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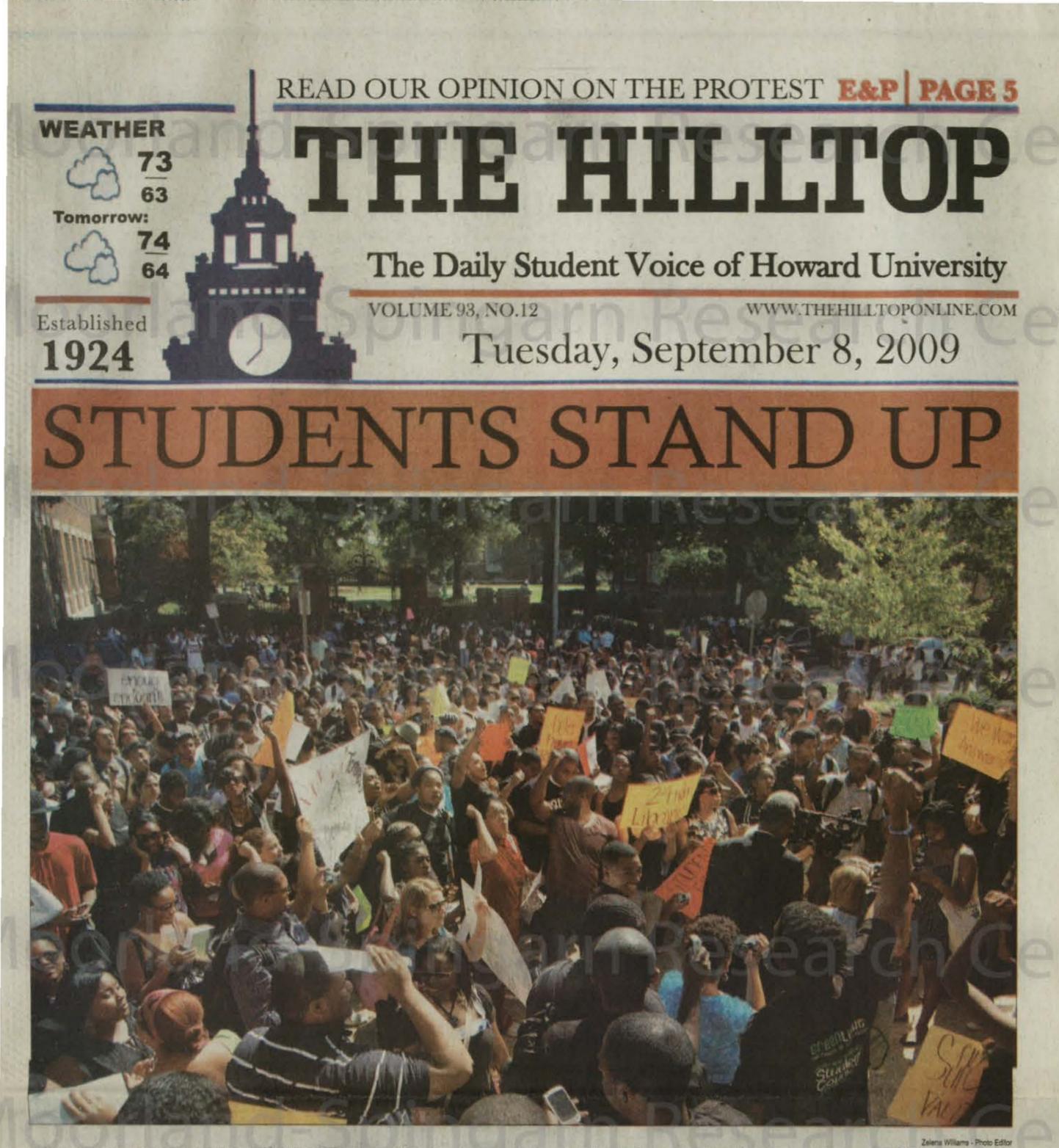
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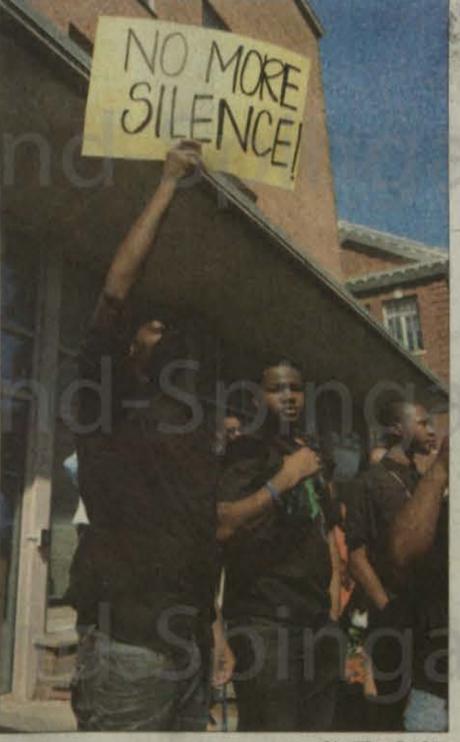


Students protested in front of the administration building on Friday, Sept. 4., demanding changes in the financial aid department, as well as 24-hour library access and a campus wide WI-FI connection.

Kristopher Owens, photographed In the photo on the right, was one of the coordinators of the student protest on Friday. He said his inspiration came to him after his own struggles with the administration and student financial services. Owens is a junior advertising major.

Students also wore also told by student leaders to wear black in light of the day's events. Protestors brought signs with them that read "Enough is Enough," "No More Silence," "We Want Answers," and "We Have Rights." They often chanted, singing songs such as "We Shall Overcome" and other uplifting medleys.

Pictured in beneath is junior political science major Corey Briscoe as he talks to campus police officers inside of the 'A' building. Officers locked students and employees out of the building. Briscoe was at the forefront of the protest.



Zelena Williame - Photo Editor

## Past Protest All Too Familiar

#### BY RILEY WILSON Staff Writer

Friday, Sept. 4 marked the 20th anniversary of what many know as the Howard versus Atwater protest.

In 1989, the Howard student body held a massive protest against Harvey Leroy "Lee" Atwater, then Republican National Committee chairman.

What many newspapers and journalists reported on was Howard's protesting of Atwater's appointment to the Board of Trustees. Yet, much like today's Howard students, they felt there was more than just one issue that needed to be resolved.

The issue that was regarded as the most important was Atwater's appointment to the board of trustees. He had previously been George H: W. Bush's 1988 campaign manager, being held responsible for the Willie Horton Ad that was circulated. This ad was seen as "crypto-racist," primarily because it profiled murderers and rapists as African-Americans. The Howard University students would not stand for someone such as Atwater to sit on their board of trustees.

Therefore, at the 122nd celebration of Charter Day, students stormed the stage shouting chants to the crowd. The next stop was to the Administration building where it is said that students barricaded themselves in the building in an effort to resolve housing issues, financial aid distribution comsomething the organizers of Friday's protest have been keeping in mind.

"One thing we've learned is to look at history - we've talked to people from 1989, just to see some of the things they've used." Burks said.

She said there is a group of people working diligently to plan and make sure they are making the right move for the student body. Burks is one of many student leaders participating in the organization of the protest. Others include: the 47-49th president and vice president of HUSA, COAS president, School of Communications president and the Undergraduate Trustee.

In 1989, the student leaders on campus issued a list of demands followed by protest, but many are wondering whether today's student bedy will follow tradition and follow through. "The protest was worth it - doing something is better than doing nothing," said Lacuia Burt, senior marketing major. "As students, we need to learn to stop grumbling and take action."

One thing the students of the 1989 protest had was persistence. Then president of Howard University, James E. Cheek, printed a warning letter after the first protest stating that "any students or other individuals who persist in occupying any university building and otherwise disrupting university operations will be arrested and/ of expelled."



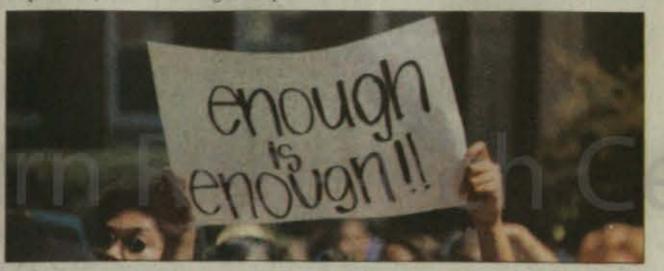
Zelana Williams - Phote Editor

plaints, campus security and the increase in tuition.

It may come as a coincidence that on Friday, more than 400 Howard students gathered together to protest at least two of the similar issues: housing and financial aid distribution.

Jewel Burks, a junior marketing major and School of Business Student Council president, said that looking to the past is

Sure enough, students protested at the Administration building that Tuesday. The main demand, Atwater's resignation, was granted as well as the resignation of Howard University's President Cheek. Whether the current student leaders really learned from the 1989 protest is something that will be seen in the future progress of the students' demands



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# 2 CAMPUS September 8, 2009 Howard Students, Union Workers United for Last Friday's Demonstration to Make Change

#### BY HILLTOP STAFF

On the morning of Aug 24, scores of union workers held a public union meeting at the flagpole. At 11 p.m. on Sept. 3, hundreds of students secretly convened in the confines of the chapel. The culmination of these two events led to the demonstration that was Friday's protest.

On Friday at 11 a.m. hundreds of students stood in front of the Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Administration building seeking more than financial validation with signs ranging from "Fire Gibbs" to "Help Us."

Kristopher Owens, a junior advertising major, sparked the idea for the protest because of his own financial situation. Owens was frustrated at the "ongoing, unresolved" problems. "I feel like this is not my protest," says Owens. "This is our protest. These are all problems we have been experiencing together."

Students were able to share their personal story on a bullhorn each telling of a different struggle, each wanting compassion.

Sophomore James Poindexter III said, "My scholarship was taken due to some type of miscommunication. I have been trying to get that back. I have all the qualifications for the scholarship, but yet they will not give it back to me."

Students were not the only entity discontent with the level of service provided by Howard University. 32BJ Service Employees International Union workers planned a demonstration at the flagpole for 12 p.m. on Friday. At approximately 12:15 p.m. the two protests had joined forces. "Enough is enough. Divided we will fall, but together we will stand," said Howard University Student Association (HUSA) Vice-President Jerome Joseph.

Union member Willie Lucas said, "Howard has violated several of our contracts. We have filed several grievances with them, and they haven't responded. Also, we have an issue with pay increases."

The union workers came bearing signs of their own wearing purple shirts attempting to be heard. Previously, the union disseminated an e-mail asking people to call President Sidney A. Ribeau, who was out-of-town at the time of the protest, demanding for the protection of workers' rights.

Lucas, who has been working for the university for 33 years, said, "Ribeau has inherited this. It's not him; this is something that is just happening on his watch... It's just a lot of stuff going on, that's just the way it is. It's really hard."

Howard University Student Association President Bryan Smart was one of the student leaders that took charge of the protest leading such chants as "Who's first? Students first."

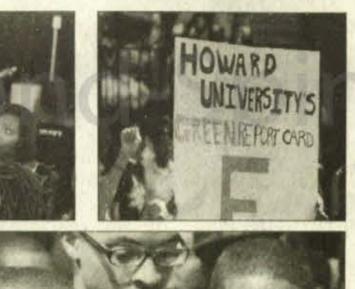
He said, "There are four components of this university. You have the faculty, and staff, students and we have the upper administration. Two out of four are saying that something has to give, something had to change."

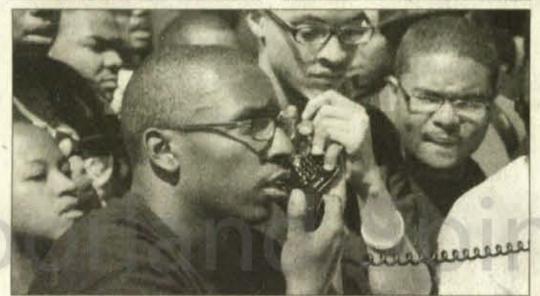
The protest eventually lost momentum once it was unclear who was leading the protest as many voices began to take charge. The bulk of the crowd disseminated once students were directed by School of Divinity Student Council President Joseph Smith to go out to find five friends and bring them to the protest. Many, of the students did not return. The ones that remained were confronted by an aggressive Howard University police force that pushed students out of the way to close and lock the doors of the building.

The officers began to monitor the traffic of the building by not allowing the people inside to exit through the front door, where the crowd was located.

Some students reconvened in the chapel to reorganize. While there, students shared what they did and did not like about the protest as School of Business Student Council President said that this is the first but not the last protest.

Students have sent an email to Ribeau demanding that demands be responded to by Sept. 24, which is the day before the Board of Trustees meet.





## New Generation of Students Wait for "Defining Moment"

#### BY ASHLEY JOHNSON-ALFORD Staff Writer

Fall semester 2006, students rallied for all races and genders to be equally considered for employment and education. Fall semester 2007, a hurricane ripped through New Orleans tearing apart homes and relocating families. Spring semester 2008, students rally for America to inaugurate its first black president. For 2009, the slate remains blank. ana all under the age of 18 who were convicted of the beating of a white student after a noose was hung from a tree where the boys frequently spent time. The case caused a nationwide uproar, inspiring protests and support from figures such as Jesse Jackson and Rev. Al Sharpton. With Howard election and witness the win as a student body. As Obama won, students were able to, as a whole, celebrate together and partake of a night of shouting and crying that consisted of a campus-wide march to the White House.

"The 2008 election was a truly special time in our nation's

Oluyomi Sodunke, Zelena Williams - Photographey Staff

Students banded together on Friday to make sure their needs were heard. At the Chapel meeting held after the protest, students leaders made clear that if demands weren't met this would not be the last protest.

## New List of Demands, Students Take A Stand

Following the student protest on Friday, September 4th, the students have complied a new list of demands, expanding on the previous list. According to Howard University Student Association (HUSA) Executive President Bryan Smart, the demands are expected to be addressed by President Sidney Ribeau by Wednesday, September 9th or another protest will be planned. *The Hilltop* has a meeting scheduled with President Ribeau today at 12:30 p.m. The following is a list of student demands.

1. All handicap entrances and elevators need to be updated and made compliant with the Federal ADA Standards

 Immediate resignation of executive leadership in the Office of Student Affairs for reasons including but not limited to: intimidation of students, unprofessionalism, and infringing upon student's First Amendment Rights.

3. Hours of financial aid should be immediately extended until 5pm. This should remain consistent until the set purge date with staffing (i.e. certified financial aid officers and managers) in place to render quality customer service and to serve the unusually large number of invalidated students.

 All recipients of university issued scholarship that have satisfied all necessary requirements should be validated immediately and granted their funds.

 Immediate 24-hour, 7 days a week access to the Undergraduate and Founders Library and the Information Lab.

 An accessible, consistently updated, itemized budget available to students of all of Howard University's expenses, investments and other financial obligations.

8. Expand university technology platform to include Google Apps for Education (Email, Calendar, Documents, Spreadsheets, etc.) - Proposal attached. A "defining moment" is what senior legal communications major, Andrew Jones, calls it.

"Each year, [usually] in the fall semester for the past few years, something substantial happens that affects the student body that HUSA has to take action on," he said.

From the Affirmative Action movement to the catastrophe of Hurricane Katrina to the tragedy of the Jena 6 to the established presidency of Obama, each HUSA administration has had to react to these events that seem to unite the student body.

Marcus Ware, 47<sup>th</sup> HUSA president, said that he tackled the resignation of former President Patrick Swygert and the nationwide calamity of the Jena 6 in Louisiana.

In addition to a presidential transition came the news of six young black males in Louisibeing known as an institute of political activism, students looked to HUSA for a reaction.

"With the Jena 6 situation, we took a social issue that affected people our age and we mobilized the student body," Ware said. "To us, it was bigger than just Jena 6. We ultimately wanted Howard students to get reengaged in a lot of different social issues like the crisis in Darfur, the Troy Anthony Davis case and others."

In an effort to reunite the student body, protests were formed, initiatives were enacted and people were enlightened. Former HUSA Vice-President Kellen Moore's tenure was also affected by a "defining moment." During Moore's term, the first African-American president of the United States, Barack Obama, was elected into office.

"At Howard our ambitious goal became to see the entire campus registered to vote as well as see people registered in the community," Moore said.

With the Election Night event in Blackburn on the night of November 4, students were able to personally be a part of the history," Moore said. "We spent a significant amount of time and energy to take part in the moment."

After witnessing the events of the past years, students are anxious to witness this year's "defining moment."

Ware has an idea.

"I think the battle for health care reform," he said. "Students are already planning a major rally on campus in support of the reform. When we look back a few years down the road, we will realize how important this fight was."

Jones thinks that the "defining moment" will hit closer to campus.

"As of Friday, I think our defining moment will be the fact that students are fed up with the current status quo of the university and are finally taking a stand," he said.

Moore agrees.

"The protest we saw on Friday September 4th, the protest could well be the defining event for the year," he said. "This question will be answered by the course of conversations and negotiations made in the coming days."

## Vigil Held for Spelman Student



Oluyonii Sodunka - Staff Photographe Students gathered around the flagpole on Friday, September 4th for a vigil

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Immediate evaluation and reorganization of Howard University Judiciary process to include students to be facilitated by the Office of Special Student Services in collaboration with Howard University Student Association.

 Expedite the process of hiring a permanent Provost and Vice President of Student Affairs; Interim periods should be capped to six-months.

 Establishment of a student advisory committee for the Office of Student Financial Services

 Allocate \$14 million from the endowment to establish wireless connectivity for the entire campus with an operational date no later than 11/1/2009.

13. Immediate implementation of comprehensive recycling program.

14. Restoration of on-campus housing facilities and proposals for new on-campus housing developments for Howard University students to be completely built no later that 08/2011

These views do not reflect those of The Hilltop

remembering former Spelman student Jasmine Lynn.

Oluyomi Sodunke - Staff Photographer



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## NEWS 3 Howard Student Injured in Car Crash on Georgia Ave.

#### BY MARQUIS H. BARNETT Nation & World Editor

Officials were called to the intersection of Barry Place and Georgia Avenue NW for what police refer to as a 1050-Pedestrian. A 1050-Pedestrian is a car accident involving a pedestrian.

Freshman psychology major David Johnson saw the entire event unfold. As he was leaving the Towers walking past the McDonald's on Georgia Avenue, he heard a car come to a screeching halt. He then turned around to see a young, teen aged

man lying in the street, and a 2008 Mitsubishi Galant with numerous cracks in the windshield.

"He was bleeding from the head...but he was conscious." According to Johnson, the student involved in the accident had the right to cross the street and he was also in the crosswalk.

"When I got to the light, people were saying that [the driver] was drunk because he got out of the car and he was cussing and he was staggering," Johnson said.

Although no names have been released. The Hilltop has learned that the driver had one

passenger in the car: his 29-yearold son.

Although it is suspected that the driver of the vehicle was drunk, Johnson maintains that, to his knowledge, the man had not taken any assessments to determine whether he was drunk or sober.

Because of the complex nature of the case, officers have refused to give official statements regarding the matter.

However, Sergeant Ford of the Howard University Police Department was able to confirm that the victim in the accident is a Howard University student.

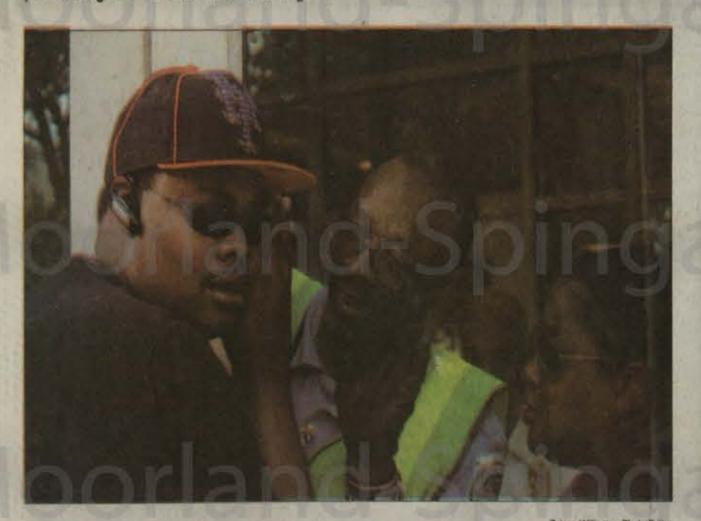


HUPD officers arrest a man who alledgedly hit a Howard student in an accident that took place last night on Georgia Avenue.

## Hundreds of Frustrated Students Protest 'A' Building



Zelena Williams- Photo Editor An unknown person in the administration building held up this sign in the midst of the protest causing a reaction from the protesters gathered in front of the building.



Zelena Williams - Photo Editor A Howard University employee attempts to enter the "A" building after campus police locked the doors of the building for a period of time.



School of Business Student Council president Jewel Burke voiced her frustrations with the administration also.



Okyomi Sodunke - Staff Photograph After the protest students convened in the chapel to discuss what had just transpired and plans for the future. Many student leaders spoke including former undergraduate trustee Victoria Kirby.

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## **Protest Showed Unity Among Student Body**

Sept. 4, 2009 marked a very important day in Howard University history. For the first time in decades, the student body of Howard stood up for what it believed in. The consensus of The Hilltop's editorial board is that we were proud to be Howard students and felt a sense of pride that we've never felt before.

Your voices resounded loudly. It was an amazing sight to see hundreds of students united for a common cause. However, as journalists, we must remain objective in every situation and report the news.

We spoke with a

something of that magnitude.

We would like to commend Kristopher Owens and the Howard University Student Association for putting together a protest in such a short time frame. The most recent list of demands that they put forth seem very achievable and feasible. We feel particularly strongly about the request to have an accessible budget of Howard University's expenses

**Our View:** Like many others, we were proud to be HU

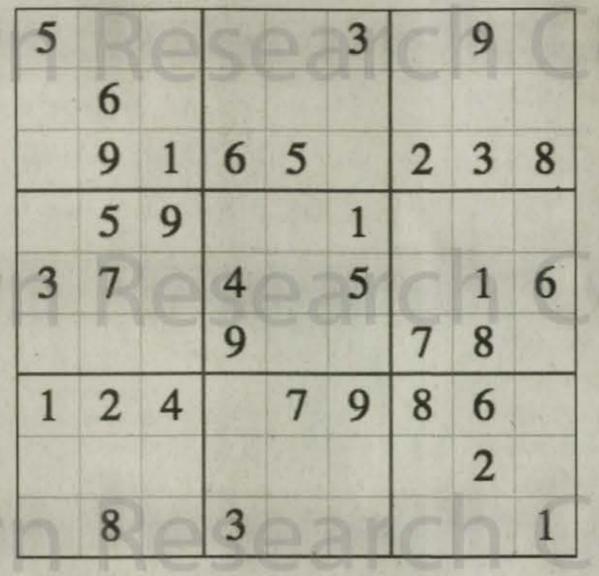
members of sororities and fraternities stepping at their plots and trees during the protest. We understand that this is a tradition that has existed for decades. However, will not stepping for one Friday make you less of a member? These are the people who are supposed to be leading the protests, not strolling during them. In the future, we would like to see these same people step up and be more visible leaders on campus.

> Lastly, The Hilltop will never be silenced. or intimidated. In the United States Constitution, American citizens are given freedom of the

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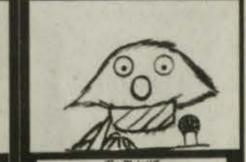
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Charles Metze III



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woman who wished to remain anonymous, saying she participated in the 1968 protest against the Administration building. She told us it felt like déjà-vu. She also told us the things they were protesting against were addressed relatively quickly, mentioning that they were prepared to die and protest every day if necessary.

She said she is not sure, however, if our generation would be willing to do

students on Friday

and other financial dealings. Because HU is a private institution, the administration is not required to release this information.

However, students should demand to view the budget in order to see how our tuition money is being used.

One thing we did have a problem with is the

press. No one, including the Interim Vice Provost of Student Affairs, will infringe upon this right. We will never be intimidated about reporting news to our student body.

The spirit and essence of Howard was alive on Sept. 4, 2009. It was a beautiful scene and display of unity. If students continue to unite, change will come to this university.

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### Perspective

#### Protest Reaction

You know your protest was ineffective when...

Fellow collegians, the "protest" that occurred Friday Spetember 11:00am 14 was. an embarrassment to the real protests of 1969 and 1989. The student "protesters" were ill-informed, under represented and did not really make an impact on the Administration.

Our "demands" list was laughable... at best. Several items were poorly thought out and/or didn't present feasible solutions, Funding wireless capabilities for the entire campus by taking \$14 million from the endowment fund is not that simple.

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black youths who will soon be making their college decisions.

These prospective students are now wondering why Howard has so many problems and whether or not they should apply. You should always aim to solve problems "in house" before you take it to a national level. We played our Big Joker on the first hand and real Spades players know you don't show your hand prematurely.

I laughed at Facebook statuses that proclaimed "change is coming at HU" & "a revolution is upon us". You are kidding yourselves.

I long for a real protest that starts at 7:00am. with noisemakers and real demands. I want us to have so many students that Administrators can't even enter the building. Make them really HEAR us! Because the "protest" just allowed them to have an easy work day and organize their Labor Day weekend plans.

let's be reasonable with our demands and expectations. Understand that some of the changes may not happen during your 4 (or 5) years at Howard. Let's save our Big Guns (the protest) for after we've exhausted other resources, fully educated our student body and enlisted some help from our progressive professors. The student protests of 1969 and 1989 were well thought out and executed. They even had local businesses supporting their causes and providing them with food and encouragement. Our "protest" was rushed and poorly put together.

I'm NOT validated, I don't have a Fin Aid package (yet) and I may even have a few holds on my account, but I am not going to sit and blame the A building for my problems.

I love my school and want to see progression, but I want us to understand progress is being made. Financial Aid is 100 times better than it was before. If you were the director of Financial Aid and had some 9 employees with 10,700 students to package, what would you do? I support our overall cause of improving our great university, but I want to make sure that we are going about business in the right way. Staying at Howard is a challenge. Making changes on campus is a challenge. Are we going to sit and whine about our hard times, or are we going to make change? Let's make sure we GO HARD OR GO HOME.

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I'd actually argue the opposite. We embarrassed our university locally and nationally.

Howard being on the newsbecause our students are unhappy might have caught the eyes of administrators, but it also caught the eye of many of our talented young

We actually hurt our cause, because some students that had business to take care of in the A building thought it was closed due to the protest and did not go get their problems solved.

I want Howard to get better, but please understand that Howard won't get better until WE get better. Once we stop scheming and forging overrides and cheating on tests, we can help eliminate some of the real issues that plague the A building. Every phony override or add/ drop form that a student submits, prevents them from doing real work. Let's keep fighting the good fight and pushing for change, but

-Patrick Scott, Senior marketing major

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Ms. Abney's Recession Specials:

B/D N Curis \$25 ALSO OFFERING: Ponytails Wrap N Curis \$30

Finger waves, Buns, Eyelash Artistry, Remi Hair, Relaxers Watch: \$5 TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED TODAY IN THE CRAMTON BOX

8:00pm Attire: wear your favorite jewelry Freshmen Ladies only

Wednesday, September 9, 2009 "Kommentary of Recession" G.L.A.D Care Program Blackburn Digital Auditorium 7:11p.m

The Office of Student Activities Presents:

Howard

Wednesday, September 9, 2009 7:00 PM Blackburn Center Game Room

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Sept.11-Welcome Back Mix Location TBA

Sept 12 &13-Black Family Reunion Celebration Location: National Mall (tup)\$40 Lace Frontal Application, and much more! Fu!! Weaves \$100 (Wed&Thur only) ( ALL SPECIALS BY APPT, ONLY)

Performance & Selection of the 2009 Howard Idol Thursday, September 10, 2009 7:00 PM Blackburn Center Ballroom

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