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Friday's Notebook**BREAKING NEWS**

ACCORDING TO HUSA PRESIDENT BRYAN SMART, "FIRST FRIDAY" AND THE FISH FRY ARE CANCELLED.

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PRESIDENT OBAMA IS ON A MISSION TO EXPAND AWARENESS OF NATIONAL HBCU WEEK. FIND OUT WHAT HE PLANS TO DO.

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Students Convene At Chapel



"We will not stand for the lack of handicap accessible entrances," students said.



Students were told to make their own choices, because they are all grown but we are doing this for results.



Students were asked to wear black.



"We're bringing back the spirit of 1969, 1989 and now 2009."



"It may not be your issue or problem, but it's my problem. So my problems are your problems," students said at the meeting.

Photo Essay by Zelenia Williams, Photo Editor

Summer Brawl Springs Trouble in the Fall

Altercation between student organizations brings administration into the picture, raises questions, concerns

BY TAHIRAH HAIRSTON
Campus Editor

The tension started with a party on a Friday night in mid-July, according to sophomore psychology major Brandon Griffin. After an argument that started because of one guy dancing with another guy's girlfriend, the altercation spiraled out of control.

The next incident occurred on the first floor of the Towers elevator where, according to Griffin, about four football players were standing in the elevator, the football players then came up both sides of the stairs and jumped Andre Foster, a sophomore political science major.

The incident then began to escalate outside of the Towers.

"It wasn't really anything personal," said

Casey Council, a football player and sophomore architecture major. "We barely knew each others names before the incident."

Outside of the Towers, Griffin saw a football player -- who chose not to be mentioned -- walking by Banneker High School on 6th Street towards him and Foster with a brick in his hand.

"He started to walk toward us with a brick in his hand and then he dropped the brick to swing on Andre," Griffin said. "The campus police came and everyone ran away."

He said after returning to the Towers he remembers the football player telling him, "You can't stay in the Towers; it's not safe."

As Griffin takes another trip to the Towers, calling a friend to pick him up

because he feels unsafe, he sees the same football player standing in front of the car door that he is about to get into. Griffin said the football player slammed the car door, pushed him out of the car and, according to him, 10 seconds later he was jumped by at least two football players.

The driver and the passenger of the car were allegedly jumped as well.

According to Council, the altercation story happened differently. He said although there was a fight that happened inside the Towers, what happened outside is a different story. Council said 12 of the Gentlemen of Drew Social Club (GODSC) members jumped two of his teammates and then he had to jump in. Both Foster and Griffin are members of

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School Shooting Shakes Students at Spelman College

BY LE'DIA J. SMITH
Staff Writer

Early Thursday morning, gunfire erupted during a fight on the campus of Clark Atlanta University, leaving one student dead and another wounded.

Jasmine Lynn of Kansas City, Mo., was walking with a group of friends when she was struck by a stray bullet as a fight broke out in the 200 block of James P. Brawley Drive.

"One of the friends actually heard the gunshots, actually saw the weapon and told her to get on the ground," Atlanta Police Lt. Keith Meadows said. "As she was getting on the ground, she was struck in the chest by a stray round."

Lynn, 19, was studying psychology at Spelman College, one of the surrounding schools. She was taken to Grady Memorial Hospital, where she died.

Jerome Jones, an 18-year-old student at Clark Atlanta University was with Lynn and was hit by a bullet on the wrist and was treated at an Atlanta hospital and released Thursday, police said.

"At this point, we have not been able to determine the nature of the altercation on Mitchell Street," Meadows said. "However, we are questioning a number of witnesses."

He said, "We have not been able to determine whether any of the individuals involved in the physical altercation were actually students from Clark Atlanta or any of the surrounding colleges."

For now, police are looking for one suspect, though investigators have not ruled out the possibility of more than that, Meadows added.

Hilltop Staff Writer Aaron Randle is among those mourning the death of Lynn. He was a classmate of Lynn's at both Lincoln College Preparatory Middle School and Lincoln College Preparatory High School.

"Jasmine was a really beautiful and balanced person," Randle said. "Despite her surroundings and upbringing, she was still focused to do well in college."

The university complex where the incident took place is located in one of Atlanta's toughest neighborhoods. The area has had some problems with safety in the past, which led students to push for a close campus back in 2005.

Clark Atlanta senior psychology major Jacqueline Brimimage knows the dangers of the area, and was awakened by the police sirens Thursday morning.

"Where they were walking was in the ghetto," Brimimage said. "I would not have been there yesterday at one in the morning -- I would not have been there any night at that time. Everyone knows that that's an area you would not want to walk through. It's not a normal path people take."

Spelman President Beverly Daniel Tatum released a statement Thursday morning, which said: "On behalf of the entire Spelman College community, I want to express our deepest sympathy to Jasmine's family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time of grief."

A memorial service organized by students was held at 8 p.m. in front of Spelman's main gate on Westview Drive. Spelman College and Clark Atlanta University are two of the four adjoining campuses that make up the Atlanta University Center Morehouse College and the Morehouse School of Medicine make up the other two.

Lynn's death is the second case of gun violence that has taken the life of a student attending a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) within the past month. Howard University's Daniel Jones, 21, was a victim of gun violence on Aug. 13, 2009 in Fort Worth, Texas.



Photo Courtesy of Aaron Randle
Jasmine Lynn was a sophomore at Spelman College.

Gun Violence Continues to Claim Lives of Fellow HBCU Students

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Campus Editor

In one year, more than 100,000 people in America were shot in murders, assaults, suicides, accidents or by police intervention, according to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

Every day, 276 people in America, 57 of them children and teens, face the same fate.

Every day, 85 people die from gun violence, 35 of them murdered.

Around 12:30 a.m. on Thursday morning, 19-year-old Jasmine Lynn, sophomore psychology major at Spelman College, was shot and killed on the campus of Clark Atlanta University, a neighboring Atlanta University Center (AUC) school.

According to sophomore history major Alycia Morgan, who went to middle school and high school with Lynn before parting ways for college, Lynn was someone everyone respected because she was intelligent.

"This was here way out from the hood," Morgan said. "What happened to her, she has seen a million times in her lifetime."

Morgan said Lynn, who was attending the university on a scholarship, was a fun-loving girl from Kansas City, a city where this "happens all the time."

The "Do You Care?" Campaign, in conjunction with the Howard University Student Association (HUSA), has planned a candlelight vigil for this evening at 7 p.m. at the flagpole.

At 6 p.m. on Thursday, the flag was drawn to half-mast in honor of Lynn.

"We are all brothers and sisters," said Bryan Smart, president of the Howard University Student

Association (HUSA). "Gun violence is something that affects not only college students, but all people. If we don't stand for our sister, you'll fall for anything."

HUSA Chief-of-Staff Lindsay Moore said this could have easily happened in the area surrounding the Howard community and that it could have been a Howard student walking from the Allied Health Sciences Library.

In 2008, *The Hilltop* reported that freshman accounting major Darius Butler was shot five times while walking back to his dormitory, Drew Hall, from Harvard Street, which is approximately one block away.

Butler said someone just walked up to him and shot him for reasons unknown to him. He was hit three times in the back; one bullet impacted his spinal cord, once in the left elbow and once in the left leg. Outside of the spinal cord injury, he suffered a fractured sternum.

Butler said he remembers trying not to blackout and the support of a lady who talked to him so that he would stay awake. After the ambulance arrived, he remembered waking up to see his family.

Due to the shooting, he was paralyzed from the waist down. This happened just two months after he first arrived at the university.

"I believe I'm going to walk again. I'm not giving up on my life," Butler said. "I need people to keep praying for me."

The "Do You Care?" campaign, along with the "Future Not Funerals" campaign, rooted in Chicago under the direction of Father Michael Pfeiffer, is working to answer the question of how these shootings can end.

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Howard's 2009 Homecoming Steering Committee has worked diligently to ensure that this year's events reflect the spirit of the University and encompass everything that Howard University represents. Photo Courtesy of Homecoming Steering Committee

Homecoming Set to Revive Rhythm of Howard

This year's Steering Committee hopes to restore the legacy of Homecoming at Howard

BY VICTORIA FORTUNE
Staff Writer

Experience the fun, experience the madness, and experience the rhythm. The time has come. It is fall semester at the Mecca and the 2009 Howard University Homecoming Steering Committee (HUHSC) is gearing up for the lights, cameras and action. The theme of Homecoming this year is "Rhythm: The Pulse of the People."

"With rhythm, not only do we embrace the pageantry of the past but gain a different beat for the future," said Tyler Pride, chairman of the Homecoming Steering Committee.

One of the most demanding positions on the HUHSC is having to oversee the entire staff. As chairman, Pride does just that. The chair must approve any events that are featured in Homecoming. Pride, along with a number of staff members, spent his entire summer in D.C. diligently planning Homecoming events.

"Rhythm: The Pulse of the People. Rhythm is sound, rhythm is movement and rhythm is contagious; thus the name equates to what this year's Homecoming strives to be," said Avery Green, public relations director on the HUHSC. While the beat and tempo may have changed over the years, we strive to keep the same melody of the past," Green said.

As the Public Relations Director, Green not only handles the media and marketing matters, but he and his team are also responsible for upkeeping the Homecoming Web site as well.

"When I think of the rhythm Howard has steered since 1867, I thought it was important to recognize that our rhythm distinctively stands out because we are innovative and always going beyond the medium," Joshua Nelson said. "Rhythm is made up of many elements and doesn't rely on one single beat or there is no room for progression."

Nelson heads the once gone, but now returning Poetry Cipher event. The Poetry Cipher coordinator gathers some of the most

diverse, impressionable international artists and showcases their talent into an event.

"Howard is a leading force for every trend and façade of American culture. It is time to break our ordinary cycle of discovery," Nelson said. "I think it only seems right that we bring poetry back to our annual celebration."

Nelson feels that because America is stepping into a new era of change, the value of voice must return.

"When people think of rhythm, they think of music, but I want people to realize that we mean so much more than that. We're trying to celebrate the true Howard experience," Nelson Gillum said.

Now it is quite evident that fashion and style at Howard are taken very seriously. Having that in mind, Gillum accepted the role as this year's Fashion Show coordinator. Not only is he in charge of contacting designers and acquiring sponsors, but also holding modeling calls. Nelson states, "the current state of the economy has challenged the staff to see how creative they could be with minimal funds."

Even though this does not introduce the entire Homecoming staff, it does serve as a beat to a melody that will be in full blast Oct. 17th through Oct. 24th.

Poll: Are You Satisfied With Howard University?



Polls Statistics:

Males: 48
Females: 52

Freshman: 14
Sophomore: 37
Junior: 24
Senior: 25

Poll was conducted by campus editors Tahirah Hairston and Jessica Lewis.

Top 10 Concerns of Student Body as randomly polled by *The Hilltop*:

1. The administration building is understaffed and unorganized.
2. The administrators and staff do not care about or listen to the students.
3. There has been an increase in tuition without an increase in the quality of amenities.
4. Students get the run-around by staff and people are never able to send students to the right location.
5. The new online system is more of a hindrance than a help.
6. There has been a noticeable lack of progress at the University in terms of technology and available resources.
7. The validation process is cumbersome.
8. There is a lack of communication between administration and students. The administration has alienated the student body.
9. Dealing with Financial Aid is an undesirable experience for students.
10. The facilities and equipment need an upgrade.

Demands For the Student "Take A Stand" Protest

We, the students, are frustrated and tired of an administration that does not treat the students of the University with high regard.

1. All Students must be validated by Sept. 25, 2009 (no extensions on the deadline).
2. Howard University advances technology and goes completely paperless by the 2010-2011 school year.
3. Howard University must have a library that is open 24-hours a day by the end of the fall semester 2009.
4. Howard Financial Aid office must extend its business hours by the end of fall semester 2009.
5. Howard must disseminate a budget visible to students that shows the allocation of student money by the end of fall semester 2009.

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The Bison Album: You Know You Go To Howard When...



Bree Gent - Photo Editor

You know you go to Howard when.... you fight for an override because you can't leave HU without taking an African American studies class with the famous Dr. Gregory Carr.



Sean Robertson - Staff Photographer

You know you go to Howard when... there's construction during the school year instead of over the summer but girls will still strut in their high heels to class.

HUSA Intervention Leads to More Lenient Sanctions for Students Facing Suspension

Continued from FRONT, FIGHT

GODSC as well. "I wasn't really thinking," Council said. "I just let my anger build up."

The Metropolitan Police were called and a police report was filed.

As the brawl between the Howard University students was unexpected, they found the sanction they were given by the General Counsel to be even more unexpected.

"We went to go talk to General Counsel the next day, in the same clothes we got beat up in," Griffin said. According to Griffin, sophomore film production major Maurice Dukes came straight from the hospital for stitches for the hole he said was punched in his lip.

"We spent a good eight hours telling them what happened," Griffin said. "They said they would help us."

The boys were charged with assault, battery, harassment and disturbing the peace. Originally, they were supposed to get one year of suspension with two years of probation, but with advocacy from Howard University Student Association (HUSA), the sanction

was changed.

The members involved in the incident held a meeting with Interim Vice Provost of Student Affairs Charles Gibbs to talk about the situation and what the sanction should be.

"He kept saying how he didn't want to hear facts, but why we wanted to stay at Howard University," Griffin said. "I didn't even understand why I was there. I came to them for help."

As of now, their punishment consists of probation for the rest of their academic career, 100 hours of community service and 20 hours of campus service. The boys have also been mandated to host four programs and to write a five-page paper titled, "Manhood is not a slogan, it's a responsibility." They were also made to become roommates with one another in the West Towers.

According to HUSA Executive President Bryan Smart, they met with Gibbs and Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Alvin Thornton, Ph.D., to make sure the students were not expelled.

"I really feel like my punishment is fair because I could have been kicked out of school," Council said. "I would have lost my whole

Howard University experience and my opportunity to play football."

Council is set to room with Foster in a double efficiency in the West Towers.

"It wasn't like I had a personal vendetta against the guy," Council said. "It's actually helping us get to know each other."

According to Foster, the two have yet to move in together, due to the lack of double efficiencies in the West Towers.

On the other hand, Dukes, who is now roommates with the unidentified football player, said that although they haven't had any altercations since they have been living together, the living arrangement could have potentially been unsafe.

"Why would you put people in a room together who have had conflict [and] haven't had conflict resolution?" Smart asked. "We need to reevaluate the judiciary process clearly students aren't first."

According to Section V of The Student Code of Conduct, "A suspension may be imposed by the Dean if: (1) presence of the student is considered a danger to the health and welfare of the Howard University Community, or (2) the student's presence would otherwise interfere

with the mission of the University."

According to Section VII of The Student Code of Conduct about battery, "An encounter in which physical contact occurs or is threatened between two or more persons with weapons, blows, or other personal violence and that may include pushing, shoving, and other acts of physical abuse. Self-defense may be a mitigating factor to this charge, depending on the circumstance."

HUSA Executive Vice President Jerome Joseph said although the gesture is appreciated, the predicament that the members

of the incident are in right now should have never happened.

"The punishment sucks, but overall the issue is the handling of student affairs," Joseph said. "The key word in student affairs is 'student.' When you're dealing with students, you should maintain a certain amount of respect."

The Hilltop contacted Gibbs, but he declined to comment. He said further measures would be taken if he was quoted.

Griffins choose not to agree to the sanction given and has an appeal set for Tuesday, September 8.



Sophomore Maurice Dukes is pictured above with a bloody, scarred face. Photo Courtesy of Marcus Ware

Spelman Shooting Helps Prove Prevalence of Gun Violence

Continued from FRONT, SPELMAN

Coordinator of the "Do You Care?" Campaign and Mr. Howard University Melech Thomas said these are students at the top two Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), who did everything that they were supposed to, but still fell victim to gun

violence.

Thomas said these are students who came out of oppressed situations and that came to oppressive situations due to the federal governments inability to act on the issues of gun violence.

"When is this going to be a federal issue?" he asked while com-

paring the government's swift action on the swine flu.

Students from Spelman College reached out to Thomas and the campaign in an effort to act. Howard University and Spelman College will host two simultaneous rallies on Sept. 18 to stop the gun violence.

HUSA and the Do You Care Campaign will host a candle-light vigil tonight at 7 pm at the flagpole.

Students are asked to wear light blue in honor or Spelman's colors. Black ribbons will also be passed out.

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THE HILLTOP

National HBCU Week Gains More Attention

BY AISHA JOHNSON
Contributing Writer

Education is a vital weapon and necessary tool in the struggle for black advancement. It has helped pave the way for many successes and opened doors for some of the greatest minds of our time and those that came before them. However, prior to the Civil War was an era in which higher education for the young black adult was virtually nonexistent.

It wasn't until the establishment of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the mid 1860's that blacks in America were allotted the materials for a brighter future.

For years, HBCUs have acted as a birth place for the young black professional—grooming them before their entrance into the real world, and paving the way for some of the black community's most influential elite.

Primarily, Historically Black Colleges and Universities were created to train their students to become teachers and reverends. Throughout the years they have developed and flourished amongst their competitors, offering a variety of coursework and networking opportunities that extend beyond campus grounds.

This week President Barack Obama has set forth a celebration

for the advancement of these institutions and their rich legacy—August 30th through September 5th is now considered HBCU Week.

"I call upon public officials, educators, and all the people of the United States" announced Obama, "to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that acknowledge the tremendous contributions these institutions and their graduates have made to our country."

According to Howard University's President, Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau, the White House initiative on HBCUs is something that was established in 1981.

"It is especially significant for Barack Obama, the first African-American president, to observe HBCU week," Ribeau said. "This signals a renewal of the White House's commitment and recognizes the contributions that HBCUs have made not only within the United States, but also throughout the world."

Yet, as the week comes to a close, some Howard University students have been left underwhelmed at the lack of presence for this HBCU Week on such a historic campus.

"I felt like it really had no bearing on my situation, being a student at an HBCU," says Angela Porter, a senior legal communica-

tions major. "Because it's something that wasn't really publicized to us, I don't really know what our role is in it."

Other students feel as though the bigger picture should have been emphasized with the declaration of a new national week.

"Instead of celebrating with programs, ceremonies and activities, the week should be used to help raise awareness about the importance, history and impact that HBCUs have had on African American education as well as the country

as a whole," said Brent Jackson, junior business marketing major. "This time should also be used to raise large portions of money to support the numerous HBCUs that are struggling financially."

Dr. Greg E. Carr, Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Chair of the Department of Afro-American Studies at Howard University expressed his thought on the lack of presence the week held on this campus, and emphasized the need to explore the deeper meaning behind the celebration.

"HBCU week ideally should look like African American History Month was supposed to be," Carr said. "Carter G. Woodson wrote an article just before he died and he said Negro history week, [then week, now month], is supposed to be the week where we take stock of and celebrate the work that we did the entire year. HBCU week should be the week when we celebrate the efforts of the black colleges over the previous year, to continue the legacy, to develop the legacy. We should celebrate the accomplishments."



Zelena Williams - Photo Editor

As National HBCU week comes to a close, many students wonder why more was not done to publicize the event.

Demographic of U.S. Workplace Changing



Photo Courtesy of Florida Society of News Editors

Now, more than ever, women are joining the work force in capacities that differ from those of the educators and nurses.

BY RILEY WILSON
Staff Writer

For decades upon decades, men and women have been battling it out in the workforce. During the past 60 years, the United States has seen a dramatic change concerning the issue of men versus women in the workplace.

According to the National Center for Policy Analysis, "In 1950, fewer than 12 percent of

women with children under the age of six were in the workforce and two-thirds were traditional, meaning the man went to work and the woman stayed home."

Many are saying that a tax system that will place women in the same tax bracket as their husband's is forcing women to overcome even more obstacles.

Today, even though there are still less women in the workforce compared to men, many are still

optimistic, yet skeptical for what will come.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, women currently make up approximately 48 percent of the labor force. Since the percentage of men in the U.S. labor force is decreasing, many are wondering what's the reason for this change.

Elisabeth Eaves, "Deputy Editor of *Forbes Magazine*, offered her opinion in her column on the

change in climate for the U.S. workforce. She identifies the current recession as the catalyst for such a change and compares it to WWII saying, "It took the demands of World War II to propel a generation of American 'Rosies' onto the factory floor."

Eaves then makes a correlation between the many men that have lost their jobs due to the recession and the women that have managed to re-enter the workforce in the areas of Health Services and Education.

Tanesha Willis, a 2003 Howard graduate and former employee of companies such as SEI Investments and U.S. Airlines, attests that in some of her positions there were fewer men than women, but the men were in leadership positions.

She believes that the lack of men may be because there are more educated women than men. "There's also a lot more single women who are forced to work, contrary to maybe 20 years ago where more women were married," Willis said.

In 2007, the NY Times reported about this issue, referring to statistics from the Census Bureau. The article acknowledged that for the first time "more American

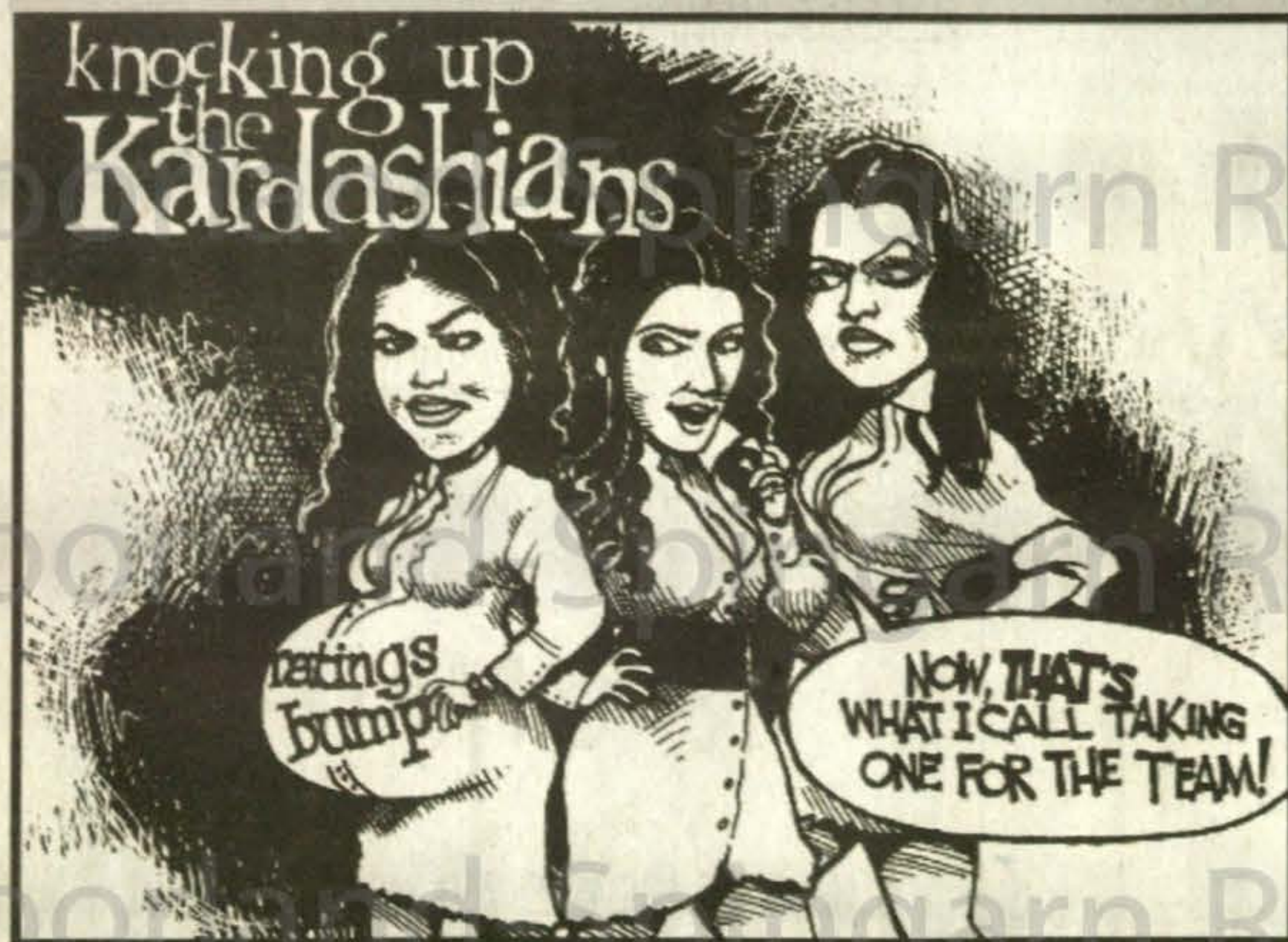
women are living without a husband than with one. Coupled with the fact that in 2005, married couples became a minority of all American households for the first time." The actual percentage of women without husbands is 51 percent.

Willis is not the only person noticing this trend. Courtney Stephenson, a finance graduate from the University of Florida said, "I find it weird that the majority of people obtaining higher education are female. I expect to see more women than men when I start working." Stephenson recently accepted a job offer from Target Corporation in Minneapolis.

On the influx of women in the workplace, junior international business major, Nichole Bestman said, "Because of barriers in the past, it is a good thing. I just hope that [women] are getting the high positions and not just the menial jobs."

The Hilltop recently reported on the graduates of HBCUs. It was reported that on the graduation rate of women was 46 percent, 11 percent more than black men. As a nation, the population is doubling in 50 years. Since women currently make up more than half of the population, this may be just the beginning of a female takeover.

FRIDAY FOLLIES



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In this Friday Folly, we see the Kardashian sisters, with a pregnant Kourtney Kardashian.

Where's the funny?
Kourtney Kardashian has come under recent fire by critics who believe that she is either not really pregnant, or is only pregnant for the purposes of gaining ratings.

- Compiled by
Marquis H. Barnett, Nation & World
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Find something funny?

Submit your Friday Folly to
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Athletes Battle With the Role Model Title

BY MAYA RHODAN
Staff Writer

Throughout the 20th century, athletes, among other entertainment professionals, have been held at higher regard than ordinary citizens. Due to their fame, fortune, good physique and often rags-to-riches life stories, they are relatable and appealing to the youth of America as well as older generations.

"Be like Mike" was the promotional slogan for Gatorade based on the athleticism and choice thirst quencher of basketball virtuoso Michael Jordan. The slogan motivated people of all ages on blacktops and in gym classes throughout the 90s.

In a 2008 Nike commercial, Pittsburgh Steelers' safety Troy Polamalu and San Diego Charger's running back LaDainian Tomlinson made intense attempts at motivating young males to "Leave nothing" when progressing throughout their athletic careers.

Because athletes are put on a pedestal in the eyes of their fans and in the media, when they participate in lewd activities or break the law they aren't always scrutinized as tough as a person who's not a celebrity.

Eagles quarterback Michael Vick was indicted for dog fighting

and brutally murdering dogs in his backyard; yet, at the end of the day, the year in prison he served was a slap on the wrist in comparison to the 10 years others who hold dog-fights serve.

Athletes, like OJ Simpson and Kobe Bryant, typically don't get punished as harshly as regular people. It is often questioned whether or not these people who are seemingly above the law, should be the role models of American youth, because at the end of the day that's what they are: people.

"Although athletes are held to a higher standard than normal people, I do not feel that they should be role models. They are just people," Dominique Murdock, a sophomore English and pre-law major, said. "The people that act in guardian roles in [children's] lives should distinguish between the entertainment value of athletes and the prowess that can come to a regular citizen who abides by the rules and acts in an upstanding manner."

While some believe it would be ideal for American youth to look up to doctors, lawyers, professors and scholars who do their best to abide by laws in a just fashion, it is absurd to think that will be the case. Therefore, is there enough pressure on athletes to be role models for the youth?

"I don't think there is pres-

sure on athletes; they just happen to become role models. [Athletes] get scrutinized when they mess up, but the media just acts like it's a huge deal when they do," David Burton, a sophomore business management major, said. "Regular citizens make mistakes every-day."

The media has taken on the role of flogging athletes when they do wrong in society. When photographs of star Olympic swimmer, Michael Phelps, smoking marijuana from a bong surfaced through Facebook, the media and the American public ate him alive. He was forced to make a public apology, lost endorsement deals and was shamed by parents across America.

"Athletes and celebrities alike

are given their status and image and forced to uphold it. The world treats them as if they are not human," Ezinwa Ukeewe, a senior sports medicine major, said. "If an average person were to fall down the steps, it wouldn't matter, but if an athlete or someone famous did, it would be all over the news."

Athletes often act in ways that supersede normal human capacity and assume they are going to be treated like humans in the other

aspects of their lives. In actuality, the pressure on athletes to be great at what they do is intense, but the pressure on them to be upstanding and forthright citizens is even more intense.

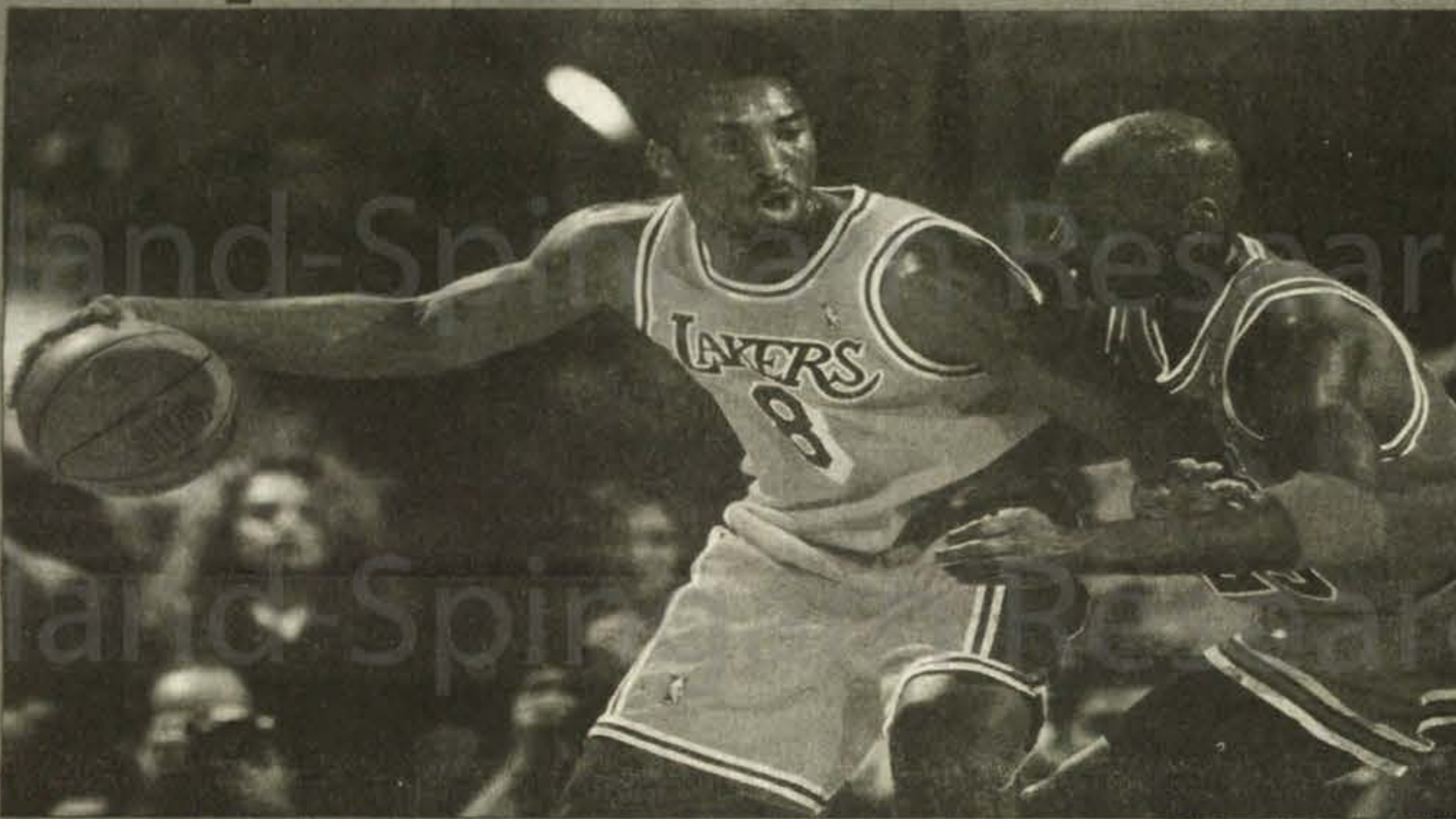
We may all be human, but when one distinguishes his or herself in a way that is above what is typical, their actions on and off of the field or court should too be above that which is typical.



Jeff Siner - Charlotte Observer (MCT)

Olympic swimmer, Michael Phelps, is just one of several athletes who has battled with negative media attention as a result of actions that he now regrets.

Sports Throwback Photo



Mark Brown - Orange County Register (MCT)

In December of 1997, Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant faced-off for the first time in an NBA game. This match up was seen as the teacher vs. the student, as Bryant to some was seen as the "next Michael Jordan."



Photo Courtesy of Howard University Information Desk

The Lady Bison are looking forward to challenging GWU Sunday.

BISON BRIEFS

Lady Bison Soccer

Howard's women's soccer team will host George Washington University at Greene Stadium on Sunday at 1 p.m. The Lady Bison lost their last game to VMI, 3-0 on Tuesday in their third game in five days. Jordan Brown led the Bison in shot attempts with four, while Rachael Lee, Cynthia Snyder and Cheyra Bell each took three shots and Lady Bison keeper, Chanel Bell stopped five shots.

NASCAR Comes to Howard

The National Association for Stock Car Racing, Inc. (NASCAR) has chosen the Fall 2009 semester schools for the Nascar Kinetics: Marketing in Motion. Howard University has been selected once again as one of the six universities to participate in the Kinetics program in the fall. The program is scheduled to begin in September and run until the end of November. The grand prize will consist of an all-expense paid, three day and four night trip to South Beach Miami, Fl. for NASCAR Championship Weekend 2009.

Sports Trivia!

What former NBA center still holds the record for the most points scored in a game?

Answer:

Wilt Chamberlain (100 points)

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

September 4, 1988

Mike Tyson crashed his BMW into a tree near Catskills, N.Y.

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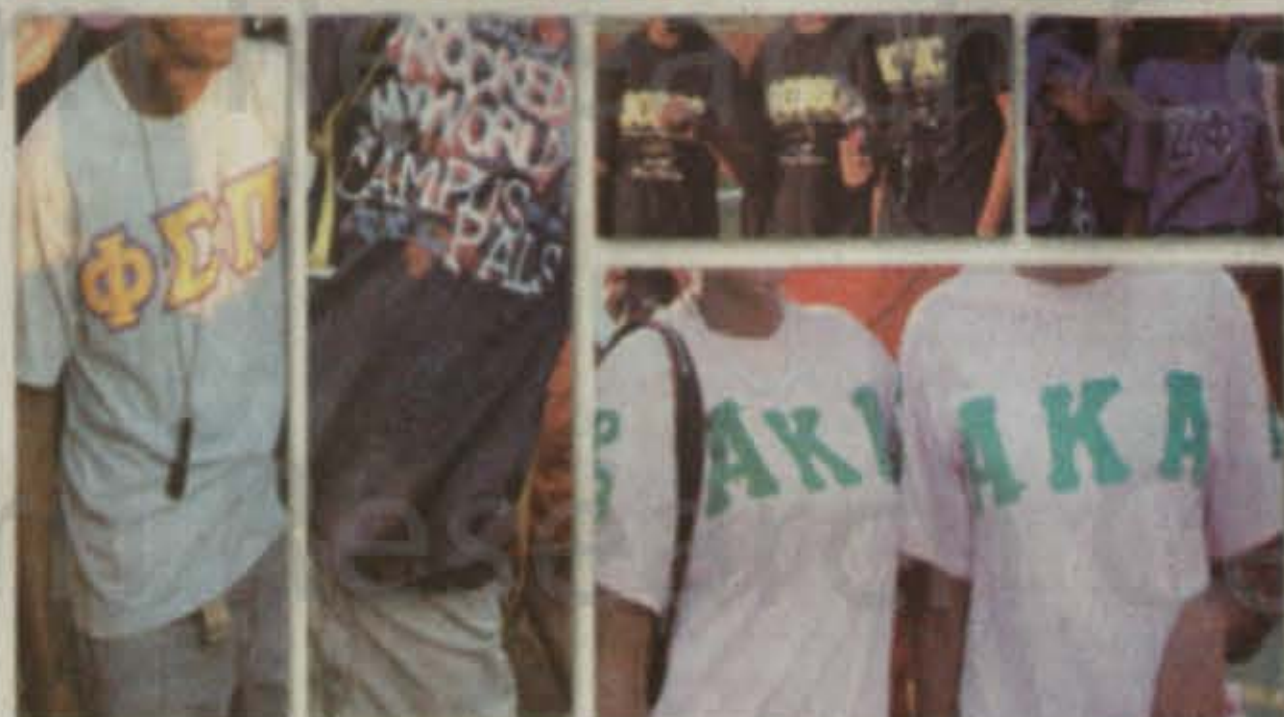
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Attitudes Can Take Us Far, Or Get Us Nowhere

Every workplace, organization, corporation or any other societal institution has members or employees who don't pull their weight. This makes it difficult for any consumer who is supposed to be served by one of these pillars of society and for those who end up picking up the slack.

Howard University is no different. We have amazing professors and staff members who bend over backwards for us, but some fall short of our expectations and sadly, some people look at those who fall short as the rule and not as the exception.

Yes, most of us have seen Campus Police officers who appear to be doing nothing when we're stranded at Slowe, for example. There have been times when we have sat in line at financial aid and watched employees have water cooler conversations with one an-

other. There are even instances when some library employees are of very little assistance. It happens, but how we respond to these instances can turn the situation around.

We've also seen, or been the student who decides it is up to us to let ev-

Our View:

Respect goes a long way, but we are the students and we do pay to be here.

everyone know that we write the checks around here. You've heard the infamous "I pay you!" line around here from time to time. How far does that get us?

Most of us have been employees before, and we generally don't enjoy being told "Do what I say because I pay you." We're generally

aware of who pays us and we don't need constant reminders. Yes, we may need to remind certain employees around here who affect our housing that we live here, day and night, and if there's a leak or a malfunction, we have to keep living with it until they fix it, while they get to go home.

Just like any other societal institution there can be payroll issues. Sometimes it isn't the best idea to rub it in someone's face the fact that you pay them when they actually haven't been paid, but continue to show up for work.

Overall, if someone wants to do their job, they will, but how we approach the staff can seriously affect the kind of service we get. A friendly tone and a smile will get you further than a reminder of who's boss.

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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Healthcare Reform Rally Volunteer Meeting Tuesday, September 8th 6:30 p.m. Rankin Chapel All students welcome!

Aisha Johnson (9-1), Ken Fisk (9-5), CJ Trahan (9-6) Happy Birthday... Love, Marquis, Le'Dia, Aaron, Rachel, Tallas, Shika, Kevin, Joe, Felicia

Can You Walk the Catwalk? Homecoming Fashion Show Model Call Tues, Sept. 8 Cramton Auditorium 6p.m. Ladies: White Tanks, Dark Skinny Jeans & Heels Gentlemen: White Shirts & Dark Jeans Fee: \$7 Watch: \$5 TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED TODAY IN THE CRAMTON BOX OFFICE

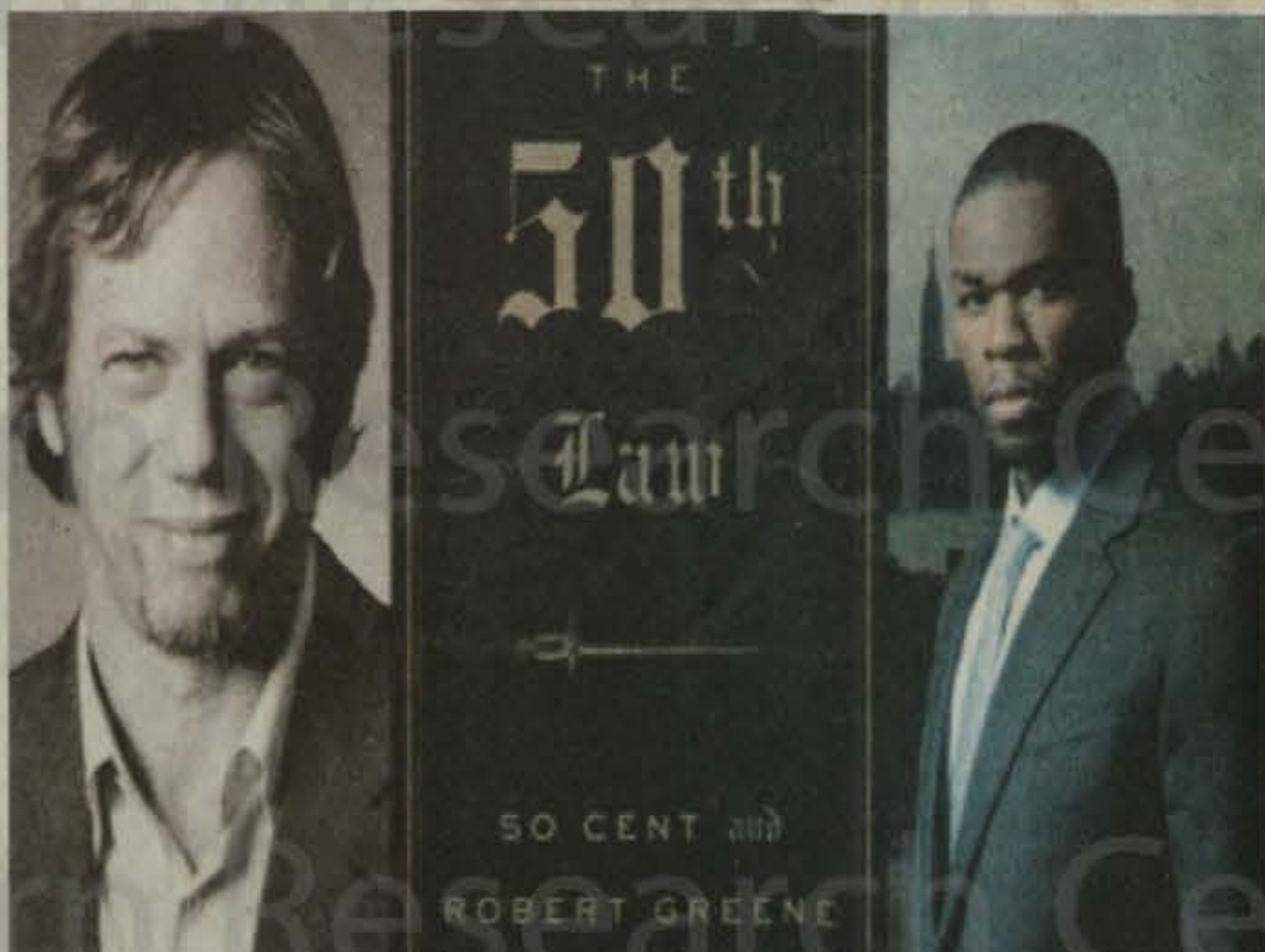
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