's game. A lot of young men approached me about starting a real team," said Lee.

Thomas Burrell, a visiting high school student from Southfield-Lathrup High School in Detroit, attended one of the Club's interest meetings for the

"I've been playing baseball since I was about seven or eight," Burrell said. "When I heard that Howard did not have a baseball team, I thought about other schools, but I decided that I would come anyway."

DeAndre Bailey, a junior legal communications major from Decatur, Ga., attempted to start a team his freshman year, but was unsuccessful in his cause.

"Freshman year, it was an idea

that me and another individual had. One thing I think we had this year was that people were a lot more serious about the team," said Bailey.

Bailey also expressed sentiments about this team being a long-term investment and being around for longer than

"I do not just want us to be an accidental team. I would like for us to be a nationally recognized team that competes on the East Coast, the West Coast and down south," said Bailey.

With tryouts starting on Monday, Feb. 23, and the first game against the University of Maryland on March 2, the team is looking for the best talent that they can find.

"We are looking for a group of men who have a strong passion for the game. A group of men who are here not just to compete, but who really want to win," Bailey said.

Lee said that he expects the team to start competing outside of their division as soon as next year and that he does not mind having an active role as the team continues on.

"I would like to be associated in any capacity that the students want me to be associated in. I would like them to also have someone who continued the sport longer than I did to be the actual coach of the team," said Lee.

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African-American History Museum Chooses Howard Professor, Designer as Contest Finalist

BY ASHLEY JOHNSON-ALFORD

On the northeast corner of 15th Street, in the shadow of the Washington Monument, will soon stand a tribute to centuries of African-American struggle and strife through exhibits and collections of artifacts reliving past events in history.

The first of its kind, a gurrent Howard professor competes for the opportunity to design it.

In a race to find a designer for the National Museum of African-American History and Culture (NMAAHC), 22 firms applied to make their contribution to the museum.

Interviews were held in December by a panel including the first executive director of the NMAAHC, Lonnie Bunch, Ph.D., to narrow down the com-

Six teams were selected as finalists, one team including Howard's own Architecture and Design professor Harry

Aside from teaching, Robinson has his own design consultant firm but is partnering up with Norman Foster of Foster and Partners.

Foster and Partners is based out of London, with a firm in New York as well. Also on board is Alford Blackburn, a Howard graduate who started Blackburn and Schneider Architecture Com-

"It is a great opportunity for Howard to have two alumni on the team," Robinson said:

Robinson's team consists of him, Foster & Partners and Blackburn Architects. Other finalists include Devrouax &

Purnell, who designed the Washington Nationals Park, and Pei Gobb Freed & Partners, the designers responsible for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Each team will receive a \$50,000 stipend, contingent on their being able to complete the construction of the building in three years, with construction starting in 2012.

In lieu of Black History month, as well as the passing of the 98° anniversary of the birth of the architecture program at Howard, Robinson's involvement in the designing of this museum seems

He anticipates the completion of the project and the creation of an African-American museum because "we don't have one large museum to call our own. We have smaller ones like the ones in Baltimore, Kansas City and Detroit,"

In hopes to complete the exhibits, many of these smaller museums are submitting their artifacts to the NMAAHC; some of them are even closing down.

"We have the Jazz Museum and the Negro Baseball League Museum, but we don't have a national museum just for us," he said. "This museum belongs to

Bunch agrees and voices the same feelings in his mission statement for the museum stating that the mission is to "help Americans remember, and by remembering stimulate a dialogue about race and help to foster a spirit of reconciliation and healing."

"To be a beacon for the nation that reminds us of what we were, what challenges we still face and to point us toward what we can become," said Bunch in his mission statement.

Robinson emphasizes the need for the museum to be a venue where people can reflect and remember the importance of things of the past.

"[Bunch's mission statement] is spectacular," Robinson said. "This is important because we will finally be able to tell millions of stories about African-Americans all over the nation."

The final design plans are due March 26 to be judged by a jury on April 1, 2 and 3 and then announced to the public.

The museum will be located on a five-acre stretch of land on the southwest corner of Constitution Avenue and 14th Street, 800 feet from the Monument, neighboring the National Museum of American History.

The museum should be completed by 2015. Virtual tours will be available online at www.nmaahc.si.edu.

Howard's African Student **Association Takes Part in** D.C. Fashion Week With "Color to Color" Fashion

BY TAHIRAH HAIRSTON Staff Writer

With the fashion sense of Howard University and HU's African Student Association (ASA), D.C. Fashion Week got a taste of originality with an international flair.

Strutting down the runway in Cramton Auditorium, the models of the "Kala: Couleur" fashion show exuded all expressions of color from their over the top hairstyles to striking a pose in the illustrious clothing of various designers.

According to show director Bolanle Salaam, "kala" means color in Hausa, a language from Nigeria, and "couleur" means color in French.

"I'm not someone who is a fan of color so I thought it would be interesting to do something that I wasn't used to," Salaam said. "With color, there are so many aspects, the color of people, art, animals, and we wanted to explore every aspect."

Salaam said that the purpose was to blend African and European fashion together, "Color to Color."

The fashion show was split into

six parts, each part exploring the diversity of color through the collections of different designers.

According to Salaam, the designers were found in different ways but they kept the theme of color in mind when choosing the designers for the show.

"We were looking to bring Coming to Africa into America," Salaam said.

Each designer displayed color in various ways from the handbags and T-shirts of Tribal Immunity to the futuristic designs of OX*LUNDEN.

The "Kala: Couleur" opening. "Here Lies Darkness," brought color to life with the resurrecting of a model in a vibrant yellow dress and dancing from the ASA dance group Omoge.

"I loved it actually; the futuristic one was my favorite," said Jasmine Gethurs, a junior public relations major. "The models were fierce." The audience was taken into

the designs of tomorrow, as the show closed with the designs of the future by OX*LUNDEN.

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today, but what women would wear tomorrow, said Lunden Carroll, one of the designers of OX*LUNDEN.

Austin Paul, designer of OX*LUNDEN, said that for the menswear they think about what would call on eyes on their designs.

"Everything is sewn and made by us; it's kind of like FUBU," Carroll said. "Well our designs don't look like FUBU, but the whole made

for us by us slogan." Along with fabulous clothing, the models flaunted artistic hair and make up designs with shades of vibrant colors on their lips and hair.

"I just kind of used my imagination; I wanted it to be colorful and bring forth color in a non typical way." "For our women's designs, we said Adewummi Sokova, creative direc-



Howard University's African Student Association held a fashion show titled, "Kala: Couleur," "Kala" and "couleur" means color in Hausa, a language of Nigeria, and French respectively, expressing fashion from both countries.

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to that of Australia. In both cases, there are large percentages of men and women locked up in prisons without a clear answer of what led them there in the first place.

The team has met hundreds of people and experienced joy, learning and even hardship in the three and a half year expedition.

Williams recounted fellow walker Karen Hunter Watson's discovery of and battle with breast cancer. She had surgery in Holland and has been using alternative healing methods. It has been over a year now and she's doing very well. Williams said.

Williams was also accompanied by her 79-year-old mother who is living with Alzheimer's. She was amazed and humbled by how caring and protective the natives of India, Egypt and Moroeco, particularly the men, were toward her mother.

The world peace walkers along the way have inspired dreamers to realize their goals and have impacted many lives. With no official financial backing, the team is now getting ready to close out their journey.

"I think for me personally, what's the measure of success, on one level, [is] that we made it back at all because it's truly a walk of faith," said Williams

Money Issues Play Role in Protest

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cally he believes NYU had a successful protest.

Thompson said that PEAC does not plan to mirror the Take Back NYU! protest in the future because overall strategy/tactics of the two groups differ.

"Civil disobedience is limited

and is only one tactic in order to get something done, but I think in the United States and around the world we have seen groups that have benefited from protesting," said Thompson. He cited the Jena 6, American Latinos in 2006 and events that have occurred on our campus as prime examples of effective civil disobe-

"It's interesting because we had a takeover of our administration building almost 20 years ago exactly," Thompson said. The protests made by the NYU students, he believed, demonstrates to the world that direct action is not just something that was done in the past.

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support of American entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship education. This third annual celebration focuses on the importance of entrepreneurship education and entrepreneurs in all the networking, publicity, events, policy, and support that is included in National Entrepreneurship Week.

2/24 Tuesday The New Business: From Trailblazers to Change Makers Founders' Library (Browser Room) 7:00pm = 9:00pm

A panel will discuss African-American entrepreneurship with a focusing on prominent social figures and corporate heads that have set the tone and "blazed the trail" for minority progression in politics and business. Topics in social entrepreneurship will encompass the comparative strategies used by Dr. Martin Lather King and President Barack Obama. Topics in business will center on minority "intrapreneurship", trailblaxers who have risen through the corporate ranks to lead Fortune 500 companies.

> Facilitator: Lawrence Ball, Student Intern, ELI Institute Panelist: HU Student/Emerging Entrepreneurs

Intrapreneurship: The Power from Within Founders' Library (Browser Room) 7:00pm - 9:00pm ELI will host a panel discussion on the impact of intrapreneurship. The term "intrapreneur" was coined by Gifford Pinchot. An intrapreneur is a person who focuses on innovation and creativity and who transforms a dream or an idea into a profitable venture, by operating within the organizational environment. An entrepreneur does the same by starting up his/her own

Panelists: Kevin Manuel-Scott, Chairman/CEO, Ronin IT Services, Inc. & Tina Taylor, President, Lifetime Leaders

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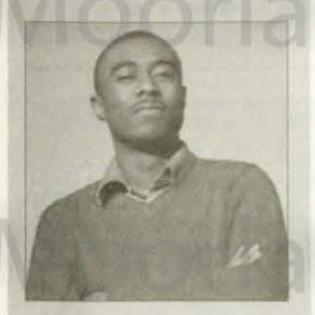
Blackburn Center (Ground Floor Plaza Level) 12:00pm - 4:00pm 2/27 Friday Black Market Place

Black Market Place, created by the Howard University Entrepreneurial Society (HUES) and The ELI Institute, is a showcase designed to exhibit the entrepreneurial talents of Howard University students. This venue promotes businesses owned by Howard University students, while advancing entreprensurship, networking and relationship building opportunities for students. All members of the Howard University community are encouraged to participate, patronize and support. As a monthly event, Black Market Place provides an opportunity for Howard University's entrepreneurs to promote and sell their goods, products and services. Black Market Place vendors have the opportunity to meet potential customers, network with other student/emerging business owners, and gain first-hand sales experience.

"We encourage students and educators to participate in the special events which will introduce our students to opportunities to be self-reliant through the development of entrepreneurial skills." - Johnetta Boseman Hardy, Executive Director, The ELI Institute

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A Nation of Cowards



BY EDWARD WILLIAMS Contributing Columnist

Earlier this week, the newly confirmed and sworn in U.S. Attorney General, Eric Holder, stated that the United States is "a nation of cowards," when it comes to talking about race.

Well, I must say that I am extremely proud of Mr. Holder and the audacity of his statement, I can't remember the last time we've heard such a true and unfiltered statement out of anyone in Washington.

Not only did Mr. Holder pull the skirt up on our unsuspecting nation, but he also pledged that his department of justice would lead the country in pursuit of a "new birth of freedom" and equal-

To Mr. Holder's statement, I would add that not only does our nation exhibit cowardice when it comes to discussing race, but we consistently exhibit an unbelievable level of immaturity.

A part of growing up and becoming responsible citizens in a diverse world is being comfortable enough to not only coexist among people who are different from you, but to be able to acknowledge and accept their differences.

The underlying premise here is that an inability to discuss and issue does not lead to its extinction. Now, I am sure that a few of you who are reading this are thinking, how can Mr. Holder's statement possibly be true when he himself is the first African-American Attorney General working in the administration

However, the reality is that the election and appointment of African-American officials has not stimulated an evaluative and critical conversation on the topic of race.

of the first African-American president?

If we were a brave nation, as it relates to the topic of race, there would be frank and open discussion about selfsegregation in our communities, disproportionate performance and funding in our minority dominated schools, disparaging percentages of African-Americans in the prison system, the clear correlation between race and socioeconomic demographics and a government where the majority of those in the highest elected and appointed positions are still Caucasian males (the U.S. Senate is a great example),

Mr. Holder's statement should be seen as a charge to our generation to open the lines of communication now, in essence once we begin to address the realities of our racial differences, we can begin to tackle the philosophical concepts of justice, equality and freedom.

Until we begin to address the race concept, we will only treat the symptoms of our nation's greatest problems as opposed to the root causes.

Now is the time for America to address the story behind her greatest wounds. I believe that once we remove the bandages from our dialogue, we will find that America's greatest strengths can be found in her former sore spots.

In truth, if we are to be the beacon for freedom to the world, we must be willing to have open and honest conversations about where we've been, where we are and where we're going as a nation, but this conversation can never be complete without discussing the reality of racial differences.

If we are not able to hold ourselves to this standard of bravery and maturity, how can we ask the fighting factions in the Middle East to do what we are proving incapable, or at least unwilling to do ourselves?"

America is a nation based on a strong sense of patriotism, honor and bravery; if only we would apply these same ideals to the things with which we are uncomfortable, we would truly be the greatest nation on the planet.

Edward Williams is a senior international business major from Savannah, Go.

The Innocence Project Uses DNA Tests To Exonerate Falsely Convicted Persons

BY COLLEEN CHALLENGER Contributing Writer

Every year in the United States, thousands of citizens are convicted of serious crimes; however, some of the convicted felons maintain their inno-

"We receive several hundred letters from those convicted, or from their family members every month," said Eric Ferrero, director of Communications for The Innocence Project.

The Innocence Project, based in New York City, is a non-profit organization dedicated to exonerating the wrongfully convicted through post-conviction DNA testing.

In 1983, Marvin Anderson, who was 18 years old at the time, was found guilty for raping and sodomizing a young, white female. Anderson, arrested and sentenced to 210 years in prison, was the victim of misidentification and the only thing available to prove his innocence, besides the confession of the real offender, would have been DNA testing which was not available in 1983.

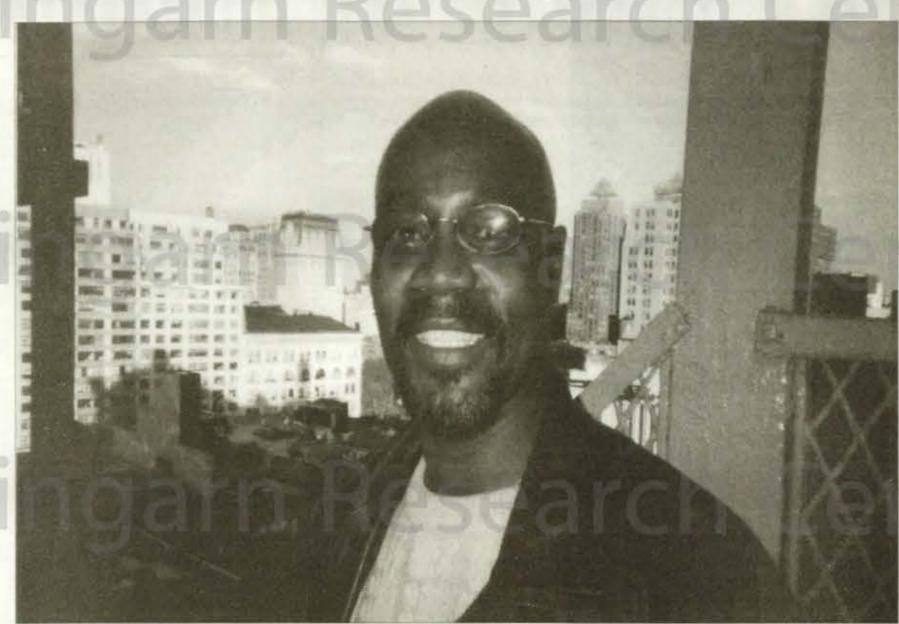
In 1997, after having served 15 years, Anderson was granted parole but was still ordered to register as a sex offender.

Paul Enzinna, attorney for the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project, which is one of 45 independent organizations apart of The Innocence Project's "Innocence Network," collaborated with Anderson in 2001 to prove his innocence using blood samples from the original

On Aug. 21, 2001, Anderson received a pardon from the governor of Virginia, and the charge was expunged from his records. On that day, he became the first person in the state of Virginia to be pardoned through DNA testing.

Since the start of the project's efforts in 1992 at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, its founders, civil rights attorneys Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld, have helped exonerate more than 210 individuals from across the nanon.

In total, those individuals served 947 years in prison. Many of them be-



Marvin Anderson was falsely convicted of raping a woman when he was 18 years old. After serving 15 years in prison, The Innocence Project helped exonerate him and get the conviction expunged from his record.

gan their sentences between the ages of take action."

tor at the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project, which services the District, Maryland and Virginia on the campus of American University Law School, said they receive "50 requests monthly," excluding those who continually contact the office.

When taking on a potential client, Amburst said two questions are asked: whether they think the person is innocent and if there is a way to prove they are innocent. If the answer to both of those questions is yes, Amburst said they will take a look at their case file.

"We look to see what is in the file. Was there scientific evidence submitted to the court ... we evaluate the creditability of the evidence and the conductor ... we send it out to the law school clinic or a private investigator; their job is to find new evidence; once found, we

Amburst and Ferrero, though Shawn Amburst, executive direc- miles apart, both agree that they are working towards reforming criminal in-

The Innocence Project "tries to marry individual case work with systematic reform ... to prevent this from happening instead of catching it 20 years later," Ferrero says.

On Monday, March 2, The Project will go before the U.S. Supreme Court in support of its recent client William Osborne, who has been denied post-conviction DNA testing by the state of Alaska. Though it would be of no cost to the state, the Alaskan government has denied his request for several years. The Project seeks to prove the state's actions

In support of Osborne's case, four exonerates, including Marvin Anderson, and one rape victim who is working to

exonerate the man she reported as her rapist, will be speaking at the Philip H. Hart Auditorium at the Georgetown University Law Center, Thursday, Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m.

"To hear from an exonerated person ... is such a powerful experience ... it has helped people deepen their understanding of themselves and where they want to go in life," said Ferrero.

Nomi-Kaie Bennett, a senior human development major, said it is a great project given the statistics about the mistakes made with regards to convicted

"It's a matter of what is right, and each human being should be able to have a free test that would determine the rest of their life," Bennett said.

Future goals for The Project include access to DNA testing for those falsely accused, eyewitness reform and compensation for exonerates.

MOTHERLAND MONDAYS

Is Obama Bad News for Africa?

Many continental Africans were proud to watch the world's supreme military power elect its first black president, but after recent weeks, some Africans doubt if Barack Obama will bring anything new to the position.

Like President Bush before him, the Obama administration is now in sharp disagreement with African governments and others who demand reparations for black-American slave descendants and who publicly condemn the state of Israel for their racist occupation of Palestine.

According to the Washington Post, President Barack Obama is even threatening not to attend the United _-Nations' World Genference Against once hopeful, she is beginning to Racism unless the group agrees with the United States' point of view. The U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Navanethem Pillay said a boycott by the Obama administration would be horrible for the international struggle against racism.

"It risks becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy, if the world's states cannot get together to discuss problems of this great importance," Pillay said. "That would be a disaster and a huge setback in the fight against racism and intolerance."

movement in America, Obama led millions to believe he would change course from George W. Bush's militarization of the African continent.

Even though the majority of African nations have resisted, the Obama administration continues to seek a home for its Africa Command (AFRICOM).

The military command is feared to be an attempt by the United States to control Africa's oil and other natural resources against foreign competition from China and

"Obama is a lot like former president Bill Clinton with a 'liberal' appeal that deceives many people, but after awhile they will see that his agenda is an 'American' agenda. There will be no 'African' agenda," said Economics student, Masake Kane from Dakar, Senegal.

She said that, while she was doubt President Obama's message of change.

"I think that Obama inspired a lot of people on the continent with an illusion that he was 'one of their own.' But as we can see already he is participating in the exact same economic and military policies as past presidents. This time, with increased militarization," Kane said.

President Barack Obama has made it clear however, he wantshis administration to focus on human rights throughout the African continent first. Supported by the anti-war Actor George Clooney has been granted a private meeting with Obama later this week to discuss the humanitarian crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan. Darfur is one of many key African issues the new president wants to address within his first term in office.

Howard alumnus and current

NYU law student Chigozie Onyema of Nigeria thinks that Obama's huk manitarianism is a concealed form of military aggression and strategic op-

"This is the same militarism that saw the overthrow of Kwame Nkrumah and the assassination of Patrice Lumumba. I began questioning Obama during his selection of former assistant secretary Susan Rice as his

ambassador to the United Nations." Rice is well known in some circles for her aggressive stance on "humanitarian military intervention," supporting U.S.-financed Ethiopian invasion of Somalia that the United Nations said displaced some 1.5 million Somalis and led to the starvation of 3.5 million more.

The Obama administration has gotten off to a rocky start in the eyes of many in Africa. Earlier this month, the International Herold Tribine reported the U.S. military designed and financed a poorly planned military attack on a rebel group in Uganda that resulted in the slaughter of 900 civilians.

The botched operation has only strengthened opposition to President Obama's interactions with Africa

"While many African nations have begun to assert themselves internationally, without a common foreign policy to address imperialism an Obama presidency will continue white nationalism in black face," said On-

Despite growing concerns,

Howard University sponsored an optimistic conference on U.S.-Africa policy called "Projecting Change and Continuity Under the Obama Admin-

The conference featured members of President Obama's advisory including Semhar Araia, a member of the Obama-Biden transition team. The conference addressed sev-

eral positive components of President Obama's agenda for the continent, and one panelist even asked audience members to "prepare for the next four

Sophomore Bakari Jackson, from Johannesburg, South Africa, thinks the president can only do so much and criticism should be directed at the U.S. system not President

"I believe that Obama has his hands tied and for him to try and help African nations would mean biting the hand that put him in power," Jackson

He said President Obama is just a symbol for inspiration, but at the end of the day, ordinary African people need to take it upon themselves to make Africa better. "Education means to reach within yourself and find a solution there to make Africa better, not depending on someone else to spoon feed yeu," he said.

- Austin Thompson, senior political

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Steppin' to the **Bad Side**



BY MICHAEL BENJAMIN Contributing Columnist

On Tuesday afternoon, the highest-paid player in baseball sat with a smug expression on his face, facing critics poised to ask questions of the superstar. When called upon to address the audience, the player elected to remain seated. The superstar then deftly snatched his prepared speech from its resting place and began to speak to the nation. Unfortunately for Alexander Emmanuel Rodriguez, his final pleas fell on deaf ears.

How did I end up cheering for the bad guy?

I first became a New York Yankees fan in 1996. Yes, I know that this coincided with the beginning of our championship run that ended the decade, but give me a break. I was a 9-year-old kid. I got to miss school to see the victory parades. The Bronx Bombers were winning, and the buzz surrounding the Yanks flooded the city of New York. There was no way I was going to cheer for Mike Piazza.

I was an unabashed fan of the New York Yankees. Period.

To me, the Yankees were the coolest team in the major leagues. I appreciated Bernie Williams, our center fielder, whom I thought an African-American until I heard one of his press conferences. I admired our smooth shortstop, a guy grown in our minor league system. I loved Mariano Rivera, our closing pitcher from my native Panama. Mariano Rivera's #42 was the first piece of Yankee apparel that I owned. I received the shirt from my Panamanian grandma, who told her curious young grandson to wear it with pride

Over time, I grew into that Mariano Rivera tee. Though the Yankee jersey began to tighten around my shoulders, my shameless love for the team grew. I could name the entire roster by my 11th birthday. As long as the Yankees were winning championships every year, life was great.

Sadly, nothing lasts forever. The descent began with an unexpected blown save by Mariano Rivera in the 2001 World Series, a game that has burned the image of a jumping Luis Genzalez into my cerebral cortex. The professionalism of Timo Martinez and Paul O'Neill was replaced by the brazen slugging of Gary Sheffield and Jason Giambi. Defensive errors and untimely mistakes supplanted the flawless play that we Yankee fans had grown accustomed to. Our cheerful October marathons shortened to depressing sprints, and our franchise's resume became littered with missed opportunities and failed expectations. Slowly but surely, our Galactic Republic became an Evil Empire.

Our principal owner, George Steinbrenner, tried valiantly to preserve the glory of our fading franchise, but to no avail. We tried to buy championships by tossing warls of cash at the Jason Giambis, Randy Johnsons and Kevin Browns of the baseball world, but it didn't work. The baseball world warched. as our longtime nemesis, the Boston Red Sox, finally defeated us in the most gut-wrenching way possible, winning the ALCS after trailing 3-0 in the 2004 MLB playoffs.

Now, five years later, our winning manager is gone and our historic stadium replaced. Only four players remain from our championship run. Our so-called superstar lives in defiance, dismissing accusations of infidelity and blaming an unnamed family member for his entrée into steroid use. What the heck happened to my team? Damn Yankees.

Please believe...I'm still an unabashed Yankee fan.

But we'll see where I stand once Mariano retires.

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Jaime Bowman Wins Diversity Award

BY DEONTAY MORRIS Sports Editor

The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) presented Jaime Bowman, a junior sports management major, with the intern of the year award in Daytona Beach, Fla. on Feb. 11, at their second annual diversity luncheon.

"Teams, tracks, sponsors and other stakeholders play an integral role in our efforts to further diversify our sport," said Marcus Jadotte, managing director of Public Affairs. "The NASCAR Diversity Awards are a small way to say thank you and recognize just a few of those making a difference in creating awareness and opportunity."

During the summer of 2008, Bowman had the opportunity to intern with NASCAR. Bowman was employed in the Consumer Marketing department.

"I didn't really know what I was getting myself into. Once I found out more information, I realized that it was something different and a new market to go into and prove that African-Americans can go into that field," said Bowman.

While a part of the internship program, Bowman was afforded the chance to travel throughout the country. She went to places such as Charlotte, N.C., Los Angeles, Daytona, Fla. and Washington, D.C.

"I got exposed to a lot of different places. It was a priceless internship," said Bowman.

She was also one of the main catalysts behind developing the NASCAR Kinetics Program, which currently has a team at Howard. The Kinetics Program is currently at four other universities, Central Michigan University, Clark Atlanta University, the University of Texas Pan-America and Winston-Salem State University. The teams are composed of five to seven students at each university. They receive assignments every week, and the team that does the best job will be awarded a trip to the 2009 NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race.

Due to Bowman's extensive work in developing work with the Kinetics Program, she was offered another chance



Junior sports management major Jaime Bowman was awarded Intern of the Year by NASCAR. During the summer of 2008, Bowman worked in the Consumer Marketing Department. Bowman also works with the NASCAR Kinetics Program at Howard.

to intern with NASCAR this summer.

"I'm going back to Daytona Beach for the same internship. I'll be in charge of working with DUB. They are going to have an auto show that I'm helping coordinate," said Bowman.

Not only did Bowman receive career opportunities last summer, she also formed relationships with the people she

"My role model is Talea Marks; she was my boss this summer. She was always there to give me a new task and push me and make me realize how ready I was for the industry," said Bowman.

Bowman also emphasized that the experience she gained during her internship went further than any of her

textbooks. However, she still feels she has learned a lot from Howard's sports management program.

"The program is new, but it still has the resources there as far as the professors and the deans. Deborah Johnson, my advisor, always pushes us to get involved and volunteer and get involved in different places," said Bowman.

Senior Spotlight: Daniel Kinney

BY NIA MOORE

Contributing Writer

It was in late April 2005, when then high school senior Daniel Kinney, found himself stuck between a rock and a hard place.

The young track and field star had several scholarship offers on the table to choose from, yet he found it seemingly impossible to make a final decision.

Each school offering him a scholarship had its own perks as well as drawbacks. The University of Kentucky and Clemson University were clear athletic powerhouses, yet their remote locations promised minimal social opportunities outside of their campuses.

The University of Michigan and Michigan State University were two other fine options, but Kinney, a resident of Romulus, Mich., preferred to venture

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> - Daniel Kinney, senior student-athlete

out of his home state in search of new faces and places.

The last of the bunch was Howard University, not the typical athletic powerhouse but definitely one from an academic standpoint. Because Kinney had the intent to major in international business and finance, Howard was an even more viable candidate due to the fact that the university was host to one of the top business schools in the nation and happened to be located in a very corporate and politically-oriented city.

Ultimately, he found himself leaning more toward Howard than the other schools, but he needed one last assurance that he would be making the best choice; that assurance came after a talk with former Howard track and field phenomenon, David Oliver.

"I spoke with him about his opinion of Howard's track program and why it was a great fit for him," Kinney said. "He was honest when he said that the facilities and equipment were average compared to bigger programs, but David convinced me that the coaching at Howard was like no other. He reminded me that it's not as important where you work out as it is how you work out."

And this bit of advice, coming from the man who would become a bronze medalist in the 2008 Summer Olympics, was all Kinney needed to make his decision final.

Fast forward four years, this being his final season as a member of the Bison men's track and field team, Kinney looks back at that moment in time and admits he has absolutely no regrets in coming to the Mecca.

"We have a very close, competitive and outgoing team. Our coaches are committed as well as fair, and each of the runners gives their best effort every time, so the good definitely outweighs the bad," said Kinney.

Competing in the 110 and 400 meter hurdles and the 4x400 meter relay, Kinney has found much success among competitors in the MEAC and in other conferences. In 2007, he was named to the All-East Regional Team, and throughout his four year collegiate career has placed high in a number of races.

Earlier this month, the team competed in the MEAC indoor track and field championship in Landover, Md. during the Valentine's Day weekend. Kinney was proud of his team's performance as well as his own.

The eight time all-academic honoree hopes to one day attain his J.D. and M.B.A graduate degrees at the University of Pennsylvania and eventually find a job in commercial banking and insurance.

Kinney also has high hopes of lacing up his running shoes once again, even after he crosses the finish line for the last time as a Bison.

"I aspire to receive a contract with one of the major pro division sponsorships so that I can continue to run and compete at the national level," said Kinney. "Even now, I am working with the goal in mind to hopefully receive an invite to run at the USA track and field outdoor championship this year."

Bison Track Schedule

 NCAA Championships March 6-7 College Station, TX

Seahawk **Invitational March** 13-14 Wilmington, N.C.

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Suicide Remains a Leading Cause of Death for Black Men

When the nation learned that 10-year-old Aquan Lewis took his own life by hanging himself in his school bathroom, we were shocked. We were shocked because he was a young black male and society has taught us that this demographic is not nearly as likely as other groups to

In reality, suicide is a leading cause of death for black males.

commit suicide.

Originally, boy's mother planned to have a separate autopsy done because she did not believe that her own child would commit suicide. The issue here is

not only that suicide is the leading cause of death for black men, but it is that those who can help them are failing to acknowledge that they are turning to suicide.

In the black community, men are taught to be the leaders at a young age; they are taught to hide emotion and be strong.

Mental illness issues, in general, go unnoticed in the black community because the family unit and the church are seen as the cure to all ailments. Although these are at the core of black values, sometimes medical attention is needed to help people who are

dealing with depression and other

We, as a society, should acknowledge the suicide rates among black males.

Our View:

mental illnesses.

According to the American Association of Suicidology, in 2005 1,992 African-Americans committed suicide. Of these, an alarming 81 percent (1, 621) were males.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for college students and the third leading cause of death for African-American youth. For black males ages 15 to 24, suicide is the third leading cause of death and the fourth leading cause of death for black males ages 10 to

We must remove the stereotypes associated with black men and suicide in order to help de-

crease these statistics. Black men are human and they deal with the same emotions their female and white counterparts deal with.

It would be ignorant of society to allow this issue to remain under wraps. The plight and stereotypes of the black man are magnified by American society, but his struggle and his humanity are ignored. This is unacceptable and it should not be shocking to learn that black men

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deal with mental health issues.

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Correction: In a Feb. 19, 2009 story about the Graduate Trustee speakout, Roland Blackman was attributed to saying, "It is important to invest in the people. This institution is not made up by a bunch of brick buildings, but it is the people that make it up and we must invest in our capital of people." Royce Duplessis was the candidate who said this, not Roland Blackman.

Perspective

Another Howard University is Possible

New York University students recently took over a school cafeteria to force administrators to divest from the U.S.-backed Israeli occupation of Palestine. They also pressed for greater transparency in the school's finances. Like the students at NYU, some Howard University students have begun linking student issues like tuition, increases to broader problems facing communities next door or around the world. Many of my friends and professors believe that while protests can be effective, now is a moment to build a sophisticated and organized movement against the forces of greed and militarism that cause so much suffering and pain.

We must do so for future generations, as our ancestors have for us. Howard University has been and can continue to be strategically significant for the global struggle against imperialism, racism and neo-liberalism. We should fight to make the Mecca no longer an exclusive meeting place of the black elite but a "creative commons" for radical social action and revolutionary thought. Howard University must become a reservoir of social innovation, cultural expression and alternative political-economic models that can empower and sustain rather than dominate and

exploit oppressed communities around the world.

Faculty can contribute by cultivating committed alumni and students who are prepared to struggle in opposition to the national oppression of the black community and economic exploitation in our own backyard. Black residents in Washington, D.C. face daily intimidation, military-style checkpoints, prison pipelines and surveillance systems designed in Baghelad, Iraq and the Palestinian territories. Scores of black political prisoners like Muma Abu-Jamal, exiles like Assata Shakur and victims of police brutality like Oscar Grant remind us that there continues to be a flourishing system of domination at work in the United States of America --- even with a black family living in the White House. Quietly, we watch gentrification continue to advance, expelling the wretched and the poor far away from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue or corporate sponsored conferences here on the Hilltop.

The university is in dire need of a cultural revolution that replaces black elitism, careerism and consumerism with radically different values of self-sacrifice, community engagement and social justice. These values have the potential to spark grass roots social transformation in communities both near and far. Throughout this semester, students at the Meeca will be mobilizing students under the banner "Another Howard University is Possible." This rallying cry will be more than a cheap slogan but a rigorous campaign to transform Howard University into a revolutionary institution, training the next generation of organic intellectuals, political activists and popular educators. No longer can we allow this sacred and hallowed ground to be overrun by multinational corporations, lobbying-firms and intelligence gathering agencies that, as a point of fact, rob, steal and kill in oppressed communities around the world.

"Another Howard University is Possible," but it can only exist if faculty, students, campus workers and community members align themselves toward a singular mission to building a more humane and just society. In the midst of the greatest economic calamity in the world-capitalist system since the Great Depression, now is the time to move. We have nothing to lose but our chains.

- Austin Thompson, director of Policy and Planning, HUSA

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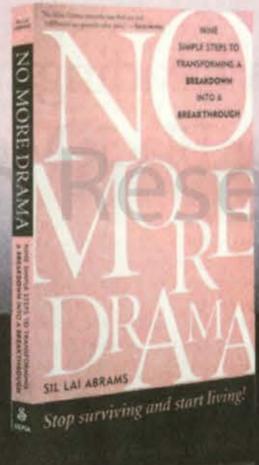
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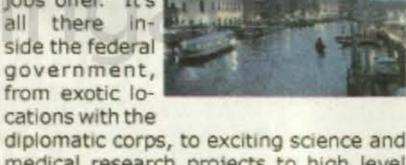
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