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Friday's Notebook**BREAKING NEWS**

AFTER CANCELLING THE ORIGINAL MEETING, HUSA MET WITH PRESIDENT RIBEAU TO DISCUSS LAST FRIDAY'S PROTEST.

NATION & WORLD

DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE YOU WERE ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001? REMINISCE IN THE NATION & WORLD SECTION.

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DO YOU KNOW WHO HAROLD DUNOVANT IS? READ ABOUT WHAT HE DID FOR THE GOLF WORLD.

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HU Speech and Debate Team Train New Generation of "Great Debaters"

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Campus Editor

Howard University's Speech and Debate team, one of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Forensics Society programs, was temporarily discontinued this summer only to be re-established at the beginning of the semester.

The team held their first mock debate at Kipp DC: Will Academy on Thursday afternoon.

The purpose of the debate was to aid Kipp in establishing their own debate program.

Howard University is one of the only debate teams in the area, and the school invited the HU team to share their knowledge with the middle school children, who hope to compete at the national level. The Kipp team was started approximately one week ago.

Academy teacher Matt Bosch said the academy itself has an 85 percent success rate in terms of children going to college versus

the 20 percent D.C. rate.

The visit to the school was a learning experience for both the team and the middle school children.

"Sometimes when you're debating it is not about proving the person wrong; it is about eloquently presenting your debate so that the audience agrees with your point," junior political science major Kenya James told the students.

The team debated whether or not it is acceptable for President Barack Obama to speak with students during school hours. Some of the points mentioned were indoctrination, patriotism and socialism.

In addition to establishing the points by which to debate, Reynolds and James critiqued the students' prepared opening statements about the death penalty.

Reynolds, who serves as vice president of the team said, "It went wonderfully. When we first got there -- we were early -- we got to talk to the kids about college.



Photo courtesy of Kenya James

HU students Kenya James and Allen Reynolds are pictured with members of the debate team at Kipp DC: Will Academy.

We were able to leave a foundation and answer any questions they had about debate."

James agrees with Reynolds' assessment. She said she enjoyed speaking with the students about her personal journey to Howard.

She said it was about making an impact on the children.

Outside of helping the

community, the team has workshops in the district of Easton, Pa. with debates planned for September and October.

"Definitely we've proven ourselves strong last year and this is our inaugural year," Reynolds said. "I think that we have a very good team this year. We have great potential."

According to Reynolds,

they have gotten word from Yale about the continuation of the "Great Debate" program hosted by the Connecticut Chapter of the NAACP, which began last year at Yale University. The program was set up to be an annual event, but Reynolds said that they are currently looking for the funds to travel nationally.

Students Shine at 'Howard Idol'



Brew Gant - Staff Photographer

Howard Idol, hosted by the Office of Student Activities in conjunction with Student Activities Week, was held Thursday evening. The crowd enjoyed an array of songs sung by contestants Elizabeth Hodge, who sang "Can't Complain" and "If I Ain't Got You," Deja Johnson, who sang "Get Lifted," and Fantasia Motley, who sang "Halo."

Audience members also participated in an "Ego" dance-off. The winner of the contest was Hodge, who will participate in the Homecoming R&B concert.

- Jessica Lewis, Campus Editor

Ph.D. Hosts Discussion in Blackburn

Dr. Frances Cress Welsing, noted psychiatrist and author of books such as *The Isis Papers* and *The Keys to the Colors*, held a discussion forum last night at the Blackburn Center.

Her main focus was fostering positive self-respect in the black community. "We have a negative perception of self," she said. "'Bitch', 'Ho'...these are weapons of genetic incarceration." To this, the crowd murmured simultaneously in agreement.

Dr. Welsing said that if great blacks 'came back from the dead' they would not be happy. "DuBois told us 106 years ago that the problem of the 20th Century is that of the color line, not class. He was a graduate of Harvard. One hundred six years later, a black teacher at Harvard, Henry Louis Gates, is struggling with the color line. The President is struggling with the color line."

This was the first of many meetings that will be held every first Thursday in the Blackburn Center.

- Zelena Williams, Photo Editor

Kappa's Want to Know, 'Who You Callin' a Bitch?'

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Campus Editor

The Founders Library Browsing Room was filled to capacity as students searched for the root of the word "bitch."

In terms of the word in question, Andrew Jones, senior legal communications major said that it is appropriate to use whenever a person feels like using it because it describes an opinion or characterization of someone's current state of mind.

To further elaborate, Emmit Charles, senior finance major said, "It's not ugly. It is a pronoun. It can mean a her, this chair, a water bottle."

On Thursday, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Xi chapter, hosted the event that directly addressed the controversial topic. The event was a panel discussion featuring students Emmit Charles, Christopher Munn, India Clark, Jasmia Fowler, Kimberly Williams, Pierre Whatley and Andrew Jones.

Jones became a last-minute replacement after original panelist, junior advertising major, Jeremy Johnson, attempted to engage in an altercation with Charles and left the room.

According to Alvin Staley, junior legal communications major and one of the events' coordinators, the purpose of the event was to have an open discussion about the word to find a solution or see if

one is even needed.

Munn told the crowd that men can only do what a female allows them to do. If a person allows himself or herself to be called a bitch, then they will be called a bitch.

"Somewhere along the way, the woman has been made to be weak," said Williams. "Honestly, who is the strongest person that you know? Your mother."

Jones said, "Treat yourself better and the world will treat you better."

The general consensus of the panel was that the word is acceptable and only means what a person wants it to mean.

Whatley said that cultural differences generally distinguish how a person will interpret the word. Munn said that when he uses the word, "I didn't do anything wrong. You just got mad about it."

The two panelists that took a different stance on the issue were Fowler and Clark.

Fowler said she does not use the word, a statement that Charles attempted to prove false during the panel, and compared it to the word "nigga." Clark said that she uses the word but will never accept being called "bitch" by a man, homosexual or not.

Whatley said that the event was to get people thinking about how they use the word either subconsciously or consciously. He said people need to realize how the word affects other people.



Olayomi Odunle - Staff Photographer

Students asked each other, "Who You Callin' a Bitch?" at a panel discussion.



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Beating the Habit



Every day at around noon, one specific statement comes to mind, "I'm hungry."

I can either make the walk down the hill to eat fast food which includes McDonald's, Negril or Subway, or I can stay on campus and eat from the Punchout, café, restaurant or Jazzman's. While there are six areas around campus to eat, today I realize in order to reach my 15-pound goal, I can't simply head to the Punchout and consume buffalo wings and french fries. In order to reach my weight loss goal, I now have to find ways to eat healthy on Howard University's campus.

Often it becomes a reflexive action to hit up the Punchout for chicken pasta or head to the restaurant for "Soul Food Thursday." In my mind, I like to think that the baked chicken with pasta and alfredo sauce is the healthiest alternative on campus compared to the grease-filled cheeseburgers, but in reality, the three serving sized plate of the chicken and broccoli pasta is almost 900 calories. On 2,000 calories a day, 900 calories for a meal is substantial; however, if you're an individual trying to lose weight and you've cut calories to 1,200, 900 calories for a meal is the majority of your calorie intake, leaving less than 300 calories for dinner and breakfast. Ideally, lunch should only be 450-500 calories.

If I head to the restaurant, depending on which day of the week it is, I can get the right types of food to stick with my diet. However, even with healthy options, it is still difficult to not take that extra scoop of roasted potatoes or just a spoon of gravy, which can in fact take you up to 400 calories over. Of course you can head to Negril, McDonald's or Subway and find healthy options on their menu, but after a semester, the healthy options become unappetizing.

As I wonder what exactly will satisfy my craving, I also have to factor in that as a college student I can't enroll myself into Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig or Bally's because I'm on a college student budget. I've come to the conclusion that the café as well as the Nrgize smoothie stand are the best options for those who are attempting to lose weight this semester.

Join me on my semester long weight loss challenge and eat right.

Senior political science major Llewellyn King's blogs are available at thehilltopline.com (click on "Voices on Campus").

'The Me You See' Showcases Talent of Howard Students

BY VICTORIA FORTUNE
Staff Writer

With the raising of tonight's stage curtain, the Upperclassmen Showcase will be the opening act to the upcoming fall performances produced by the Department of Theatre Arts.

The Upperclassmen Showcase entitled, "The Me You See," is an exhibition hosted annually by the Howard Players, a student performance arts organization celebrating its 60th anniversary in November.

Nijel Porter, a junior acting major and president of Howard Players, said the Howard community can expect "an array of fine and developing talent," from Fine Arts students at the showcase.

"You'll see all ranges from dancing, singing, poetry, spoken word, as well as monologues," Porter said.

"The Me You See" will be held in the Environmental Space Theater in the Fine Arts Building at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the box office in the Division of Fine Arts building.

Robert Fuller's "Zooman and the Sign" is the first play of the theatre season. Fuller's play tells the tale of an amoral Philadelphia teen whose

violence is silently endured by his neighbors, until the death of Jinny Tate, a 12-year-old girl.

"People will be able to connect to it as if it happened yesterday," Adarius Smith, a sophomore acting major starring in "Zooman," said. "Although it's set in the 1980s, it's still relevant today as far as the 'no snitching' code."

The "no snitching" code has caused a fire storm of media attention in recent years.

"This is an issue that will only get worse," Smith said. "Unless we, as a community come together to fix it."

"Zooman and the Sign" is scheduled to run from October 6 to 11.

The final play of the fall season is scheduled to be the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Anna in the Tropics." Nilo Cruz's play focuses on the impact a lector — a person paid to read novels and newspapers to the workers — has on a local Cuban-American community of a cigar factory's laborers in Ybor City, Fla. at the time of the Great Depression.

"There's a lot of history involved in the play," said Professor Izlar, the director of "Anna in the Tropics." "It's not very well known that Afro-Cubans existed at that time.

At that point in time, Afro-Cubans were experiencing the racism that was happening in America."

Izlar also said that the play has incorporated elements of the epic novel, "Anna Karenina," by acclaimed Russian author, Leo Tolstoy.

"The things you see happening in the novel you can see reflect in the story and plot of 'Anna in the Tropics,'" Izlar said.

A prominent theme of "Anna in the Tropics" is the clash between tradition and the changes in modern times.

"By losing the heartbeat of your ancestors, you hurt the very fabric of your soul," Izlar said.

"Anna in the Tropics" is scheduled to run November 11 to 14.

Coming Soon:

Upperclassmen Showcase -
09/11 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Zooman and the Sign -
10/6 - 10/11

Anna and the Tropics -
11/11 - 11/14

The Sirens -
01/29 - 01/31

The Myth versus The Reality

Myth #1: Between 10 and 60 percent of all Howard students are not validated.

Myth #2: A detailed, itemized budget is not available online.

Fact Check: As of Sept. 8, 10,813 students are registered at Howard University. Out of those students, 7,976 are validated and 2,837 are not. With those numbers, 26 percent of students are not validated.

Fact Check: The Budget Advisory Committee, which two students, 10 faculty members and one administrator sit on, makes a budget available online. However, the budget does not detail money allocation for salaries, vendors and other commodities. <http://www.provost.howard.edu/HU/BudgetProcess.asp>

Introducing...

The School of Business Student Council

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

Eager. This is the word that School of Business Student Council president, Jewel Burks, uses to describe her council.

"I felt serving as student council president would be the best vehicle to make things happen for the entire School of Business," Burks said.

To help drive that vehicle forward, Burks

looked for people possessing passion when choosing her council.

"We have such a passionate, energetic and dedicated group of people that there is no way we won't succeed," Burks said. "We truly have an all-star team, and we balance perfectly. We all have different strengths and weaknesses, [but] we have a common goal of making a true impact on the School of Business, Howard University as

a whole and our community."

One of their goals is to bridge the gap between students, faculty and administration. She also said that due to the council's \$55,000 deficit last year, they will be starting with a small negative balance.

Nevertheless, this council's "eagerness" is not letting this fact hinder them. "I am motivated to act, rather than just critique," Burks said.

Introducing... The College of Dentistry Student Council

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Campus Editor

With the Howard University College of Dentistry (HUCD) undergoing re-accreditation this academic year, the HUCD student council defines their council as resourceful.

"HUCD is a school facing many of the same dilemmas any school at HU experiences. There is always room for improvement, advancement and upgrade," Sultan Chaudhry, executive council president, said. "The student body needed a proactive, unified leadership, who pledged exclusive allegiance to its needs."

Throughout the interview with *The Hilltop*, Chaudhry consistently identified HUCD as a family. "From health fairs to BBQs, the student council strives to connect the students with each other and with this community," he said.

From a historical perspective, HUCD, founded in 1881, is the nation's fifth oldest dental institution and the only one in D.C. However, the council does not plan to rest upon the implications of the history and has already made contact with the other graduate schools' councils to promote unity and solidarity resources.

"As any student within the dental school will confirm, the responsibility of the HUCD family is sizeable," Chaudhry said.

While the dental school provides services to the surrounding community through their programs, the council works to provide the tools necessary to assist in the successful matriculation of its constituents.

"While our specific goals are many, they all will expectantly result in an improved learning environment and a compassionate dental graduate," he said.

Introducing... School of Education Student Council

The Hilltop: What are your goals for this year? When do you expect to accomplish them?



Photo Courtesy of Marquis Smith

Executive President Marquis Smith:

My goal for this year is to get the School of Education student body and faculty, along with the rest of Howard University and its surrounding communities, to realize how critical it is to help educate each other on important issues, and work together with each other to help initiate viable solutions to the problems that plague our nation, our communities and our schools. I want individuals to realize how important it is for them to use their voices, share their own life experiences, share their accomplishments, and be unselfish enough to "EMPOWER" the lives of others. This country and this world need a lot of help. I know this year's council and student body will help ease some of the pain and put smiles on a lot of peoples' faces, as well as help educate this community in so many ways. I am very proud of my council; each thing we do and finish together as a council and student body will continue to bring a new feeling of pride and self-fulfillment to all of us.

Bison Album

You know you go to Howard when you dance to "Ego" like you choreographed the video.

You know you go to Howard when you think the statement on your t-shirt is true.



Photos by Brian Galt - Galt Photography

You know you go to Howard when your heart, soul and body pour out for the world to see.



Bison Album captions were written by Zanaba Hudson, creator of the "You Know You Go to Howard When" Facebook group.

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The Day the World Stood Still, 9-11-01

Worldly Wisdom:
Opportunity is not a
lengthy visitor



PRINCIPAL GARRETT

On Sept. 11, 2001, I sat in Mr. Foote's 7th grade mathematics class on the first floor of Atkins Middle School in Winston-Salem, N.C.

As we went over the basic principles of math, we were interrupted by our science teacher, Miss Hines, who came to the door and tapped it with her fingernail, signaling Mr. Foote out.

Having already thought that the two had a little something going on, we made snide jokes about their secret meeting in the hall. But when Mr. Foote came back into the room, he had a rather unpleasant look on his face.

He taught the lesson as planned until Principal Garrett came on the loudspeaker, telling us that we would stay in our second third block.

He instructed the teachers to refer to, ironically, Emergency Code 11, and turn the class television sets on to WXII-12 News, which was also channel 11. When Mr. Foote turned on the TV, I saw the turmoil that would forever rock my world.

We are all familiar with the phrase that "tomorrow is never promised." But I want to enforce another point: What about when you do get tomorrow? Then what? When you get that opportunity, what are you going to do with it?

In Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's *Into the Woods*, one of the common themes is that opportunity is not a lengthy visitor. We have to remember that we must cease opportunities when they come along.

I keep thinking about that guy who had an argument with his wife before he left home and promised himself that he would make it up to her when he got home that night, but he never went home.

Or the woman who broke her diet and ate McDonald's for breakfast that fateful morning, promising herself that she would get back on her diet the next day, not knowing that would be her last.

Make the most of your life and leave an impact. For it is not the things we leave behind that make us important. It is, however, the legacy we leave behind that makes the future better for the world.

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Omar Harding,
Junior, Political Science
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Class: U.S. History

*"I could see smoke in the
distance...I was concerned for the
city and the country as a whole."*

Grace Salvant,
Senior, Public Relations
The Bronx, N.Y.
Class: first period English

*"[The city] just felt eerie. I'll never
forget the look on Bush's
face that day."*

Lloyd M. Talley,
Senior, Communication
and Culture
Queens, N.Y.
Class: Band/Music

*"I was afraid that the whole city
was in danger...I was shocked
how someone could kill all
those innocent people."*



Photo Courtesy of Howard University Sports Information Desk
The Bison are prepared to take on the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers on Saturday in the first game of the season.

Bison Set to Battle Scarlet Knights in Season Opener, Hope for Win

BY ROYCE STRAHAN
Sports Editor

The Bison football team coaches and players are ready to start the season against the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers University.

The Bison will travel to Rutgers for a Saturday afternoon game that has been much anticipated by the entire team throughout the summer. While this is the Bison's first game, Rutgers started the

season Saturday in a loss to the University of Cincinnati.

The game will be televised on ESPN Game Plan with Mike Gleason and John Congemi providing play-by-play and color commentary.

The Bison will be led by Coach Carey Bailey who is in his third season as the head coach of the team and has a 5-17 record to date.

The team will be led by quarterback, Floyd Haigler,

who took every snap last year in a full season.

Senior broadcast journalism major, Curtis McCloud, has optimism for the upcoming season and believes the Bison will eventually hit a winning streak.

"I think there will be an upswing this year for the football team," McCloud said. "I've walked pass practices, and it looks like they have a pretty good squad this year."

Because it has been a while since the Bison have provided fans with a winning season, some students are simply hoping for a winning season and a team to get excited about.

"All I can hope for is a winning season for Howard," said senior TV production major, Jasmine Weatherly. "I've been here three years and that's all I want from the football team."

An Athlete You Should Know: Harold Dunovant

BY STEPHEN KNOX
Contributing Writer

The first black person to pick up a golf club was not Tiger Woods. There were many golfers before Woods who had to fight so he and other minority golfers could even step foot on a golf course.

These men get very little recognition, but those whom they impacted never forget the struggle. One of these men is Harold Dunovant, the first ever black Class A professional member of the PGA of America.

Growing up in Winston-Salem, N.C. during the 1930s and 40s, Dunovant was no child prodigy. He learned the game by caddying for some of the white golfers.

Dunovant was a great athlete in other sports besides golfing, which was made evident when the Cleveland Browns drafted him. He also played basketball for one of the Harlem Globetrotter farm teams, but his heart was always in golf. In 1954, Dunovant became a professional golfer but had to golf in the UGA with the other black golfers.

In 1960, Dunovant began the eight-year program to become a Class A member of the PGA of America.

For him, the process took 12 years, because the final step requires a signature from three members. As a result of racial discrimination, none of the white members wanted to sign him in to become a member.

Senior psychology major,

Kahlil Green, believes it is unfortunate that most people have never heard of the man before.

"He is an African-American figure who deserves to be recognized," Green said. "He just happened to play a sport that many black people do not watch, and he played when even less black people watched it."

Green also believes Dunovant was a pioneer for black athletes.

"He had to lay the groundwork," Green said. "Sometimes it takes a person to break through, maybe even not be publicized so someone like Tiger Woods can have an opportunity to be great."

Becoming a PGA professional was not Harold Dunovant's only outstanding achievement. He

also established the National Black Golf Hall of Fame in 1986.

Today his fellow Class A member and son, Jeff Dunovant, runs the operation. "We are the only black father and son members to this day," Dunovant said. "The goal of this Hall of Fame is to honor all of the great golfers regardless of color. Arnold Palmer and other white golfers are in this Hall of Fame along with the black golfers."

One thing Jeff Dunovant wants his father to be remembered for is his true effort to bring more color into the game. One story says it all.

"In 1968, a man named Joe Johnson wanted to golf at the Winston-Salem city golf tournament," Dunovant said. "My dad worked at the course holding the tournament

and protested his white bosses' decision to exclude Johnson. They asked him to stop and he refused. Eventually, the club let Johnson play and he won the tournament three years in a row."

While Google does not have much information on Harold Dunovant, his impact on the game of golf has lasted forever. In recognition of this, the PGA of America bent some rules for him.

Before Dunovant died, he was four years shy of achieving lifetime membership status. The PGA of America realized they were to blame, so they counted the four years he had to wait and gave him his lifetime membership status.

SPORTS THROWBACK PHOTO



Former NFL running back, Walter Payton, known as "Sweetness," rushed for more than 16,000 rushing yards in his career. He led the Chicago Bears to a win in the Superbowl in 1985 and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993 before dying of a liver disease in 1999.

Ed Wagner Jr. - Chicago Tribune (MCT)

Sports Trivia!
What fullback for the Cleveland Browns averaged 5.22 yards per carry in his football career?

Answer:
Jim Brown

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Recent Gun Violence Sparks Thoughts on Campus Safety

College campuses are home to enlightened students who have never been away from home before, and even students who are familiar with the neighboring residents of their school. Unfortunately, college campuses are sometimes home to criminal activity.

As Howard students, most of us can honestly say that the neighboring area, while oftentimes safe, can be dangerous to travel alone, especially in the evenings and night. This is not to say that there is something wrong with the D.C. area; this just happens to be true of any major city.

Many students go to college with the street-smarts to survive in a major city, such as D.C., but many do not.

What, then, will keep these students safe?

College campuses, such as Howard, are armed with campus police and alert systems that keep students safe. The Blue Light system has recently undergone an upgrade to make this campus safer.

Our View:
Campus security needs to be our top priority, but that is not always the case.

But do the students really feel safer yet?

With the shooting that occurred in the Atlanta University Center (AUC) that injured two students last week and knowledge of the crimes that take place near our campus, it can be hard to feel safe.

There have been many students who feel that campus police, or the Howard University Police Department, have not done enough to protect them in the past, but lately, they have taken steps to be more visible whether they're patrolling campus or taking post outside of the dorms.

We are an open campus in the middle of a major city, so some things are still going to happen. Adding to that, we are a private university with some privileged students, which causes us to be a target and leaves many students to fall prey to criminals.

We still have steps to go to ensure maximum safety, even for an open campus, but a focus on safety and student concerns will shed light on the darker areas of this campus.

Perspective My DOE Internship

We were stripped of everything: driver's licenses, passports, state identification birth certificate - essential pieces of our identity. Placed in a pallid, windowless room, the eight or so of us took our seats quietly.

Oblivious to what was about to take place during this enigmatic visit to the Department of Energy's counterintelligence office, we sat patiently as a shadowy figure on a television screen briefed us on our forthcoming mission.

After about an hour, it was time. "D'Angelo Woods!" exclaimed a female voice on the other side of the portal.

Palms sweating, I opened the door and stepped through to the other side. "Enter your access code," she instructed before finally handing me an official DOE identification badge. I was ecstatic. I was overjoyed.

I was — a DOE Summer Intern.

On the fifth floor of the James E. Forrestal Building (DOE Headquarters) resides the "coolest" office in DOE: the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE).

Within this office is a smaller albeit highly-important office known as the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP). It was here that I found my niche and was immediately immersed in the FEMP culture.

What I found was an office full of dedicated individuals committed to their mission of facilitating the federal government's implementation of sound, cost-effective energy-management and investment practices to enhance the nation's energy security and environmental stewardship.

Motivated by these objectives, I was hopeful that I would be able to contribute to

the fulfillment of this mission.

I was summoned early to evaluate nominations for the 2009 Federal Energy and Water Management Awards, which allowed me to read about the myriad energy and water savings projects taking place around the country at different federal locations.

Under the supervision of Utility Energy Savings Contract expert, David McAndrew, I developed a DOE Facilities Utility Guidebook and Task Assignments Notebook that will be used to assist an incoming employee with her duties within FEMP.

Compiling data for these reference guides allowed me to contact several engineers and energy managers via telephone and e-mail to discuss their respective utility infrastructures. Consequently, I became more familiar with DOE's national laboratories.

Mr. McAndrew also gave me the honor of submitting my opinion on DOE's Northern California Sites Electric Power Consortium's procurement strategy, an opportunity that was not taken lightly.

As a senior electrical engineering major at Howard University, I especially appreciated working with mechanical engineer Mark Reichhardt in testing and evaluating the use of spectrally-enhanced lighting (SEL) within a conference room.

The results of this experiment will be used to determine whether SEL will be implemented throughout federal facilities across the nation.

Being able to speak one-on-one with FEMP's employees including program director, Richard Kidd IV was a definite highlight of my experience within DOE.

Also ranking high

among my most memorable experiences are attending a briefing meeting for newly-confirmed assistant secretary for EERE, Cathy Zoi, and traveling to the historic King Street in Alexandria, Va. for an off-site meeting.

The tips and strategies learned at this meeting provided me with tools that I used to give a presentation at the ASME Conference in San Francisco in mid-July, as well as for my senior project presentations that will be given throughout the year.

Since emerging from that small room that Friday afternoon in May, the adventure has yet to cease.

I understand now that it is inaccurate to say that I "work for the government," but rather that I work for the people through government. Collectively, my co-workers, program coordinators (Hi Paula!), supervisors and fellow interns made for an experience like no other.

I would definitely recommend that this program — with its invaluable workshops and devoted staff — continue for later generations of students to enjoy.

It is truly an honor to have been selected to serve this school year as Howard University's first Department of Energy Student Ambassador, connecting my fellow Bison with great opportunities such as the one that I have experienced this summer.

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- D'Angelo R. Woods,
Howard University's
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