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Go-go artists Uncle D, Big G and Mr. Carter were in attendance at the panel discussion on Wednesday. A live performance was scheduled to follow, but was cancelled at the last minute.

Cancelled Go-Go Gig Angers Students

Attempt to bring first Go-Go to Howard shut down at the eleventh hour by dean, students turned away

BY LINSEY ISAACS
Asst. Campus Editor

More than 200 people from throughout the D.C.-Maryland-Virginia (DMV) area were turned away after the first Go-Go at Howard was shut down before it even began.

What started as a night of excitement for students to hear fresh go-go entertainment quickly turned into a pool of frustration when the DMV club's line of performers was abruptly postponed on Wednesday.

More than \$5,000 went into the planning of the "Welcome to the Go-Go" event, the first of its kind to reach Howard, as well as the three years of passion and almost \$1,500 of personal money that DMV club president Jayna White put into it.

"It's not all administration," said White, a senior sociology and administration of justice double major. "Some of them pushed and pulled for us to have this event."

Blackburn director Roberta McCleod, Student Activities director Lennon Jackson and Central Scheduling director Bernard Moon all worked tirelessly to make the event happen.

But at 6:00 p.m., 30 minutes af-

ter the event was scheduled to begin, the performances were postponed due to "contractual agreements that needed to be reviewed."

"Me and the rest of student activities are trying to make every effort in order to make this [event] a success at a later date," said Tonya Guillory, dean of Student Life and Activities.

Guillory, who was concerned about the contract that both performers and program coordinators signed, informed Interim Vice Provost Charles Gibbs about the program for the first time, one hour before the event was to begin. The papers never received proper consent or review by the Office of the General Council.

"Her additional concern was that the program had also been promoted as a party and that tickets were not sold by the standard procedures for ticket distribution at Cramton Box Office but by members themselves," Gibbs said in an e-mail to *The Hilltop*.

White was given the OK to proceed with the event during the first of two meetings prior to the event. During the second meeting where Gibbs was in attendance, however, White received a different response.

"I wish this would have been found out days before the event," White



Howard student and local event promoter Anton Render, DJ Remy and Ronald Molton, Peaceaholics manager, participated in the panel held before the scheduled performances.

said. "There's no other option or solution. It's just 'you didn't do this; you didn't do that.' OK, now how can we work to fix this? Now I have a big deficit; how can you help us lower this? I just don't understand."

After hearing the news, both tearful and agitated faces crowded both

floors of Blackburn as students waiting to enter the ballroom were confused and not allowed upstairs for at least one hour.

"It's kind of up in the air; they're not telling anybody what's going on,"

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Talks Stir For Second Chinese Stimulus

Shanghai stocks surge on same day

BY TIM JOHNSON
McClatchy Newspapers

Reports that China is about to announce a major new economic stimulus package coincided Wednesday with the largest surge in the stock market in nearly four months.

Premier Wen Jiabao is to offer the stimulus package, the second since November, when he speaks today to the opening session of the National People's Assembly.

A spokesman for the assembly, Li Zhaoxing, confirmed the pending package in a news conference Wednesday in which he also announced that China will boost its military spending by a "modest" 14.9 percent. It marks the 19th time in the past two decades that the annual defense budget has risen by double digits.

Li said that in Wen's annual work report to the 2,985-member National People's Congress, "there will be an announcement of a new stimulus package."

China announced in November that it was pouring 4 trillion yuan (about \$585 billion) into its slowing economy to deal with the global financial crisis, which has seriously pinched its mammoth manufacturing sector.

In Shanghai, the benchmark composite index rose 6.1 percent to 2,198.11 on Wednesday, the biggest gain since the jump Nov. 10 after the announcement of the previous spending plan.

Stephen Green, the chief China economist for Standard Chartered, said in a report this week that he'd heard from government officials in February that a new stimulus might be as large as \$1.2 trillion to \$1.5 trillion in spending over two years.

Millions of Chinese workers have lost their jobs in recent months as factories slow down in the once-vibrant Yangtze and Pearl River delta manufacturing regions, stoking fears of potential social instability.

So far, China is holding to the estimate that its economy will grow 8 percent this year, down from about 9 percent last year and about 13 percent in 2007. Any slowdown beyond 8 percent would sharply raise the possibility of joblessness-related unrest, economists say.

The nation's leaders strive to be seen as responsive to the pain of those who are losing factory jobs, and Li spent part of the news conference describing symbolic cutbacks among top officials.

"When our president ... and prime minister invite foreign heads of state, during the state banquet the menu will not exceed one soup and three dishes," Li said. "No Chinese liquor will be served."

Li, a former foreign minister, said that the increase in the defense budget would go primarily to boost salaries, provide training in counter-terrorism and disaster relief and increase the digital capabilities of the People's Liberation Army, the world's biggest military.

"China's limited military force is mainly to protect our sovereignty and would not threaten any country," Li said, adding that the budget increase was "modest" when compared with last year, when the defense budget rose 17.6 percent.



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Bison Basketball Prepares for Pirates at Burr, Today

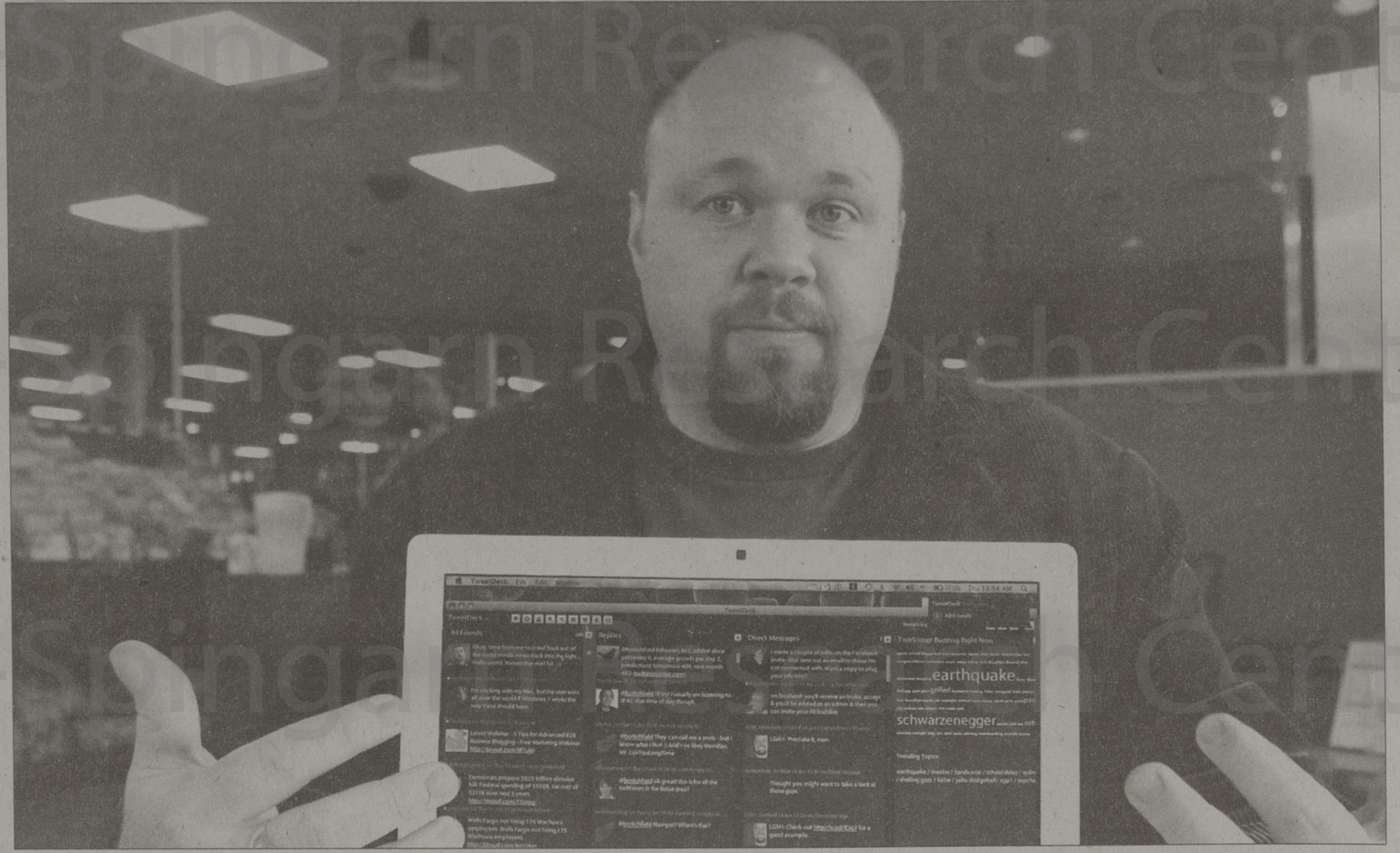
Tonight, beginning at 6 p.m. in Burr Gymnasium, the women's and men's basketball teams will be playing the Hampton Pirates in their annual face-offs. This will be the final home game for both Howard teams before the Mid-eastern Atlantic Conference (MEAC) tournament on March 9. The MEAC tournament will be held in Winston-Salem, N.C. with all competing schools in attendance. The winner of the tournament will participate in the NCAA tournament.

- compiled by Danielle Kwateng,
Managing Editor



Karen T. Borchers - San Jose Mercury (MCT)

Mark Zuckerberg is the founder and co-owner of Facebook.



Shawn Raeeke - Idaho Statesman (MCT)

Brian Critchfield, showing off his Twitter page here, uses online social media such as Facebook and Twitter to get his marketing messages to the masses.

Price, Acquisition Changes Keep Facebook From Twitter

BY LINSEY ISAACS
Asst. Campus Editor

The rumors surrounding social networking site Facebook on their failed attempt to purchase Twitter last fall proved to be true when one of Facebook's largest investors, Peter Thiel, admitted what went wrong in a recent interview with *BusinessWeek*.

According to Thiel, the two sites disagreed over the price and structure of the acquisition when it was initially discussed. Because Facebook is a private company, it has no liquid market for its stock. Nonetheless, when Microsoft bought stock in Facebook two years ago, they valued the quickly growing Web site at \$15 billion, although court documents show that Facebook's shares of common stock averaged at about \$3.7 billion.

"It became pretty clear it wasn't going to happen," Thiel told the magazine. "The deal would have to be done with Facebook stock. And then you have to figure out how much the stock is worth."

Twitter, on the other hand, has grown tremendously in numbers since its launch in

2006. Despite its increasing popularity with almost 6 million users currently, up from 800,000 last year, the site fails to generate any revenue. The makers of this micro-blog admit on their site to spending more money than they actually make, due to it still being in a research phase.

"I am not surprised Twitter makes no money because of the setup," Stephen Robertson, a sophomore management major said. "The downtime of login to login is great, but not enough people are online for a long enough time for advertisers to want to advertise. Twitter made their network features all accessible from your phone, in turn eliminating their online traffic."

Twitter is reportedly valued at \$500 million, although no further details of the deal were disclosed. That includes the benefits both companies would have gained if they followed through with it. Facebook's new strategy to improve product innovation over profit, however, may have prompted the deal in the first place—that same strategy is key to Twitter's unique platform. While Twitter is based purely around the 'mini sta-

tus-updates' of its users with its consumer-oriented site, it lacks further content because it wants to appeal solely to its users.

"I think it's going to benefit Facebook in ways that can't be measured at this moment," said Alex McChester, a sophomore marketing major. "But in the future it will benefit Facebook, simply because it's two global networks having control of one company."

Robertson shared similar sentiments, and like much of the public, agrees that the deal would have created a monopoly of sorts for social networks. But not sealing the deal might force both sites to compete more and improve separately.

"Facebook would have to compete and improve on itself, as would Twitter," said freshman Amiri James. "Just like Myspace did when Facebook came out; they got better. Hopefully, Facebook will follow that trend and make itself better for the users."

Although the operation failed, Facebook is still looking for acquisitions. And another talk with Twitter to integrate the two services is currently unknown.

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School of Business Team Brings Win in Investment Contest for Second Time, Top-of-Line Laptops as Prizes

BY MACY L. FREEMAN
Editorial Assistant

In the world of business, one must be prepared to master the art of competition. From Dec. 12 to Jan. 9, four students in Howard University's School of Business participated in the Goldman Sachs National Investment Portfolio Challenge Competition. At the conclusion of the contest, their team emerged victorious.

Students participating in the competition included Anesu Nyamuda, Kyle Hutton, Tanesha Viverett and Jewel Burks. The students entered under the group name "Supervivientes," and they each received brand new laptops with their win.

Three other HBCUs participated in the contest, and Morehouse College came in second place. Each participating team had \$100,000 in "virtual cash" to invest in stocks. Teams were to develop their own investment strategy to present to a panel of Goldman Sachs' executives.

Students answered a number of questions on topics such as investment philosophy, stock picking and the effect of a recession on their portfolios.

Junior finance major, Anesu Nyamuda, was grateful for the opportunity to take part in the contest. "I went into the competition more to give than to receive, so I was happy that I was able to share some of what I have learned about investing over the years to a team of really committed and driven individuals," he said. Nyamuda currently serves as the president of a student-run investment club called "the Bridgeway."

The team constructed a plan to invest solely in stable companies that would do well during a recession. According to Nyamuda, he and his team invested in large businesses that "sell or market inelastic consumer staples like soap and toothpaste." Non-essential items might prove too risky, as people are trying to spend their money more wisely nowadays.

Jewel Burks, a sophomore marketing major, believes that the contest was one of her most enjoyable experiences at Howard.

"Getting to learn the basics about smart investing from my teammates and by following our chosen stocks was great hands-on practice," she said.

Freshman Kyle Hutton is a finance major from Trinidad and Tobago. "I felt extremely proud to represent Howard University and to place our school above the other participating universities. It certainly involved a tremendous amount of work, but the knowledge I gained and the professional networks I built with Goldman Sachs' employees, was priceless," Hutton said.

In 1869, the Goldman Sachs company was founded. The company provides a number of financial services including investment banking, securities and investment management.

Any student wanting to participate in the investment competition can enter during the fall semester of this year. Students interested in becoming involved with "the Bridgeway" club can attend meetings every other Saturday in the School of Business Library. The next meeting will be this Saturday, March 7, 2009.

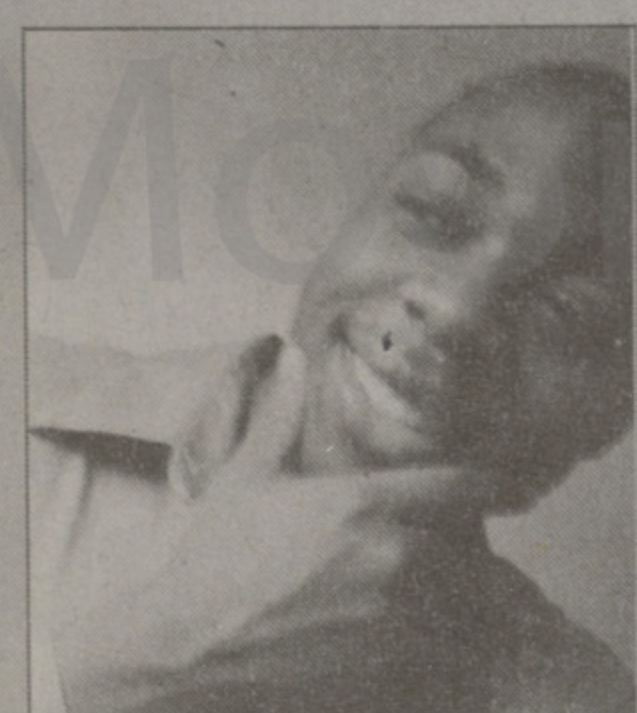


Photo Courtesy of Anesu Nyamuda

Left to right: Anesu Nyamuda, junior finance major; Jewel Burks, sophomore marketing; and Kyle Hutton, freshman finance major are a part of the "Supervivientes."

The BiZ

Cultivating Loyalty



Creating loyalty within others is a crucial skill for success.

Betrayal. I'm sure you've been touched by it – we all have. A "friend" spills your secrets; someone leaves you in your time of need or steals your boyfriend. It's inevitable – even Jesus had Judas. However, breeding loyalty within others, minimizing the chances of betrayal and building an army of supporters are crucial skills for any successful person. So, what can you do to make others more loyal to you?

Show Integrity - Honesty and integrity are the sources from which all loyalty flows. It is impossible to create loyalty if you aren't respected

and trusted. Even if people don't like the news you have to report, they will respect you far more if you're straight with them. Your honesty conveys an important message: that you can be trusted. At the end of the day, people will almost always bet on someone who tells the truth over someone who tries to cover up bad news.

Bring them on the inside - All of us love to be singled out for our achievements and to feel like we're on the "inside," possessing some secret or little-known knowledge. If you're the one who introduces someone to the secret world of the "insiders," they will become intensely loyal to you. "If you bring him to your side and make him part of your team, he will fight your battles with you and against the

"other guys." To turn an outsider into an insider, you need to do two things. One is to give him information that few people have, so he feels special. The other is to give him some degree of power or authority within the organization or team." – David Lieberman

Be humble - Show people that you're not too big to get your hands dirty and that you are a person "of the people." Do not be afraid to show a few minor flaws. People who are too perfect make us uneasy – "they must be hiding something," we think. Furthermore, in many cases loyalty is not gained by being right, but by doing what is right. People will respect you if you take responsibility for your blunders and admit it openly. If you make a mistake, don't try to hide it. If you

don't, then people will immediately abandon you as soon as you no longer suit them.


Create a noble cause - Everyone wants to be a part of something great – it's human nature. Give people a movement to join – give them a purpose, and they will direct their dedication and devotion, not only to the cause, but to you as well. To inspire loyalty within others, let them see the greatness within you, or at least what it is that you want them to believe in.

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Plans to Bring First Go-Go to Howard Ends in Heated Debate

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said freshman psychology major Taneisha Castain who was standing in the crowd waiting to get in. "Like if it's cancelled, if it's postponed — I haven't heard anything. It's a 'maybe' if we get our money back. That doesn't make any sense to me."

While a lack of knowledge to the incident was an issue for most of the guests, no one seemed to hurt more than the coordinators, who were in tears, outraged to hear the news after the event proposal was submitted in September 2008 and approved in January 2009. Members of the DMV club also said they tried to have the event last year, but the proposal was rejected.

"This should have been taken up with us earlier," said Gabriel Martinez, last year's DMV club vice president. "If we made a mistake, then we made a mistake, but it should have been handled differently. It was more embarrassment than anger."

This year, Martinez, a junior le-

gal communications major, serves as the United Assembly of Student Organizations DMV club representative.

Martinez said the performers pleaded with the administration on the students' behalf as well to continue with the event as planned, along with Peaceaholics panelists.

"They felt so hurt," she said in reference to the Peaceaholics' reaction. "The CEO called Trustee Johns to talk about it."

The DMV club sought to use the event to expose the culture of D.C. to Howard students, who constantly refer to natives of D.C. as "locals," a rather derogatory word in their eyes.

"We perform all the time," said Cadillac Ty of Hunger Pain Musik. "I think the difference between the Howard audience and the D.C. audience is seeing students from out of town, and they seem to culturally discriminate against people from D.C. who tend to be given the name 'local,' discriminated against on campus, described as dirty and looked down upon. There's a life that they don't even know

about yet."

The go-go scene, which Ty described as "nothing but jazz with a little bit more beat to it," is celebrated in a few distinct locations around the District.

Two to three years ago, many of the spots were shut down, according to Ty. Therefore, hosting the event on Howard's campus was legendary. While it included a panel discussing the evolution of go-go and its effects on the city, the meat of the event was the range of entertainers set to perform.

"We wanted to be that organization to finally give Howard that go-go experience and it was taken from us," Martinez said, after explaining how disappointed she felt. "As a freshman, when we get here, they teach us to be fearful of the locals. Go-go is not like some new drug people are on. It goes back to the '60s."

Some of the acts were to include Reaction Band, New Impressions and Backyard Band, with lead singer Big G.

Though primarily excited to push the go-go scene at Howard, Big G was

'hurt' and disappointed because the performance was cancelled.

"It seems like Howard University isn't supporting go-go, and this is where everything's happening," he said. "People need to embrace it. I don't really know what's going on and I'm not going to blame it on anyone; I'm still supportive and I love Howard University. I just want them to open their doors to our music more."

Despite the postponed performances, the event still continued with its panel to educate their audience of as little as 30 students, after more than 400 students were turned away, many traveling from different schools.

"These same schools have their own go-gos all the time," Martinez said.

These students traveled from schools all over the District, including Bowie State University, Georgetown University, George Washington University, Prince George's Community College and the University of Maryland. There were also students in attendance from North Carolina A&T, Martinez said.

"It's a great thing when I was asked to be on the panel," said senior psychology major Anton Render, member of the DMV club and a native of Prince George's County, Md. "I was honored to represent my area, the go-go lifestyle and culture; not all people can adjust to it. It's something I grew up with and had a lot of influence on my life."

The Office of Student Activities is still looking into the incident, though plans to revive the performances are currently unconfirmed.

"At the end of the day, I am certainly responsible for what happens in Student Affairs, so rest assured we will get to the bottom of what happened here," Gibbs wrote in the e-mail. "Most importantly, we will do everything we can to ensure that this doesn't happen again."

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It's Personal...



Poor Locals

BY MERCIA WILLIAMS-MURRAY
Deputy Managing Editor

I still clearly remember what life was like as a freshman living in the Annex. My favorite memory is breakfast time — enjoying fluffy Belgian waffles and omelets.

The conversations in the cafe were also appetizing. If we weren't talking about a crazy professor or a flirtatious cafeteria worker, we were talking about a night at the club or locals. The conversations about D.C. residents were sometimes colorful and inquisitive, but others were down right outrageous. Between Idiot A who just KNEW someone was a local because he or she had dreads and Idiot B who refused to give anyone with a regional accent her phone number because some genius told her 50 percent of all D.C. residents have HIV/AIDS, I could have puked.

The only people who got on my nerves more than Idiots A and B were Dummies J and K who said the homeless people here "frighten" them and that everyone in D.C. "looks dirty." On Freshman Move-in Day, my clan and I walked down Georgia Avenue to CVS. I was completely un-phased by the variety of homeless people lining the strip. Then again, why would I be phased? I'm from a big city, and even though I don't live where the majority of the homeless population dwells, I've seen my share of homeless people. The same goes for crazy people, whinos and drug addicts. I could be wrong, but it's my understanding that most urban areas are plagued by the same social ills to some extent.

That being said, I was shocked and slightly amused when I heard people from L.A., Baltimore and Atlanta complaining about the weirdos on the street. I don't understand how anyone from big cities like these — or the surrounding suburbs — can be so intrigued by "street people." As a freshman, some of my classmates would make a trip to the Metro sound like a scene out of "Indiana Jones."

"Honestly guys, I had to maneuver past two crack heads who were playing that crazy go-go music out of their dilapidated boom-box. Then some guy said, 'What's up shorty?' And I ran away because there was no way I was giving a local my number!" These people who come to Howard acting bourgeois make me sick. You've seen crack heads! If you haven't, where have you been your whole life???

I'm sure you've seen homeless people stereotyped on television, in movies, etc. No? Oh well! Get over it! As for not wanting to become socially or romantically involved with someone just because of the area they come from, that's one's personal preference. However, I have seen Howard women turn down "local" guys in the rudest ways. A simple "No, thank you" accompanied by a steady forward movement away from the interested party usually suffices.

Is it necessary to roll one's eyes or put on the stank face? I don't think so. Yet, there's so much confusion and angst when residents who live in the neighborhood around Howard display their disdain for the Howard community by robbing them, assaulting them, etc.

Why do "these" people act like that? Hmmm. Because you're rude to them! Someone committing a crime against another person is never OK, but word on the street is that some "locals" perpetrate crimes against Howard students just for fun. They want to humiliate Howard students for the attitudes they exude toward them. This is, of course, just in some cases.

I've never heard any students in Philadelphia refer to residents as "locals." As a matter of fact, I've never heard any college-goers say that anywhere except here in the District. It's fine if that's a traditional nickname, but in most cases, there's a negative connotation attached. What gets on my nerves more is the fact that I only hear the term applied to black Washingtonians.

For black people at an HBCU to treat their own people like they are "less than" because of their music, fashion sense, accents, hair styles or lingo is crazy to me. Why? Because all over this country, black people have developed various sub-cultures that are distinct to their regions. I would be lying if I were to say I didn't find the style of dress and the hairstyles here strange at times, but personally, I find the accents charming and go-go has slowly grown on me. I have spent the last two summers working at various jobs in Southeast — an area many Howard students are scared to travel. I might stand out a bit, but I have little apprehension about walking through any neighborhood or housing project.

Washington, D.C. is no scarier or crazier than where I'm from, as far as I can see. It's not like I'm milling about in strange neighborhoods at midnight or just "hanging out." However, I have found D.C. residents to be kind and hospitable for the most part. The guys here are aggressive, particularly with me being adorable and all. But I know how to handle those situations. No one has ever treated me badly and I don't hesitate to talk to people on the bus because at the end of the day real recognizes real.

He Said...She Said
Viewpoints from Both Sides of the Gender Divide
This week's issue:
He's/She's Just Not That Into You

By Jada f. Smith & Deontay Morris

I know the movie "He's Just Not That Into You" came out a few weeks ago, but I just could not sit back and let this injustice go by. Guys may think they have a monopoly on the title of heartbreaker, but y'all are not the only ones who have the luxury of playing mind games with the opposite sex and getting away with it.

Yes, many women do fall victim to chasing the guy who clearly exhibits "leave-me-alone, I-don't-like-you" behavior, but trust me, there are many women who string men along and play them in just the same way.

I can't speak for every woman out there, but guys, most women will let you know if they are interested in you or not.

Whether it be with subtle flirting like sitting by you in class everyday or with overt tactics like asking you for your number while you're sitting on a bench on The Yard with your homies, if she really likes you, you'll know.

Now, in the same way she has ways of letting you know she's interested, she also has ways of letting you know you need to fall back.

For example, if you live in the

same dorm and you ask for her room number so you can stop by and her response is, "for what?" "Why?" Or if she gives you the wrong room number, then she's probably not trying to see you.

If she walks by you in Blackburn with a group of her friends and they all start laughing when they see you, just keep it moving, sir — she's not that into you.

If every time you Facebook chat her, she ignores you, even though the green light says she's online, then she does not want to talk to you.

If y'all are about to cross paths while walking across The Yard and she all of a sudden gets really focused on looking for something in her bag or gets on the phone or turns to walk in the opposite direction, then she's really not that into you.

Finally, if you ask her for her number or if you ask her on a date and she tells you she can't because she has a boyfriend, but her Facebook profile says "single" and she tries to holla at your roommate, then I'm sorry to have to say this...but she's just not that into you!

We all know that most men like to have fun (or play games, as some women would say). But, there are CLEAR signs that he is just not that into you. Here are five:

1. The only time he wants to see you is in your room.

If a guy always asks to come to your room but won't hug you in the cafe, he's not that into you. If he was really into you, he would have no problem hugging you in the sandwich line!

2. You don't know his friends.

Most guys have five or six friends that they always hang with. If you haven't met them, he's not that into you. If you knew his friends before...it doesn't count!

3. His phone isn't really broken.

He has Verizon; they get service everywhere in D.C., including the Metro. He just doesn't know how to let you down or doesn't want to hurt your feelings. He got all five of your texts last night — he just

chose not to respond.

4. He doesn't let you do any favors.

Remember when you offered to buy his pasta in the Punchout? The reason he said no is because he doesn't want to feel obligated to have more interaction with you...he's just not into you. And if he did let you buy it, maybe he was low on dining dollars.

5. Awkward Hugs.

Everyone reading this knows exactly what that is. It's that awkward point when a guy is not sure if he should give a girl a hug and it comes out as the worst hug ever. A lot can be determined in the way he hugs you. If you get a one armed hug, church hug or high five... he's just not that into you.

Unlike women, men are not that complex. We let you know what the deal is. If a guy is truly into you, he will show it as much as possible. He will do things like always make time for you, compliment you and remember the things you talked about.

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Overheard walking in front of Rankin Memorial Chapel

Girl 1: It's so cold outside, and I can't believe these cats are just running around.

Girl 2: I know, look at those two...that one looks dead!

Girl 1: Oh my gosh, you're right. It's really not moving.

Random dude: Naw them cats ain't cold; they always got on fur coats. He's just playin'.

Overheard one of your fellow Bison say something crazy? Send it to meccanisms@gmail.com!

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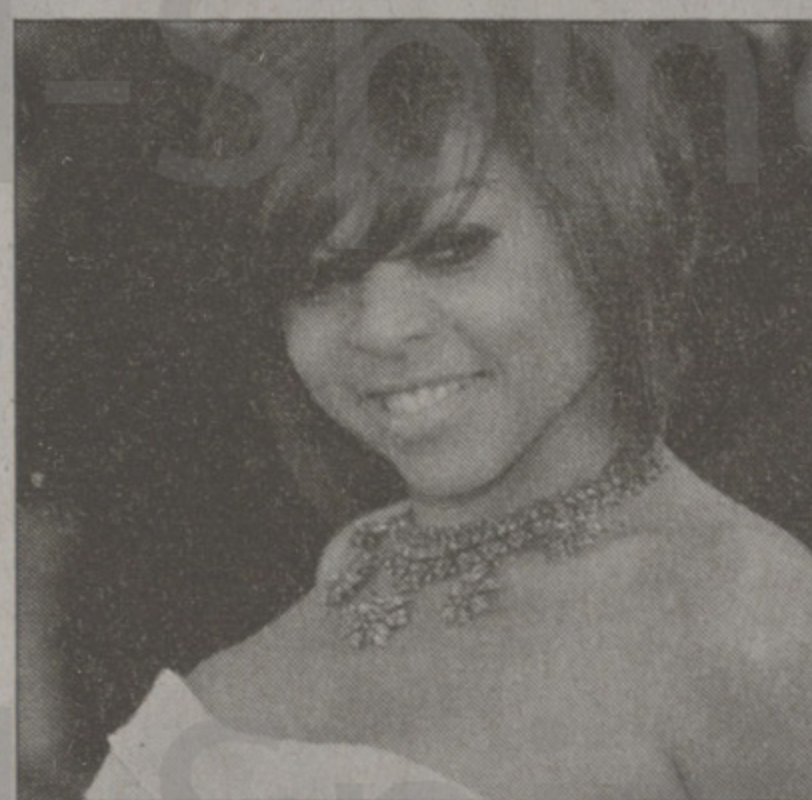
1. A term used to describe the actions of a person who behaves strangely, 2. A person who is exhibiting crazy behavior.

Example Sentence(s) - Howard man: I've been listening to Drake's new mixtape, "So Far Gone," all week! Howard fellow: Who is Drake? Howard man: You never heard of Drake? You're wildin'!

What's your favorite Howardism? Send it to meccanisms@gmail.com!

MECCA WISDOM

Words of Advice from Howardites of Yesteryear



Leonard Ortiz - Orange County Register (MCT)
Actress Taraji P. Henson attended Howard in the 90s.

"Love as often as you can. Dance like nobody's watching. Travel. Eat. Try new foods because, like my character says, you never know what's coming for you and when it's time to let go, you got to let go."

— Taraji P. Henson, Academy-Award nominated actress, Howard grad.

"None of us got solely where we are by pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps." — Thurgood Marshall, first black Supreme Court Justice, 1933 HU Law School grad.



Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia
Former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall is an HU alumnus.

How Well Do You Know Your Howard History?

Questions

1. What year was Howard University founded?
2. Who was the first black president of Howard?
3. Which building on Howard's campus used to be a hospital?
4. What body part was Oliver O. Howard missing?
5. How many of the Divine 9 were founded here?

Answers

1. 1867
2. Mordecai Wyatt Johnson
3. School of Communications used to be the Freedman's Hospital
4. An arm
5. 5

Dreams May Be More Than a Virtual Reality



Jenny Anderson - San Jose Mercury (MCT)

People's dreams can alter their behavior in reality. According to a study done by Carey Morewedge, Ph.D. and Michael Norton, Ph.D., dreams have meaning to them.

BY CHRIS CARAWAY
Contributing Writer

All people can change their minds and behavior while awake — but, what if your behavior could be altered while you were sleeping?

Carey K. Morewedge, Ph.D., from Carnegie Mellon University and Michael I. Norton, Ph.D., from Harvard University conducted a study, "When Dreaming is Believing: The Motivated Interpretation of Dreams," that has found that not only do dreams have different meanings, but they can affect people's behavior and judgments.

The different meanings of dreams can make people try to interpret them. Junior psychology major Anesha Blakey said she believes all dreams have meanings.

"Everything in life has meaning, but that does not mean it is meant for us to understand it," Blakey said. "There are people who will go to extreme lengths to 'interpret' their dreams, but end up contorting them to get whatever result they want from the dream."

In addition to interpreting dreams, the study has shown the behavior of people can also be altered due to the effects of dreams. Eric Williams, a junior musical theater major, has had dreams that have affected his behavior.

"There are dreams that I have, where someone will be in the dream that I know on a personal level," Williams said. "According to what may happen in the dream — as real, odd, strange as it may be — I will wake up feeling a certain way about that dream, which results in me thinking about why I may have had that dream and if there is anything I should take into consideration in terms of the relationship I have with that person."

Furthermore, in the research study, it is believed dreams are capable of giving special meanings to people. The meaning of the dream has the potential to represent how people feel and deal

with life.

"I think that dreams somewhat symbolize how I feel about certain situations," said Jon-Michael Washington, a freshman political science major. "They allow me to come to terms with certain things, but I don't usually put too much emphasis on any given dream."

According to Morewedge and Norton's study, there is more meaning than meets the eye in terms of dreams and their effects. The researchers investigated the interpretation of people's dreams. In their research, they studied participants from both Eastern and Western cultures who believed dreams contained hidden truths.

"Our research suggests that people perceive information revealed in their dreams to be more meaningful," Morewedge said. "It also suggests that people's attitudes and decisions are influenced by their dream content. For example, simply thinking about a hypothetical dream, in which a friend betrayed another, affected how close people reported being to a friend and thinking of a dream of a plane crash made people as anxious as thinking about an actual plane crash on a route they planned to take."

While dreaming, the dreamer is left to take the initiative and make a connection to the dreams they've had.

"One symbol may mean one thing, and its interpretation can drastically change when other symbols occur," Blakey said. "Recollection of dreams is not very accurate and only the most random or shocking aspects of dreams are remembered."

For Williams, dreams sometimes have a déjà-vu or having already seen-it-before effect.

"Depending on the dream, people will have premonitions in their dreams," Williams said. "I feel premonitions are something you cannot control, but they offer clues that your subconscious is trying to relay to you in your physical life."

Know Your Roots: Healthy Hair Starts With a Healthy Diet

BY JENERRA C. ALBERT
Staff Writer

Shampooing, conditioning and professional styling once a week is easier said than done when it comes to maintaining healthy hair. But Motions and Olive Oil won't be all that you need for the healthy locks you desire — you may need to step out of the salon and into your own cupboard.

"A healthier diet will promote stronger, healthier cells throughout your body," said Rosaline Myers, a licensed dietician in Phoenix, Ariz. "The foundation for all of the growth and moisture included in both our hair and skin starts with the nutrients that we consume."

According to Myers, too often, people find themselves depending on vitamins and beauty supplements for the length and strength they want for their hair.

Although some of these may work, the only sure way is to get the proper nutrients through daily food intake.

"My grandmother always told me that if you are born with fine, thin hair, you will never have massive thick hair, but you can always have plentiful and healthy hair if you have a healthy diet," said sophomore Angela-Marie Hatcher, international business major. "You can always see the beautician frequently, but nothing beats good vitamins and protein when it comes to healthy hair."

Lynn Thames, senior stylist of Radical Styling Emporium in Oxnard, Calif. explains that when your diet is poor, your hair may become brittle and dry.

"The root of health is healthy nutrition," said Thames. "Our hair gains its nutrients from what we consume daily and there are certain foods which can certainly improve the beauty and the health of our hair."

According to Thames, brittle hair can come from a biotin deficiency, a nutritional disorder, in which the daily requirement of biotin is low because the main foods that carry it are not being consumed. Thus, there are many consequences for it, but fine, damaged, thinning hair and hair loss can result.

"We are what we eat. Sometimes it's easy to overlook it, but the secret to beauty is truly in the foods that we eat," said Zory Hughes, senior political science major.

Myers expressed that a balanced diet that

contains natural vitamin supplements, proteins and mineral supplements can help in the healthy growth of hair follicles.

If there is no proper nutrition the hair follicles will shed. The natural health supplements help scalp get what it needs for creating beautiful, full-bodied hair and can also help them to sustain when they get old.

Myers suggests that healthy hair and beauty comes from a balanced combination of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, dairy and salmon free of grease, fat and lard will keep a healthy head.

Myers also believes that it is a terrible idea for students to engage in rapid diets for immediate weight loss. Attempting to lose a significant amount of weight quickly will take your hair out of its cycle and interrupting the rhythm of growth, eventually resulting in shedding and recession.



Handout (MCT)

Eating healthy foods, such as vegetables, provides one's body with the necessary nutrients to maintain healthy hair.

What Foods are Good for Your Roots?

Rosaline Myers, a licensed dietician in Phoenix, Ariz., suggests the following foods contain the essential nutrients we need to keep our locks flowing.

1. Green vegetables - "The body needs to produce sebum, which is its own natural conditioner, and this nutrient is carried heavily in the dark green vegetables," Myers said. Incorporating spinach, broccoli and cabbage into the daily diet will allow you to produce vitamins A and C as well as iron and calcium.
2. Salmon - "Salmon is probably one of the best foods for glowing skin and healthy hair that we can consume," said Myers. The rich proteins and acids included will provide you with a strong and healthy scalp.
3. Nuts - Particularly Brazilian nuts because they also promote a healthy scalp
4. Poultry - The iron and protein that comes in chicken or turkey can allow you to maintain your hair color and keeps the strands thick.
5. Carrots - The Vitamin A produces rich, shiny, well-conditioned strands and a tough fertile scalp.

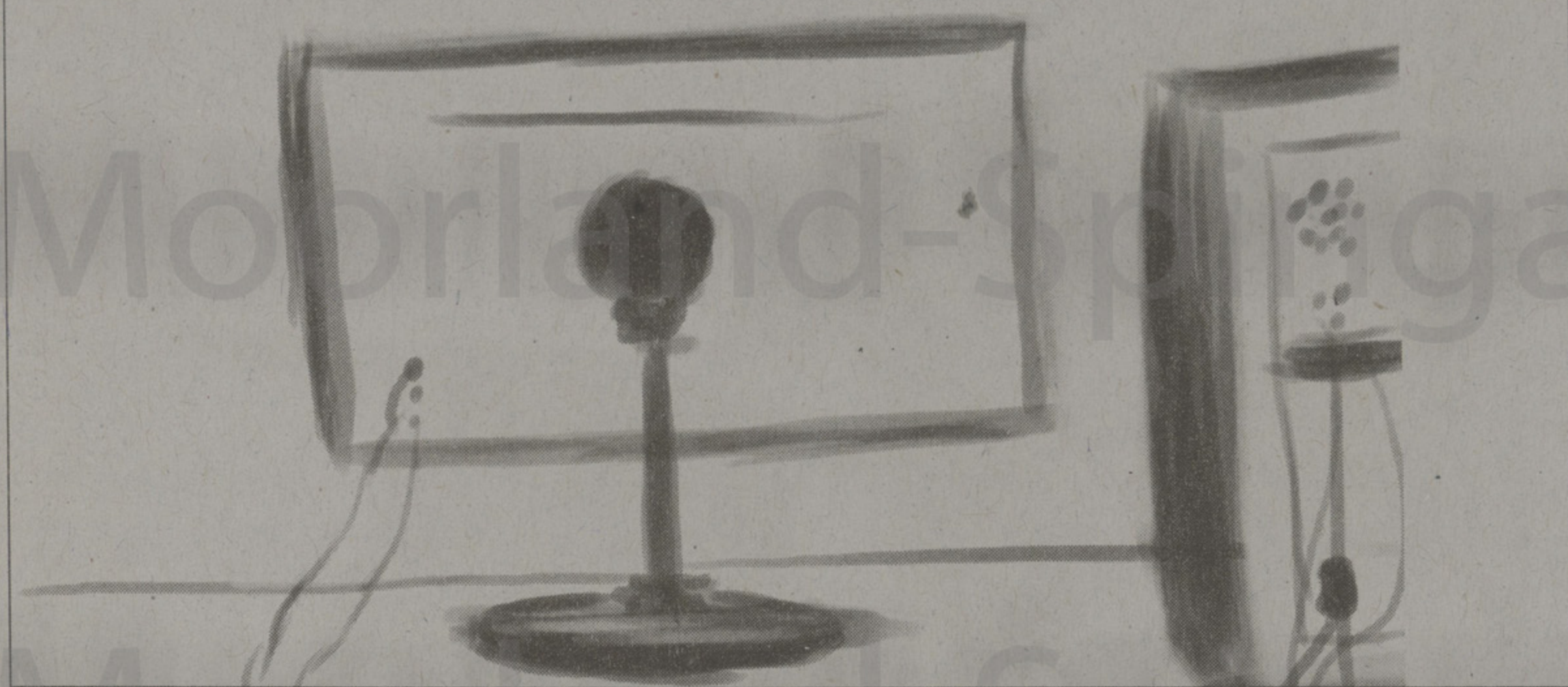
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There is a certain disconnect between the newspaper and students at Howard, and in order for us to better serve you, we are providing you with a more interactive way to stay in touch with us.

Facebook is the premier social networking site and, for most of us, the source of our procrastination. So why not take a minute out of your Facebooking and check out what *The Hilltop* has to offer you? Here are a few ways you can utilize *The Hilltop's* Facebook page:

Honesty Box: OK, so we know that some of our readers have expressed certain criticisms about our publication. The handy dandy Honesty Box application will allow those of you who would like to anonymously express your

opinion about *The Hilltop* to do so.

Don't get us wrong, this should not serve as a means for you to bash the newspaper or send hate mail, but we really do appreciate feedback. Also, if you have something good to say, you can do

Our View:

Facebook is a great way to bridge the gap between the students and The Hilltop.

it here also.

Links: The Links application allows you to share links to videos, Web sites, postings, etc. If you have something that you would like to share with *The Hilltop*, then you can use this application.

We are all adults, so please don't share any X-rated material or anything else that might be of-

fensive. Let's keep this G-rated.

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Wall: Write on the wall and give feedback so that we can know what to do to improve our publication. We would love to hear from you and, like the Honesty Box, this is another way for us to keep in contact with our readers.

Articles: There will be links to articles from *The Hilltop* Online, so in case you don't get a chance to read the print version of the newspaper, you can check it out online.

We, at *The Hilltop*, take pride in producing the best quality college newspaper in the country.

If there is something that you would like to see, then share it with us because our readership is our top priority. Be on the lookout for a friend request from yours truly!

Daily Sudoku

Directions:

Each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain each and every digit 1-9 exactly once.

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	6			1	
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CORRECTION: In the article entitled "*Student Hustle: Hip Hop Finds Home, Future for Howardite*" published Thursday, February 26th, Jabari Johnson was sponsored by "Freshjive", not "Fresh Juice". In addition he was working for an artist named "Graff", not "Graph".

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Perspective

Don't Just Look Like the Movement... Be it!

First, I would like to sincerely congratulate every single participant in this year's election. Whether victorious or unsuccessful, it takes tremendous courage and tenacity to throw one's hat into an election season at Howard University. I applaud your efforts and you all should be very proud of yourselves.

Now, as I was walking back to my dorm after the election results party, I overheard (Okay, was eavesdropping on) two young ladies having a conversation, when one of them said, "Girl, I'm so excited I think I'm going to run for something! That means I need to get my face out there and start dressing nicer so people can see me."

When I heard this, I was shocked because this girl has an obvious misconception of leadership. Then, my heart was convinced of the fact that I am sure that she is not the only one who thinks this way.

After coming back from the HBCU "Kings" conference, where the first formal conversation I had with other college representatives was about cocoa butter and cleaning fingernails, I have come to the realization that people think that leadership lays prostrate before the altar of superficiality.

This idea is the reason why

our candidates for office spend thousands of dollars on colors, clothes and candy in order to get our votes.

I do agree that catchy slogans allow for certain candidates' names not to be lost in the sea of forgetfulness. However, we must make sure that our leadership is not guilty of false advertisement. We must ask, "Yes, you may have captured my attention, but can you capture my service?"

For far too long in our community, we have had leaders who have dressed the part, looked the part, smiled the part and talked the part, but yet HAD NOT THE HEART to serve the people. We've placed campaigning over compassion and statistics over service. We have a lot of faces, but we lack the voices.

So, my charge today to our newly elected student leaders is to not just be the face of the movement, but to BE the movement. Let's get rid of the superficial and move into the realm of the substantial. It's time for real leaders with real agendas promoting real action.

If you can raise \$3,000 for your political campaign, then try to raise \$3,000 for a campaign against hunger. If you can get 1,500 student votes for office, then try to get 1,500 student signatures

on a petition for Congress to have a hearing about the prison-industrial complex. If you gave out hundreds of dollars of food to students for their votes, give out thousands of dollars of food to homeless people who have no voice.

The time is now for GREATNESS. And I do not use this term loosely: GREATNESS. What is the criteria for your greatness? Is it measured by the amount of programs you throw, or maybe the amount of votes you received? Maybe greatness is measured by the amount of people who sing your praises?

While those may be good, they aren't great. The SOLE criteria for greatness goes back to the 1st Century Palestinian Jew named Jesus who said, "May the Greatest among you BE YOUR SERVANT!"

So, student leaders, while aesthetics are important and an image is definitely something to uphold, do not forget to serve. And as Dean Bernard Richardson always tells us, "When you seek to serve, you will bump into greatness along the way."

God bless, and BE THE MOVEMENT!!

- Melech Thomas, Mr. Howard University 2008-2009

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