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CHRISTMAS TREE HOT TOPIC AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BY ASHLEY JOHNSON-ALFORD

Christmas tree or no Christmas tree? This was a major topic discussed at the second Howard University Student Association (HUSA) General Assembly meeting.

The urgency of this meeting stemmed around the review of the 2008-2009 HUSA Programming Budget and the outlining of the 2008-2009 budget as well, which potentially consisted of a decrease of a $109,000 fall LCD HDTV to be placed in Blackshear “Power Hall” for student organizations to advertise to the student body and the $9,500 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremonies proposed by the HUSA administration.

“Howard students and members of the community think that we are a family more than we think of it as a community,” said HUSA President Bryan Smart. “So we want to put the tree on top of UDL, so that people can see us when they ride pass. We want to keep the ceremony open for the community and even invite the middle and elementary schools to light the tree, sing carols and such.”

Smart is looking to make this an annual event after having tested it in a small setting last year. They will be 14-feet tall with a five-year warranty and $22,600 in total. The 2009-2010 Programming Budget, the second HUSA self-funded, was 0.01% over the budget of $273,012, $12,000 for the electricity, $77,000 for processing and shipping fees and $15,000 for decorations and supplies. All, the committee asked for $46,000 to fund the event from the student activity fund.

“When the committee presented the proposal, they said that they had resources to help with the cost of the program,” said General Assembly Vice-Chairman Bizzle Mathews. “It was said that there are no deductible sponsors at the moment. If there is, why aren’t they spending helping to offset the cost?”

Potential sponsors include the Office of the President, Office of the Vice President, the Office of Advancement Services, the Office of the Secretary and Residence Life, none of which have been confirmed.

“I do not know if we are expected to carry along with the proposal instead of making the committee go out to get sponsors where they should get sponsor’s dues, come back and ask for the money,” said General Assembly, page 3.

HU INSTITUTES NEW iLAB ENTRY PROCEDURES

Students no longer have to show their ID at the Information Lab (iLab), but they will need to be scanned. A new system recently implemented requires students to scan their ID in order to gain access to the Lab.

Just two days before, Beverly Copeland, first-year Ph.D nutrition major, walked into the Lab and showed her ID. Yesterday she was asked for her ID to be scanned.

“I do not know what they are meaning, but I probably let them know that you are an active student,” said Copeland. “They are thinking this is a poor system because it regulates who comes into the Lab instead of you would just show your ID and walk in.”

Other students felt different to the new system.

“Honestly it was annoying just because I had to take my ID all the way out of my wallet,” said Maya Burcha, sophomore psychology major. “I understand the point about safety but they already checked our IDs so I don’t understand why they were making any different.”

— Compiled by Camille Augustine, Staff Writer

JOURNALIST FREED FROM N. KOREA

Laura Ling and Euna Lee open up to the press about their ordeal

BY MARQUIS H. BARNETT

Early August brought heightened tension, as the two US journalists, Laura Ling and Euna Lee, were questioned from their mother-in-law’s home in North Korea.

The two women, accompanied by North Korean officials, were detained in North Korea last week for more than a month, during which they were subjected to ordeals.

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Students Recruit Independently

By CAMILLE AGUSTIN Staff writer

While a recycling place in the student center and another in the library are popular, CMS President, Student Government Association President and Academic Honor Society President are working on the program to be used on campus.

President-elect Michael Steele paid a visit to the university in September.

According to the president-elect, he is working on a recycling plan that will coincide with Washington. He said that in the past, he and other students have attempted to get a better recycling process on campus.

If students can take part in the program, they will have to make sure they recycle properly.

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HUSA Looks To Bring HU and Community Closer

Matthews said, "While Matthews was concerned about other possible regulatory final the program was not considering other religious.

With numerous head nods from the crowd, Matthews added, "We are planning to do a lot of other programs involving the community as well," he said, "but a lot of people celebrate Christmas.

"Smart commended on the progress the program that the future of the Hilltop Hilltop program held on campus was Halloweens was to host the community listening with Hollowell, which has now been turned into a program for Hollowell students. While the community no longer being allowed to that event, the Christmas Tree lighting will be a great event to move that innovation," he said.

In order to make the assembly wanted to decrease the amount allocated to the "Holiday Tree Lighting" program from $4,564.00 to $2,850.00. Other issues discussed included the addition of a TV to the Hilltop Hilltop TV, which was approved, and student organizations have to pay to advertise on the Hilltop. Matthews said, "We will be a minimal price. It's not that much different.""We find the CUMB 36 Trip through student funding. We are all complaining about changing organizations to advertise, but all this money will be put back and the programming account," Smart said. "Everyone has all these problems with the budget. This is the way to make sure everyone renounce.

Matthews mentioned that student organizations will not become charged for still photos, but will be charged a fee for the photos made by HUSA for non-competition.

Members of the assembly were requested to budget the television. It is a great example of HUSA working together. This is a great idea," said former General Assembly Chairman Corey Brooker.

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Toyota Denies Cover-Up Allegations of Rollovers

BY OLLIE MONTGOMERY

Toyota, the world's largest auto maker and the second largest in the United States, has faced federal and state investigations led by former attorney Dimitros Biller into allegations that its vehicles were隐瞒（wù） evidence of rollovers for more than a decade, which possibly led to the deaths of about 100 people. The company also allegedly withheld evidence of prior cases that caused accidents and rollovers, even as such flaws were revealed in its trucks and SUVs.

This evidence affects more than 300,000 vehicles over the past 10 years, and if true, would require those cars to be re-visited. Biller, who was previously involved in defending another auto maker on behalf of Toyota Motor Sales USA, resigned from the company two years ago.

According to a complaint released by Biller this July, the company presumably destroyed important evidence about the structural integrity of its vehicles in the cases and failed to provide adequate electronic information to plaintiffs.

Biller alleged that experts, by destroying the situation in experiments on multiple occasions, had conflicts that followed caused him to suffer a mental breakdown.

The lawsuit claims these actions were taken for the first time in September 2007.

Meanwhile, Toyota has denied any wrongdoing in the case.

In the event released to the public, Toyota, refinancing itself, saying the allegations are "bogus" and that investors were not to blame since the company went on to say that "in no way is there a legal basis for us to withdraw the allegations." The Japanese-based company also believes that Biller "breached his ethical and professional obligations" as lawyer and violated attorney-client privilege.

While the controversy isn't new to Toyota or any other auto maker, it may affect the perception of the auto maker among some consumers.

Just public relations major Dianna Henderson was surprised to hear about the allegations.

"I haven't talked to him for three years," she said. "But he bought me my Toyota County when I was 16, knowing it would last." Henderson hasn't heard any complaints from other Toyota owners, but isn't open to the information.

"I've had that car since 16 and it's done me good for four years," said Henderson. "I don't have anything against Toyota, because I probably won't be purchasing another auto again soon."

"I'm somewhat surprised to hear about this," she added. "I don't have anything against Toyota, because I probably won't be purchasing another auto again soon."

Although the controversy may not affect the perception of the company, it may affect their products.

His family has turned several Toyota's, many of which have driven in a regular basis.

"I feel there's a bit of dishonesty on the part of the company to wanting to cover up." White said. "You know that Toyota, of Japanese cars, are known to have a good reputation for being reliable vehicles."

He was also surprised by the news and says in his time with the brand, the vehicles never exhibited any danger signs of rolling over.

White said the charges against Biller only add to his opinion that "the integrity of the company as to whether their cars can have much of a high standard of quality as they say." White said, "Judging from the experience myself, they do perform, the way they were advertised to perform."
A Preview of Black Family Reunion 2009

BY JESSICA HOLDER
Contributing Writer

Thousands of families are expected to gather at the National Mall September 12-13 to celebrate the 26th Annual Black Family Reunion Celebration.

Sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women, the event will unite parents and children, husbands and wives, parents and siblings to celebrate and preserve African-American family traditions.

As in years past, black families and organizations will rent vendor spaces in pavilions that cover a range of themes, including health screenings, economic empowerment, arts issues, ethnic food, and family values.

National Council of Negro Women spokesperson Xela Elizalde and plains of spirit surround the year's festivities.

"This year's Reunion looks to tie into next year's 25th Anniversary and having the first African-American president in office adds to that en-
cument," Elizalde said. "We hope it will bring more people out.

Elizalde said the 2009 celebra-
tion will spotlight the Poorman's Project multiracial exhibit, "a three-story affordable home that fea-
tures Reunion founder Dr. Dorothy Height and other African-American women who have been crusaders for equal rights through-
out their careers."

In addition to Height and other recognizable artifacts, Elizalde said Ford Motor Company will host "Ford Freestyle Stations." "We will spotlight women from the bottom who are empowering their communities," she said. "They don't necessarily have to be famous.

Civil Rights and education activist Height around the Black Family Reunion Celebration in 1958 as a response to public policy giver to the "working black family."" Required in the largest states to attract more than 300,000 attend-

ees annually. Height said the 2009 event will continue their tradition.

"This year's Black Family Reunion is part of a broader national effort to use African-American Reunion families, there is a pressing concern with the disfranchisement of their families said Height. Height said, "The Reunion is a time when we gather to bring hope to the struggles of yesterday, and focus on opportunities for tomorrow." Activities will begin on the National Mall at 5th Street, 6th Street, between Constitution Av-

ue, between Madison and John-

nson streets. The event will continue Saturday morning and during In a concert in a park, sponsored by McDonald's "in-""C" in the Mall, and "Museum." Both days will feature themed pavilions.

The NCBW Black Family Reunion Celebration is a two-day cultural event celebrating the enduring strengths and traditional values of the African-American family.

What to expect 500,000 people, music, food, Health screenings, gospel concert, R&B concert, discussion of health, education, teen issues, economic empowerment, and family values.

Hosted by the women of the National Council of Negro Women
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Trey Songz Third album hits store Monday, just in time for Grammy Award Nominations.

UGA All White Party Hits a High Note with Students

BY KARA SINGLETON

The second annual all-white party at the University of Georgia was another great party to be sure, and Student Union President Terrell White will probably agree that the party was the party of the year.

The undergraduate Student Union (USG) hosted the first ever all-white party last year and decided to make this event even bigger.

The theme of the party was "The Enlightenment," promoting a "rich cultural heritage" and "renewal and the renaissance." The theme was the perfect way to celebrate the 2007 African-American Cultural Festival that was held at the site of the party.

The theme was inspired by the book "The book of the Dead" and the party was held in the Student Union's main ballroom.

The dress code was "white," and people were encouraged to wear white accessories and clothing.

The party was conveniently located in the Student Union's main ballroom, which was decorated with white lights and candles.

The music was provided by DJ Rock'n Robin, who played a mix of R&B, hip-hop, and reggae.

The food was provided by UGA Dining Services and included a variety of dishes, including chicken, pasta, and salad.

The party was a huge success and attendees enjoyed the theme, music, food, and atmosphere.

Nursery Rhymes Not Suitable For Kids

Some very popular nursery rhymes are based on violent events in world history

BY KARA SINGLETON

Charming nursery rhymes that are used to entertain children may have a disturbing background.

The nursery rhyme "London Bridge Is Falling Down" was inspired by a real incident where a bridge was actually destroyed.

The nursery rhyme "Jack Be Nimble" is based on a real incident where a man was murdered.

The nursery rhyme "Humpty Dumpty" is based on a real incident where a man was executed.

The nursery rhyme "Jack and Jill" is based on a real incident where a woman was killed.

The nursery rhyme "Rock-a-Bye Baby" is based on a real incident where a baby was murdered.

Other Nursery Rhymes With Interesting Backgrounds:

- Rock-a-Bye Baby
- London Bridge is Falling Down
- Pop Goes the Weasel
- Itsy Bitsy Spider
- Three Blind Mice
- Rockin' Robin

Compiled by Ciera Jones Life & Style Editor

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Take It From The Top
By Jada F. Smith
One of the most important milestones in a friendship is the birthday. Some people celebrate the birthdays of others in a big way, while others prefer a low key celebration.

Jada Smith, a junior history major, talks about how she approaches her birthday as a couple is a pretty good way to get on someone's good side. I think the first impression is very important, as well as making sure that someone is comfortable with your relationship.

All the other holidays are fun - with the exception of Valentine's Day. People are often in love and can't wait to get something for their loved one.

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Student Athletes Feel the Perks, Responsibility

Howard isn’t known for its athletic prowess. This institution has a reputation worldwide for being a top-tier research University and scores exceptional on one of the top 100 Yes, according to US News and World Report when it comes to academics. Howard can hold itself at the top of the charts.

Not every school can grace the top of the athletic state; it’s impossible for any school to rise to the top in every sport of its school. The Howard student body can be very hard on the student-athletes’ mental and physical health.

Much of that can be attributed to the fact that student-athletes are rewarded for the hard work that they put on the field.

Many schools are required to wake up at early hours, go to practice and training sessions, and to give all their best to uphold their university. Howard University does not have any House doctor that can help them upon injury.

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